

2020 MORPC Water Resources Program Proposed Scope of Work for Columbus Department of Public Utilities

MORPC manages the Central Ohio Water Resources Program, which is implemented by MORPC's staff, members, and partners through the Sustainability Advisory Committee, Sustaining Scioto Board, Central Ohio Greenways Board, and Sustainable2050 Program. Guiding documents include the [Regional Sustainability Agenda](#), the [Public Policy Agenda](#), and the Sustaining Scioto Short Term Implementation Plan.

The Water Resources Program is funded by the City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities, Franklin County Engineer's Office, and Metro Parks. Additional local government funders provide support for specific components of the program.

Overarching Efforts

MORPC's structure and operations include general overarching elements that are incorporated into all of its work.

Leadership and Accountability

MORPC's boards, committees, and working groups provide leadership to MORPC and its members through the development of guiding documents. They review and direct MORPC's work to ensure that policies and plans are followed and implemented. These bodies, as pertain to the Greenways Program and their associated guiding plans and policies, include:

MORPC Commission
Sustainability Advisory Committee
Public Policy Roundtable

Sustaining Scioto Board
Central Ohio Greenways Board

Collaboration

MORPC collaborates with federal, state, and local governments, as well as with non-profit and private entities across Central Ohio to implement its policies and plans. These entities, as pertains to the Greenways Program, include, but are not limited to:

MORPC Greenways Program funders
Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Ohio EPA

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Ohio Department of Transportation
Central Ohio Watershed Council

Advocacy

MORPC advocates for the initiatives and projects of member governments and agencies that are consistent with MORPC's adopted policies and plans. Advocacy work includes, but is not limited to, writing letters of support, providing testimony, and meeting with local, state, and federal officials.

Supportive Services

MORPC offers a variety of supportive services to its members and partners both through a fee-based structure and as funded by the Greenways partners. These types of services include data collection and management, mapping, plan review, facilitation of collaboration and sharing of information, liaising between members, partners, and MORPC staff and leadership bodies, and promotion of events, projects, and programs.

Acknowledgment of Funders

MORPC acknowledges the funders of the Greenways Program through multi-media communications to its members, partners, and the public.

Events and Forums

MORPC hosts and plans events related to water resources. The events draw a diverse audience, including leaders, technical experts, and advocates from state and local agencies, companies, and other entities.

Riverfest

Est. DPU contribution: \$2,000

MORPC will again work with its partners to identify free paddling opportunities for the public to educate them on ways they can help to keep Central Ohio's water clean and how to safely recreate on the region's water bodies. Partner with agencies and organizations to enhance the public engagement component of the event (i.e. Columbus Department of Public Utilities "PUP Wagon")

Summit on Sustainability

Est. DPU contribution: \$1,000

MORPC will host the 13th Summit on Sustainability, MORPC's premiere annual sustainability-related conference, including a break-out session sharing information about Sustaining Scioto's work.

Specific Projects and Programs

MORPC leads and implements projects and programs related to water resources and water quality.

Sustaining Scioto Board & Program Implementation

Est. DPU contribution: \$70,000

MORPC will facilitate and support the Sustaining Scioto Board's new efforts to accomplish the work laid out in the 'Short Term Implementation Plan.' Programmatic efforts will prepare Central Ohio for the expected changes attributed to a changing climate. This will be accomplished through increased water quality monitoring, additional watershed modeling, improved emergency preparedness and utility resilience, and improved agricultural practices that protect and improve source water in the Scioto watershed. Approximately \$10,000 will be used to engage a consultant with agricultural focus.

Residential Water Efficiency

Est. DPU contribution: \$7,000

MORPC will continue to purchase and install low-flow showerheads in homes receiving weatherization services through MORPC's Residential Services Program. MORPC anticipates installing approximately 80 showerheads. MORPC staff will provide education about the benefits of using a low-flow showerhead and will supply a form to register and participate in The City of Columbus GreenSpot Program. This service will improve water conservation knowledge and reduce water and energy consumption in clients' homes.