A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE UPPER SCIOTO WATERSHED BALANCED GROWTH PLAN

WHEREAS, a portion of the Upper Scioto Watershed is located within the boundaries of the Village of Minerva Park, Ohio; and

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

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan identifies Priority Conservation Areas within the Upper Scioto 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 the Village of Minerva Park; and

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

WHEREAS, the balanced growth plan also identifies Priority Agricultural Areas within the Upper Scioto Watershed, which are areas critical to the regional food system and therefore should be protected to conserve valuable farmland, while also protecting surface and ground waters; 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 to Priority Development Areas; and

WHEREAS, while the final balanced growth plan contains recommendations only and does not impose any mandatory requirements or limitations on the Village of Minerva Park, its effectiveness in influencing future growth and development in the Upper Scioto 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 the Village of Minerva Park, its effectiveness in influencing future growth and development in the Upper Scioto Watershed will benefit from the continuing participation of the jurisdictions with planning authority with the Upper Scioto Watershed in the Watershed Planning Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Village of Minerva Park, Franklin County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Village of Minerva Park supports the balanced growth and designated priority areas for the Upper Scioto 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 Minerva Park, Franklin County, State of Ohio, shall continue to participate in the work of the Upper Scioto Watershed Planning Partnership.

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