



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 3, 2022

Buckeye Hills Regional Council

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order | Ron Moore, President
- II. Roll Call | Misty Crosby, Executive Director, Secretary (per BHRC Bylaws)
- III. Consent Agenda | Ron Moore, President **TAB #1**
- IV. Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia | Jessie Powers, Executive Director
- V. USDA Rural Development | Jonathan McCracken, State Director for Ohio
- VI. Legislator and Partner Agency Updates
 - a. Office of Senator Brown | Beth Clodfelter, Appalachian Regional Representative
 - b. Office of Congressman Johnson | Juli Stephens, Director of Constituent Services and Amber Kohler, Field Representative
 - c. Office of Ohio Auditor Faber | Grant Davis, Southeast Regional Liaison
 - d. Office of Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague | Cody Pettit, Public Affairs Liaison
 - e. Ridges Development Advisers Update | Joe Recchie, Community Building Partners, Inc
- VII. Resolution Delegating Support and Oversight of the Ridges Development Advisors Efforts to the Buckeye Hills Foundation | Misty Crosby, Executive Director **TAB #2**
- VIII. Management Committee Report | Lenny Eliason, Chair **TAB #3**
 - a. Request for Approval of Expenditures
 - b. Personnel Report
 - c. Years of Service
 - d. Senior Planner Job Description
 - e. Organizational Chart
 - f. Retirement Compensation
- IX. Aging Division Updates | Jennifer Westfall, Director
 - a. New Regional Advisory Council Member: Nancy Mahaney, Washington County
 - b. Service Agreement for Licensed Dietician: Rhonda Davisson
- X. Development Division Updates | Sam Miller, Development Director **TAB #4**
- XI. RTPO Updates | Melissa Zoller, Transportation Manager **TAB #5**
 - a. Resolution of the BHRC to Approve the RTPO Allocation Policy for Managing Dedicated Funds SFY 2022 -2023
 - b. Resolution of the BHRC to Approve STBG Capital Funds
 - c. Resolution of the BHRC to Approve FY2023 RTPO Work Plan
- XII. Executive Director Update | Misty Crosby **TAB #6**
- XIII. Citizen Participation

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XIV. Other Business

TAB #7

- a. Resolution Appointing Misty Crosby to the Emeritus Position
- b. July Board Meeting

XV. Adjournment

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5, 2022

CONSENT AGENDA

- **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2022 MEETING**
- **STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**
 - **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE REPORTS**
 - **AGING & DISABILITY PROGRAM SERVICE REPORT**
- **DIVISION & DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**
 - **ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
 - **AGING & DISABILITY DIVISION**
 - **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**
 - **DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**
 - **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Minutes of the April 1, 2022
Buckeye Hills Regional Council Executive Committee Meeting**

The Buckeye Hills Regional Council (BHRC) Executive Committee meeting was held April 1, 2022. The meeting was held at Buckeye Hills, Marietta, Ohio.

In attendance were:

OFFICERS: Kevin Ritter, Treasurer Washington County

EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE: Steve Patterson City of Athens
Adam Shriver Morgan County
Brad Peoples Noble County
Ben Carpenter Perry County
Jeff Dennis Perry County (Private Sector)

**GENERAL
POLICY**

COMMITTEE: Tom Johnson Village of Somerset
Ben Rutherford Washington County

GUEST: Flite Freimann Appalachian Development Corp/Washington Co. JFS
Peter Voderberg Chief of Broadband Ohio, Develop Services Agency

STAFF: Misty Crosby Executive Director
Rick Hindman Assistant Executive Director
Ryan Collins Special Projects Manager – Broadband
Carly Fitz Development Specialist I
Denise Keyes Fiscal Director
Kate Perani Special Projects Manager – RISE Ohio
Sam Miller Development Director
Jada Riley Development Specialist III
Jenny Simmons Executive Assistant
Drew Tanner Communications Director

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Ritter, Treasurer, called the meeting to order.

ROLE CALL

Misty Crosby, Executive Director, conducted roll call.

CONSENT AGENDA

Steve Patterson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the Minutes from the March 4, 2022 meeting; Statement of Activities, Administrative Expense YTD; Aging and Disability Programs Services and Funding Report for period July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022, and Division and Director's Reports. Ben Carpenter seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

OHIO RESIDENTIAL BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

Peter Voderberg, Chief of Broadband Ohio, Development Services Agency, provided an Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program update to the members.

CONNECTING APPALACHIA BROADBAND MAPS

Ryan Collins, Special Projects Manager – Broadband Coordinator, provided an update on the new broadband maps and reviewed the Broadband Expansion Grants awarded in the BHRC region.

