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CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS BOARD MEETING HYBRID

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MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 111 LIBERTY ST, SUITE 100 COLUMBUS, OH 43215

November 20, 2024 10:00 -11:30 AGENDA

- 1) Welcome and Introductions: Mike Andrako, FCEO
 - Summit on Sustainability Awards:
 - o 2024 Leadership in Mobility Award- Mike Andrako
 - 2024 Collaborative Achievement in Sustainability Award- Trail Towns Central Ohio
- 2) MORPC Updates MORPC Staff
 - i. Legislative Update Kyle Probert, MORPC
 - ii. Technical Assistance Jordan Petrov, MORPC
 - iii. Central Ohio Blueways Jonathan Miller, MORPC
- 3) COG Working Group and Steering Committee Updates
 - a. COG Board Project Updates Melinda Vonstein
 - i. COG Mapping Natural Assets
 - ii. COG Detours and Reroutes Guidelines
 - b. Trail Development Working Group Kelly Scocco
 - 1. Regional Trail Vision Progress Melinda Vonstein
 - 2. Greenway Planning Studio Regional Collaboration Meetings *Sam Smith*
 - 3. 2024 Goals
 - c. Trail Towns Working Group Laura Ball
 - 1. Logo and Brand Development
 - 2. Outerspatial
 - 3. 2024 Goals
- 4) Other Business Board Members
- 5) Closing Mike Andrako

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Hybrid Meeting

Central Ohio Greenways Board

November 10, 2024, 10:00 am

Members Present Chair Mike Andrako, Franklin County Engineer's Office Laura Ball, City of Westerville Jody Dzuranin, Ohio to Erie Trail Bertie Fields, Black Girls do Bike Adrienne Joly, City of New Albany Dan Kaderly, Metro Parks Kari Kauffman, Experience Columbus Tamisha Matus, Union County Health Dept. Angela Mitchell, Black Women in Nature Eric Oberg, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy Andrew Overbeck, MKSK J.M. Rayburn, City of Dublin Letty Schamp, City of Hilliard Kelly Scocco, City of Columbus Kim Shields, Grove City Zachary Sunderland, COTA Olivia Toth, Knox County Convention & Visitors Mara Villaseca, OSU, Knowlton School of Architecture Julie Walcoff, Toole Design

Public Present David Poole

Brad Westall, City of Columbus

Staff Present Tunazzina Alam

Lauren Cardoni
Lynn Kaufman
Jessica Kuenzli
Darcy Maas
Jonathan Miller
Jordan Petrov
Kyle Probert
Sam Smith
Melinda Vonstein



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- CONGRATS MIKE ANDRAKO!







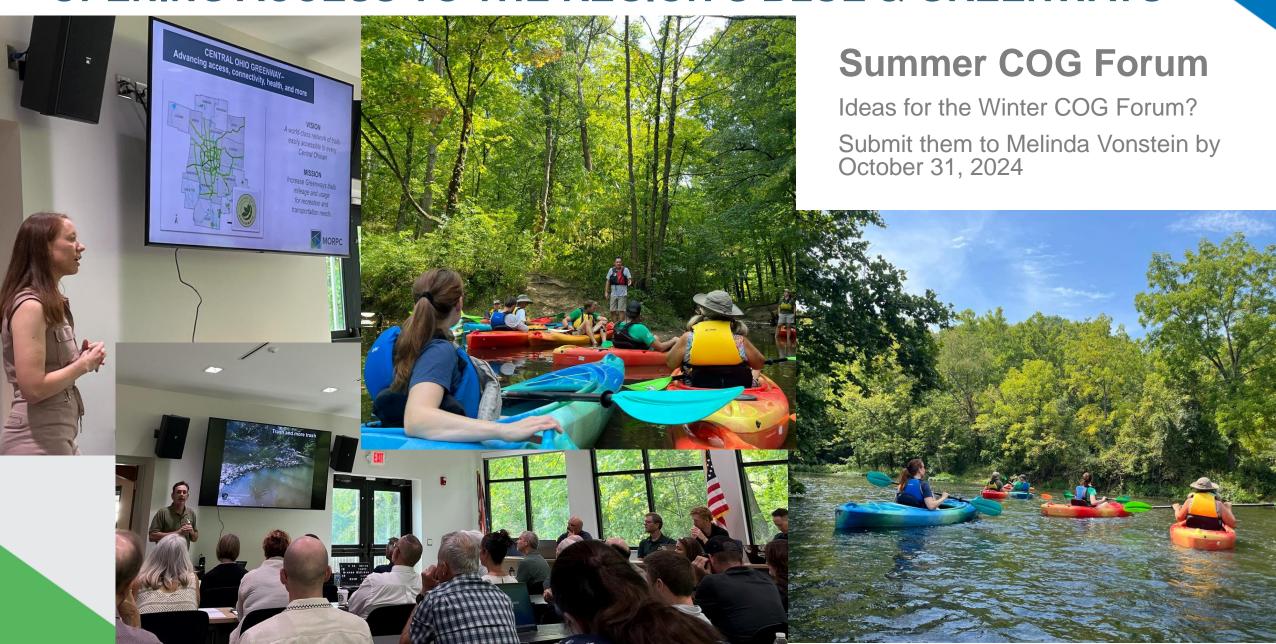
Collaborative Achievement in Sustainability Award TRAIL TOWN WORKING GROUP!







