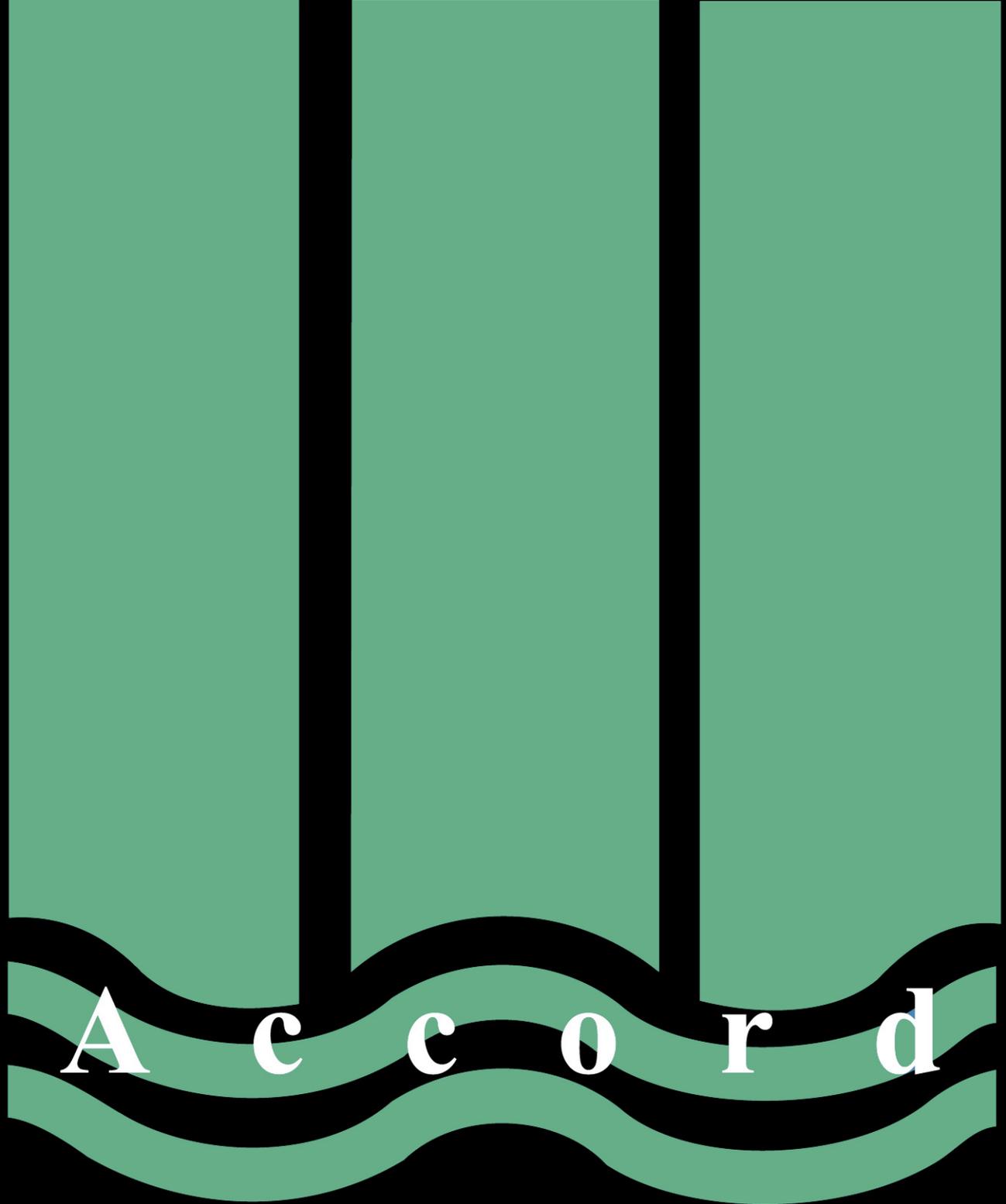


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Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord Planning Compact

Whereas; *The Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord is an initiative of the Village New Albany, the City of Columbus and Plain Township to establish long-range planning guidelines to manage future growth and development in the planning area; and*

Whereas; *The purpose of the Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord is to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of life in all participating jurisdictions; Now Therefore:*

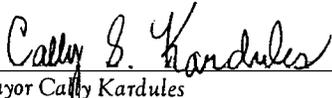
We, *the undersigned*, do so agree to the following Planning Compact and by signing this document promise to faithfully strive towards its implementation.

Purpose: *The Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord Panel will strive to develop an Accord that will be adopted by participating jurisdictions as the official plan of the area.*

Process: *The planning process will be open and inclusive and will provide meaningful opportunities for the involvement and participation of groups and individuals. The planning process will also be a collaborative and cooperative process for all three jurisdictions. The development of the Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord will be guided by a work program which will invite all three jurisdictions to participate by designating representative to serve on the decision-making body call the Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord panel.*

Commitment: *The joint planning process implies equal opportunity, responsibility,*

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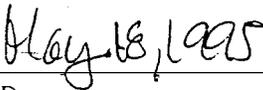


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PREAMBLE

This unique and historic document reflects over a year's work on the part of the Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord Panel. The nine-member joint panel was composed of three representatives from the village of New Albany, three representatives from the city of Columbus, and three at-large members. This document reflects the best efforts and thoughtful analysis of the people chosen to represent the jurisdictions.

The Mission Statement

The Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord Panel was formed to serve the public interest by development a long-term plan that will manage and guide future growth in the planning area while protecting, preserving and enhancing the community quality of life. The Panel's charge was also to make thoughtful recommendations concerning the future implementation of the Accord guidelines.

The intent of this Accord is to bring a unified growth management plan to an area facing the pressures of development and change. This document was adopted in such a manner that it supersedes the local development codes in the planning area, recognizing that there may be some areas that are open for interpretation. It is intended that any such interpretation be made in the spirit of this Accord.

Through various forums and surveys, the community played an important role in the planning process. From the goals and objectives set forth by the community, the following non-negotiable principles were established.

- Maintain aesthetic character of the rural roads.
- Use open space as an organizational element.
- Use a compact form of development in the town and village clusters with defined edges such as greenbelts and natural corridors.
- Develop mixed use in town and village centers.
- Assure diversity in housing prices and types.
- Create a center focus that combines civic, cultural and recreational uses.
- Guarantee permanent protection of greenbelts, streams, creeks, woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and historical sites.
- Development in town will be located within easy walking or biking distance of other neighborhoods, schools, retail centers and transit stops.
- Development must pay its own way.

These principles can be achieved by implementation of this Accord. Since adoption, it is up to each jurisdiction to implement the recommendations within the Accord as agreed upon in the Planning Compact.



Blacklick Creek