



2016 Scope of Service Columbus Department of Public Utilities

This working agreement is entered into on _____ and becomes effective on the date of the last signature. The grant agreement expires one year from the date of the last signature. The agreement is subject to the limitations of authorities, resources and policies of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and the City of Columbus (the City).

MORPC will provide the following services to the City:

I. Advocate and Collaborate

Be an advocate for the Greenways Partners and collaborate with them and other communities to educate about and work toward water quality, water protection, and trail development.

- a) **Utilize the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) Agenda to guide advocating and collaborating initiatives.**
- b) **Engage diverse stakeholders to refresh and formalize the Water Quality Working Group.**
- c) Utilize water quality stakeholders to advocate and collaborate on initiatives related to water quality by facilitating and organizing meetings and other opportunities.
- d) Acknowledge the Greenways Partners and Columbus Green Spot through incorporating their logos in publications and online media.
- e) Serve as a liaison between the Greenways Partners and watershed groups. Update partner staff on pertinent discussions and efforts of the watershed groups.
- f) When requested by a member government or agency, advocate for initiatives and projects by member governments and agencies consistent with MORPC's adopted policies and plans.
- g) If a project or initiative is multi-jurisdictional in nature, help facilitate discussions and support projects or initiatives that achieve consensus.
- h) Promote the protection, improvement, and enjoyment of the region's water resources through multi-media communications to the public and private stakeholders.

II. Educate through Programs

Provide education on water quality through different programs.

- a) MORPC Home Weatherization Program: Incorporate installation of low-flow showerheads in homes receiving weatherization services through MORPC's Home Weatherization Program. Include educational materials about the benefits of using a low-flow showerhead.
- b) Ohio EPA and Army Corps Permit Review Program: Educate communities' staff and decision makers about potential impacts to water quality in their vicinity by notifying them of Army Corps and Ohio EPA wetland and stream permit applications. Provide them with the necessary information about the projects in question to be able to make educated comments to Army Corp and Ohio EPA about the permit applications.

III. Educate through Events

Provide education on water quality through various events and forums.

- a) **Engage professionals and advocates through periodic invitations to working group meetings and fieldtrips.**
- b) Engage the public through events on local waterways such as Riverfest. This will include media coverage and requiring participants to sign pledge cards with information on how they can help protect our water.
- c) Engage the public, professionals and advocates through the annual Summit on Sustainability.

IV. Storm Water Management

Promote knowledge and awareness of best practices for storm water management within Columbus.

- a) **Assist DPU with improving the application and review processes and outreach efforts related to the Green Infrastructure (GI) Stormwater Credit program for installing green infrastructure to reduce storm water runoff.**
- b) **Investigate possibility of MORPC having a stronger role in the facilitation of local communities' storm water management and related mitigation projects.**
- c) Develop a green infrastructure best management practices project. Include references to Blueprint Columbus Green Infrastructure Implementation & Guidelines and the soon to be adopted City of Columbus Green Infrastructure Design Manual.
- d) Continue to consider storm water runoff and other water quality issues during MORPC's Complete Streets reviews of roadway infrastructure plans proposed for jurisdictions within the Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) boundaries.

V. Watershed Planning

Support watershed planning and implementation efforts.

- a) **Lead the review of local watershed action plans with the goal of reporting implementation progress to date and help identify next action items on which to focus.**
- b) **Assist communities with implementing projects outlined in local watershed action plans through a partnership with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD). Only applicable with award of the Ohio EPA 319 Grant sponsored by FSWCD with MORPC as a sub-contractor (submitted July 2015).**
- c) Investigate the possibility of implementing an agriculture Best Management Practice (BMP) demonstration project with the City of Columbus and **Metro Parks**.
- d) Support local watershed groups and watershed coordinators in the implementation of central Ohio watershed action plans through such means as writing letters of support for proposals, promoting their events on our calendar, newsletter, and social media, seeking opportunities to partner on outreach, inviting them to MORPC events, and communicating opportunities for implementation.

VI. Climate Change Adaptation

Implement the recommendations of Sustaining Scioto.

- a) Continue outreach and education of the Adaptive Management Plan.
- b) Establish a regional forum and develop implementation strategies.

The City will provide:

- Compensation to MORPC in the form of an operational grant of \$60,000.

- Timely review and feedback on all updates and deliverables.

It is Mutually Agreed:

That the working relationship will be defined to include lines of communications with appropriate staff.

That MORPC reserves the right to expend funds as needed to meet grant agreement and overhead costs.

That all parties will review quality of service and address concerns as they arise.

That this working agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement of the parties. In addition, either party may terminate this agreement by providing the other party with thirty (30) days written notice.

SIGNATURES

The below signatures certify consent on the above agreement.

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Signature	Title	Date
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CITY OF COLUMBUS

Signature	Title	Date
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