AUDIT BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Patterson moved to recommend the General Policy Council approve and adopt the Administrative Budget for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Ben Carpenter seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Brad Peoples moved to approve the Request for Approval of Expenditures in the amount of \$13,595.40. Adam Shriver seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION UPDATES

Steve Patterson moved to approve the Resolution Granting Permission to Apply for an EDA Partnership Planning Assistance Grant. Ben Carpenter seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Adam Shriver moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the ODOD PY2021 Appalachian Development Program from the State of Ohio to Partner with Building Bridges to Careers to Provide a Summer Stem Camp for Middle and High School Students in the Appalachian Ohio Region. Ben Carpenter seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Sam Miller, Development Director, informed the committee that Buckeye Hills and OMEGA will oversee the formation of the OneOHIO Region 12, which includes Muskingum, Guernsey, Noble, Monroe, Perry, Morgan and Washington counties.

RISE OHIO UPDATE

Kate Perani, Special Projects Manager – RISE Ohio, provided an update to the committee.

SOLSMART REGIONAL DESIGNATION UPDATE

Rick Hindman, Assistant Executive Director, provided an update to the committee. Buckeye Hills will provide additional information and trainings on how communities can seek SOLSmart designations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Misty Crosby provided an Executive Director Search update to the committee. The job posting is on the BHRC website and was distributed to state and national associations as well as partners. The deadline to submit resumes is April 28, 2022. The Executive Director Search Committee will meet in May to review the candidates with Jim Youngquist, SERDI, and schedule interviews for June.

Crosby provided an overview of the 2021 Return on Investment to the committee.

Crosby reported that during Governor DeWine's State of the State address on March 23, 2022, the Governor proclaimed "This is now Appalachia's time." It has not been confirmed what was meant by this statement but BHRC's colleagues in Appalachia are anxiously waiting to find out.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No citizens present wished to address the committee.

OTHER

Crosby informed the committee that the Appalachian Ohio State of the Region Conference will be held on May 10 in the Baker University Center Ballroom. This conference will also be livestreamed.

Crosby reminded the committee that the Annual General Policy Council meeting is scheduled for

May 6, 2022. During the meeting, the committee will appoint five private sector representatives to the Executive Committee. She provided a break down and encouraged the counties to fill the private vacant positions soon.

ADJOURMENT

With no other business, Adam Shriver moved to adjourn the meeting. Brad Peoples seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion carried.

Approved By: _____
Misty Crosby, Secretary

Date: _____



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022

YEAR TO DATE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE DETAIL

Administrative Expenses for Fiscal Year 2022 totaled \$4,570,621.01 at April 30. This total represents 73.83% of the Council's administrative budget utilized. Total spending for this time period is budgeted to be 83%. Insurance, Organizational Dues, Software and Licenses and Subscriptions are above the 83% spending budget as most of these costs are paid in the beginning of the year. Spending for Conference Registration Fee, Other and Postage is higher than anticipated and will be monitored closely. Staff position vacancies also account for underspending in Salary and Fringe Benefits. A Quarterly Budget Adjustment is attached for review and approval. The cumulative Indirect Cost rate for this period is 46%. Projected Indirect Costs for Fiscal Year 2022 are 53%.

AGING AND DISABILITY PROGRAMS SERVICES & FUNDING REPORT

The Aging and Disability Division worked with various service providers and helped administer a multitude of direct service programs to eligible residents of our eight-county region. Between July 1 and April 30, over \$9.5 million in direct service dollars were utilized to provide the units of service listed in the report. BHRC continues to support our provider network to evaluate the needs of the communities and serve area seniors in the best way possible during the current pandemic.



Administrative Expense Detail
For the Period July 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022

