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Vita for Darby Creek Advisory Panel

Don Armour is a licensed professional engineer and has over 27 years experience in performing, managing and leading complex engineering and integrated engineering/planning projects. Don received his Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware in 1981, and his Masters of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1987. He currently serves as the program manager for Stantec's FEMA program, which includes leading Stantec's efforts in FEMA Risk MAP Program, a nationwide effort to reduce flood losses throughout the US. Mr. Armour is also a trained facilitator, providing him both the technical experience and collaborative partnership development expertise necessary to tackle complex environmental conservation challenges.

Mr. Armour has been active in conserving and restoring the Darby Creek Watershed since the late 1990's. Many of these efforts served as the foundation for building the necessary support to facilitate the success of the Darby Accord. These efforts include:

Darby Creek Stormwater Strategies and Standards – Mr. Armour lead FMSM and The Center for Watershed Protection in this multi-jurisdictional effort to develop specific stormwater management strategies and standards for local communities to consider when developing in the Darby Creek Watershed. Mr. Armour served as the project manager, primary facilitator and co-author of the final documents. These strategies and standards are continuously referenced by local communities when developing local stormwater standards.

Darby Creek Headwaters Restoration – Don lead FMSM efforts to assist the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in evaluation of the Little Darby Creek Headwaters in Union County for restoration of damaged segments of the stream. Efforts included stream morphology assessment, biological assessment and development of alternatives for evaluation.

Darby Creek TMDL Review – Working for the City of Columbus, Mr. Armour performed a detailed review of the Darby Creek TMDL to assist the City in generation of comments for subsequent submittal to OEPA.

Hellbranch Forum Watershed Action Plan – Over a three year period, Mr. Armour worked directly with the Franklin County Engineer, Hellbranch Forum and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop the Hellbranch Forum Watershed Action Plan. This plan developed restoration alternatives for the Watershed and provided suggestions for multi-jurisdictional stormwater management policies. Mr. Armour facilitated Forum meetings, supervised technical staff in development of restoration alternatives and watershed policies and served as the primary reviewer for the final plan. The Hellbranch Forum Watershed Action Plan serves as one of the foundational building blocks for the Darby Accord.

Environmentally Sensitive Development Area Policy Development – Mr. Armour facilitated this multi-disciplined stakeholder group in developing recommended policies to conserve portions of the Darby located in western Franklin County. Stakeholders included representatives from local government, environmental interest groups, the building industry, and state agencies. The Darby Accord process was developed as a direct result of this project.