



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF A MEETING**  
**CENTRAL OHIO BLUEWAYS**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP WORKING GROUP**  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

October 28th, 2024, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome & Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Onion Bag Project implementation plan, including installation, maintenance, liability considerations, and pilot locations.

**2. Onion Bag Project Implementation Plan Outline**

a. Need & Purpose

Staff announced that the Onion Bag Project aims to encourage trash collection along waterways. There is an existing pilot at Northmoor Park, but additional locations are being considered. The initiative aligns with broader sustainability goals, including community involvement in litter cleanups.

b. Installation

Approval from Columbus Recreation & Parks is required for installations within their jurisdiction. Current installations include signage and a receptacle containing onion bags for trash collection. Members discussed designing a standardized sign template with logos for different municipalities to maintain consistency across installations.

c. Maintenance

Members and staff discussed maintenance agreements, such as Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), to clarify responsibilities. They also discussed concerns about waste disposal, as some locations have inconsistent trash pickup schedules. Columbus Recreation & Parks representatives noted that trash pickup frequency varies, with some locations being serviced multiple times per week.

d. Liability Considerations

Members and staff discussed potential liability concerns and decided that these were not a major issue in the current pilot. Members also discussed including a liability section in the implementation plan to address concerns preemptively.

**3. Onion Bag Project Pilot Locations**

Members discussed potential pilot locations based on community needs and feasibility:

- Tuttle Park and King & Olentangy River Road (near Ohio State University)
- Lower.com Field (Crew Stadium area)
- Audubon Boat Launch
- Friendship Park and Pathways Park
- McKittrick Park (Big Darby access site)
- Confluence Park (noted for heavy trash accumulation)
- Big Walnut and Alum Creek access points (specific locations TBD)

Considerations for site selection included accessibility, proximity to trash receptacles, and areas with significant litter issues.

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#### **4. Next Steps**

- Staff will draft an implementation plan outline, including installation, maintenance, and liability sections.
- Representatives from Columbus Recreation and Parks and Metro Parks will gauge interest and feasibility within their organizations.
- Efforts will be made to compile images and signage details for consistency across installations.

#### **5. Adjourn**

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

The next Environmental Stewardship Working Group Meeting is November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
This Meeting will be virtual; details to follow.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
Remote Meeting

Environmental Stewardship Working Group Meeting

October 28, 2024

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Members Present

- Laura Fay, FLOW
- Dan Kaderly, Metro Parks
- James Ramsey, Franklin County  
Engineer's Office
- Broc Sehen, Madison Soil & Water  
Conservation District
- Pamela Steck, City of Columbus

Staff Present

- Lynn Kaufman
  - Jessica Kuenzli
  - Jonathan Miller
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