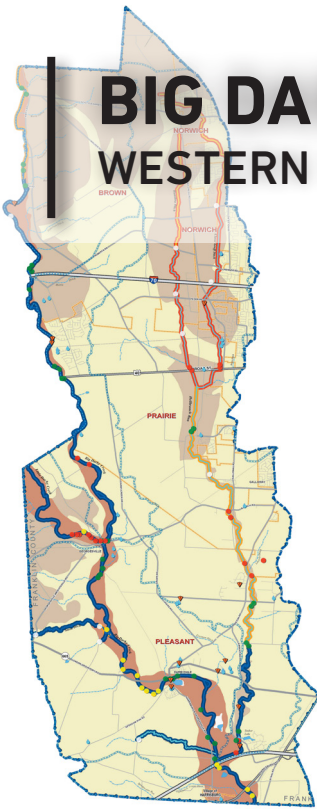
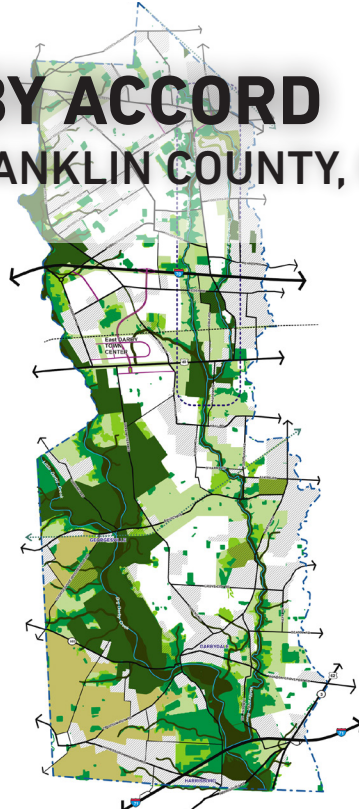


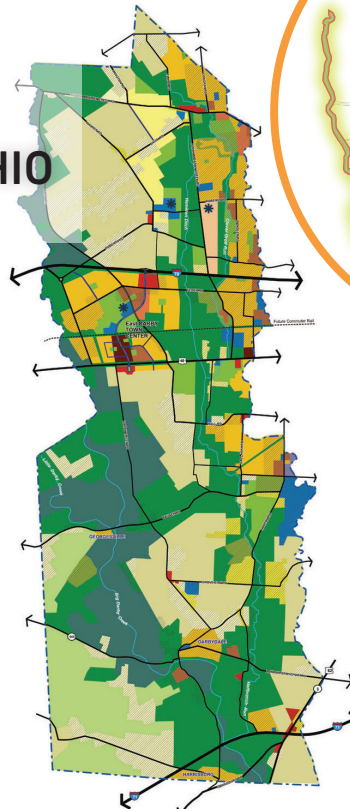
BIG DARBY ACCORD WESTERN FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO



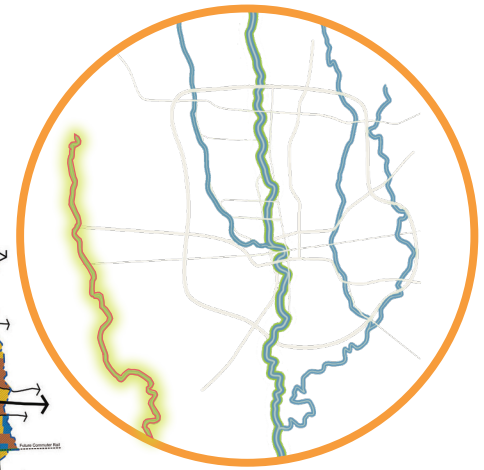
NATURAL FEATURES



CONSERVATION



LAND USE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Catalyst for Development

Creates a land use and watershed protection plan within the 84 sq. mi. urbanizing area



Partnerships

Develops a multi-jurisdictional review and approval body among the jurisdictions



Community Engagement

Stakeholder and public engagement of 10 central Ohio communities including Western Franklin County



Open Space

Connects and protects greenways and open space within the accord boundaries



Bike & Trail Connectivity

Promotes and protects a connected and multimodal corridor

DESCRIPTION

The Big Darby Accord is a multi-jurisdictional plan to address development pressures surrounding the Big Darby Creek, a scenic river and nationally-recognized pristine waterway. Planning for the Accord involved ten jurisdictions covering the entire western portion of Franklin County in central Ohio, including the county, cities of Columbus, Hilliard, and Groveport, one village, and five townships.

OUR ROLE

MKSK served as the local consultant and led stakeholder meetings and multiple large public meetings. The result is a land use and watershed protection plan for the 84-square-mile urbanizing portion of the watershed that balances water quality measures with the rights of private property owners.

IMPACT ON RAPID 5

The project included negotiating agreements on exclusive annexation and non-annexation areas, infrastructure and service extension, and funding mechanisms to achieve the plan. The project also established and facilitated the creation of a multi-jurisdictional review and approval body that is charged with plan implementation.

TIMELINE

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