

SAC REPORT
TO COMMISSION

Mayor Ben Kessler, Chair December 12, 2024



# **REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA (RSA)**



- Guiding document for MORPC's sustainability-focused programming and framework for members and regional partners to align around common goals.
- Contains goals, measurable objectives, and strategies that make Central Ohio a better place for its residents.
- Alignment with Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Public Policy Agenda, and other regional plans.
- Updated every four years.



# RSA SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS



- Mike Shelton, Chair, OSU Sustainability Institute
- Erin Beck, City of Columbus
- Elizabeth Ellman, City of Bexley
- Emily Goliver, City of Dublin
- Scott Perry, SWACO
- Kristy Hawthorne, Licking Soil and Water Conservation District
- Quentin Platt, City of Mount Vernon



## **RSA NEXT STEPS**



Jan. 2025

Finalize strategies & share draft for stakeholder review Feb. 2025

Review input and revise

**March 2025** 

Present to SAC for input/approval

**April 2025** 

Present to Commission for adoption

## **CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND**



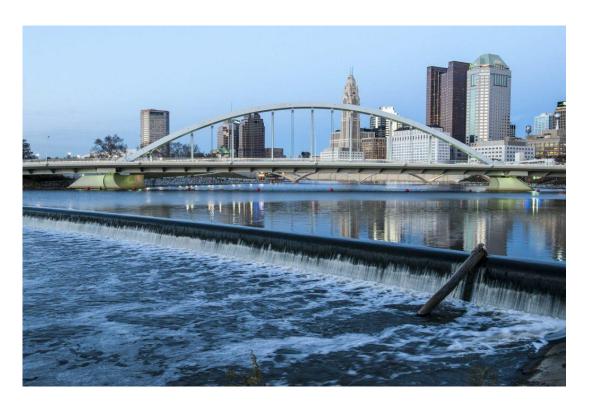
### **FY 2025 Awarded Projects:**

- Hellbranch Preserve (Prairie Township) \$1,338,000
- Little Darby Watershed Acquisition (Metro Parks) \$1,792,500
- Cooke Woods Preservation Project (Columbus) \$841,665
- Georges Creek Acquisition (Metro Parks) \$318,000
- Whitethorne Woods Protection (Columbus) \$693,875

### Call for Nominations Due Friday, December 20, 2024

District 3 NRAC is seeking nominations to fill three vacancies on its Council.

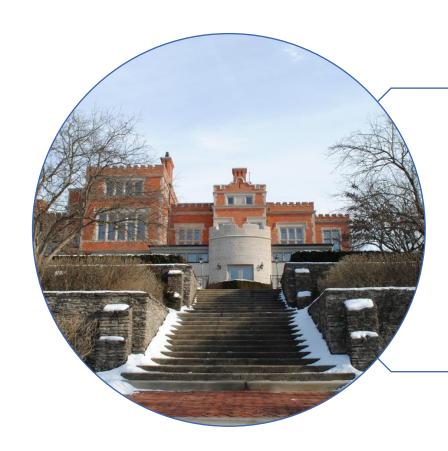
- One from the Agriculture/Forestry category.
- One from the Business/Planning and Realtor category.
- One from any of the other eligible categories, which include local governments, conservation organizations, park systems, and more.



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# **UPCOMING MEETINGS**





# **Sustainability Advisory Committee**

December 18, 2:15 p.m.

Jeffrey Mansion in Bexley

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