

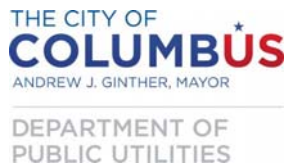
# 2019 MORPC Greenways Program

## Scope of Work



The Greenways Program is managed by MORPC staff. The Program is implemented by MORPC's members and partners, and MORPC staff through the Sustainability Advisory Committee, Central Ohio Greenways Board, Water Resources Working Group, and Sustainable2050 Program. Guiding documents include the [Regional Sustainability Agenda](#), [Central Ohio Greenways Strategic Action Plan](#), and the [Water Resources Working Group Action Plan](#).

The Greenways 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 Central Ohio Greenways trail initiative.



### 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

Central Ohio Greenways Board  
Water Resources Working Group

#### 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 pertain 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.

## Boards, Working Groups, Committees, and Forums

MORPC facilitates a number of advisory and implementing bodies related to the work of the MORPC Greenways Program. These bodies consist of leaders, technical experts, and advocates from state and local agencies, companies, and other entities.

### Central Ohio Greenways Board (COG Board)

MORPC will facilitate and support the COG Board's continued efforts to accomplish the work laid out in the [Strategic Action Plan](#).

### Central Ohio Greenways & Trail Forums (COG Forums)

MORPC will facilitate regularly scheduled meetings where stakeholders from across Central Ohio discuss their trail-related initiatives and share best practices for planning, funding, and marketing their trail networks.

### Central Ohio Water Resources Working Group

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$18,000*

MORPC will facilitate and support the Working Group's continued efforts to accomplish the work laid out in the [2016 - 2020 Action Plan](#).

## Events

MORPC hosts and plans events related to water resources and trails.

### Riverfest

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$5,000*

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 waterbodies. Partner with agencies and organizations to enhance the public engagement component of the event (i.e. Franklin County Engineer's Office's "Touch Truck" and underwater bridge inspections, Columbus Department of Public Utilities "PUP Wagon")

### Summit on Sustainability

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$1,000*

MORPC will host the 12<sup>th</sup> Summit on Sustainability, MORPC's premiere annual sustainability-related conference. Programming will highlight topics based on all of MORPC's programs areas. MORPC will continue to pursue new funding and collaborative partnerships, such as with the EPA.

### Organize Leadership Peer Exchange

Work with Columbus2020 and ULI Columbus to organize one, or multiple, peer exchanges to other cities around the country to showcase their regional trail and/or green street projects. One examples is the Cultural Trail in Indianapolis.

### P.I.P.E.S. Workshop

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$2,000*

MORPC will host the Public Infrastructure Participatory Engagement Simulation (P.I.P.E.S) Workshop. P.I.P.E.S. is designed to recreate essential features of a typical American system with aging infrastructure, highlighting decision-making challenges and their consequences. It compresses time and space so that a trajectory of a series of negotiations between stakeholders, decisions and impacts will emerge fully embedded within rational and value-based judgments and goals of participants. MORPC staff will host 2-3 workshops throughout the year.

## Specific Projects and Programs

MORPC leads and implements a variety of projects and programs related to water resources and trails.

### Sustainable2050 Program

The Sustainable2050 program aims to support members' efforts in working toward the goals and objectives of the Regional Sustainability Agenda, which address water quality, natural resources, and trail development. Support is provided through direct technical assistance, recognition of member efforts via Tier Status designation, and facilitation of collaboration.

#### Central Ohio Water Resources Plan (COWRP)

MORPC, as contracted by the Ohio EPA, will work with local communities and wastewater utilities to create a Water Quality Management Plan that aims to improve water quality by establishing sewer service and planning areas, and providing policy and best-practices recommendations. The plan will be completed by July 2019.

#### Central Ohio Blueways

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$5,000*

MORPC will work with the Greenways partners and Central Ohio communities and agencies to brand and promote water trails and related access points along Central Ohio rivers and streams to ensure safe and legal waterways access. In 2019, MORPC will continue to promote expansion and improved access of Blueways, and expand available safety and educational materials through the interactive online Blueways map. MORPC will work with partners to identify and secure funding, install signage throughout the Central Ohio Blueways system, and identify potential new access points.

#### Watershed Action Plans

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$5,000*

MORPC will partner with Soil and Water Conservation Districts to review local watershed action plans and update them following EPA's Nine Element NPS-IS Plan process in order to implement identified projects that improve water quality.

#### Sustaining Scioto Adaptive Management Plan – Implementation

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$12,000*

MORPC will convene and facilitate the Sustaining Scioto subcommittee to finalize the Sustaining Scioto Short Term Implementation Plan. As part of this action, MORPC will provide research and grant writing support for funding opportunities, will coordinate project implementation with partners and coordinate reporting and assessment. MORPC will additionally convene and facilitate the Data subcommittee, which will identify strategies and projects that supplement and support the objectives and tasks outlined in the Short Term Implementation Plan.

#### Update of Columbus Storm Water Design Manual (SWDM)

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$500*

MORPC will assist the Columbus Department of Public Utilities (DPU) with updating the Storm Water Design Manual (SWDM) by serving on the SWDM Review Committee and Green Infrastructure Credit Subcommittee.

#### Complete Streets Reviews / Green Infrastructure Toolkit

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$2,000*

MORPC will consider storm water runoff and other water quality issues during review of roadway infrastructure plans proposed by jurisdictions within MORPC's Metropolitan Planning Organization boundaries. Jurisdictions applying for MORPC funding for infrastructure projects must comply with the MORPC Complete Streets Policy. Staff will use this opportunity to continue to elevate the updated Green Infrastructure Toolkit and encourage its use.

#### Regional Green Streets Policy

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$4,500*

MORPC will begin the development of a regional Green Streets policy for Central Ohio, which, similar to MORPC's Complete Streets policy, would require project sponsors who receive MORPC funding to include Green Infrastructure elements with their transportation projects.

#### Residential Water Efficiency through Home Weatherization Program

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$4,500*

MORPC will continue to install low-flow showerheads in homes receiving weatherization services through MORPC's Home Weatherization Program. MORPC anticipates installing approximately 80 showerheads. The form will include educational materials about the benefits of using a low-flow showerhead, and will supply a form to register to participate in the Green Spot Program.

#### Policy Change and Permit Notifications

*Estimated DPU contribution: \$500*

MORPC will educate communities' and partners' staff and decision makers about potential impacts to water resources by notifying them of Army Corps of Engineers and Ohio EPA wetland and stream permit applications, and potential state and federal legislative changes. MORPC will provide comment period and contact information when available.