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NOTICE OF A MEETING

**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS BOARD MEETING**

HYBRID MEETING

January 18, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome – *Mike Andrako, Chair***
- 2. MORPC Updates**
 - a. Legislative Update – *Kyle Probert*
 - b. Technical Assistance – *Lauren Cardoni*
 - c. Attributable Funding – *Thomas Graham*
 - d. Central Ohio Blueways – *Jonathan Miller*
- 3. ~~Board Member Spotlight: The City of Dublin – *J.M. Rayburn*~~
(Rescheduled, date TBD)**
- 4. Working Group Reports – MORPC Staff**
 - a. Trail Development / Partnerships
 - b. Marketing & Communications / Operations & Access
- 5. COG Board Retreat Planning – *Jennifer Noll***
- 6. Other Business / Closing – *Mike Andrako***

**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.**

**The next Central Ohio Greenways Board Meeting will be
TBD Spring 2023**

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Erik J. Janas
Chair

Chris Amorose Grooms
Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
Secretary



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Legislative Update

Our team is hard at work advocating on behalf of the region in the halls of the Ohio Statehouse and U.S. Capitol. We work closely with civic leaders and partner organizations to prioritize the aspirations of our local communities and communicate those aspirations to elected and appointed officials.

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2023 Technical Assistance Program

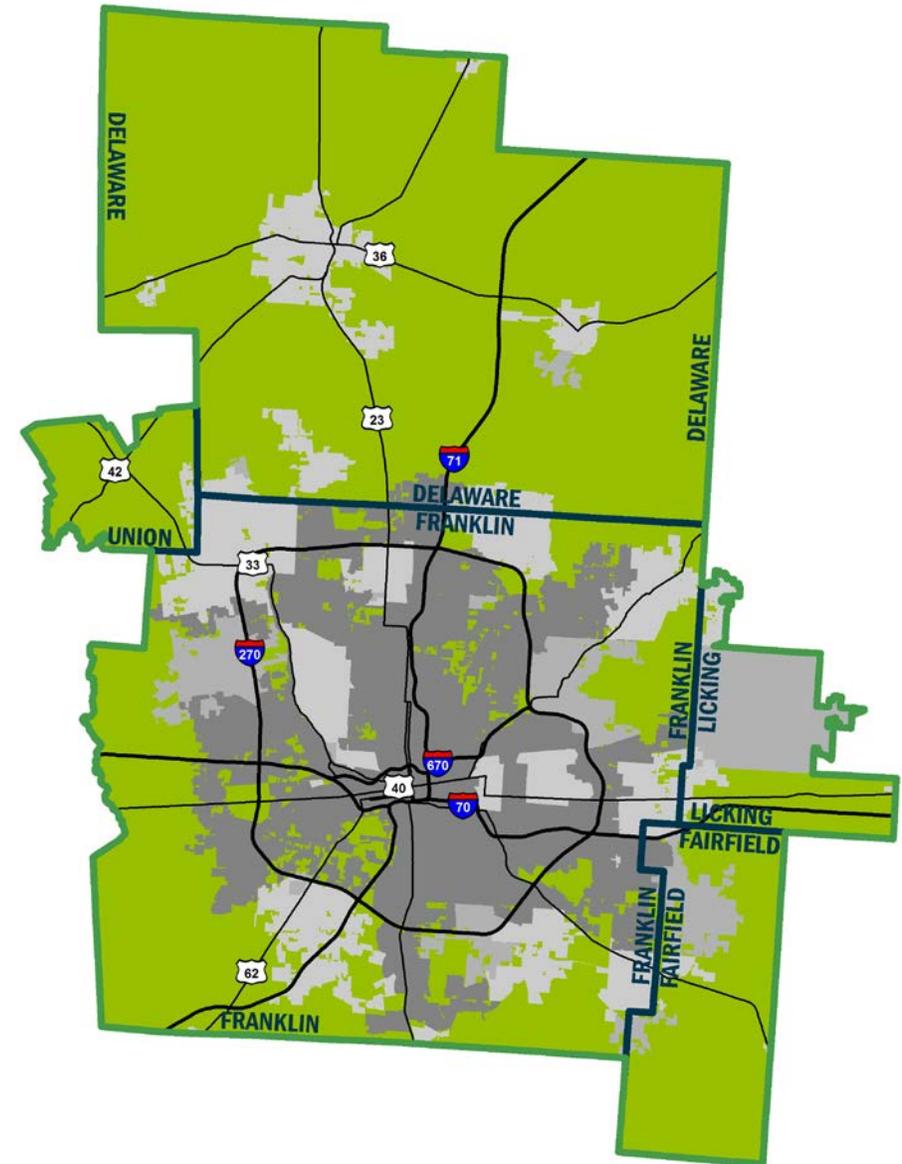
Program Updates and Awardees
January 2023