	2021 YTD Actual	2022 YTD Actual	2022 Budget	% of Budget
Salary	\$ 2,460,510.84	\$ 2,468,388.40	\$ 3,092,717.30	79.81%
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,022,935.58	\$ 1,077,725.79	\$ 1,499,755.26	71.86%
Advertising	\$ 71,832.09	\$ 134,451.86	\$ 169,220.25	79.45%
Audit Costs	\$ 13,593.00	\$ 13,470.00	\$ 30,000.00	44.90%
Building Maintenance	\$ 7,781.00	\$ 8,770.78	\$ 10,621.07	82.58%
Communications	\$ 68,715.39	\$ 73,986.64	\$ 87,884.86	84.19%
Conference Registration Fee	\$ 10,506.00	\$ 28,547.00	\$ 31,200.00	91.50%
Contract Services	\$ 129,424.12	\$ 55,745.96	\$ 385,519.00	14.46%
Employee/Governing Board	\$ 10,518.21	\$ 12,193.12	\$ 15,000.00	81.29%
Equipment Purchase/Maintenance	\$ 12,587.92	\$ 8,331.53	\$ 16,200.00	51.43%
Insurance	\$ 39,448.80	\$ 48,878.93	\$ 48,878.93	100.00%
Legal Costs	\$ 5,353.50	\$ 7,841.25	\$ 10,000.00	78.41%
Organizational Dues	\$ 47,079.70	\$ 34,816.40	\$ 38,900.00	89.50%
Other Costs	\$ 8,610.18	\$ 11,859.74	\$ 13,730.00	86.38%
Postage	\$ 21,911.55	\$ 15,528.37	\$ 18,050.00	86.03%
Printing Costs	\$ 9,906.40	\$ 13,397.43	\$ 16,000.00	83.73%
Software & Licenses	\$ 72,714.27	\$ 88,253.01	\$ 104,665.00	84.32%
Space	\$ 212,784.09	\$ 212,784.11	\$ 255,342.00	83.33%
Staff Training Fees	\$ 6,297.91	\$ 4,523.77	\$ 8,000.00	56.55%
Subscriptions	\$ 2,372.71	\$ 8,235.13	\$ 9,000.00	91.50%
Supplies	\$ 120,321.84	\$ 134,782.90	\$ 196,376.00	68.64%
Travel - Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 3,225.26	\$ 37,394.65	\$ 49,800.00	75.09%
Travel - Out of Town Expense	\$ 630.96	\$ 70,714.24	\$ 84,200.00	83.98%
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD	\$ 4,359,061.32	\$ 4,570,621.01	\$ 6,191,059.67	73.83%
INDIRECT COST RATE FOR THE PERIOD	41%	46%		



Quarterly Budget Adjustment
For the Period July 1, 2021 -April 30, 2022

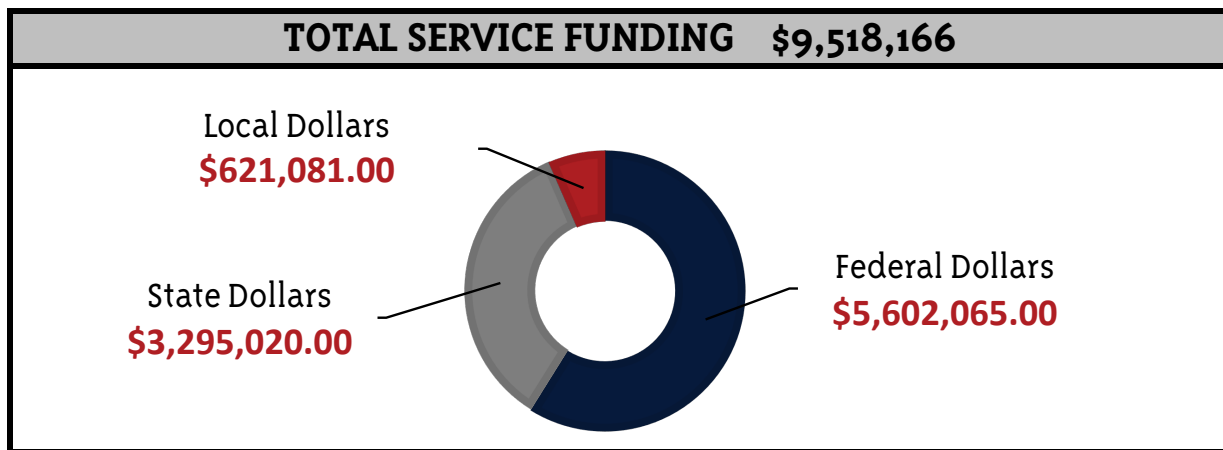
	Original Budget	07/21 - 09/21 Change	10/21 - 12/21 Change	01/22 - 03/22 Change	04/22 - 06/22 Change	Final Budget
Salary	\$ 3,092,717.30					\$ 3,092,717.30
Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,499,755.26					\$ 1,499,755.26
Advertising	\$ 69,220.25		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 169,220.25
Audit Costs	\$ 30,000.00					\$ 30,000.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 11,000.00			\$ (378.93)		\$ 10,621.07
Communications	\$ 87,884.86					\$ 87,884.86
Conference Registration Fee	\$ 16,200.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 31,200.00
Contract Services	\$ 636,919.00		\$ (82,900.00)	\$ (168,500.00)		\$ 385,519.00
Employee/Governing Board	\$ 15,000.00					\$ 15,000.00
Equipment Purchase/Maintenance	\$ 23,350.00			\$ (7,150.00)		\$ 16,200.00
Insurance	\$ 35,000.00			\$ 13,878.93		\$ 48,878.93
Legal Costs	\$ 10,000.00					\$ 10,000.00
Organizational Dues	\$ 38,900.00					\$ 38,900.00
Other Costs	\$ 7,730.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 13,730.00
Postage	\$ 18,050.00					\$ 18,050.00
Printing Costs	\$ 8,850.00			\$ 7,150.00		\$ 16,000.00
Software & Licenses	\$ 104,665.00					\$ 104,665.00
Space	\$ 255,342.00					\$ 255,342.00
Staff Training Fees	\$ 8,000.00					\$ 8,000.00
Subscriptions	\$ 2,100.00		\$ 900.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 9,000.00
Supplies	\$ 56,376.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 70,000.00		\$ 196,376.00
Travel - Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 79,800.00			\$ (30,000.00)		\$ 49,800.00
Travel - Out of Town Expense	\$ 34,200.00			\$ 50,000.00		\$ 84,200.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 6,141,059.67	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,191,059.67

