

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Remote Meeting

Central Ohio Greenways Trail Development Working Group – Rural
Meeting Notes

January 23, 2025, 9:30 am

Meeting Called to Order at 9:32 am.

Welcome and Introductions

Melinda Vonstein announced that this Working Group will meet every month, alternating between rural and urban focuses.

Central Ohio Greenways Board Meeting Summary

Trail Expansion

Addition of approximately 240 miles of trails to the regional vision, expanding the footprint from seven counties to a 15-county region.

Gateways of Significance

A goal for 2025 is to add Gateways of Regional Significance to the Vision Map, which are major trailheads with amenities that connect people to nearby towns or activity centers.

Interactive Map:

The Regional Trail Vision is available on the Central Ohio Greenways website, featuring an interactive map of existing and proposed trails.

Goal Setting / Priority Projects

Greenway Planning Studio Workshops will be by corridor this year rather than by quadrant – we will meet with the communities along these priority corridors:

- Dublin to Indian Lake
- Heritage trail extensions
- Buckeye Lake to Pickaway County
- Silicone Heartland Trail / Intel area that connects Sunbury, Johnstown and Centerburg.
- Buckeye Lake to Pickerington
- Scioto Trail from Marion to Chillicothe

2025 Central Ohio Greenways Forums

Member Rayburn volunteered to speak on Dublin's Signature Trail at a COG Forum in mid-/late-2025.

MORPC is considering sponsors for the three 2025 Forums. This will allow MORPC to bring in speakers from across the country and to host a workshop after a Forum. Melinda asked Members for workshop, speaker, and topic ideas for the COG Forums.

Melinda reminded Members that another Co-Chair is needed for this Working Group. Kelly Socco, City of Columbus, is one Co-Chair; but a second is needed.

Adjourned at 10:30 am.

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Members Present

Brad Bodenmiller, Logan Union Champaign
Regional Planning Commission
Jody Dzurainin, Ohio to Erie Trail
Beth Hugh, Korda Nemeth Engineering
Adrienne Joly, City of New Albany
Dan Kaderly, Quarry Trails Metro Park
Denton Kitts, Village of Plain City
Michael Lentz, City of Hilliard
Jimmy Little
Eric Oberg, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
J.M Rayburn, City of Dublin
Tami Ruhl, Knox Public Health
James Walker, Marion County Regional
Planning Commission
Brad Westall, City of Columbus Recreation &
Parks

Staff Present

Lynn Kaufman
Melinda Vonstein

Public Present

Yusra Ahmed, OSU
Mike Bodine, City of Marion
Tori Brubaker, OSU
Michaela Evans, OSU
Calvin Forsee, OSU
Jenny LaRue, Perry County Health Department
Jake Macioch, OSU
Grayson Penland, OSU
Nash Trattner