



Central Ohio Water Resources Working Group  
2016 – 2020 Action Plan

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Vision: Clean, abundant, healthy, and protected water resources for all in the Central Ohio region.

Mission: To improve and protect water quality and conserve water resources through education, policies, and regional planning and collaboration.

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**Goal 1: Be a forum for regional collaboration and planning with regard to issues related to water supply, water quality, treatment, access, and climate change impacts.**

Action Items:

- Dedicate part of each meeting to focusing on the short term implementation strategies of Sustaining Scioto Climate Change Adaptation Plan.
- Provide opportunities for partners to share information about their water-related projects and programs for general knowledge and to foster collaboration.

**Goal 2: Advocate for, and pursue, the implementation of water resources-related monitoring, planning, and/or best practices implementation projects in Central Ohio.**

Action Items:

- Identify related research project needs that MORPC and/or other partner entities can pursue.
- Identify funding opportunities for MORPC partners.
- Encourage collaboration on related projects.
- Serve as an advisory body to regional water resources-related projects, such as the update of Watershed Action Plans, establishment of Water Trails, coordination of Riverfest, or input into the Summit on Sustainability, etc.
- Promote the implementation of green infrastructure, vegetated corridors, and low impact developments (LID).

**Goal 3: Be aware of and understand water-related state and federal policies that affect Central Ohio.**

Action Items:

- Identify water-related policy issues for inclusion in MORPC's annual Public Policy Agenda.
- Be a forum for sharing information related to water-related policy issues.
- Serve as experts to advise the Sustainability Advisory Committee on policy issues.

**Goal 4: Support the coordination of collection, storage, and dissemination of regional water resources-related data.**

Action Items:

- Develop a strategy that outlines partner opportunities to coordinate efforts toward creating, submitting, storing, and sharing water resources-related data within Central Ohio. Review and update the strategy on a biennial basis to ensure comprehensiveness and efficiency.
- Collaborate with MORPC's Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) on the development of a regional data portal. Assist RDAC with inventorying water resources-related data sources in Central Ohio.

**Goal 5: Coordinate water-related outreach and messaging.**

Action Items:

- Develop a method for sharing marketing and educational information and campaigns with partners.
- Encourage expansion of marketing and educational information and campaigns to reach a broader audience.

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Subcommittees may be formed to help reach the goals outlined in this Action Plan. Each subcommittee will have a chair and co-chair. The subcommittees will meet based on a schedule agreed upon by its members. The subcommittees will exist for a project duration or until the chair and co-chair deem necessary, whichever comes first. Subcommittees could include the following:

- > Sustaining Scioto – *There are short term (2015 – 2025) adaptation strategies that go above and beyond the work of water utilities. This group could help prioritize them and identify contacts, funding, etc.*
- > Recreation – *This group could provide guidance on water trails development and implementation and annual Riverfest programming.*
- > Data – *This group could provide input to the Regional Data Advisory Committee.*