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**Central Ohio Greenways Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**  
**1:30pm – 3:00pm**  
**MORPC Scioto Conference Room**

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – *Letty Schamp, COG Chair*
  - a. New Board Member Introduction: Al Obayuwana
  - b. COG Board Structure
2. **Working Group Reports**
  - a. Trail Development – *Laura Ball, Working Group Chair*
    - i. COG Trail Definitions
    - ii. COG Regional Trail Vision Updates
    - iii. COG Trail Prioritization Project
  - b. Partnership – *Bill Habig, Working Group Chair*
    - i. Rapid 5 Project Scope
  - c. Operations & Access - *Catherine Girves, Working Group Chair*
    - i. AEP Microgrid/Trail Lighting
  - d. Marketing & Communications – *Abby Rhodebeck, Working Group Co-Chair*
    - i. Taste of the Trails Events
3. **Closing**
  - a. Meeting Times

Next Meeting  
Wednesday, May 13, 2020  
2:00pm – 3:30pm  
MORPC Scioto Conference Room

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# Central Ohio Greenways

Board Meeting  
March 18, 2020



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# Trail Development Working Group

COG Definitions

Regional Trail Vision Updates



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# Franklin County Quadrant Meetings

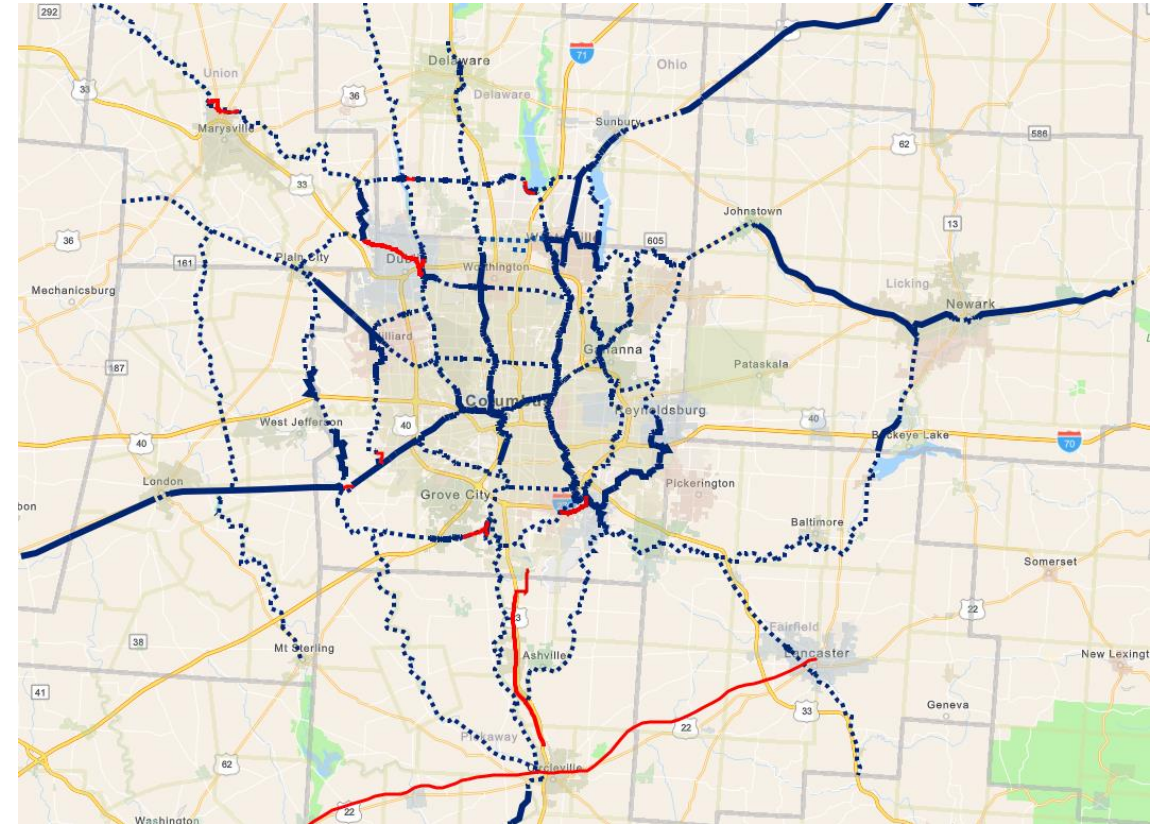


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In January 2020, TD Working Group Members met with 4 quadrants of Franklin County and learned about new trail projects and plans. Significant proposed changes to the Vision include:

- Marysville
- Dublin
- Pickaway
- Galloway

Surrounding County Meeting TBD



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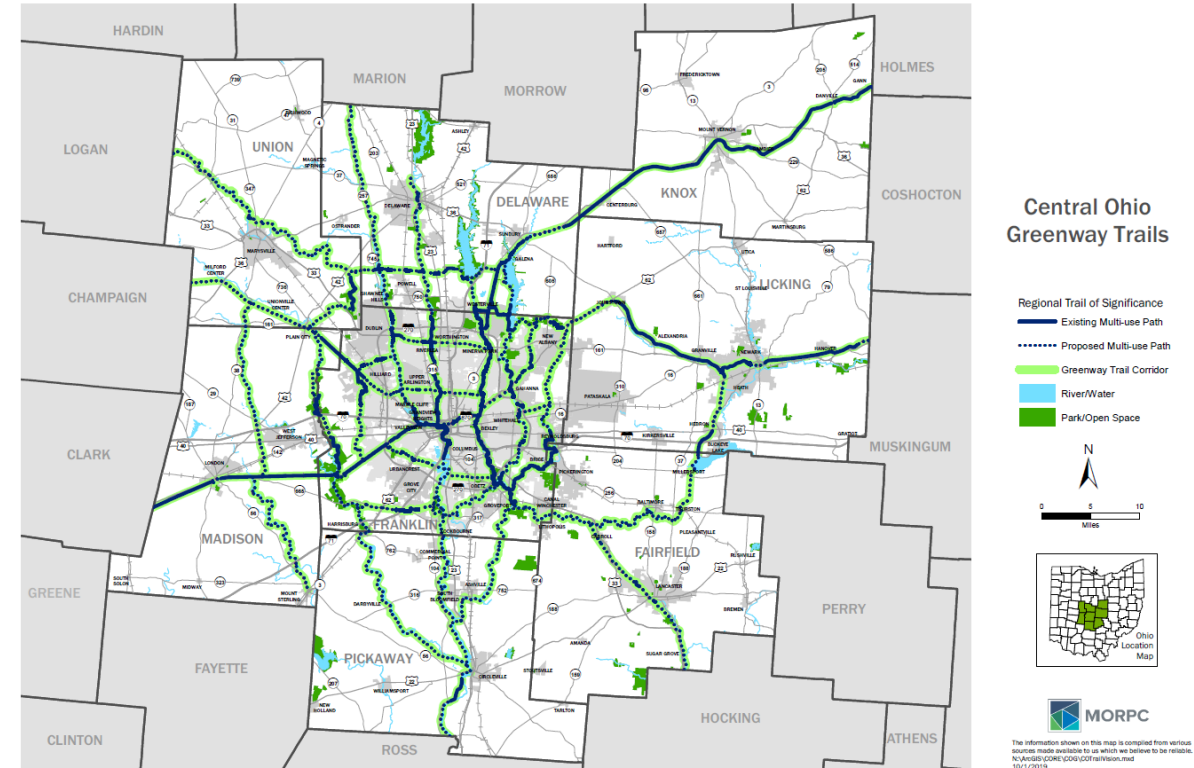
# 2020 Regional Trail Vision Update



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- The Trail Development Working Group will finalize 2020 update recommendations during the **April 16<sup>th</sup>** Working Group Meeting.
- The recommendations will be presented to the COG Board for approval during the May meeting.

