

**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**  
**Among the**  
**COMMUNITIES OF THE BRANDYWINE CREEK WATERSHED**  
**CREATING THE**  
**BRANDYWINE CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**

This agreement shall serve as the initial organizing document for the Brandywine Creek Watershed Partnership.

**I. PURPOSE**

This agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Brandywine Creek communities as members of the Brandywine Creek Watershed Partnership.

The goals of the Partnership are:

- to provide a setting for interjurisdictional cooperation in addressing issues that affect the function, health and management of Brandywine Creek and its feeder streams throughout its watershed, and
- To pursue a watershed management plan that protects the function and health of the watershed.

**II. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

The geographic area of the Partnership Agreement is the entire watershed of Brandywine Creek, as defined in the attached map (addendum A.)

The scope of this agreement includes:

- the format by which the Partnership will be structured,
- the activities the member communities will undertake in terms of watershed planning and stewardship, and
- the system by which this agreement will be reviewed and revised.

**III. WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**

A. The undersigned communities commit to the goals of the Brandywine Creek Partnership.

B. The undersigned organizations agree to constitute a Steering Committee which will:

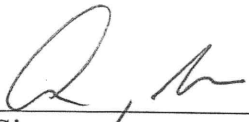
1. Adopt a mission statement.
  2. Form and sustain an organizational structure to a.) facilitate interjurisdictional cooperation in planning, b.) secure technical advice from expert agencies and organizations, and c.) provide for community input in the planning process and involvement in decisions regarding watershed issues.
  3. Annually formulate and update a Brandywine Creek Watershed Agenda presenting and prioritizing annual goals and activities.
  4. Oversee the process of developing a watershed management plan and cooperate in its implementation.
  5. Participate in a watershed-wide public outreach program concerning watershed issues.
  6. Oversee preparation of an annual report to the Brandywine Creek communities describing the Plan, its goals and progress toward the achievement of said goals.
- C. Each community will designate in writing a representative and an alternate to serve on the Partnership Steering Committee.
1. The Steering Committee will plan to meet at least every three months. Public notice will be given prior to meetings of the Committee. Meeting notices will be mailed at least seven days prior to each meeting. At least two-thirds of the members must be present to constitute a quorum. Minutes will be kept of all Committee meetings.
  2. The Steering Committee will strive to achieve consensus in its decisions, but in cases where consensus is not achievable the Committee will decide by majority vote. Roberts' Rules will be followed.
  3. The Steering Committee will annually select a Chair and Vice Chair to establish meeting agendas in consultation with the members, and to provide written notice to members of meeting times and locations.
  4. The Watershed Coordinator will serve as Secretary to the Steering Committee.
  5. Removal of an organization from the Committee will occur upon written notice from that organization, and with the consent of the Committee. Non-participation by a member, as defined by the Committee, may be cause for removal.


#### IV. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME FRAME OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

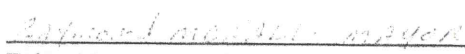
This agreement is effective on the date that it has been executed by a majority of the undersigned communities. This agreement will be reviewed annually and modified as is appropriate, with concurrence by all signers.

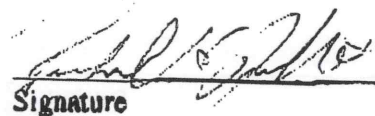
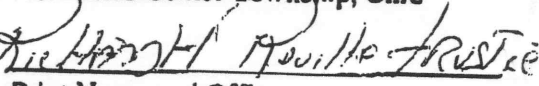
V. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

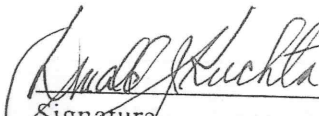
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the following parties have caused this agreement to be executed.

  
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Signature Date 6-15-07  
City of Hudson, Ohio  
**Anthony J. Bales, City Manager**  
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Print Name and Office

  
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Signature Date 6-20-07  
Village of Boston Heights, Ohio

  
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Print Name and Office  
*Approved for term: Russell W. Poy*  
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Signature Date 8-23-07  
Northfield Center Township, Ohio  
  
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Print Name and Office

  
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Signature Date 8-23-07  
City of Macedonia, Ohio  
**DONALD J. KUCHTA MAYOR**  
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Print Name and Office