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Aging and Disability Programs Services & Funding Report

July 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022

SERVICES PROVIDED		
Direct Service Hours Provided	Transportation Trips	Adult Day Service Days Attended
292,016	10,343	1,341
Adult Day Service Miles Traveled	Meals Provided	Home Medical Equipment & Emergency Response Units
726	143,683	10,165
Legal Services Contacts	Home Accessibility Modification And Pest Control Jobs	Senior Farmers Market Coupons Redeemed
829	40	16,345
Grocery Shopping and Delivery	Telephone Reassurance	Evidence Based Classes
546	680	633
Assisted Living Days	Alzheimers Education Contacts	Senior Volunteer Hours
12,834	164	54,722



REGIONAL STATS		
Total Consumers Served	Total Population	Total Population Eligible for Services by Age (60+)
3,375	260,084	55,147

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **Age-Friendly/Athens** | This initiative is a 5-year process intended to ensure that people of all ages can grow healthfully, safely and independently in a supportive and inclusive community. Over 100 local people and partners are engaged in this process that involves addressing 9 domains of livability including: social participation/inclusion; outdoor recreation; housing; transportation; climate resilience; and employment/civic engagement. BHRC participates on the Housing Committee.

Update: Senior Safety Day was held from 10am-2pm at the Athens County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, May 18th. A wide variety of community service organizations were present to provide resources and services. Age-Friendly Athens County and the BHRC/AAA hosted tables for the event this year.

- **Executive Director Search** | The ED Search Committee has reviewed the resumes that were received from around the country and have selected five finalists. There will be a meet and greet of the candidates held at Campus Martius Museum in Marietta from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Thursday June 9th. The first interviews for the candidates will be held on Friday, June 10th.

- **SolSmart Designation** | BHRC has started the process to secure SolSmart designation for the region. SolSmart is a national program led by the International City/County Management Association and the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC), along with a team of partners with deep expertise in solar energy and local governments. The designation program recognizes cities, counties, and regional organizations that foster the development of mature local solar markets. There are currently four communities that have secured local SolSmart designation within the BHRC Region. Those communities are in the process of documenting activities related to solar they have undertaken in the intervening time since their last scoring, thereby updating their scoring for a potential increase in designation level.

Through regional designation, BHRC seeks to influence other communities throughout our region to take advantage of the benefits of solar energy. BHRC is currently working on a solar landing page to add to the BHRC website.

Update: BHRC will be scheduling an all-day meeting to be held at the BHRC offices to introduce communities throughout the region to: the SolSmart designation process; benefits and barriers to investing in solar; the lessons learned and best practices of currently designated communities; the role and mission of BHRC as the future SolSmart-designated regional entity.

- **Community Health Workers (CHWs) initiatives** | We now have two CHWs active in connecting home-bound folks to resources, services and programming. This initiative is in partnership with, and funded by, Ohio University.

We are investigating other potential CHW initiatives, including stationing a CHW in the Buckeye Fields senior housing facility and engaging in the HUB Pathways model, an evidence-based and Medicaid-reimbursable program in which CHWs serve as liaisons between health/social services and the community to facilitate better access to quality health services.

We are currently in discussions with two organizations, Access Tusc and COAD. Access Tusc is a certified Pathways HUB and COAD is seeking certification. HUBs work with community-based organizations, agencies, and providers, to build a Pathways network. The COAD HUB will cover 5 of our counties, and the Access Tusc HUB currently covers two of our counties. BHRC leadership is in the process of determining the feasibility of contracting for or employing CHWs (utilizing our LSWs/RNs as supervisors) to serve vulnerable populations throughout our region under the two Pathways administrative HUBs covering our region.

Update: Access Tusc has applied for POWER funding to assist in expanding their Pathways program and providing additional training for new Community Care coordinators.

