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NOTICE OF A MEETING

CENTRAL OHIO BLUEWAYS WATER TRAIL DESIGNATION WORKING GROUP

**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
HYBRID MEETING**

September 26, 2024, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome & Purpose**
- 2. SMART Goals Review**
 - a. Amend / Update Central Ohio Blueways Mapping
 - b. Amend/Update Partnership Agreement Drafts
 - c. Designate Big Walnut Creek as a State Water Trail
- 3. Next Steps**
 - a. Identify Mapping and Data Updates
- 4. Adjourn**

Please notify Tunazzina Alam at talam@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance. The next Water Trail Designation Working Group Meeting is October 31, 2024 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

This Meeting will be hybrid; details to follow.

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Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Remote Meeting

Water Trail Designation Working Group Meeting

September 26, 2024

Members Present

- Maria Conroy, OSU
- Jenny Doan, City of Columbus
- Zac Guthrie, City of Gahanna
- Zach Messinger, Preservation Parks
- Justin Milam, City of Upper Arlington
- Jason Reece, OSU

Staff Present

- Tunazzina Alam
- Harold Deanda
- Jonathan Miller
- Melinda Vonstein



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SMART GOAL REVIEW

1. Designate Big Walnut Creek as a State Water Trail

<i>SPECIFIC</i>	<i>Designate Big Walnut Creek as a State Water Trail through ODNR</i>
<i>MEASURABLE</i>	<i>Confirm successful designation through ODNR</i>
<i>ATTAINABLE</i>	
<i>RELEVANT</i>	<i>Increase exposure and promote stewardship of water trails, and act as a model for future designations</i>
<i>TIME-BOUND</i>	<i>December 2025</i>
TOGETHER	By December of 2025, successfully obtain State Water Trail designation of the Big Walnut Creek through ODNR in order to increase exposure and promote stewardship of the Creek as a model to pursue State Water Trail designation on other waterways in Central Ohio

2. Amend / Update Partnership Draft Agreements

<i>SPECIFIC</i>	<i>Update the draft version / template for the partnership agreements required for State Water Trail designation</i>
<i>MEASURABLE</i>	<i>Successful completion of the draft for use in the designation process of Big Walnut Creek</i>
<i>ATTAINABLE</i>	
<i>RELEVANT</i>	<i>Partnership agreement drafts should include sections applicable and important to all stakeholders along the waterways</i>

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<i>TIME-BOUND</i>	<i>July 2025</i>
TOGETHER	By July of 2025, update and complete the draft version of the Partnership Agreements – a requirement for State Water Trail designation – with sections and details that are important for all stakeholders along waterways so that the draft can be used in the State Water Trail designation process of Big Walnut Creek.

3. Amend / Update Central Ohio Blueways Mapping

<i>SPECIFIC</i>	<i>Update Central Ohio Blueways mapping data for access points, hazards, portage routes, and private property</i>
<i>MEASURABLE</i>	<i>Successfully update all data fields for access points, hazards, and blueway trails, and create a new file for private property</i>
<i>ATTAINABLE</i>	
<i>RELEVANT</i>	<i>Update the mapping to be applicable for waterway users</i>
<i>TIME-BOUND</i>	<i>May 2025</i>
TOGETHER	By May of 2025, update and create new GIS files with data related to access point amenities, waterway hazards, portage routes, and private property areas so help inform waterway users of the amenities and areas of caution along Central Ohio's waterways.