**All proposals must be submitted to Melinda Vonstein by April 9<sup>th</sup> 2020**

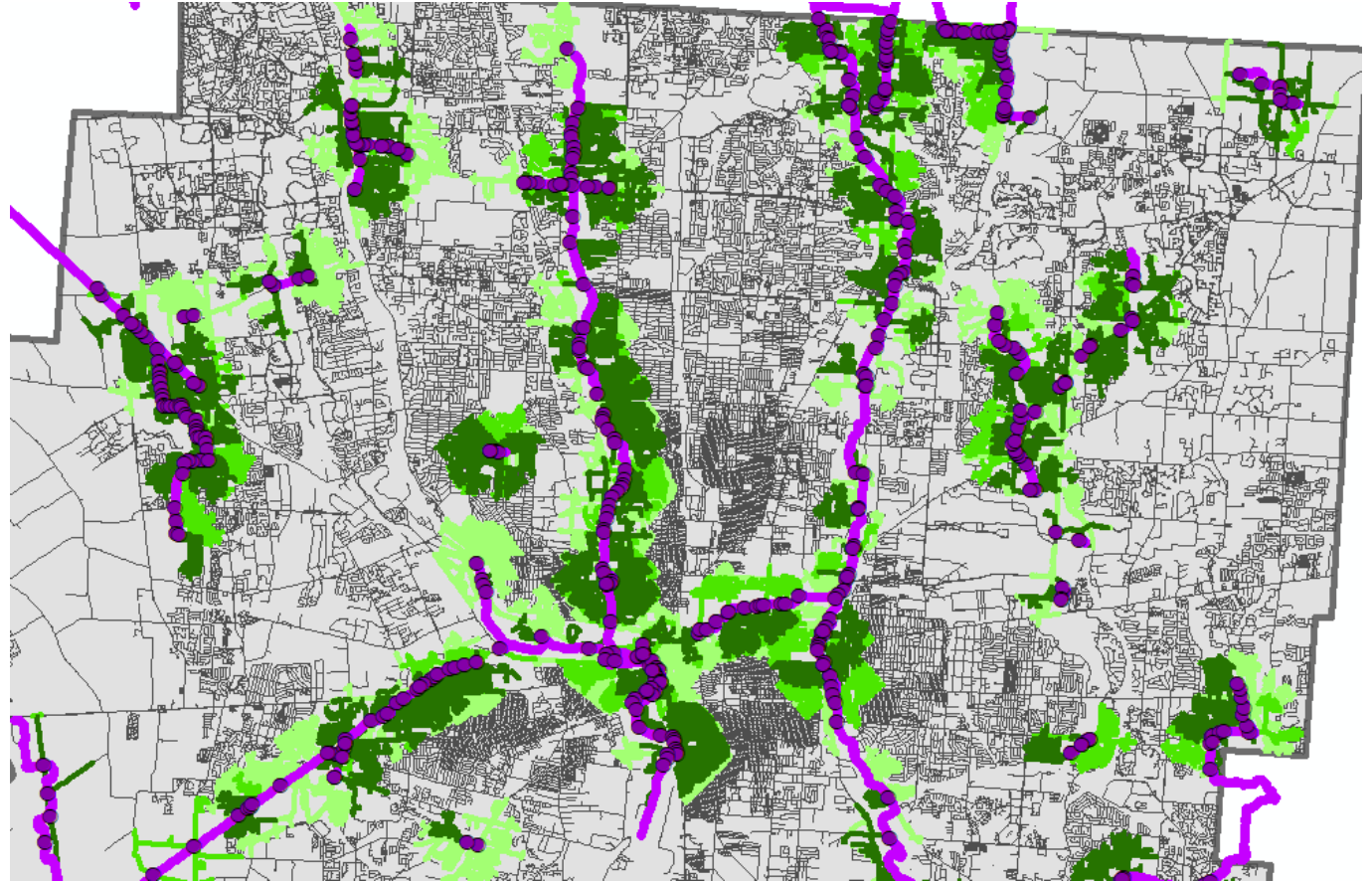


# TRAIL DEVELOPMENT: ONGOING PROJECTS



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- Urban Greenway Design Guide
- Trail Crossing ODOT Safety Project
- Trail and Active Transportation Prioritization



