



BIG DARBY TOWN CENTER: DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Columbus, Ohio

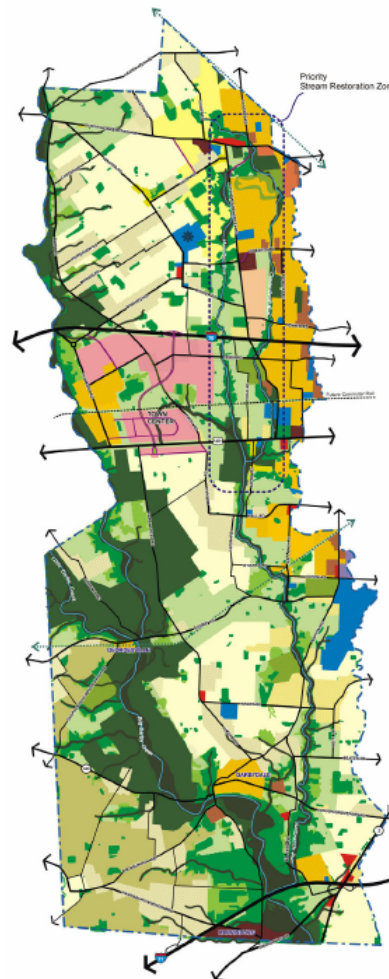
In 2006, a multi-jurisdictional body of nine municipalities published the “Big Darby Accord Plan,” which set forth a plan for the development and conservation of 25,000 acres of land west of Columbus, Ohio.

The plan called for development to be directed towards specific locations to protect open space and sensitive habitats from haphazard sprawl. The centerpiece of the development is to be the Big Darby Town Center.

An RFP was issued to prepare a market study, development plan, and implementation strategy for the Big Darby Town Center. RCLCO, in partnership with design, legal, engineering, and other experts was selected for this engagement.

RCLCO will take the lead in determining the market feasibility for a variety of uses, such as residential, office, retail, etc. that may be suitable to a mixed-use urban center. Based on this understanding of market economics, RCLCO, will prepare a detailed development program and implementation strategy. The strategy will establish the mix of uses, densities, and the phasing of development in the town center. In addition, RCLCO will assess the need for gap financing and make recommendations for public involvement as appropriate.

Work on this project is ongoing and RCLCO expects to issue final recommendations in mid - 2010.



CONTACT:

R. Lee Brown
Planning Administrator
Franklin County
Economic Development & Planning Department
Lazarus Building 150 South Front Street
FSL Suite 10
Columbus, OH 43215-7104
Tel: 614-462-5629
Fax: 614-462-7155