

★ Purpose

Produce a stream setback zoning overlay district for incorporation in the Franklin County Zoning Resolution.

Background

The Ohio EPA, in its recently approved water quality plan, requires local governments to adopt stream setbacks for the Franklin County portion of the Big Darby Watershed. That plan spells out specific requirements for these setbacks.

This project will produce a regulation tailored to the Franklin County Zoning Resolution that incorporates all the Ohio EPA requirements for the setbacks.

★ Scope

The project will adapt a model stream setback regulation for inclusion in the Franklin County Zoning Resolution. The regulation will fully comply with Ohio EPA requirements as listed in the 208 Plan.

The project supports the Big Darby Accord by implementing the recommended riparian corridor protections.

★ Meetings and Due Dates

Weekly meetings, Thursdays from 9:00am-10:30am

- Schedule distributed at first meeting
- Eight weekly meetings
- Final text finished by May 3

Ground rules

- Comments to due at 5pm Tuesdays
- Strict 90 minute rule for meetings: start on time, end on time

★ Reporting structure

For meetings

- Project members will prepare comments and email to emily-dick@franklinswcd.org
- Comments are due 5pm Tuesdays
- Comments will be collected and presented at meetings
- Group will jointly consider comments and suggestions

Final text

- Final text will be a joint output of entire group

★ Deliverables

Final deliverable: Stream setback regulation ready for incorporation into Zoning Resolution

Intermediate deliverables:

- At Meeting 2: Consensus on 650.02 Purpose to 650.06 Conflicts
- At Meeting 3: Consensus on 650.08 Establishment to 650.12 Permanent on-site designation
- At Meeting 4: Consensus on 650.14 Permitted Uses to 650.18 Non-conforming uses
- At Meeting 5: Consensus on 650.20 Variances to 650.26 Penalties
- At Meeting 6: Consensus on Definitions
- At Meeting 7: Consensus on entire document
- At Meeting 8: Final group approval

★ Stakeholders

Project sponsors: Jennifer Fish
James Schimmer

Project Coordinators: Project team
Emily Dick
Ben Weiner

Staff Support: David Lowell
Kelly McCutcheon
Kyle Wilson

Stakeholder Groups

Building Industry Association of Central Ohio
Brown Township
City of Columbus
City of Gahanna
City of Grove City
City of Hilliard
Columbus City Council
Columbus Recreation & Parks Department
County Commissioners Association of Ohio
Darby Creek Association
Franklin County Board of Health
Franklin County Engineers Office
Franklin County Planning Department
Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney

Franklin County Sanitary Engineering
Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District
Metroparks
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
The Nature Conservancy
Norwich Township
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
The Ohio State University NEMO
Pleasant Township
Prairie Township
Washington Township

★ Criteria for Success

- Project will be completed in 8 weeks
- Project members will send comments by Tuesday at 5pm, for the week's meeting
- Project members will consider all suggestions and work toward consensus