# Questions?





# Partnership Working Group

Rapid 5 – Project Scope Review



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# RAPID 5 - SCOPING PROCESS

- Collaboration between ULI and MORPC (COG)
- MORPC and COG Board asked to develop the scope in partnership with ULI in early 2020
- ULI will raise a bulk of the funding



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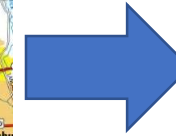
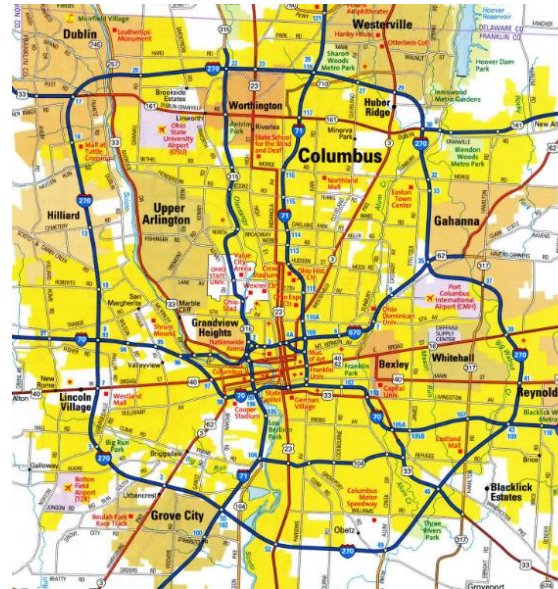


# RAPID 5 –OPPORTUNITY

- Central Ohio has the potential to **redefine the geography** of the region
- A fully built-out greenspace system in will **connect our community to the many beautiful natural resources** that spur from our waterways, while also serving as the **spine of an active transportation network**



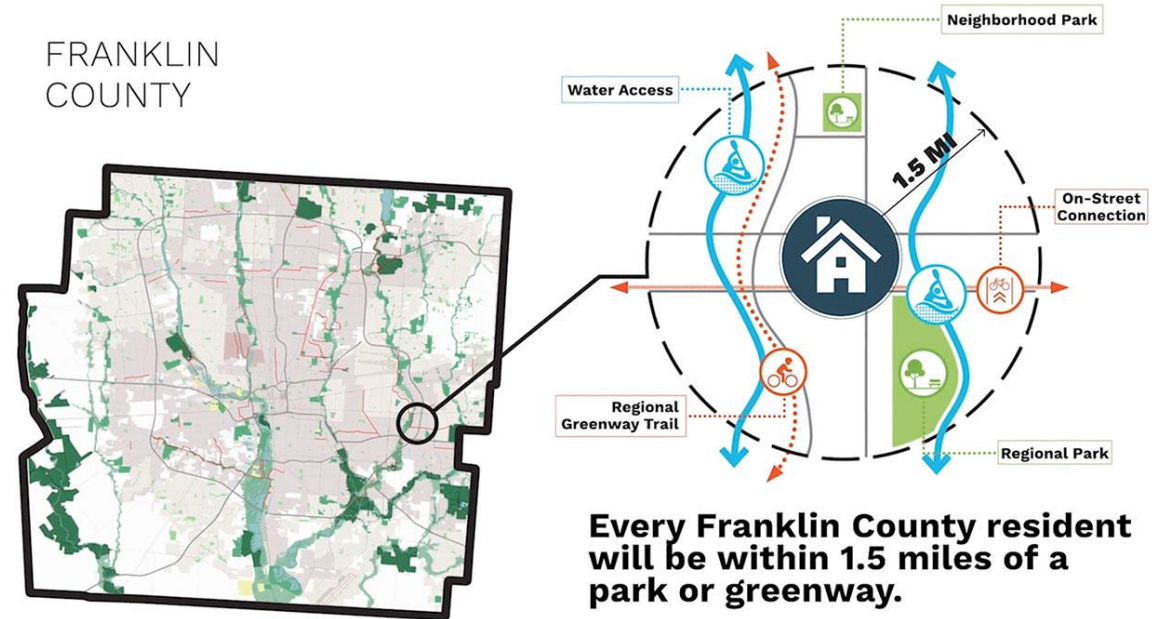
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# RAPID 5 – OPPORTUNITY

