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NOTICE OF A MEETING
REGIONAL INFORMATION & DATA GROUP WORKING GROUP
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REMOTE MEETING

November 19, 2020, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Fourth Quarter RIDG Meeting Debrief**
- 3. RIDG Origin Story**
- 4. Steering Committee Charter**
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Adjourn**

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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**The Next Meeting of the
Regional Information & Data Group Working Group
will be December 15, 2020, 3:30 pm
This meeting will be remote. Details to follow.**

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Executive Director

Karen J. Angelou
Chair

Erik J. Janas
Vice Chair

Chris Amorose Grooms
Secretary

Steering Committee

Working Group Members and prospective Steering Committee Members discussed how the work of the Steering Committee should be conducted. Steering Committee Members would suggest topics for the quarterly RIDG meetings and discuss feedback from previous RIDG meetings. Liz noted that MORPC provides staff for operational support of the RIDG meetings. The Working Group was created to establish RIDG, and then will pass the administrative duties of the Working Group on to the Steering Committee. Liz will send Working Group Members and prospective Steering Committee Members the Working Group Charter for further clarification, and for discussion at the next Working Group meeting.

Adjourned at 10:32 am



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REGIONAL INFORMATION & DATA GROUP (RIDG)
Working Group Charter

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) is established through the effort of a working group in support of the Regional Data Advisory Committee's (RDAC) goal in the 2019 – 2020 Regional Data Agenda that MORPC foster collaboration among local governments, partners, and stakeholders to enhance the use of data in Central Ohio. Under that goal, the RDAC identified an objective to convene meetings of local government staff responsible for creating and maintaining the region's data resources.

One action item in support of that objective, and identified as a priority by the RDAC, is to support the creation of a new Central Ohio data user group. The Regional Information & Data Group accomplishes that objective.

PURPOSE:

Local, state and federal government create a wealth of data through their administrative processes that can be used to support the creation of solutions that address social, economic, and other challenges in the public domain. The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) serves as a forum for sharing knowledge resources across organizations to enhance the ability, as a region, to use data to inform and improve planning, policy, and other decision-making that affects residents now and in the future. RIDG serves as an opportunity for professionals to convene around public sector challenges on a quarterly basis.

RIDG OPERATING GUIDELINES:

Content

RIDG meeting content will be created in alignment with the purpose, outlined above. A few key emphasis areas are outlined as follow:

1. Share information across organizations about data resources

This may include:

- a. Information sharing around data quality and limitations
- b. Collection and maintenance of a working, crowdsourced data resource inventory
- c. Identify opportunities to improve or expand local data collection to meet cross-organizational needs
- d. Introduce students and new professionals to data resources and guidance on appropriate data use

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2. Expose local and public data users to technical skills and resources

This may include:

- a. Demonstrations of new software or other technologies around data management, analysis, or visualization
- b. Opportunities to share or seek support around specific technical data challenges (e.g. best practices for cleaning or transforming data, methods for statistical analysis, etc.)
- c. Present real data challenge as an opportunity to innovate and exchange ideas and solutions around data problem solving

3. Identify opportunities for collaboration and redundancy reduction

This may include:

- a. Regular report-outs of key challenges organizations are working on provides opportunities to partner and collaborate on shared objectives
- b. Regular conversations around data or analysis produced by an organization could be useful to another practitioner and reduce redundancy of effort
- c. Models for analyzing data (e.g. R or Python scripts) shared across organizations

Format

RIDG meetings will have an agenda, and may include a combination of facilitated discussions, exercises and/or presentations. The RIDG Working Group will continue to provide guidance and direction for meeting format and content in at least the first year of operation (2020).

Schedule

RIDG will meet once per quarter, beginning in January 2020. Meetings will be scheduled to avoid conflict with the Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) to allow participants to attend both meetings. Meetings will be scheduled during regular business hours.

Participants

Participation in RIDG will be free and open to all. Participation will be solicited from known professionals in the region who work with data to solve problems within the public domain.