OPENING ACCESS TO THE REGION'S BLUE & GREENWAYS



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POST-ELECTION RECAP:

Statehouse

- House: 65-34 GOP Majority
- Senate: 24-9 GOP Majority
- House Speaker Jason Stephens not seeking gavel again





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POST-ELECTION RECAP:

Congress

- GOP to control House and Senate by narrow margins
- Senator Sherrod Brown defeated by Bernie Moreno
- Senator J.D. Vance elected VP
- All Central Ohio incumbents won
- New Congressman in OH-02, Dave Taylor
- Federal budget deadline December 20th, CR possible
- Re-authorization of 2017 Tax Cuts a top GOP priority





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WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2025...

From the federal government:

- Programs and grants created under IRA, IIJA are likely to be at risk of sunset, elimination, and/or clawback.
- Reduced emphasis from federal government on climate, equity
- Regulatory reform, tax and spending cuts

From MORPC:

- A new Public Policy Agenda reaffirming our guiding principles
- Strategic coordination with our allies to achieve positive outcomes

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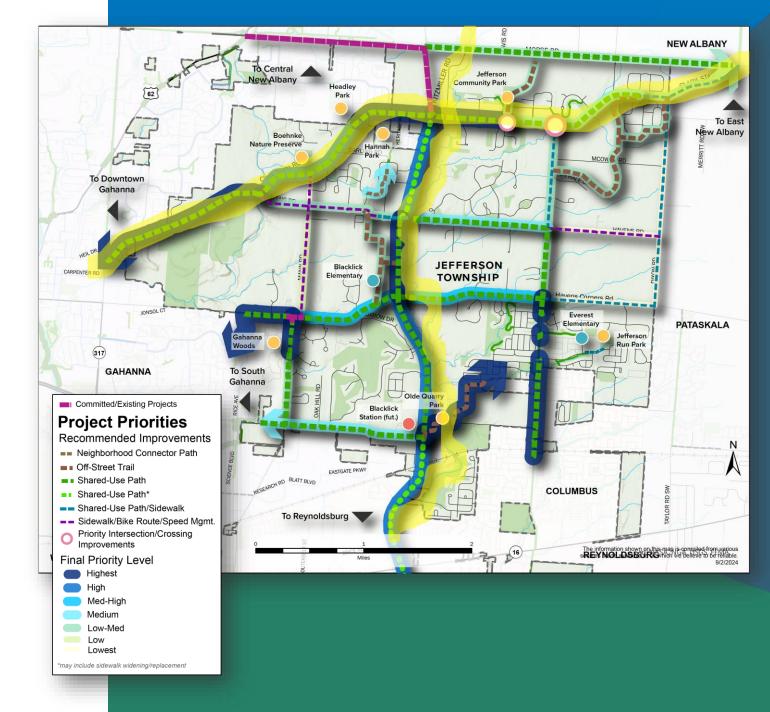
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2024 Recap

- Active Transportation Project Prioritization
- Jefferson Township
 - Complete!
 - Vision Network
 - Next Steps
 - o COG:
 - Blacklick Creek Trail Alignment, funding, partnership
 - Clark State Road COG Trail potential?
- Franklin Township
 - Wrapping up
 - Focus on sidewalks
 - o COG: Access to Camp Chase Trail