- **Substance Use Disorder Initiative** | The team that had collaborated on last year's DDAA SUD Learning Collaborative has been awarded \$500,000 from ARC's INSPIRE initiative. ARC's Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) initiative, which is a 3-year program, is providing funding for our team's efforts to further address the SUD (substance use disorder) crisis in Appalachia through assisting individuals in recovery in moving successfully toward securing employment; the focus is on support services that enable and support an individual's successful entry or reentry into the workforce, thereby creating an employment recovery ecosystem. The project includes Wood, Washington and Athens Counties, but will also benefit the residents of bordering counties.

The team has applied for EDA's Good Jobs Challenge grant for funding to assist folks in recovery to secure higher-paying, career-oriented jobs. There were over 500 proposals submitted for funding, so competition is formidable. We have set aside funding in the Challenge application to support increased capacity for the Mobility Manager and Washington/Morgan CAP in securing reliable transportation so persons can better access workforce training, and secure and maintain employment.

The team has also started working with two employers, Profusion in Washington County and Simonton Windows in Wood County. Efforts are underway to assist those companies in making changes to work culture and improving their job retention rates through hiring folks in recovery.

Update: The efforts to work with Profusion and Simonton Windows have hit barriers and those negotiations have ceased for now. The team is now looking at lessons learned from the attempts made to change the culture of these employers...what went wrong and how to improve the approach to employers around employing and supporting folks in recovery.

- **BHSS, Inc./Buckeye Fields Status** | The team is set to close on the project in June, and plans are underway to schedule a groundbreaking ceremony in July. Applications for residency will begin to be accepted shortly after closing. Project-based assistance will be diverted to after the completion of the project rather than at the outset of the project as was originally planned; therefore, the need to perform a Subsidy Layering Review and the HUD Part 58 and Section 106 environmental reviews have been rendered unnecessary as conditions for closing on the project.

Update: SuddenLink has been selected to provide communication services for the project. An agreement will be established with SuddenLink at closing.

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CURRENT INITIATIVES/ NEWS

- BHRC has been presented with the opportunity to participate in the **Save The Dream Ohio: Help for Homeowners, Utility Assistance Program**. This program is funded through OHFA and if accepted, will be funded in Noble and Monroe counties. These two counties are the only counties in our 8-county region currently not served via Community Actions with this program. Participating in the program will allow BHRC to bring over **\$700,000 to Noble and Monroe counties** supporting homeowners with utilities, taxes, insurance and other needs.
- The **Advancing Integration in Medicare and Medicaid Act**. The **bipartisan bill** would require states to do planning work around integrating benefits, including mental health services, for the 9 million people enrolled in both Medicare and full-benefit Medicaid. Details about the bill can be viewed via the live link or the attached document.
- The federal **Public Health Emergency (PHE)** will extend beyond the current July 15 end date delaying the Medicaid disenrollment process. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services committed to giving a 60-day notice before the end of the emergency, which was last extended by 90 days on April 16. The 60-day mark was May 23rd and states received no communication, which indicates that the PHE will be extended beyond July 15. The continuation means the PASSPORT is unable to disenroll individuals if the pending disenrollment would result in the individual becoming ineligible for Medicaid.
- **The State of Housing in Ohio** | The Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) is hosting a community forum to gather input on how the State can better address homelessness and housing insecurity. ODOD is asking what are the main barriers to low-income Ohioans maintaining stable housing in your region. We know that the biggest barrier is a lack of affordable housing and resources to bridge the gap between high rents and low-incomes.
- In the BHRC 8-county region, a forum is being held in Athens on June 8th. Please register through this link, if you would like to attend. [RSVP HERE](#)
- **Conference opportunities** are available in 2022. If you have any interest in attending please let Jenn Westfall (jwestfall@buckeyehills.org) or Jenny know.

July 10th to the 13th **USAgging Conference** **Austin, Texas**

Program & Service Update

- A total of **70 completed assessments, 105 qualifying calls into OBLTSS system and 5 outreach events** were completed or attended by Aging Staff in the past 30 days.

Athens	19
Hocking	5
Meigs	5
Monroe	2

Morgan	2
Noble	3
Perry	9
Washington	25

- BHRC has submitted **Region 8's Area Plan** to the Ohio Department of Aging for review and acceptance. The activities, objectives and goals were developed in partnership with the Regional Advisory Council following a community assessment offered via mail, in-person and online. The area plan is meant to guide Older American Act service delivery throughout the region.
- **Regional Advisory Council** is planning on meeting **June 24th at 10am**. This is an open meeting for any community member, professional or interested party to attend. The group serves as advisors to the state in support of aging issues that exist within our communities. The June meeting will feature a presentation from the Dementia Friends program developing in Athens and Washington counties.