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Technical Assistance Program

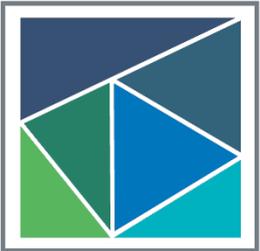
- Technical Assistance Program (TA Program) **provides MORPC staff assistance** to eligible members within the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Community-based **planning services that advance the goals in the MTP** through implementation of specific MTP strategies
- **Awarded through a competitive application process**, evaluated by committee
- Services **completed within 6-9 months**



Past Technical Assistance Services

2022 Program	2020-2021 Program	Pilot Program
<p>City of Columbus Trail Access and Connectivity Study</p>	<p>City of Hilliard Cemetery Road Conceptual Development Framework</p>	<p>City of Delaware Complete Streets Policy</p>
<p>City of Dublin Trail Access and Connectivity Study</p>	<p>Franklin County Complete Streets Implementation Toolkit</p>	<p>City of Westerville Brooksedge Office Park Redevelopment Framework</p>
<p>City of Sunbury Trail Access and Connectivity Study</p>	<p>Jefferson Township Blacklick Station Conceptual Development Framework</p>	<p>City of Worthington Complete Streets Policy</p>
<p>Metro Parks Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement (Scioto Trail)</p>	<p>City of Columbus Speed Management and Traffic Calming Framework</p>	<p>Violet Township Community Center Development Framework</p>
	<p>City of Westerville Cleveland Avenue Corridor Visioning</p>	

2023 Awards



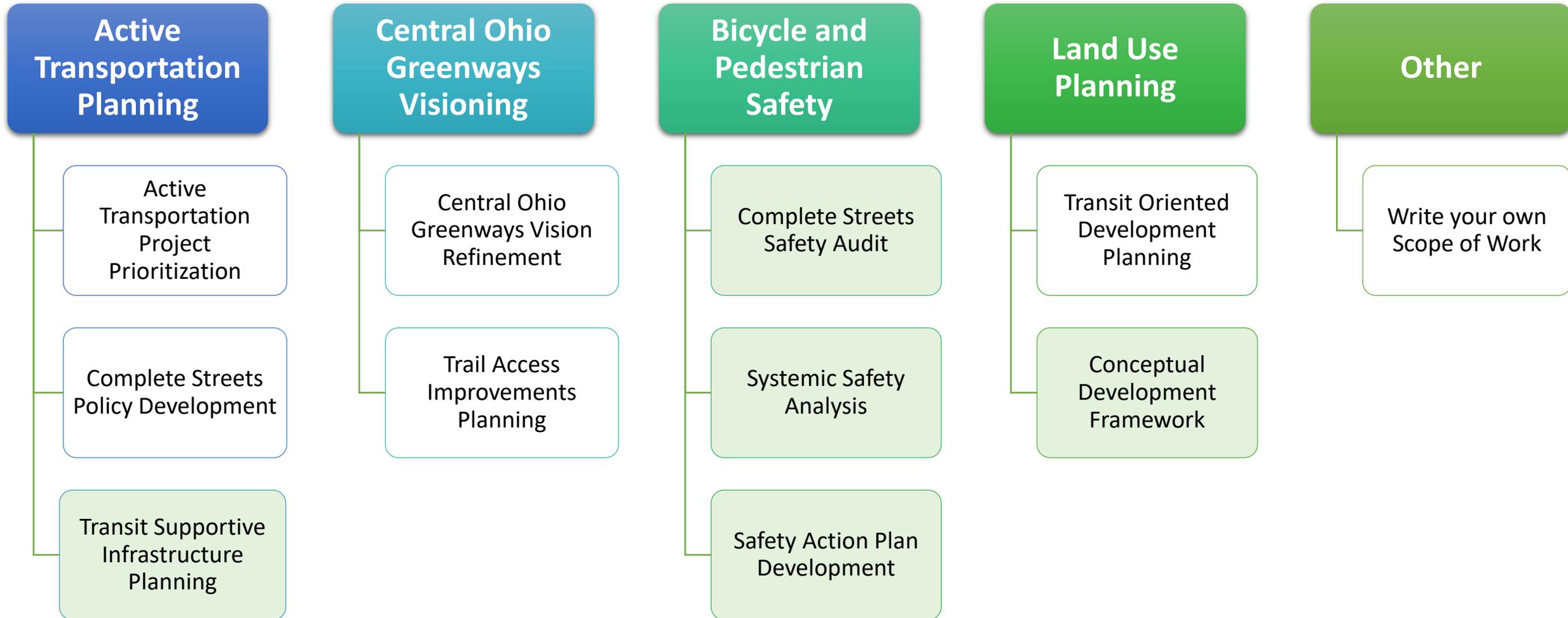
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Technical Assistance Activities