2025 Technical Assistance Program

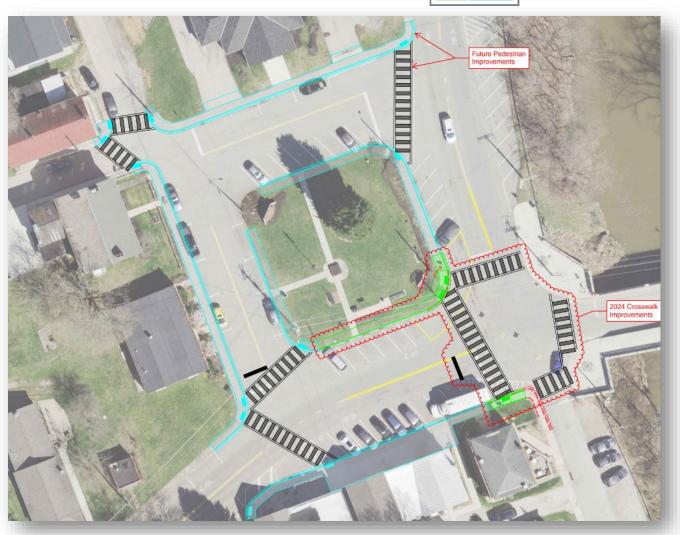


Awardees	Selected Activity		
Village of Galena	Complete Streets Safety Audit		
City of Hilliard	Trail Towns & Wayfinding Study		
City of Gahanna	Capital Improvement Plan Digitization & Publication		
City of Grove City	TSI Study of US-62		

Galena: Complete Streets Safety Audit



- Increased traffic nearby
 - Intel, development in Delaware County
- Enhance safety in downtown area
 - Lots of older adults
 - Preliminary plans
- Expanded scope CS audit of whole village
 - Multimodal, safety-focused response



Gahanna: CIP Digitization & Publication

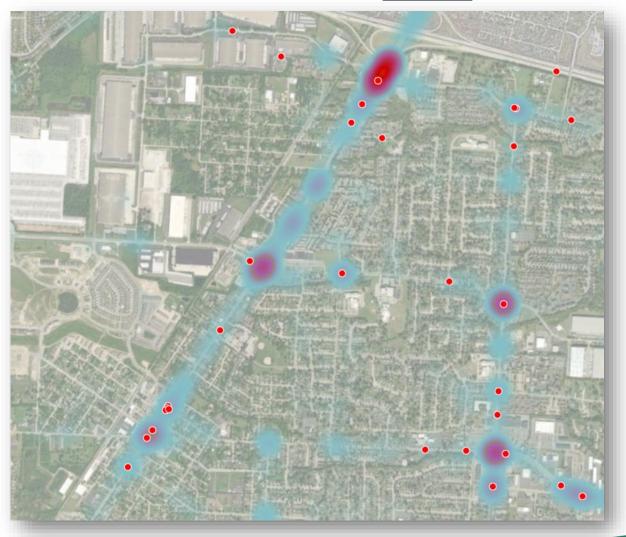
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- GIS platform to digitize Gahanna's CIP
 - Facilitate coordination b/t departmental CIPs
 - Enhance opportunities for inter-jurisdictional coordination
 - Public-facing CIP platform
- Ensure cohesion with decision-making processes
 - Following ATP
 - In parallel with Mobility Plan