## Trail Deficits include:

- Gaps
- Limited “world-class” outdoor recreational destinations
- Limited diversity in types recreational opportunities
- Inequitable unsafe non-vehicle access
- Limited wayfinding or signage
- Inconsistent provision of safety amenities and services
- Lack of an overarching entity managing the trails & greenspace





- Subgroup of:
  - COG Board
  - ULI Managing for Growth Committee
- Background Material and Studies
  - COG Impact of Trails – 2014
  - COG Regional Trails Vision– 2018
  - COG Clarity Report For Readiness and Feasibility – 2019
  - COG Trail and Active Transportation Prioritization Effort – Expected 2020
  - COG Strategic Plan and Best Practice Report – 2015
  - Line of Sight | Columbus Recreation & Parks Land Plan – 2019
  - insight2050
  - Metropolitan Transportation Plan



# RAPID 5 – OUTCOME 1 IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK



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- Multifunctional
  - passive & active recreation and transportation
- Connected
  - bike/ped
- Green-Gray Connections
- Social Inclusiveness
- Economic Development
- Environmental Conservation
- High quality Amenities & Services



# RAPID 5 - OUTCOME 2

## IMPACTS OF GREENWAY FRAMEWORK



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- Expansion of the proposed **COG Impacts of Trails Study** – partially funded by the Columbus Foundation
- Develop **data driven storytelling** and marketing materials
- The data will empower residents and cross-sector leaders to collaborate on the implementation framework by credibly aligning connected greenspace to positive **health, environment, social, and economic outcomes.**

Health

Economy

Equity

Environment



# RAPID 5 – OUTCOME 3

## ILLUSTRATE SPECIFIC PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES



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- Identify and Illustrate 5 projects/segments within the framework and how they fit into the larger system.
- In conjunction with community stakeholders, create a list of elements against which to evaluate the opportunities to meet goals of the framework.



Quarry Trails Metro Park



## RAPID 5 – OUTCOME 4

### DEVELOP A BRAND



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- Develop recommendations for a **cohesive brand** and neighborhood/community **micro-brands**



# RAPID 5 – OUTCOME 6 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

- Develop online platform for communication and public input
- Identify a strategy for monitoring impacts
- Illustrate opportunities for political, philanthropic, and corporate partners
- Identify an ongoing funding source for capital & operations
- Develop potential revenue source
- Identify an entity to acquire, built, and maintain trails, waterways, and open space



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# Questions?





# Operations & Access Working Group

Micro-grid opportunity  
Wayfinding

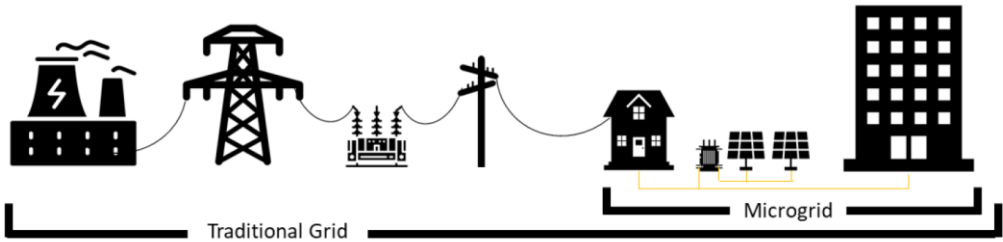


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# MICROGRID PROJECT



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# Questions?





