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NOTICE OF A MEETING

CENTRAL OHIO BLUEWAYS: *WATER TRAIL DESIGNATION* *WORKING GROUP*

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

HYBRID MEETING

July 23, 2024, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome & Purpose**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. SMART Goals**
- 4. Working Group Structure**
- 5. Next Steps**
- 6. 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 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 a potential order of events and various other considerations. Below (in bulleted format) is a summary of those ideas:

- **Potential Order for Designation**
 - Big Walnut Creek
 - Assist with refining the designation process
 - Olentangy River
 - Expand upon the designation process
 - Need to work with Columbus on expansion of existing segment
 - Scioto River
 - Alum Creek
- **Other Considerations**
 - Private Property Notifications for Public Meetings
 - Needed to add to transparency
 - Agreement Inclusions
 - Maintenance or Access Points / Banks
 - Potential to Include Invasive Species Removal Commitments
 - Maintenance of Waterway Hazards
 - Individual V Cost-Sharing Mechanism
 - Signage
 - QR Codes for Reporting Hazards
 - Safe Practices
 - Trail Counters
 - QR Code to Identify Presence on Waterway
 - Assist with Safety?
 - Potential for Trail Cameras
 - Water Monitoring

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

Attached are a few files for your records, convenience, and review. The roster attachment (WaterTrailDesignationWG_Roster) includes the information I have for the Water Trail Designation Working Group, including emails, so we can all get in touch with each other as needed. I also attached an excel sheet (BluewaysSchemas) which outlines the current attribute fields we included in the new shapefiles for the updated blueways mapping, as well as the rough draft Partnership Agreement that the Advisory Panel worked on using Big Walnut Creek as the subject waterway. The Access Points tab will have the fields for the access points.

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/?25719059-Lbvqc>.

Thanks again everyone!

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