

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATERSHED-BASED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR SUMMIT COUNTY

WHEREAS, as detailed in the report titled Reinventing Storm Water Management in Summit County, a Framework for the Development of Storm Water Management System for Summit County, Ohio, dated June, 1998, prepared for Summit County by Dodson-Stilson, Inc. (the "Report"), serious problems caused by lack of proper control and management of stormwaters exist in Summit County, including flooding, damage and destruction to property, loss of topsoil and contamination of rivers, streams and water supplies; and

WHEREAS, as further explained in the Report, problems associated with and resulting from stormwater runoff are not confined to, nor in most cases amenable to solution within, established local political subdivision boundaries, but instead cross jurisdictional lines and can best be resolved only through cooperative action involving governmental agencies at all levels having jurisdiction and responsibility for such matters and private land owners, businesses, developers of real estate and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, this Council determines that the most effective means of securing necessary cooperation among political subdivisions in the County and other government agencies and interested parties involves the management of stormwater on the basis of natural watershed; and

WHEREAS, the offices of the County Auditor and the County Engineer have cooperatively developed a Geographic Information System for the County ("GIS") that would be extremely useful in developing plans and making necessary improvements within individual watersheds that include territory in the County, and various other offices and departments of the County possess other resources and expertise that can be made available on a cooperative basis to assist in the development and implementation of stormwater management programs within the various watershed in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, the County Engineer, the County Auditor and the regional directors of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Environmental Protection Agency have each endorsed the concept and recommended implementation of a program of watershed-based stormwater management as generally described in the Report; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to add its endorsement of the concept of watershed-based stormwater management within the County and to express the willingness of the Village to assist in the coordination of activities in furtherance of such a program and the willingness to authorize and enter into cooperative agreements with other parties as shall be necessary and helpful in carrying out such a program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby approves and adopts the watershed districts, including the boundaries and names thereof, as designated in the Report, as the watershed districts of Summit County and directs the Public Service Director to maintain on file and available for inspection by all interested persons a map depicting those watershed districts as they are contained in the Report or as the boundaries or designations thereof may hereinafter be revised by action of this Council.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to furnish a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of Council of the County Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: December 5, 2000

Michael Kypour  
President of Council

Donald B. Larsen  
Mayor

Dated: 12/21/2000

ATTEST:

Carol Gibson  
Clerk of Council