



Sustaining Scioto Board By-Laws

Purpose

The aim of the Sustaining Scioto Board (Board) is to provide clean and abundant water for everyone in Central Ohio in the face of a changing climate. The Board will achieve this through efforts that support informed decision making, prepare and connect our communities, and protect our resources via communication, education, partnerships, and projects.

Based on the findings of insight2050, Central Ohio is poised to be a region of 3 million people by 2050. At the same time, warmer temperatures, altered patterns of precipitation, and runoff are increasingly compromising the ability to effectively manage water supplies, floods, and significant critical water and wastewater infrastructure. Changes in precipitation and runoff patterns are leading to increased uncertainty for water supply, water quality, flood management, and ecosystem function. Adequate planning and implementation to adapt to regional growth and climate change impacts are key to sustainable water management.

Method

The Sustaining Scioto Board will use a collaborative approach to bring community leaders, utilities, advocacy organizations, and the agricultural community together to accomplish this vision. The initiative will build on the foundation established by the Central Ohio Water Resources Working Group and our regional partners.

To ensure the Board's success, the initiative will need the support and infrastructure of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). MORPC is a non-profit, voluntary association of local governments and regional organizations, dedicated to promoting sustainability.

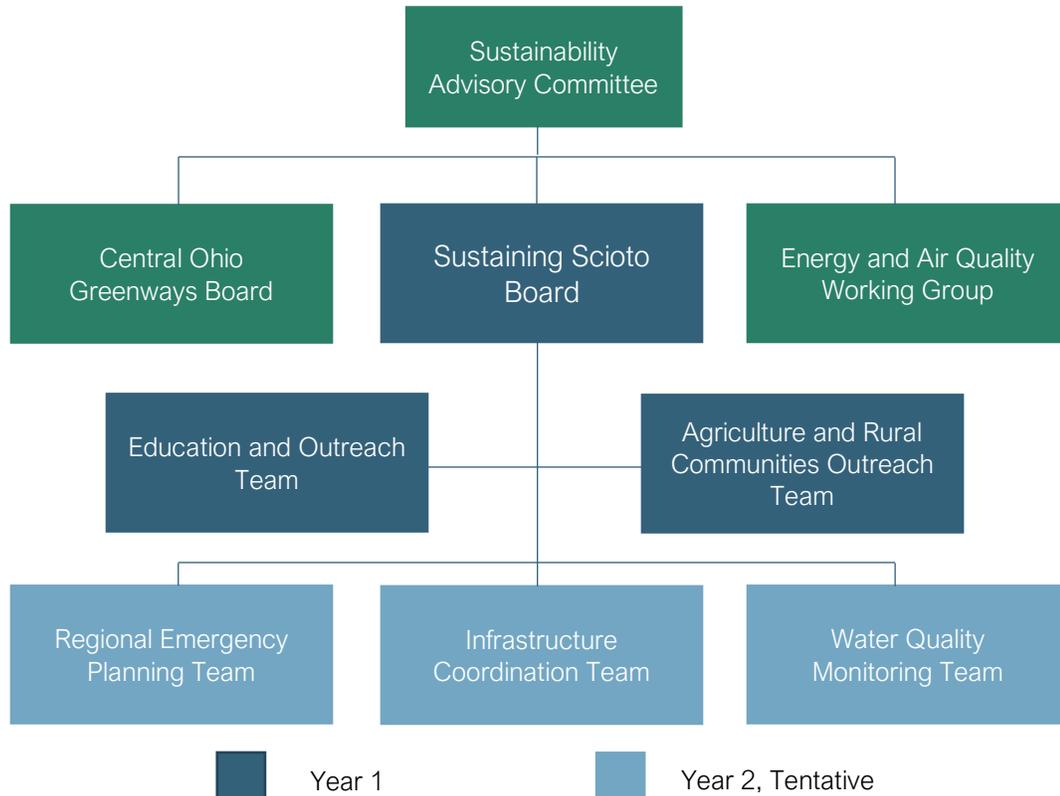
The Sustaining Scioto Board is a standing board of the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) which guides MORPC's and its working groups' activities in the area of economic and environmental sustainability. The Board will provide input and direction on matters of regional importance pertaining to water supply and water quality in Central Ohio. It may address topics, such as project implementation, funding, education and communication, and marketing.

Structure

Since the Sustaining Scioto Board is a standing board of the SAC, its Board Chair will be a member of the SAC.

The Board is supported by working teams that address key regional issues, such as project implementation, funding, education and communication, and marketing. The working teams are chaired by a member of the Board. The Board may adopt by-laws and/or organizational

procedures to assist in its success by defining the selection process of committee members and establishing provisions to encourage broad involvement in membership and leadership.



Board Role and Expectations:

- Serve as the voice of and driver behind regional climate adaptation to secure clean and abundant water for everyone.
- Attend regularly scheduled Board meetings, or send a proxy in the event that you can't attend.
- Provide input and support key objectives of MORPC's Public Policy Agenda and the SAC Agenda.
- Establish working teams as needed to address project implementation, funding, education and communication, and marketing.
- Advise and utilize the expertise of each working team under the Board.

Composition

- 25 member maximum
- Supported by MORPC's Department of Planning and Sustainability.
- The Chair is appointed by the SAC Chair and MORPC's Executive Director.
- Members of the Board, including the Vice Chair, will be appointed by the Board Chair and MORPC's Executive Director.

Term

The Chair and Vice Chair will have a 2-year term on the Board. After the 2-year term expires, the SAC Chair and MORPC's Executive Director shall appoint a Chair and Vice Chair with the advisement of MORPC staff with the option to renew the term of the standing Chair and Vice Chair not to exceed two terms.

To stagger the expiration of terms, one-half of the initial members shall serve for one-year terms and one-half of the members shall serve for two-year terms. Thereafter, as terms expire, all members shall serve two year terms with the option to renew upon being nominated and approved by the Board Chair and MORPC's Executive Director.

Working Teams

Board members are encouraged to either chair or be a member of one of the working teams as described below.

Initially, working teams will be established to focus on partnership, education and outreach, and the rural and agricultural communities. Other working teams may be established after the first year to focus on regional emergency planning, infrastructure coordination, and water quality monitoring. Each working team will be chaired by a Board member and will include both fellow board members as well as other interested stakeholders. The working teams will also coordinate with each other.

Conflicts of Interest

Whenever a Chair or Member has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the Sustaining Scioto Board, the affected person shall a) fully disclose the nature of the interest and b) withdraw from voting on the matter.

Quorum

A quorum shall be defined as those members present (virtually or physically) and eligible to vote at any meeting. An affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum is necessary for any action taken.

Meetings

The Sustaining Scioto Board will meet as necessary. Bi-Monthly meetings are recommended.