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#### NOTICE OF A MEETING SUSTAINING SCIOTO BOARD MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 111 Liberty Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

#### In-Person Meeting

December 11, 2024, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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|               | <ul> <li>The Board's goal is to create a regional approach to water resources.</li> <li>The Regional Water Advisory Council will replace the</li> </ul>                                |  |  |
|               | <ul> <li>Sustaining Scioto Board going forward.</li> <li>MORPC staff will approach existing Sustaining Scioto</li> <li>Board Members for nominations for the Regional Water</li> </ul> |  |  |

Advisory Council.

- The Regional Water Advisory Council will meet quarterly.
- Working Teams and Representation
  - The Agriculture and Rural Communities Outreach Team will continue its work.
  - The Education & Outreach Team will be created in the near future.

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#### Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Hybrid Meeting

#### Sustaining Scioto Board

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#### Members Present

Jeremy Hoyt, City of Marysville
Lorraine Krzyzewski, City of Columbus
Chair Glenn Marzluf, DelCo Water
Jennie McAdams, Franklin County Public
Health
Abby Pope, City of Columbus
Rob Priestas, City of Columbus
Scott Stephens, Delaware Soil & Water
Conservation District
Chloe Welch, Ohio EPA
David Straub, USGS

#### **Public Present**

Adam Lehmann, The Nature Conservancy Jason Cervenec, Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center, OSU Mark McCabe, JEO Consulting Group

#### Staff Present

Dave Dixon
Lynn Kaufman
Jessica Kuenzli
Edwina Teye
Brandi Whetstone



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## **Sustaining Scioto Short-Term Recap**

by Edwina Teye

## **Background**









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## **Sustaining Scioto Background**



Understanding potential impacts of climate change to the region's water

The Upper Scioto Basin provides drinking water



in Central Ohio and beyond

Surface water from the Scioto River and its tributaries provide almost



**REGION'S WATER SUPPLIES** 

On average, Central Ohio receives just less than



ANNUAL PRECIPITATION

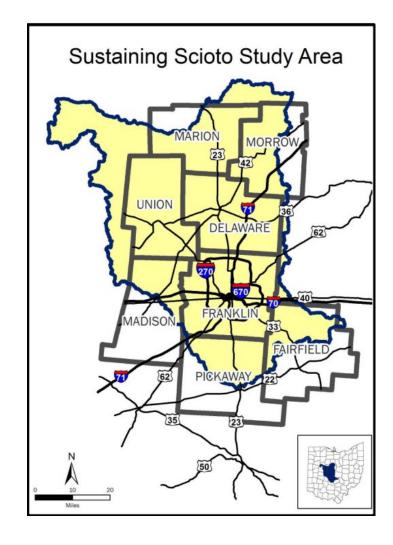
Recent trends and models of future conditions indicate

## WILL NOT BE A RELIABLE PREDICTOR

of future patterns to be used as the basis for such plans and decisions. Today, water utilities use historical weather records to make long-range plans about infrastructure, operations, and maintenance.

SUCH PLANS TAKE YEARS TO IMPLEMENT AND CAN BE VERY COSTLY.

## **Study Findings**





#### Overview of the adaptive management process:

- Understand projected challenges
- Identify and prioritize risks
- Determine adaptation options
- Implement and monitor



#### **Adaptative Management Plan**

Short Term: 2015 – 2025

Mid-Term: 2026 – 2045

Long Term: 2046 – 2090

### **Adaptive Management Options**



## **Short Term (10 Years) 2015 – 2025**

- Regional Collaborative Forum
- Public Education
- Improve Emergency
   Preparedness Capacities
- Enhance Operational Procedures (WQ Monitoring & Treatment SOPs)
- Resource Protection/Source Management

### Mid Term (10-30 Years) 2026 – 2045

- Regional Water Supply Planning
- Groundwater Supply Planning
- Water Reuse Planning
- Reservoir Capacity Planning
- Nutrient/Pollutant Reduction
   Planning and Implementation
- Re-evaluate climatic conditions

## Long Term (End of Century) 2046 – 2090

- ImplementImprovements fromMid Term Plans
- Re-evaluate climatic conditions

## **Short Term Strategies: 2015 - 2025**





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### **Board Outcomes**

Virtual Regional Forum: *Updating Ohio Precipitation Data for Stormwater and Flooding Planning* 

May 11, 2021 | 1pm-5pm

Click here to Register Now!









