

# **OKI awarded highest honor in planning**

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**NEW MIAMI —** It took three years to put a plan in place that protects drinking water for New Miami and its neighbors, and the effort has gotten national recognition among planning professionals.

The Great Miami Drinking Water Protection Project has earned the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments the American Planning Association's highest honor — The National Planning Achievement Award for a Hard-Won Victory.

OKI was chosen among 130 nominations, in part, because of political turmoil in the Village of New Miami, said APA spokeswoman Roberta Rewers.

In May, after a series of resignations and a newly-elected mayor, New Miami village council members approved the plan and passed associated legislation.

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