

VILLAGE OF OBETZ
RECORD OF ORDINANCES



ORDINANCE: 26-15

PASSED: May 11, 2015

AN ORDINANCE SUPPORTING THE BIG WALNUT WATERSHED BALANCED GROWTH PLAN

WHEREAS, a portion of the Big Walnut Watershed is located within the boundaries of Obetz;
and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) formed a Watershed Planning Partnership (WPP) of jurisdictions with planning authority within the Big Walnut Watershed, including Obetz, and the WPP then worked collaboratively to seek broad public input and develop a Balanced Growth Plan for the Big Walnut Watershed based on that input;
and

WHEREAS, the Balanced Growth Plan identifies Priority Conservation Areas within the Big Walnut 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 Obetz; and

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

WHEREAS, the Balanced Growth Plan also identifies Priority Agricultural Areas within the Big Walnut 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 to Priority Development Areas; and

WHEREAS, while the Balanced Growth Plan contains recommendations only, and does not impose any mandatory requirements or limitations on Obetz or create any financial commitment, support for the Balanced Growth Plan is needed in order for MORPC to obtain grant funds for future programs that will benefit all communities within the Balanced Growth Plan area; and

WHEREAS, while the Balanced Growth Plan does not impose any mandatory requirements or limitations on Obetz, its effectiveness in influencing future growth and development in the Big Walnut Watershed will benefit from the continuing participation of the jurisdictions with planning authority within the Big Walnut Watershed in the Watershed Planning Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OBETZ, OHIO THAT:

Section 1: Obetz supports the Balanced Growth Plan for the Big Walnut Watershed and shall utilize the Balanced Growth Plan as a decision making tool.

Section 2: Obetz shall continue to participate in the work of the Big Walnut Watershed Planning Partnership.

Section 3: This Ordinance is shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

Passed this 11 day of May, 2015.

ATTESTS:

Stacey Boumis
Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council

D. Greg Scott
D. Greg Scott, Mayor

Angela Kirk
Angela Kirk, Council President Pro Tem

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Eve M. Ellinger
Eve Ellinger, Esq., Law Director

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

Pursuant to the Village Charter, I, Stacey E. Boumis, Clerk of Council of the Village of Obetz, Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance 26-15 was duly posted at 11:00 AM (time) on the 12 day of May, 2015, at the Obetz Government Center, as well as on the Obetz website.



Stacey Boumis
Stacey Boumis, Clerk

5/12/15
Date