Communication

RIDG meeting schedules and minutes will be posted on the MORPC website. A list of RIDG participants will be maintained by MORPC staff and upcoming meeting invitations and agendas will be distributed to that list each quarter, as well as other correspondence as needed. The RIDG Working Group will support with soliciting participants within the first year of operation (2020).

REGIONAL INFORMATION & DATA GROUP (RIDG)

Origin Story



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Regional Data Advisory Committee



“The RDAC advances data policies and strategic actions to increase access to open data in Central Ohio”

- Brad Ebersole, Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Chair
- Jung Kim, One Columbus, Vice-Chair
- Charlie Burks, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Shoreh Elhami, City of Columbus
- Rick Garrabrant, City of Columbus
- Tom Kneeland
- Bill Lafayette, Regionomics®
- Dave Landsbergen, OSU John Glenn College
- Doug McCollough, City of Dublin
- Jonathan Miller, Delaware County Regional Planning Commission
- Gene Oliver, City of Worthington
- Sam Orth, City of Columbus
- Tom Reed, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio
- Theresa Seagraves, Franklin County Public Health
- Rick Stein, Urban Decision Group

2019-2020 Regional Data Agenda



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- Five overarching goals, 21 objectives, 61 action items defined by the RDAC in 2018
- Of those 61 action items, the RDAC identified 4 priority projects for 2019 / 2020:
 1. **Establish a Regional Data User Group**
 2. Develop a sustainability data observatory and sustainability metrics tracking resource in partnership with CURA (Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, OSU)
 3. Develop a Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy
 4. Create and publish a data policy needs survey and toolkit

A Priority Action



- Goal 1 : In its role as a convener and facilitator, MORPC will FOSTER COLLABORATION among local governments, partners, and stakeholders to enhance the use of data in Central Ohio.
 - Objective 1.1 Convene meetings of local government staff responsible for creating and maintaining the region's data resources.
 - 1.1.4 Support the creation of a new Central Ohio data users group.

RIDG Working Group



- **Charlie Burks, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Chair**
- Orié Kristel, Illuminology
- **Bill Lafayette, Regionomics**
- Katie Phillips, OSU Center for Urban and Regional Analysis
- **Jonathan Miller, Delaware County Regional Planning Commission**
- **Gene Oliver, City of Worthington**
- **Tom Reed, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio**
- **Shoreh Elhami, City of Columbus**

*Members listed in **bold** are also RDAC members

RIDG Purpose



Public data for public good.

Local, state and federal government create a wealth of data through their administrative processes that can be used to support the creation of solutions that address social, economic, and other challenges in the public domain.

Build capacity & make existing capacity more efficient.

The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) serves as a forum for sharing knowledge resources across organizations to enhance the ability, as a region, to use data to inform and improve planning, policy, and other decision-making that affects residents now and in the future.

Professional development for our public data stewards.

RIDG serves as an opportunity for professionals to convene around public sector challenges on a quarterly basis.

RIDG STEERING COMMITTEE CHARTER



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RIDG Steering Committee Purpose



- RDAC Working Groups are intentionally time-limited.
- The Steering Committee will be an oversight body that keeps RIDG:

INNOVATIVE

looks for new ways to engage users and develop content

RELEVANT

explores the ecosystem of data user groups and resources and understands how RIDG 'fits in'

RESPONSIVE

responds to participant needs as well as RDAC priorities

RIDG Steering Committee Proposed Calendar / Activities



ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING(S) (January)

Prior year retrospective

- Consider the needs of RIDG participants in developing content for RIDG meetings

Evaluate the RIDG vision, purpose, and strategy

- Serve as a conduit to and from RDAC, including consideration of emerging data capacity building priorities established by RDAC
- Build partnerships and increase compatibility with other data user groups in the region
- Develop strategies for engagement of RIDG participants between meetings

QUARTERLY PLANNING MEETINGS (January, April, July & October)

Develop content for quarterly RIDG meetings

RIDG Steering Committee Structure

- Committee member selection
- Committee leadership
- Term length



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