



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF A MEETING**  
**CENTRAL OHIO BLUEWAYS**  
**WATER TRAIL DESIGNATION WORKING GROUP**  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
October 31st, 2024, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM  
**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome & Purpose**

**2. Data Collection – esri Field Maps**

a. Access Points

Members and staff discussed updating community-contributed access points, emphasizing the importance of accurately populating attribute tables with details such as parking availability and restroom facilities.

b. Permanent Hazards

The Working Group decided to focus on permanent hazards like low head dams and discussed the removal of outdated temporary hazard data from 2018.

c. Portage Routes

The Working Group agreed that including detailed portage routes is essential for user safety, especially around hazardous areas like low head dams.

d. Private Property / No-Stop Zones

Members and staff reviewed the mapping of private property lines to designate no-stop zones, utilizing intern-compiled data for accuracy.

**3. Big Walnut Communities**

Members and staff discussed the strategic engagement with the 14 communities along the Big Walnut waterway. The aim is to enhance collaborative efforts and gather detailed, localized data from these communities to support the water trail designation process. Members discussed the necessity of having all communities involved in the water trail designation process, even if only a few have actual access points. This inclusiveness ensures that any future expansions or modifications are seamlessly integrated and supported by all relevant stakeholders. There was conversation about potentially expanding community involvement through regular updates and meetings to keep all stakeholders informed and engaged in the water trail designation efforts.

**4. OuterSpatial Updates**

Staff shared updates regarding ongoing discussions with OuterSpatial to integrate trail data into their platform, which would include event listings and hazard reports from the community.

**5. Adjourn**

Please notify Tunazzina Alam at [talam@morpc.org](mailto:talam@morpc.org) to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

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

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Chair

**Michelle Crandall**  
Vice Chair

**Ben Kessler**  
Secretary

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
Remote Meeting

Water Trail Designation Working Group Meeting

October 31, 2024

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Members Present

- Jenny Doan, City of Columbus
- Zac Guthrie, City of Gahanna
- Zach Messinger, Preservation Parks
- Alex Miu, City of Columbus

Staff Present

- Lynn Kaufman
  - Jonathan Miller
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