Grove City: TSI Study of US-62

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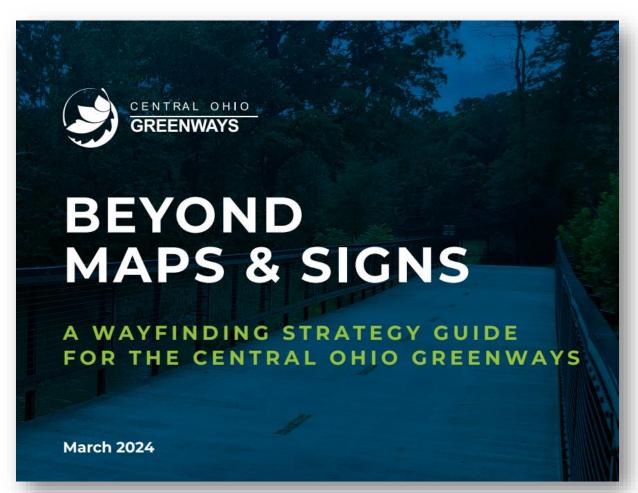
- Study Area: US-62 south of I-270 in Grove City
 - High-traffic
 - Significant crash history, including ped/bike
- Northern section: focus on coordination
 - Urbancrest, ODOT
 - Post-TA feasibility study scope
- Southern section: focus of study
 - Safety improvements
 - Re-allocation opportunities
 - TSI Project Development



Hilliard: Trail Towns & Wayfinding Study



- COG Focus
- Local application of Wayfinding Strategy
 - "Pilot Study"
 - Inventory of key destinations & amenities
- Ongoing local wayfinding project
 - Meld recommendations with COG Wayfinding Strategy
- Hilliard signage and Trail Town strategy
 - Local business relationships



REGIONAL QUADRANT MEETINGS

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CENTRAL OHIO BLUEWAYS UPDATE



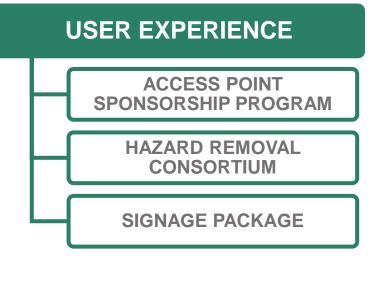
WORLD RIVERS DAY CLEANUP

• 3,750 POUNDS OF TRASH REMOVED

WORKING GROUP PROJECTS



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP INVASIVE SPECIES ID GUIDE NATIVE VEGETATION RECOMMENDATIONS ONION BAG PROJECT





Contact Jonathan Miller (jmiller @morpc.org) for more information.

COMMUNITY-BASED PLANNING ASSISTANCE



CONSULTANT SERVICES PROGRAM



PLANNER POOL PROGRAM



Assistance with the RFP and Consultant Procurement Process for Planning & Zoning Related Activities

RFP Clearinghouse for all member community projects

Assistance with Smaller-Scale Projects and Pre-Planning Activities

Short-term temporary planning staffing assistance

COG WORKING GROUP & STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATES





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Wayfinding

- Complete
- Available on the COG Website
- COG Staff available to share the results
- MORPC technical assistance available to help implement

Mapping Natural Assets

- Technical Working Group meeting end of July
- Project completion anticipated in fall 2024

Detours & Closures

- Committee has meet twice to provide input on detour designs and detour communications
- Communities
 may request
 support from
 COG TD working
 group to design
 detours in the
 future
- Two page guidance anticipated fall 2024

Trail Development Working Group

- Group is subdivided into rural and urban groups
- Quadrant meetings anticipated in October, November & December
- Will recommend updates to the COG Board in January

Trail Towns Working Group

- Branding
- Mapping
- Outdoor Trails Pass



TRAIL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIRS

KELLY SCOCCO, City of Columbus

TAMISHA MATUS, Union County



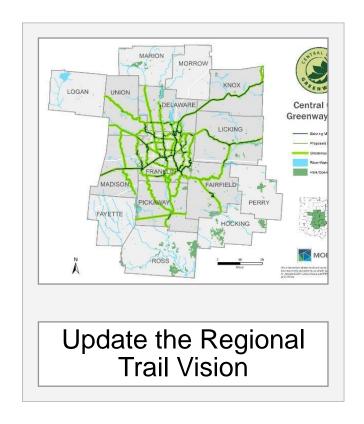
TRAIL TOWN WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES



