



MID-OHIO REGIONAL
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PLANNING COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF A MEETING
CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS TRAIL TOWNS WORKING GROUP
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

REMOTE MEETING

January 13, 2025, 10:00 am

AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. 2025 Goal Setting

- The 2024 Goals were:
 - Implement the COG Trail Town Framework
 - Advance the COG Wayfinding Strategy
 - Support the Outdoor Trails Pass Program
 - Support a COG Forum

3. Gateways of Regional Significance

- Melinda Vonstein proposed that the Group identify a definition for a Gateway of Regional Significance that the COG Board can adopt, similar to a Trail of Regional Significance.
- MORPC staff recently created an Arc GIS online map identifying all the Gateways discussed in the 2024 Greenway Planning Studio and Regional Collaboration meetings.

4. Greenway Planning Studio Fellowship

- The Easton Fellowship will evolve into the Greenway Planning Studio Fellowship, with plans to involve other funders and curate the scope of work for students to align with Regional Trail Vision and local community priorities. Melinda asked for feedback on the scope of work for the students and mentioned the importance of collaboration to ensure the students have a meaningful and productive experience.

5. Hilliard Technical Assistance

- Hilliard's participation in the Technical Assistance Program will kick off in early February.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

6. Experience Columbus / Trail Pass Itineraries

- Michelle Wilson, Experience Columbus, reported that there were 2,038 free downloads and 13,192 check-ins in 2024
- MORPC's COG Intern Morgan Fuller will be interfacing with Experience Columbus and with communities to develop and update new and existing itineraries.
- Member Kauffman noted that the Cities of Mt. Vernon, London, and Westerville may be the next three itineraries to be created. Melinda added that MORPC may work with the City of Hilliard to create an itinerary as part of their upcoming Technical Assistance Program participation.

- 2025 Itinerary Goals
 - Market to Market upgrade/update
 - City of London
 - City of Mt. Vernon
 - City of Westerville
 - City of Columbus / Library / Underground Railroad Itinerary – though this may go into 2026.

- MORPC staff will send spreadsheets to Experience Columbus by February 14, 2025.

- The new itineraries will launch April 1, as the current itineraries expire March 31.

7. Other Business

8. Adjourn

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or LKaufman@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

**The next Central Ohio Greenways Trail Towns Working Group Meeting will be
March 10, 2025, 10:00 am.**

This Meeting will be held remotely; details to follow.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Remote Meeting

Central Ohio Greenways Trail Towns Working Group Meeting

January 13, 2025

Members Present

Mike Andrako, Franklin County Engineer's
Office

Laura Ball, City of Westerville

Brian Cheek, Destination Grandview

Jody Dzurainin, Ohio to Erie Trail

Kari Kauffman, Experience Columbus

Staff Present

Lynn Kaufman

Melinda Vonstein

Public Present

Michelle Wilson, Experience Columbus