Mike DeWine, Governor Jimmy Stewart, Chairman Ken Heigel, Director

2020 Research and Development Grant Program

Announcement and Request for Proposals



Sustaining Scioto Board Meeting August 25, 2021



LuAnn Dahlman luann.dahlman@noaa.gov Collabralink Technologies, Inc. Contractor to NOAA Climate Program Office

# **Working Group – Ag & Rural Communities Outreach**





**Chair, Brian Brandt** 

#### **Broad Short-Term Goals**

- Monitoring and Modelling
- Outreach
- Social Science Survey/Studies
- Other

## Working Group – Ag & Rural Communities Outreach

# Establishing partnerships within the Agriculture and Rural Communities



County SWCD Supervisors



- Lens to community
- Overview of community interests
- Ag. Practice adoption
- Willingness to participate in programs
- Attitudes about Water Quality and Climate Change Risks
- Barriers and Concerns etc.



Feedback to guide and design direct engagement opportunities



## **Key Findings & Recommendations**



- Request for additional information on nutrient management and on-farm research
- Interest in learning about best management practices incl. grassed waterways, buffers, wetlands etc.
- Programming preference format on farm demonstration and field days, smaller farmer led discussion groups.
- Continuing outreach on nutrient management, cover crops and financial information.

## **Working Group - Outcomes**



#### **Farming for Clean Water Communication Plan**

- To gain a better understanding of the experiences of stakeholders involved in water quality activities in the Upper Scioto River Watershed.
- The goal is to develop a comprehensive communication plan that will promote awareness and encourage the adoption of water quality practices among farmers and landowners.

#### **Overview of Key Findings and Themes**

- Challenges in Communicating with Specific Stakeholder Segments
- Importance of Emphasizing Economic Benefits
- Fostering Shared Responsibility
- Need for Clear and Applicable Information
- Challenges of Budget Limitations and Funding Needs
- Desire for Coordinated Efforts and Clear Communication
- Challenges in Bridging Knowledge Gaps

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#### **Objectives**

- a. Increasing awareness and the understanding of the sources and impacts of pollutants on water quality and supply.
- b. Creating opportunities for community participation in water-related initiatives and decision-making processes.

## **Adaptive Strategy 2: Public Education**

#### **Social Media Outreach**

- Media Posts on all communication channels X, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram
- Between 2020 and 2024 244 posts on conservation, water quality etc.





#### **Riverfest**

- To improve stewardship of natural resources by fostering a direct connection to local water resources through water-based sports.
- Partnership with Greater Columbus Arts Council each year





## **Adaptive Strategies 3-5**

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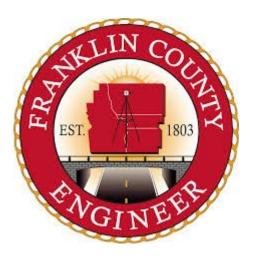


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American Farmland Trust



## **Looking Ahead**

by

Chair, Glenn Marzluf & Jessica Kuenzli

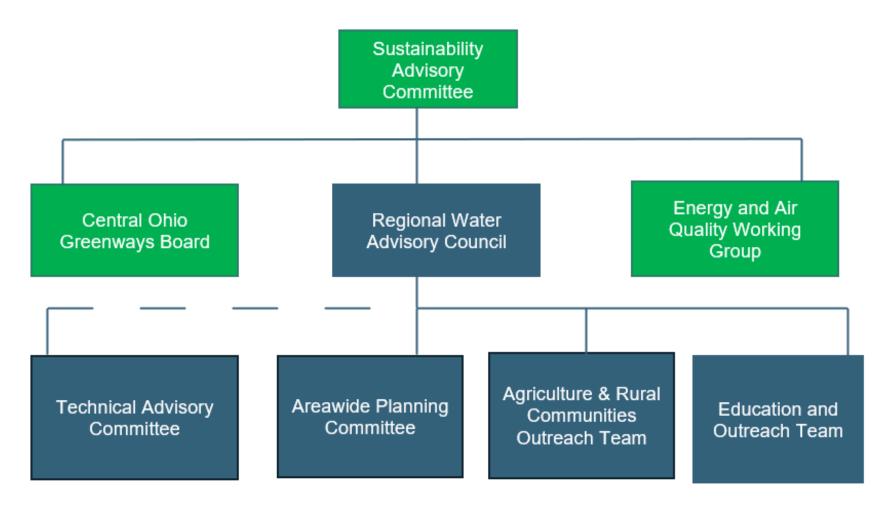
## 15 - County Regional Water Study Status



- Report out to Licking County Stakeholders
- Final general report out in Feb. 2025

# Transition – Regional Water Advisory Council (RWAC)





## **New & Ongoing Items**



- Communications planning and implementation
- Planning for recommendations from the Regional Water Study
- Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan) input
- Water Infrastructure Forums
- Continuation of Adaptation Strategies

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