Regional Collaboration Meetings

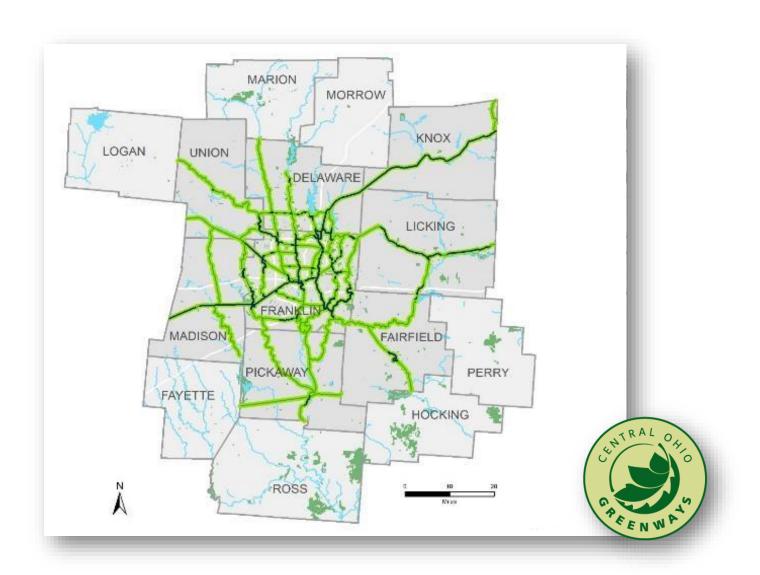


Regional Trail Vision Progress





CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAY-REGIONAL TRAIL VISION



VISION

A world-class network of trails easily accessible to every

Central Ohioan

MISSION

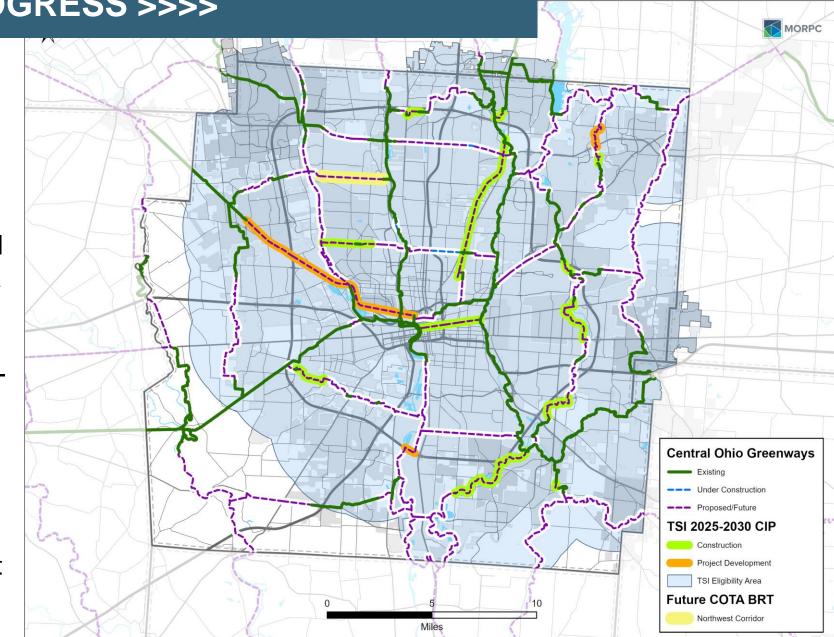
Increase Greenways trails
mileage and usage
for recreation and
transportation needs



REGIONAL TRAIL VISION PROGRESS >>>>

LINKUS advances COG

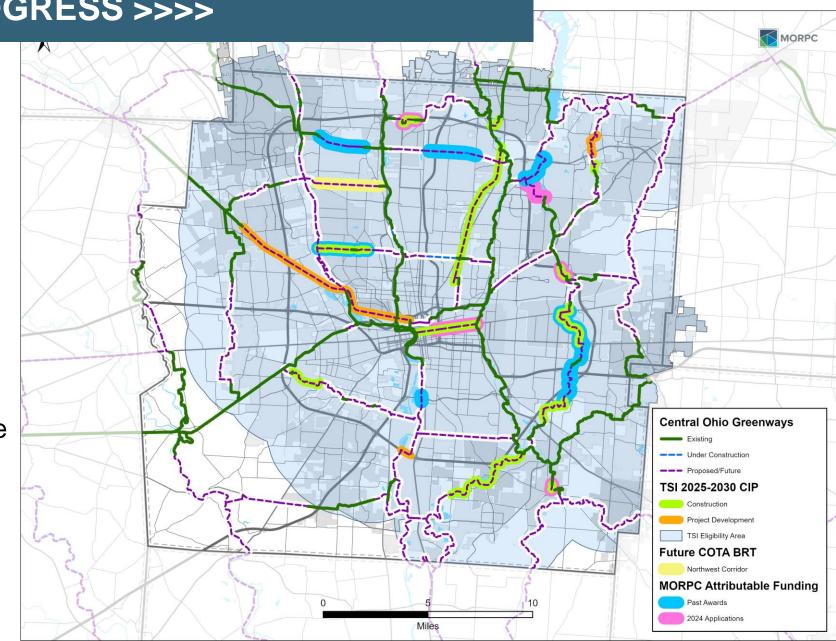
- 189 miles of proposed COG trails in the COTA Service Area (CSA)
- 175 of these are eligible for TSI funding (i.e., within 3-miles of a fixed-route transit stop)
- 37 miles (20%) are in the 2025-2030 TSI CIP
 - 27 (**15%**) of these are slated for construction by 2030
 - 10 (5%) of these (mostly Heritage Trail) have project development funding



