



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
July 15, 2024, 10:00 am**

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

Mental Health and Trails

Katie McMahon shared research related to the relationship between access to nature and social isolation. Her research builds the case to develop during and other programming to encourage use of trails and connection to people through outdoor space.

Trail Town Ambassador Training Program

Melinda Vonstein announced that MORPC submitted an ATTIP application in partnership with the City of Columbus to request funding for the Trail Town Ambassador Training Program.

Trail Towns In the Nation's Heartland

Melinda reported that MORPC was not awarded RAISE funding, but received a Project of Merit Distinction and is eligible to skip the merit evaluation if they submit again next year.

Trail Town Branding

Melinda reported that MORPC is seeking funding for a Trail Town Brand. Members and staff discussed possible interest in changing the name of the program to something else, but ultimately decided that Trail Towns works.

COG Forum Agenda Planning

Blueways

Jonathan Miller shared that the Blueways Steering Committee is actively meeting to discuss water recreation, user experience, and environmental stewardship.

Goals and Round Table

Next Steps

Members and staff will explore funding for a brand and the development of a trail user map.

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.

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