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PASSPORT AND ASSISTED LIVING CASELOAD REGIONWIDE

- Current PASSPORT caseload is **759 individuals** and **56 individuals** on the Assisted Living Waiver.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

CHAIRMAN Bob Casey

RANKING MEMBER Tim Scott

The Advancing Integration in Medicare and Medicaid Act

U.S. Senators Bob Casey (D-PA) and Tim Scott (R-SC)

Why Do We Need the Advancing Integration in Medicare and Medicaid Act?

Almost [9 million Americans](#) receive full benefits under Medicare and state Medicaid programs. This population is diverse and often has multiple medical conditions, mental health needs and disabilities. Seniors and people with disabilities who have both Medicare and Medicaid must often navigate two complex, misaligned and fragmented systems leading to missed opportunities for treatments and supports, [poorer health outcomes and inefficiencies in care](#).

The federal government and states have worked to create and advance coverage options that integrate Medicare and Medicaid benefits for people in both programs, in hopes of providing care through a single entity or aligned entities. These integrated programs aim to reduce confusion and complexity and ensure individuals have access to care that reflects their needs and preferences. Furthering integration also has the potential to promote more effective and efficient coordination between Medicaid and Medicare, [reducing spending](#).

Despite these federal and state efforts, only approximately 12 percent of seniors and people with disabilities with Medicare and Medicaid benefits are enrolled in programs.

What Does the Advancing Integration in Medicare and Medicaid Act Do?

The Advancing Integration in Medicare and Medicaid Act would require states to develop integration strategies, detailing how they will improve programs for individuals with Medicare and Medicaid. Additionally, states would be required to consult with a range of affected groups, including people who have Medicare and Medicaid, their advocates, health plans, health care providers and more. In line with recommendations from the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC), states would be required to describe their approach to Medicare and Medicaid integration, including:

- Education and enrollment strategies to empower individuals with Medicare and Medicaid to make informed decisions about their coverage;
- Beneficiary protections intended to preserve and strengthen choice and access to care;
- Tactics to address gaps in Medicare and Medicaid data collection and sharing;
- Strategies to assess quality of care provided in integrated programs; and
- Description of how the integration approach(es) selected by the state will advance health equity

Supporting Organizations: Community Catalyst, Justice in Aging, The National MLTSS Health Plan Association, Long-Term Quality Alliance, The National PACE Association

CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **HEAP Outreach** | HEAP outreach is shifting from winter to summer mode. New billboard messages will be posted in six counties. Television PSAs will run on WOUB. Weekly social media posts will continue throughout the season. Information is available on our website at buckeyehills.org/heap.
- **Aging Outreach** | Buckeye Hills is scheduled to be a sponsor or participate in outreach events throughout the spring. These include Senior Fairs, Health Fairs, virtual presentations, and speaking engagements with community groups. Outreach events for the months of April and May included:
 - PEO luncheon (April 6 in Marietta),
 - Matter of Balance Class (April 7 in Marietta).
 - Lions Club Presentation (April 21 in Beverly)
 - Hocking County Senior Expo (April 22 in Logan),
 - O'Neill Center Senior Health Fair (April 25 in Marietta).
 - The Blakeslee Center Senior Health Fair (May 17 in Middleport)
 - Athens County Senior Safety Day (May 18 in Athens)
 - Monroe County Honors Seniors day (May 20 in Woodsfield)
 - Matter of Balance Class (May 25 in Marietta)
 - Morgan County Senior Center (May 25 in McConnelsville)
- Upcoming events in June include:
 - Elder Abuse Awareness Day Resource Fair (June 11 in Marietta)
 - Meigs County Elder Abuse Awareness Day Event (June 15 in Middleport)
 - Scenic Hills Senior Center presentation (June 27 in Logan)

If there is an upcoming outreach event in your community we should attend or a civic group that would like to have a speaker on Aging topics, please contact Amanda Reeder at areeder@buckeyehills.org.

These in-person outreach events are being reinforced throughout the summer months with a widespread multi-channel advertising campaign that includes television commercials on WTAP, newspaper and radio ads throughout our eight counties, social media ads, and bus shelter billboards in six counties.