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Technical Assistance Program 2023 Awards

6 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED; 5 AWARDED

Applicant Agency	Requested Activity
Brown Township (Franklin County)	Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
Berlin Township (Delaware County)	Trail Access Improvements / AT Planning
City of Grove City	Central Ohio Greenways Vision Refinement
Violet Township (Fairfield County)	Trail Access Improvements / AT Planning
City of Delaware	Safety Action Plan Development

Important Dates for 2023 Program Cycle



January 6, 2023

- Awardees Notified

Week of January 16 & 23

- Kick-off Meetings with Awardees

[February 2023]

- Begin Technical Assistance Services

[September 2023]

- Completion of Technical Assistance

www.morpc.org/program-service/technical-assistance-program

QUESTIONS?

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MORPC Attributable Funding

A portion of federal transportation funding is allocated at MORPC's discretion, following an application and selection process. We call these funds MORPC-Attributable Funds. We work closely with local agencies to prioritize the use of these funds to meet their needs and those of the entire region. They can be used for roads and bridges, public transit, bikeways, sidewalks, and a variety of other activities.

[MORPC-attributable Funding for Transportation - MORPC - MORPC](#)



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Draft Recommendations for Attributable Funds

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MORPC-Attributable Funding Process

- Commitment Updates received in July of 2022
 - Inflationary impacts resulted in an average 18% increase in requested funding from 21 existing commitments
- New Funding Applications received in September of 2022
 - 42 final applications were received requesting over \$260 million
- New applications were evaluated throughout the fall and the Attributable Funds Committee (AFC) approved Draft Recommendations for Funding on December 14th.
- A public comment period on the Draft Recommendations is open through February 8th.
- Final approval of funding commitments is anticipated in early March.

Draft Funding Recommendations

- Approve all commitment update requests
- Provide funding to 23 new projects:
 - Roadway Capacity & Operational Changes: 9 projects (\$53M)
 - System Preservation: 4 projects (\$28.5M)
 - Transit: 1 project (\$13.1M)
 - Bike & Pedestrian: 9 projects (\$53.4M)
- Total New Commitments: \$148,028,000
- Total Updated Commitments: \$178,065,000
- **Total Proposed Funding SFY 2024-2029: \$326,093,000**