# Marketing & Communications Working Group

Taste of the Trails



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# TASTE OF THE TRAILS: EVENT TOOLKIT



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- Sponsorship Recommendations
- Branding Guidelines
- Passport
- Media and Marketing Guidelines






# TASTE OF THE TRAILS: PASSPORT





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**ALUM CREEK TRAIL**  
Innis Park | Hayden Park | Nelson Park | Wolfe Park | Academy Park  
August 1, 2020



**TASTE OF THE TRAILS**  
**ALUM CREEK TRAIL SCAVENGER HUNT**



**Completing the scavenger hunt:**  
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**FOOD**



# TASTE OF THE TRAILS: PLANNED EVENTS



- Darby Creek – Opening Day Trails RTC
  - April 28, 2020
- Licking County – T.J. Evans
  - May 30, 2020
- City of Columbus – Alum Creek
  - August 1, 2020
- Delaware County – TBD
- Dublin? – TBD

## CANCELATIONS?

## SOCIAL DISTANCING?





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## AEP Microgrid Funding

AEP has funding available for microgrid projects in their territory. Currently, there is roughly \$9.5 million available. Projects of all scales can qualify. Funding must be spent, with the microgrid portion of the project installed, by the end of 2020.

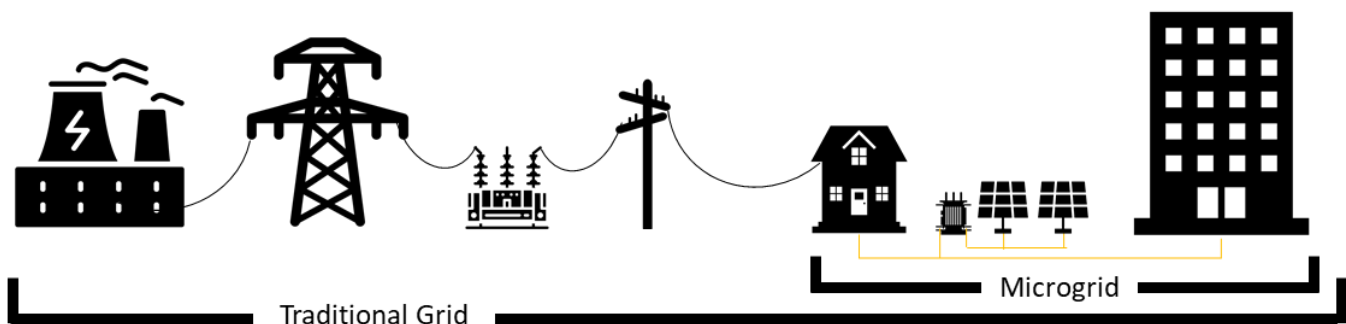
## What is a Microgrid?

The traditional model of an electricity grid includes a generator, transmission, control centers, distribution, and the end-use. This system serves large regions.

A microgrid has all of these components, but is dedicated to serving a smaller area. As such, when the larger grid goes down due to severe weather, the microgrid is still capable of providing for the electricity needs of those within the microgrid.

