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PLANNING COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF A MEETING:

CENTRAL OHIO BLUEWAYS STEERING COMMITTEE

HYBRID MEETING:
AUGUST 14, 2024: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Purpose
2. Introductions
3. Mission Statement and Vision
4. Central Ohio Blueways Working Group Projects
 - a. Water Trail Designation
 - b. Environmental Stewardship
 - c. User Experience
5. Next Steps
6. Adjourn

Please Notify Jonathan Miller at jmiller@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

*The next Central Ohio Blueways Steering Committee meeting will be
November 13th, 2024 from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM*

This Meeting will be hybrid; details to follow.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

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Central Ohio Blueways Steering Committee Meeting Summary
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Attachments:

Good Morning All,

First, apologies for the delay in getting this out, and also, thank you all for your participation and contributions. Your assistance is invaluable in helping ensure that we can continue to move forward with some tangible degree of progress .

For those who weren't able to attend or want a brief recap, we spent most of the steering committee meetings discussing the roles and expectations for the working groups. We had initially identified four working groups, but the marketing & tourism group was slightly undersubscribed, so we did away with that one for now. The three remaining groups met ahead of the steering committee meeting to discuss all potential options for projects and priorities, and the steering committee discussed as a whole which of those ideas would make the most sense to move forward in the face of potential overlap. Other considerations included the ease of attaining the desired results as well. Below are the full lists of considerations, with the final top choices in red:

Environmental Stewardship:

- RIVER CLEANUPS
- ACCESS POINT RECOMMENDATIONS
- MS4 EDUCATION AND OUTREACH
- **INVASIVE SPECIES ID GUIDE**
- **NATIVE TREE PLANTINGS**
- EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR IMMIGRATION SERVICES
- SPONSORED ACCESS POINT PROGRAM
- ID ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS
- IDENTIFY COLLABORATIONS
- IDENTIFY POTENTIAL OSU EEDS CAPSTONE PROJECTS
- ETHICS PROGRAMMING
- **ONION BAG PROJECTS**

Water Trail Designation:

- **ORDER OF DESIGNATION:**
 - **BIG WALNUT CREEK**
 - **OLENTANGY RIVER**
 - **SCIOTO RIVER**
 - **ALUM CREEK**
- **MAINTENANCE**
 - **INVASIVE SPECIES**
 - **WATERWAY HAZARDS**
- **SIGNAGE**
 - **QR CODES**
 - **SAFE PRACTICES**
- TRAIL COUNTERS

*Maintenance and Signage considerations are folded in a priority to amend the partnership agreements

User Experience:

- COORDINATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS:
 - WHAT 3 WORDS
 - MILE MARKER SYSTEM
- HAZARD IDENTIFICATION
 - EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
 - **CONSORTIUM FOR REMOVAL**
- **DEVELOP SIGNAGE PACKAGE**
- ONION BAG PROJECT
- LIVERY SUPPORT & COORDINATION
- **CREATE UNIFORM ASSETS (Through the creation of an access point sponsor program)**
 - ACCESS POINT AMENITIES
 - ACCESSIBILITY

Finally, we reviewed the details of the river clean-up event scheduled for the end of September. The broad details are below, and I'll send out an "official" save-the-date early next week for distribution to your networks:

NAME: World Rivers Day Cleanup

DATE: September 28th (Rain Date of October 5th)

TIME: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Site leads will need to arrive earlier and stay a little later)

LOCATIONS:

- Scioto River
 - Greenlawn Dam (below)
 - Scioto Grove Metro Park
- Olentangy River
 - Highbanks Metro Park
 - Tuttle Park
- Alum Creek
 - Pathways Park
 - Schneider Park
- Big Walnut Creek
 - Big Walnut Park
 - Friendship Park

Let me know if you have any questions, and I'll see you all in a couple of weeks at the first working group meetings!

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Steering Committee

August 14, 2024



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- WORKING GROUP PROJECTS
- NEXT STEPS
- ADJOURN



INTRODUCTIONS



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NAME

POSITION

ORGANIZATION

FAVORITE SECTION OF WATERWAY IN
CENTRAL OHIO



MISSION STATEMENT AND VISION



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MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and preserve both recreational and environmental stewardship opportunities along Central Ohio's waterways by convening and collaborating with local communities and partners on expanding safe and sustainable access to – and education of – our region's rivers and streams.

VISION

Every Central Ohioan has an equal opportunity to experience and foster meaningful connections between our region and its rivers and streams.

WORKING GROUP PROJECTS



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WATER TRAIL DESIGNATION

J.M. Rayburn	City of Dublin
Justin Milam	City of Upper Arlington
Maria Conroy	The Ohio State University
Zac Guthrie	City of Gahanna
Zach Messinger	Preservation Parks of Delaware County
Jason Reece	The Ohio State University
Julia Hatton	City of Columbus
Jenny Doan	City of Columbus

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3. *SCIOTO RIVER*
4. *ALUM CREEK*

MAINTENANCE

1. *INVASIVE SPECIES*
2. *WATERWAY HAZARDS*

SIGNAGE

1. *QR CODES*
2. *SAFE PRACTICES*

TRAIL COUNTERS

WORKING GROUP PROJECTS



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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Pamela Steck	City of Columbus
James Ramsey, PE	Franklin County Engineer's Office
Julia Cumming	Madison Soil & Water Conservation District
Laura Fay	Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW)
Doug Crandall	Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries (FACT)
Aryeh Alex	Keep Columbus Beautiful
Lisa Daris	Olentangy Paddle
Elizabeth Ellman	City of Bexley
Greg Hitzhusen	The Ohio State University

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RIVER CLEANUPS

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ONION BAG PROJECTS

WORKING GROUP PROJECTS



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USER EXPERIENCE

Laura Ball	City of Westerville
Megan Meyer	City of Bexley
Jon Tolbert	Experience Columbus
Rando Morgan	River Rangers
Michael Sherron	Pickaway County
Alex Miu	City of Columbus
Kasey Unser	City of Columbus
Elizabeth Ellman	City of Bexley

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COORDINATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS:

1. *WHAT 3 WORDS*
2. *MILE MARKER SYSTEM*

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION

1. *EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS*
2. *CONSORTIUM FOR REMOVAL*

DEVELOP SIGNAGE PACKAGE

ONION BAG PROJECT

LIVERY SUPPORT & COORDINATION

CREATE UNIFORM ASSETS

1. *ACCESS POINT AMENITIES*
2. *ACCESSIBILITY*

WORKING GROUP PROJECTS



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PRIORITIZATIONS

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WORLD RIVERS DAY CLEANUP



SAVE THE DATE!

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

TIME: 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM



**SCIOTO
WATERSHED
ACTION GROUP**

LOCATIONS

SCIOTO RIVER

GREENLAWN DAM
(BELOW)

SCIOTO GROVE
METRO PARK

OLENTANGY RIVER

HIGHBANKS METRO
PARK

TUTTLE PARK

ALUM CREEK

PATHWAYS PARK

SCHNEIDER PARK

BIG WALNUT CREEK

BIG WALNUT PARK

FRIENDSHIP PARK

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN



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WITHIN WORKING GROUPS

1. SET RECURRING MEETING SCHEDULE
2. FORM SMART GOALS
 1. SPECIFIC
 2. MEASURABLE
 3. ATTAINABLE
 4. RELEVANT
 5. TIME-BOUND
3. REPORT OUT AT NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR FEEDBACK

NEXT CENTRAL OHIO BLUEWAYS
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:

NOVEMBER 13TH,
2024