- **Vaccine Hesitancy Grant** | The third in a series of direct mail pieces was distributed the third week of May. Subsequent mailers are scheduled from July through September. These are being supplemented with local radio and additional promo items to be distributed to local health departments and senior centers.
- **Mobility Management Video Project** | The Communications team is providing project management oversight for Washington County Mobility Management in the creation of a consumer instructional video on how to utilize Community Action Bus Lines (CABL) throughout Marietta and Washington County. Stonewall Group was engaged for video production. The video is currently in final edits and should be finalized by mid-June.
- **Downtown Revitalization Workshop Registration and Promotion** | The Communications team is providing support to Development staff for the registration and promotion of the EDA-funded Downtown Revitalization workshops that are taking place in each of our counties throughout June.
- **Annual Report** | The Communications team compiled the 2021 Annual Report, which was presented at the General Policy Council Annual Meeting in May. The report may be accessed on our website at <https://buckeyehills.org/our-impact>.
- **State of the Region Conference Planning Committee** | The Communications Director served on the State of the Region Conference Planning Committee with partners from OU, OhioSE, and the Appalachian Ohio LDDs. This year's theme was Models for Revitalization. More than 200 local leaders from across Ohio's Appalachian

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region participated in the conference on May 10 at Ohio University's Baker University Center Ballroom. Archived conference materials will soon be available at <https://sotr.ohio.edu>.

NEWS

- **Recent Press Releases & Notices**

- April 4: [Updated broadband study shows what it will take to bridge the digital divide in Southeast Ohio](#)
- April 6: [Local Development Districts Leveraged \\$74.9 million for Appalachian Ohio in 2021](#)
- April 13: [Appalachian Regional Commission Announces Funding for The Ridges Economic Feasibility Project](#)
- April 29: [Governor DeWine Announces Proposal for Historic Investment in Appalachian Ohio](#)
- May 3: [Older Americans Month 2022](#)
- May 10: [Caregiver Assistance News - May 2022](#)
- May 13: [EPA Awards \\$500,000 for Brownfield Assessment and Planning in Southeast Ohio](#)
- May 23: [Downtown Revitalization Workshops Announced to Assist in Leveraging \\$500 Million Appalachian Investment](#)

- **Notable Media Mentions**

- April 7: Athens Messenger - [City Council talks Broadband Internet](#)
- April 14: Athens Messenger - [Grant to redevelop The Ridges announced](#)
- April 21: Logan Daily News - [Senior expo slated for Friday](#)
- April 21: Logan Daily News - [Hocking County Senior Expo & Health Fair makes successful return](#)
- April 27: Ohio University - [Message from an OHIO senior: Don't be afraid to say 'yes'](#)
- April 28: Ohio University - [Appalachian Ohio State of the Region Conference celebrates a decade of collaboration and innovation](#)
- May 5: Logan Daily News - [Farmers market returns for second year](#)
- May 6: Marietta Times - [OneOhio Region 12 committee meeting](#)
- May 11: Morgan County Herald - [Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program returns for 2022](#)
- May 12: EPA - [Biden Administration Announces \\$6 Million to Tackle Polluted Brownfield Sites in Ohio](#)

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CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **Resolution to Approve the Regional Transportation Planning Organization Allocation Policy for Managing Dedicated Fund** | BHRC developed this policy to score projects submitted to the STBG Capital Program. This policy was brought before the Combined Advisory Committee and was approved.
- **Resolution to Approve the Buckeye Hills Regional Council Surface Transportation Block Grant Capital Funds** | BHRC as the regional transportation planning organization received capital funds through the STBG. The STBG Program finances multimodal transportation, preservation, operations, capital, and new construction projects. This resolution serves to approve the projects within the region that will be allocated these funds.
- **Approval Resolution for the Buckeye Hills Regional Council FY 2023 Regional Transportation Planning Organization Work Plan** | BHRC establishes methodologies and a budget to implement the region's comprehensive transportation planning process and program activities for the upcoming fiscal year through this work plan.
- **Update to the ARC Funding Priority Areas** | The Appalachian Regional Commission has released their priority areas in their strategic plan. With the unveiling of the new ARC strategic plan, BHRC wants to give members the opportunity to again rank their priorities for their county and communities.

NEWS

Program & Service Updates

- **Downtown Revitalization Workshop Series** | With the recent announcement of a historic \$500 million investment in Appalachian Ohio by Governor DeWine's administration, Buckeye Hills Regional Council is partnering with Designing Local to host a series of eight workshops aimed at helping communities reimagine their downtowns.

The series is free and open to all Southeast Ohio community leaders, elected officials, nonprofits, and anyone working to make their community a better place to live, work and play. Each workshop will cover the topics of Outdoor Recreation, Historic Preservation, Public Art, Streetscapes, Pedestrian Infrastructure, and more. Designing Local—a certified woman-owned business dedicated to helping communities connect people to place through culture—will guide communities through the best practices of developing both small- and large-scale revitalization projects. You can learn more and register at buckeyehills.org/events.

