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Legislation Text

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Background: The Darby Town Center Master Plan presents a development concept and implementation strategy for development of a town center as recommended in the 2006 Big Darby Accord Watershed Management Plan. The planning area is bounded generally by I-70 on the north, Hellbranch Run on the east, Kulwein Road on the south, and Hubbard Road on the west. The plan was jointly funded and undertaken by the city of Columbus, Franklin County, Brown Township and Prairie Township. A consultant team, led by Urban Design Associates, was selected after a national search. Extensive public participation was a key part of the planning process, including public and stakeholder meetings, web postings, a public comment period, and the receipt of written comments. Two briefings were held with the Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel and on September 15, 2011 it recommended adoption of the plan with two conditions (see attached Case #AP-11-02 Record of Action). On October 13, 2011, the Columbus Development Commission reviewed the plan and unanimously recommended its adoption to City Council along with the added conditions. Plan adoption processes are currently underway in each of the four participating communities.

Fiscal Impact: No funding is required for this ordinance.

To adopt the Darby Town Center Master Plan as a guide for development, redevelopment, and the planning of future public improvements.

WHEREAS, the Darby Town Center Master Plan is intended to serve as a guide for development, redevelopment, and the planning of future public improvements; and

WHEREAS, creation of the Darby Town Center Master Plan was recommended as an implementation priority in the 2006 Big Darby Accord Watershed Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the four participating jurisdictions (city of Columbus, Franklin County, Brown Township and Prairie Township) undertook a consultant selection process and guided the development of the Darby Town Center Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, public and stakeholder meetings, presentations, open houses, web postings, and a public comment period were conducted as part of the public planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel recommended adoption of the Darby Town Center Master Plan with two conditions (see attached Case #AP-11-02 Record of Action); and

WHEREAS, after public notice a public hearing was held on October 13, 2011 at which the Development Commission approved the Darby Town Center Master Plan with the conditions approved by the Advisory Panel and recommended its adoption to City Council; and

WHEREAS, the master plan is following four simultaneous tracks for adoption with each of the participating jurisdictions; **now, therefore,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the Darby Town Center Master Plan is hereby adopted to establish guidelines for development, redevelopment, and the planning of future public improvements along with the conditions reflected in the attached Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel's record of action on Case #AP-11-02).

Section 2. That all city of Columbus departments and divisions are hereby authorized and directed to use the Darby Town Center Master Plan in initiating or reviewing projects within the planning area or adjacent areas and require that such projects generally conform to the plan.

Section 3. That the Department of Development is directed to monitor the use of the Darby Town Center Master Plan, and to present to City Council any amendments necessary to keep the plan up-to-date.

Section 4. That copies of the Darby Town Center Master Plan shall be kept on file in the Department of Development, Planning Division.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.