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# NOTICE OF A MEETING CENTRAL OHIO BLUEWAYS USER EXPERIENCE WORKING GROUP MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING

October 31st, 2024, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome & Purpose
- 2. Hazard Removal Consortium
  - a. Potential Stakeholders

Staff and Members discussed the role of River Rangers and concerns about potential conflicts of interest if they are chosen as the primary organization for the hazard removal consortium. It was suggested that other organizations be considered to ensure impartiality and avoid any appearance of conflict of interest.

- b. Process / Timeline
  - Staff suggested the use of a cooperative purchase agreement to potentially secure lower rates for hazard removal services through a consortium, and the importance of going through a bid process to satisfy procurement officers across various local governments. Members and staff discussed leveraging grants for hazard waterway removal to further reduce costs.
- c. Agreement Outline Members agreed that an RFQ (Request for Quote) might be necessary, and discussed how to structure the consortium, possibly starting by gathering interested communities to gauge interest levels and explore existing funding opportunities.

#### 3. Next Steps

- a. Review Signage and Wayfinding Plans

  Members and staff discussed the Central Ohio Greenways signage and wayfinding plans. Emphasis was placed on identifying and agreeing on the types of signs to include, particularly for access points and hazardous areas like low head dams.
- b. Identify sign types to include

  Members and staff discussed specific signage needs, such as mile markers and
  warnings for portage routes. The need for simple, easy-to-understand signage
  accessible to all users, including novice ones, was highlighted.
- 4. Adjourn

Please notify Megan Means at mmeans@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

The next User Experience Working Group Meeting is November 21st, 2024
This Meeting will be virtual; details to follow.

# Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Remote Meeting

# User Experience Working Group Meeting

October 31, 2024

### **Members Present**

- Laura Ball, City of Westerville
- Elizabeth Ellman, City of Bexley
- Jon Tolbert, Experience Columbus

## Staff Present

- Lynn Kaufman
- Meghan Means
- Jonathan Miller