REGIONAL TRAIL VISION PROGRESS >>>>

MORPC Attributable Funds advances COG

- 15 miles (8%) have received 2020 or 2022 Attributable Funding awards
 - 5 of these are also in the TSI CIP
- 5.3 miles are in outstanding 2024 applications (3.7-mi. overlap w/TSI)
- TSI and past AF awards have funded 50 miles, or 26%, of the COG vision in the CSA for construction or project development by 2030.
 - 40 miles, or 21%, are specifically slated for construction by 2030

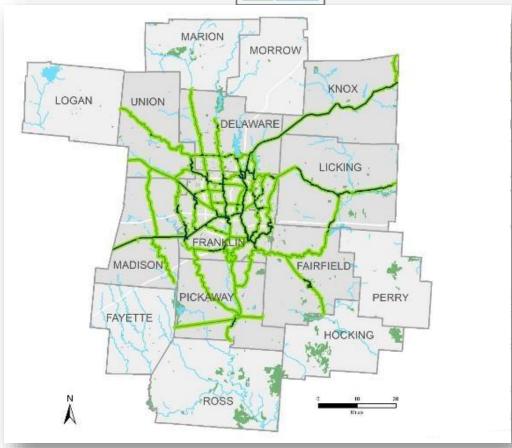


CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS TRAIL OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

 A Trail of Regional Significance is a primary trail, predominantly off-street, multi-jurisdictional, and connects people to major destination points.

These trails have a well maintained, improved surface and should prioritize comfort and safety for trail users. In locations where Trails of Regional Significance intersect or conflict with vehicular traffic, the trail should be emphasized as highly as practicable. Landscaping and buffering should be incorporated into the design of these trails. Access to amenities, such as restrooms, drinking fountains, and parking should be provided periodically. Wayfinding, snow & ice removal, maintenance, and 24/7 access of Trails of Regional Significance are critical to ensure that reliable and equitable access is provided to all users



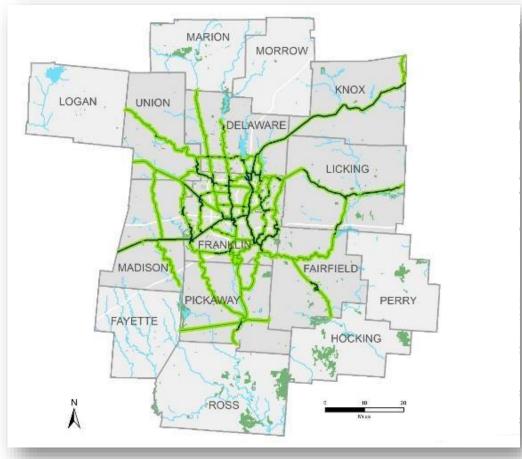


CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS GATEWAY OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Trailheads are the backbone of any trail wayfinding system. As Gateways to both trails and the places they run through, trailheads have extraordinary capacity to influence trail users' wayfinding experience – and thereby their overall experience of the trails.

A Gateway of Regional Significance is a premier trailhead located along a Trail of Regional Significance that provides and/or connects trail users to amenities, services, and information necessary to navigate the trail system.





