

RESOLUTION 04-12

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE WALNUT CREEK WATERSHED
BALANCED GROWTH PLAN.**

WHEREAS, a portion of the Walnut Creek Watershed is located within the boundaries of the Village of Lithopolis; and

WHEREAS, MORPC formed a Watershed Planning Partnership (WPP) of jurisdictions with planning authority within the Walnut Creek Watershed, including Lithopolis, and the WPP then worked collaboratively to seek broad public input and develop a balanced growth plan for the Walnut Creek Watershed based on that input; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan identifies Priority Conservation Areas within the Walnut Creek Watershed to protect critically important ecological, recreational, agricultural, heritage, public access, and other areas, the preservation of which would enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Lithopolis; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan also identifies Priority Development Areas within the Walnut Creek Watershed, which are areas in which growth or redevelopment should especially be promoted and through which economy of the region encompassed by the Walnut Creek Watershed will be enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan also identifies Priority Agricultural Areas within the Walnut Creek Watershed, which areas are critical to the regional food system and therefore should be protected to conserve valuable farm land, while also protecting surface and groundwaters; and

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan also identifies a variety of recommended tools and programs through which Priority Conservation Areas can be protected and enhanced and Priority Agricultural Areas can be preserved for agricultural use while sustainable development can be driven by Priority Development Areas; and

WHEREAS, while the final balanced growth plan contains recommendations only, and does not impose any mandatory requirements or limitations on Lithopolis, its effectiveness in influencing future growth and development in the Walnut Creek Watershed will depend on attempting to implement those recommendations; and

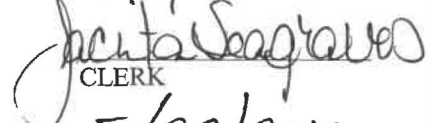
WHEREAS, while the balanced growth plan does not impose any mandatory requirements or limitations on Lithopolis, its effectiveness in influencing future growth and development in the Walnut Creek Watershed will benefit from the continuing participation of the jurisdictions with the planning authority within the Walnut Creek Watershed in the Watershed Planning Partnership; and


NOW THEREFOR BE IT ORDAINED by the council of the Village of Lithopolis, Fairfield County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Village of Lithopolis supports the balanced growth plan and designated priority areas for the Walnut Creek Watershed and shall make best faith efforts to implement applicable recommendations of the balanced growth plan in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio and the wishes of its own citizens.

SECTION 2. The Village of Lithopolis shall continue to participate in the work of the Walnut Creek Watershed Planning Partnership.

DATE PASSED: MAY 22, 2012

ATTEST: 
CLERK

SIGNED 
MAYOR
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DATE: 5/22/12