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NOTICE OF A MEETING

CENTRAL OHIO BLUEWAYS: *ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP*

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

HYBRID MEETING

July 17, 2024, 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome & Purpose**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. SMART Goals**
- 4. Working Group Structure**
- 5. Next Steps**
- 6. Adjourn**

Please notify Darcy Maas at dmaas@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

**The next Environmental Stewardship Working Group Meeting is TBD
This Meeting will be hybrid; details to follow.**

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Afternoon All,

I wanted to provide you a quick summary of our conversation and reiterate a few of the next steps. First though, thank you everyone for participating! It's for sure going to be a fun ride .

After we went through some introductions, we began an open discussion/brainstorm session on potential projects and focus areas for the group. Below (in bulleted format) is a summary of those ideas:

- **River Cleanups / Floats**
 - Rotating Locations
 - Identify potential collaborations
- **Provide Educational Materials**
 - Region-wide
 - Inclusive of immigrant communities
 - Potential Topics
 - Don't dump pets in waterways
 - Herbicide Guidance / How to Treat Vegetation
 - Invasive Species Identification
 - Prescription Drug Takeback Programs
- **Invasive Species Removal Programs**
 - Private Property Owners: Remove Invasive and Receive Native
 - Invasive Removal and Native Tree Planting Events
- **Access Point Recommendations**
 - Onion Bag Project
 - Include in Design Guide
 - Installation Partners
 - Sunscreen Dispenser
 - Partner with Health Department
- **Create Partnerships**
 - MS4 Communities
 - Combine Education and Outreach Efforts
 - EEDS Program at OSU
 - Capstone Projects
 - Health Departments
 - OSU
 - Activate Olentangy through Campus
 - Opportunity for Education and Awareness
 - Opportunity for Pilot Programs
 - Community Groups
 - Churches and Nonprofits
 - Involve in cleanups
- **Map Environmentally Sensitive Areas**
- **Art Projects from River Cleanups**
- **Adopt a Waterway / Access Point Program**

- **Tree Canopy Protection Plan**

We also confirmed that the group is likely best served with a more informal structure to promote a more roundtable-type discussion.

Attached - for your records – is the roster attachment (EnvironmentalStewardshipWG_Roster) which includes the information I have for the Environmental Stewardship Working Group, including emails, so we can all get in touch with each other as needed.

Finally, please use the following link to select times that would work best – in general – for recurring working groups meetings. I know early on, there may be some dates that won't work for some, but by nailing down a cadence, we'll hopefully be able to schedule around those in the future: <https://www.when2meet.com/?25718382-Sr9Ax>.

Thanks again everyone!

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