PREMIER TRAILHEADS | COMMUNITY GATEWAY



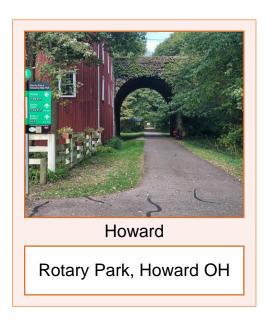
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FEATURE REQUIREMENTS	ACCESS POINTS	TRAILHEAD LEVELS		
		BASIC	ENHANCED	PREMIER
Access to Streets & Roadways Information Kiosk/Map Bike Parking Seating Transit Access* Sidewalk Access Restrooms Water Access Placemaking Elements Shelter(s) Facilities Staff Unique Design				00000000000

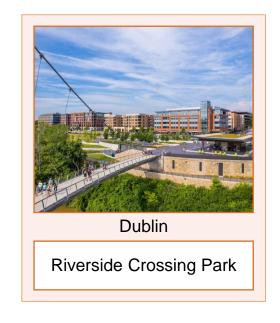
^{*}Where applicable; rural areas may not have transit.

PREMIER TRAILHEADS | COMMUNITY GATEWAY









DISCUSSION: Should the COG Board adopt COG Gateways (existing & proposed) on the COG Regional Trail Vision Map?



REGIONAL COLLABORATION

- Trails and Active
 Transportation
 Collaboration Meetings
 Complete
- Greenway Planning Studio Workshops

o Southeast: Nov 15

√ Complete

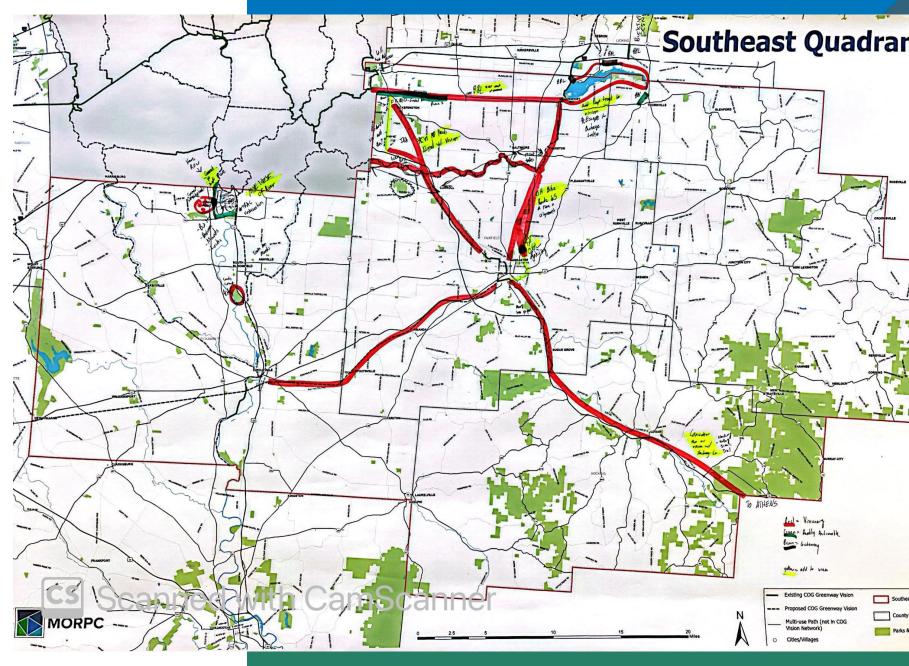
o Northeast: Nov 21

o Southwest: Nov 22

o Northwest: Dec 11

- Visionary, Readily Achievable, and Gateway Projects
- Updating the COG Vision





TRAIL TOWNS WORKING GROUP

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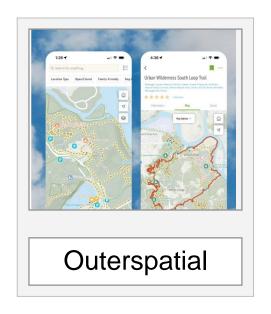
KARI KAUFFMAN, Experience Columbus

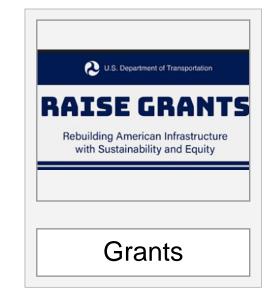
LAURA BALL, City of Westerville



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