Draft Funding Recommendations – New Bike & Ped

Columbus	Big Walnut Trail--Refugee Road to East Main Street	\$7,483,914
Columbus	Sullivant Avenue SUP	\$4,133,352
Columbus	McNaughten Road SUP	\$7,834,505
Franklin County	Dublin Road Shared-Use Path (Quarry Trails Metro Park to Limestone Ridge Drive)	\$10,351,449
Metro Parks	Scioto Trail Bridge Over State Route 104 as part of the Scioto Greenway Trail Extension	\$7,980,683
Hilliard	Cemetery Road / I-270 Trail Overpass and Safety Improvements (CIP T-162)	\$7,097,717
Whitehall	Fairway Boulevard Multi-Use Path	\$3,169,511
Columbus	Dublin-Granville Road (SR-161) SUP	\$2,266,149
Columbus	Cassady Avenue SUP	\$3,057,201

Draft Funding Recommendations - Comments

- MORPC has published the Draft Recommendations for Funding on our website at: <https://www.morpc.org/program-service/morpc-attributable-funding-for-transportation/>
- Comments can be emailed to tip@morpc.org or mailed to:
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- Comments will be accepted through February 8, 2023.

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Central Ohio Blueways

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission -- in partnership with local communities, parks districts, and grassroots organizations -- provides residents and visitors with information on where they can safely and legally access the water for paddle sports in Central Ohio's neighborhoods.

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Central Ohio Blueways

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WATER TRAIL DESIGNATION

CURRENT FOCUS OF BLUEWAYS

- Through ODNR
- Requires Partnership Agreements
- Need Access Point & Hazard Inventory
 - Including Amenities
 - Mapping Updates Needed

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDING

- Brochures
- Maps
- Signage

**Olentangy River received Water Trail Designation*

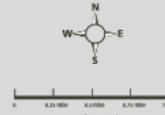
- *Broadmeadows to the Downtown Confluence*



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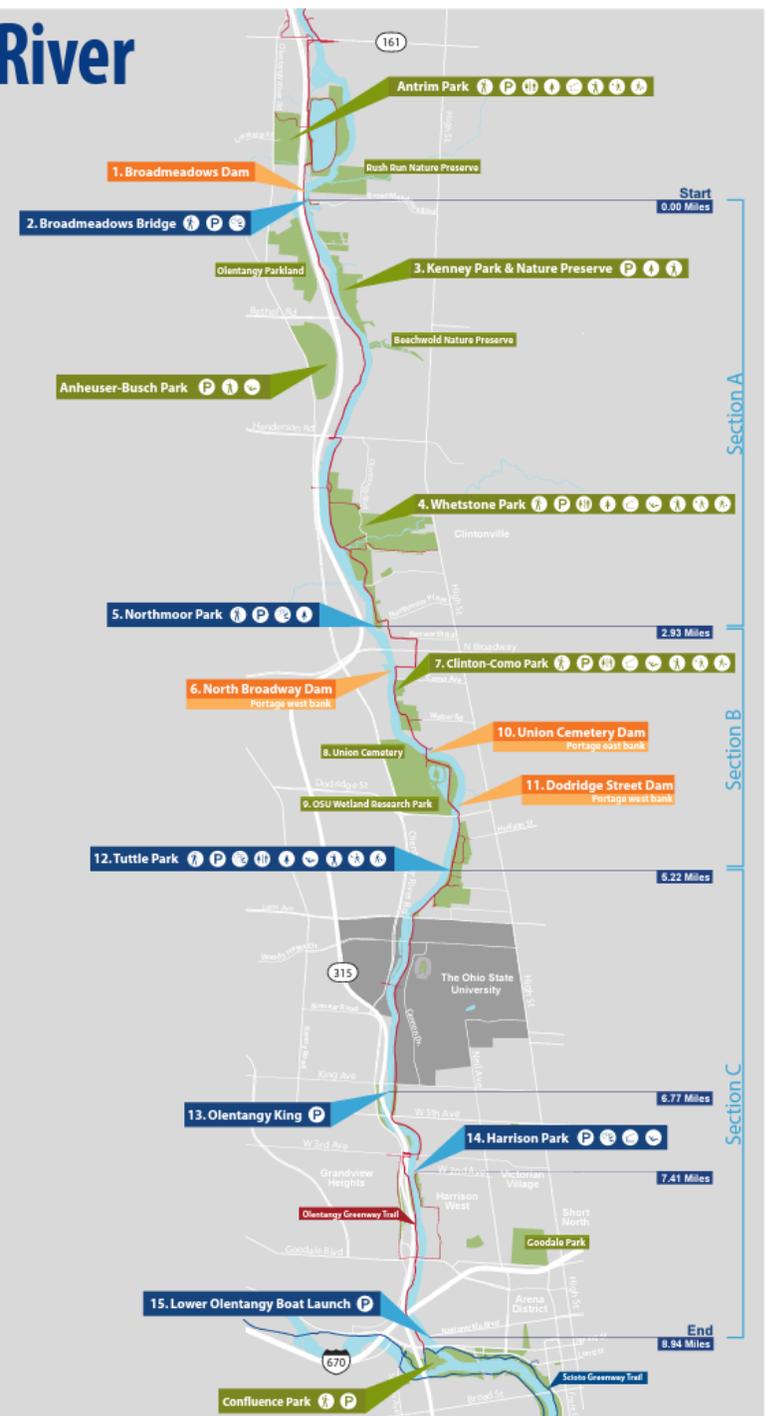
Olentangy River Water Trail

