

**Walnut Creek Planning Partnership (WCPP)
Steering Committee Meeting
October 26, 2010**

Walnut Creek Planning Partnership (WCPP) Draft Working Goals for Balanced Growth Plan

MORPC staff has created a list of draft goal statements for the Walnut Creek Planning Partnership. These draft goal statements are intended to serve as a springboard to help facilitate the development and adoption of goals for the WCPP Balanced Growth Plan. At the October 26, 2010 WCPP Steering Committee meeting, the committee will work together to establish the official goals for the Walnut Creek Balanced Growth Plan. These draft goals are based on the following common themes compiled from survey responses from communities in the Walnut Creek watershed and from common goal themes found in Central Ohio community plans:

- A. Protect Environmental Resources
- B. Preserve Unique Character of Community
- C. Promote Economic Development
- D. Invest in Infrastructure
- E. Plan for Sustainable Growth

Working Draft Goal Statements for the WCPP Steering Committee to consider:

- Work together as a watershed partnership to achieve common planning goals and to address shared social, economic, and environmental concerns.
- Manage growth by encouraging sustainable development practices that account for the mindful and efficient use of existing infrastructure, like highways and roadways, and minimize potentially deleterious environmental impacts.
- Achieve a healthy balance between land uses in the watershed and in the relationship between the natural and built environments
- Ensure economic vitality and competitiveness for the Walnut Creek watershed by encouraging development and redevelopment that is congruent with the region's values and compatible with existing development.
- Preserve and enhance the unique characteristics and traits of communities within the watershed, whether they are rural, urban, agricultural, suburban, or old town centers.
- Protect, preserve, restore, and enhance the environment, open space, recreation areas, and areas that serve natural functions in the watershed. Improve access to these areas where appropriate.
- Link and connect development and people with green spaces, recreation, and natural areas through appropriate infrastructure investments.