Additional benefits include:

- Easier integration of renewables, batteries and smart technologies
- Energy efficiency opportunities
- Resiliency in emergencies



## Trail Lighting Opportunity

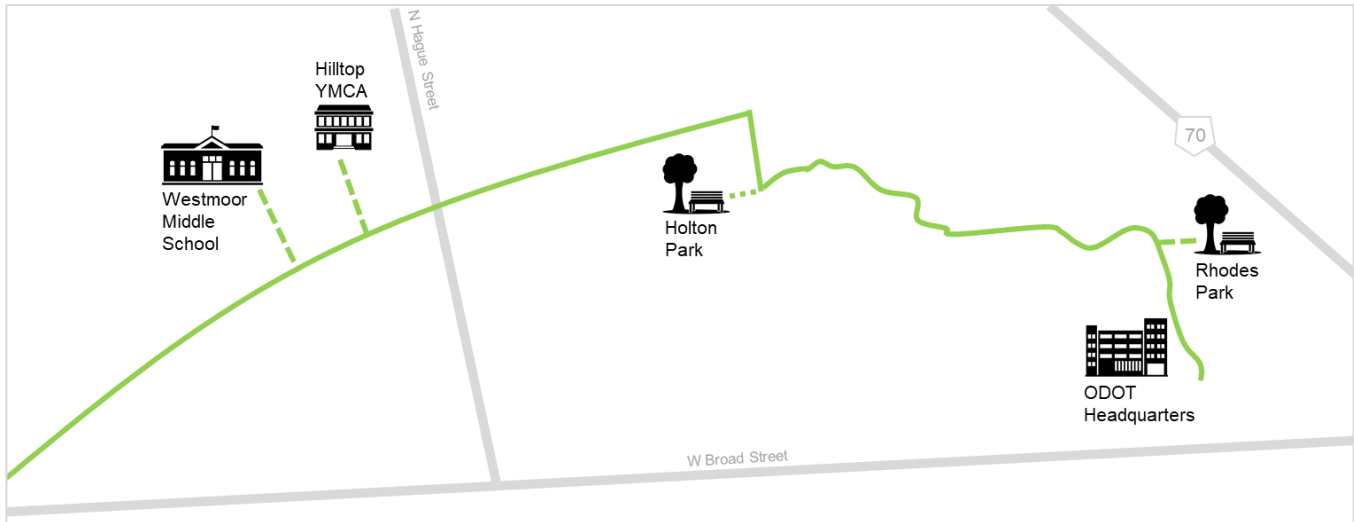
The Camp Chase Trail from Westmoor Middle School to ODOT Headquarters is well traveled and in need of lighting for safe use. Whereas lighting on its own would not necessitate a microgrid, the Camp Chase Trail connects multiple public services that do or could have critical loads<sup>1</sup> during an outage.

- Westmoor Middle School
- Hilltop YMCA
- The Community Center at Holton Park
- ODOT Headquarters

The microgrid project would include the following components:

- Generation (likely solar PV or combined heat and power)
- Distribution infrastructure (likely underground wires and conduit)
- Controlling unit (to regulate electricity flow)
- Electrical loads (trail lighting and facility critical loads)

<sup>1</sup> A critical load is defined as the minimum energy necessary to sustain essential operations during an outage. For example, a hospital would need energy for refrigeration of medication and life support equipment, whereas some equipment, such as lighting in certain areas, may not be necessary for short periods of time.



## Important Points of Note

Although the funding for this project is relatively flexible, there are a few key points to be aware of:

- The microgrid must be within AEP Ohio territory,
- The project must be completed by end of 2020, and
- A non-profit entity must own the generation portion of the microgrid.

The owner of a generation asset would be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the asset. Cost recovery is both possible and expected, as electricity produced would likely be sold to facilities located on the microgrid, or sold to the larger grid.

## Process Details

After it has been confirmed that the stakeholders are interested and that the project would be located in AEP Ohio territory, MORPC can assist in the development of a preliminary proposal and pitch. A stakeholder representative with MORPC will then then present the opportunity to AEP, ideally in February of 2020.

If the proposal fulfills the requirements of the AEP Microgrid Funding, one of the stakeholders would then further the project through a full proposal inclusive of the specifications necessary for the lighting and microgrid portion, as well as the implementation of the project once approved for funding.

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