8.94 miles / Class I - II



	Water Trail Access
	Boating Hazard
	Parkland
	Trailhead
	Parking
	Paddle/Pedal
	Restrooms
	Natural Area
	Shelter
	Playground
	Athletic Fields
	Tennis Courts
	Basketball Courts

Watch for signage to portage around lowhead dams:



THE PATH FORWARD

ADVISORY PANEL (HIGH-LEVEL ENTITIES)

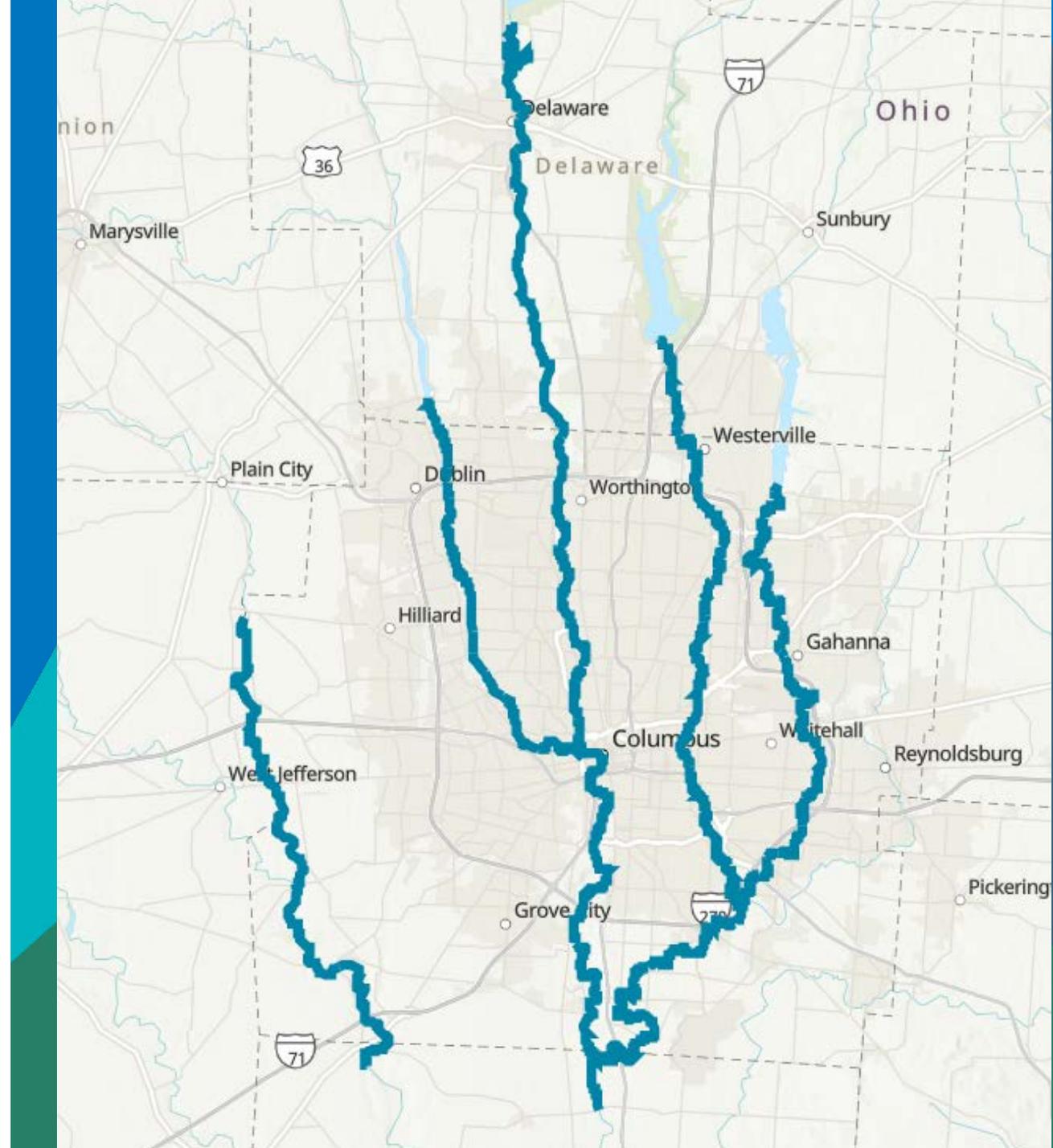
- Develop Draft Materials for Partnership Groups
 - Elements of the Partnership Agreements
- Assist in Determining a More Permanent Structure
 - Where does Blueways exist in the long-term?
 - Potential sources of funding?
 - Prioritization of future projects?

