

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen recognizes the significant contribution and expertise provided by the Harpeth River Watershed Association (HRWA) and desires to facilitate a more integral role of the HRWA into City projects and initiatives that impact water quality and the health of the Harpeth River and its tributaries;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Franklin wants to be recognized as a leader in how it manages, protects and improves the water quality of our community to ensure the long-term health of the Harpeth River, which is a source of drinking water for city residents, a recreational resource, and biologically significant river in the larger Cumberland River Basin;

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that almost every City department has projects or conducts business that affect ground water and drinking water quality, which motivated the formation of the Harpeth River Task Force requiring shared information and dialog among the various departments in January, 2004;

**WHEREAS**, the City is currently involved in or has major projects underway that directly impact water quality and the Harpeth River including:

1. The Franklin Corridors and Connector Streets Economic Development Project;
2. River Walk and Bicentennial Park;
3. A possible redevelopment district along the Harpeth in downtown;
4. The Zoning Ordinance re-write that will codify many water quality related standards;
5. Linear Park planning and design;
6. Acquisition of properties that offer significant water quality benefits;
7. Expansion of effluent reuse and wastewater processing capacity;
8. Interceptor sewer line construction;
9. Drinking water treatment plant upgrade study and Potential expansion of the City's drinking water supply from the Harpeth;
10. The Dry Branch flood mitigation project;
11. Mack Hatcher Parkway extension and other road projects;
12. Updating of current stormwater regulations related to how development proposals are designed during the planning approval process.

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the HRWA is to protect the biological health of the Harpeth River watershed, which encompasses about 890 square miles in parts of six (6) counties. The HRWA has worked with the City of Franklin and provided meaningful input on river restoration projects, the land use plan, routing of the TVA transmission line, stormwater regulations, informal review and guidance to planning and engineering staff and consultants on development proposals, drinking water needs and integrating City staff into state and federal projects that affect water quality regulations of the Harpeth River;

**WHEREAS**, the HRWA is currently participating in Franklin's Zoning Ordinance review, Williamson County's land use plan update, and the Land Conservation and Stewardship Task Force initiative as they relate to water quality issues;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Franklin and Williamson County are partners in a grant awarded to the HRWA from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to specifically focus on watershed planning tools, development site design, training for developers and staff to provide focus on the most cost effective ways to improve and maintain water quality goals, all efforts that make Franklin a leader in the state of Tennessee for water quality resource management;

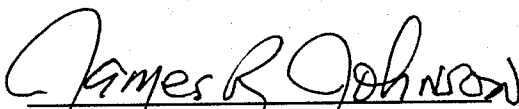
**WHEREAS**, the HRWA has recognized in-house expertise, experience and/or direct association with a wide range of local, state, and national scientific and technical advisors that can provide specific expertise related to:

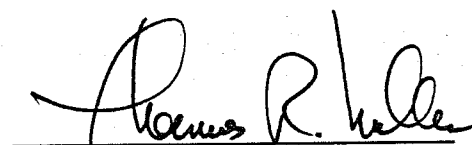
1. How state and federal regulatory processes work;
2. Planning and stormwater approaches for growth and development to meet water quality standards;
3. River restoration project design and implementation;
4. Design and implementation related to roads, sewer lines, and other infrastructure projects to minimize stormwater runoff, erosion, and negative affects to water quality and natural resources;
5. The long-term impact of development to streams and water quality;
6. And a local membership base that can advocate for and enable projects through citizen involvement.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Franklin, Tennessee, hereby urges all consultants conducting projects on behalf of the City and staff led internal projects that have bearing on water quality to include participation of the HRWA, as is determined to be most appropriate for each project or department.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE** on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE**

  
**JAMES R. JOHNSON**  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

  
**THOMAS R. MILLER**  
MAYOR