



Jersey Township
Village of Johnstown
City of New Albany

OVERVIEW

The proposed WESTERN LICKING COUNTY ACCORD is designed to protect the area's quality of life, including its rural, small-town character, with policies and development standards that promote desirable land uses and determine the locations where new development will best serve the communities.



PROTECTING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

The proposed Western Licking County Accord is a collaborative initiative between Jersey Township, the village of Johnstown and the city of New Albany to proactively plan for and responsibly manage future growth in a way that protects the desirable quality of life residents enjoy and strengthens local economies.



MANAGING FUTURE GROWTH

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission estimates that the central Ohio population will grow by one million people by 2050. That growth will impact Western Licking County. If approved, the accord is a non-binding agreement that serves as a policy document to guide public investment and public and private development decisions to manage that growth. Many communities throughout central Ohio have worked together through multi-jurisdictional accords, such as the Big Darby Accord and the Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord, to successfully preserve natural features and promote responsibly managed land use.



PROMOTING A SHARED VISION

The planning process allows the three communities to pool their resources, gives people a voice in establishing a shared vision and promotes coordination of development and infrastructure improvements in areas that cross jurisdictional lines. The plan takes into consideration all future land uses—from agriculture, rural residential and open space to civic, commercial, office and industrial/distribution.



ANALYZING CURRENT CONDITIONS AND FUTURE TRENDS

To ensure that the WLC Accord represents the concerns and interests of residents in the three jurisdictions, MKSK, a planning and landscape architecture firm, was retained to conduct an analysis of existing conditions, current plans, future trends and area assets (physical, economic, etc.) in the three communities.

GIVING RESIDENTS A VOICE

MKSK conducted meetings with the three jurisdictions' elected officials and planning personnel, held a public workshop, led a focus group with residents and gathered additional input through an online survey in December and January.

A second public meeting will be held at 7 pm on April 20 at the Jersey Baptist Church, 13260 Morse Road, where MKSK will share findings from the online survey as well as preliminary ideas related to future land uses for community feedback. In June, MKSK will provide a draft plan that includes proposed land use policies and development standards reflecting the accord's shared vision. After final review and discussion, each jurisdiction will have the opportunity to formally approve and adopt the plan.

PUBLIC MEETING

April 20, 2017, 7 pm
Jersey Baptist Church
13260 Morse Road