**Kickoff Meeting on January 27th*

PARTNERSHIP GROUPS (IMPACTED ENTITIES)

- Finalize Partnership Agreements for each Blueway
- Determine Long-Term Involvement

**Assembling Contact Lists; Meeting Likely in Early March*



THANKS!

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Working Group Report

Trail Development & Partnerships



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TRAIL DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP REPORT



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**Trail Vision
Updates**



**Trail Count
Program**

RAPID



Partnerships



Working Group Report

Marketing & Communications and Operations



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MARKETING & COMMUNICATION AND OPERATIONS & ACCESS WORKING GROUP REPORT



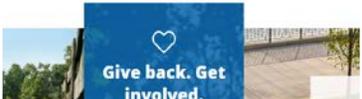
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Urban Trail Towns



Wayfinding



Website



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COG Board Retreat Planning



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RETREAT PLANNING TIMELINE

COG Board Meeting

November 16, 2022

- Retreat Planning Discussion

COG Board Meeting

January 18, 2023

- Approve Board Retreat Agenda

COG Board Retreat

TBD SPRING 2023

- Host Board Retreat

Retreat Planning Meeting

- Develop Workshop Agendas
- Board Member Support Requested

Retreat Planning Meeting

- Refine Workshop Agendas
- Board Member Support Requested



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COG BOARD MEMBER RETREAT AGENDA

Introduction – Strategic Plan Review

COG Action Item Review:
review the strategic plan progress from 2015 – 2022

Workshop 1: Strategic Funding

- **learn** more about current and expected funding opportunities for trails.
- **discuss** existing obstacles and opportunities for leveraging funding.
- **goal:** identify 3-5 long- and short-term action items

Workshop 2: Trail Town Program Development

- **learn** about the Trail Town Framework Development and review 2015 Strategic Plan Goals that align with the concept of Trail Towns.
- **discuss** potential partnerships, program structure, funding, and staff and resources.
- **goal:** to identify 3-5 long and short-term action items

Workshop 3: Partnership Development

- **learn** about the mission of strategic initiatives including Rapid 5 and LinkUS.
- **discuss** how RAPID 5 and LinkUS may be leveraged to Champion the COG Mission.
- **goal** of the workshop is to identify 3-5 long and short-term action items

Conclusion

- Summarize action items
- Discuss Priorities
- Affirm mission



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THANK YOU!

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