- **OneOhio Region 12 Update** | OneOhio ensures a settlement recognizing that every corner of the state has been hit hard by the crisis. After consultation with OMEGA and the involved counties, Buckeye Hills convened the committee in May and the committee nominated and approved for Mayor Don Mason of Zanesville to serve as the regional representative to the State Foundation Board.
- **RISE Ohio Initiative Update** | The contract for lead technical assistance consultant was awarded to American Structurepoint in March 2022. Since then, members of the BHRC team and American Structurepoint have been meeting with the 12 Opportunity Zone communities to begin planning and execution of potential projects within the zone. The shared consultant on the project, Steadfast City, has been hosting webinar training on various components of a successful OZ. Links to upcoming training and recordings of previous ones can be found at buckeyehills.org/rise-ohio.

Staff Updates

- **Brandi Beaver** and her current position have been funded for an additional year through the regional WIOA board. Over the next year, Brandi will work on increasing outreach to Monroe, Morgan and Noble counties over the coming months.

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- **Madelyn Brewer** has scored the projects submitted for ARC funding this year. In the next months, she will be meeting with the county commissioners in each of the eight counties to go over the projects submitted for each county
- **Ryan Collins** has gone through federal notice of funding opportunities for Broadband Programs and worked with several of our communities on applying for NDIA Digital Navigator Program and for the Community Accelerator Program.
- **Carly Fitz** organized the first meeting of OneOhio Region 12 and helped to select our regional representative on the State Foundation Board, Mayor Don Mason of Zanesville.
- **Julia Hinzman** has been building connections within Noble County and recently attended Noble Opioid Meeting.
- **Michelle Hyer** attended the OPWC FY '23/Round 36 Small Government meeting via YouTube and received the news that District 18 received funding for all 7 projects submitted (5 priority projects and 2 contingency projects) under Small Government totally \$2,133,297 in grant funds and \$1,785,698 in loan funds. These funds are in addition to the SCIP/LTIP funding which totaled approximately \$10M.
- **Kelly Islay** has been making connections in the community and has recently been meeting with the Senior Center and Monroe County Public Transit to discuss transportation obstacles in the county.
- **Kate Perani** has been coordinating in person community introduction meetings between Opportunity Zone communities and RISE Ohio Technical Assistance consultant, American StructurePoint. The purpose of these meetings is to introduce American StructurePoint to the communities that they will be serving and helping to identify projects within all 12 Opportunity Zones.
- **Jason Pyles** has worked to submit environmental reviews to the state for their final review.
- **Jada Riley** has been organizing and planning the Downtown Revitalization workshop series.
- **Melissa Zoller** has been working on regional transportation improvement program (RTIP) plan, as well as the policy and scoring sheet.

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CURRENT INITIATIVES

- **Employee Years of Service Recognition** | Each year the Agency recognizes those employees celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 years of service with the organization. Employees celebrating anniversaries of 20, 25 or 30 years will also receive special recognition in the form of a gift card and resolution signed by the President of the Executive Committee.
- **Evaluations** | The current evaluation period ends June 30 and employee appraisals will start shortly thereafter.
- **Insurance Renewals** | Insurance renewals are September 1. We will start receiving insurance renewals in June. Employees will start the online applications for potential marketing early in June as well.
- **Vacancies** | Job postings and interviews are currently being conducted/scheduled for two Clinical Assistants.
- **National Nurses Week** | National Nurses Week ended May 12. Buckeye Hills Regional Council has 17 dedicated nurses working every day to make a positive difference in the lives of our clients in southeast Ohio. On National Nurses Day, we thanked all of our nurses for their dedication and the compassionate care they provide.

- April Labonte, RN
- Beth Richardson, RN
- Darlene Hambel, LPN
- Denise Young, RN
- Elizabeth Cain, RN
- Jayne Yates, RN
- Jessica Rife, RN
- Judy Kuhn, RN
- Kristen Conley, RN
- Leslie Dolan, RN
- Lori Chesnet, RN
- Sheena Childress, RN
- Rhonda Varhola, RN
- Stephanie Murphy, RN
- Theresa Whitlatch, RN
- Tisha England, RN
- Vicki Bennett, RN

STAFF UPDATES

- **Michelle Hyer**, promoted to Program Manager, effective May 16
- **Jason Pyles**, promoted to Senior Planner, effective May 16
- **Ellen Gill**, interning with the Development Department for the summer

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Outdoor Recreation An Opportunity For Appalachian Ohio



Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia



Mission

Develop outdoor recreation opportunities across governmental boundaries that create sustainable and equitable economic development, inspiring communities throughout Appalachian Ohio.

Vision

Form a collaborative entity that expands recreational opportunities within Appalachian Ohio while cultivating “a diverse, resilient, and prosperous rural economy to sustain inclusive growth.

Values

- Community
- Quality of Life
- Sustainability
- Innovation
- Inclusivity
- Shared Stewardship

Strategy

Local Collaboration

Regional Asset

Intentional Development

Attract Public Investment

Build Local Wealth

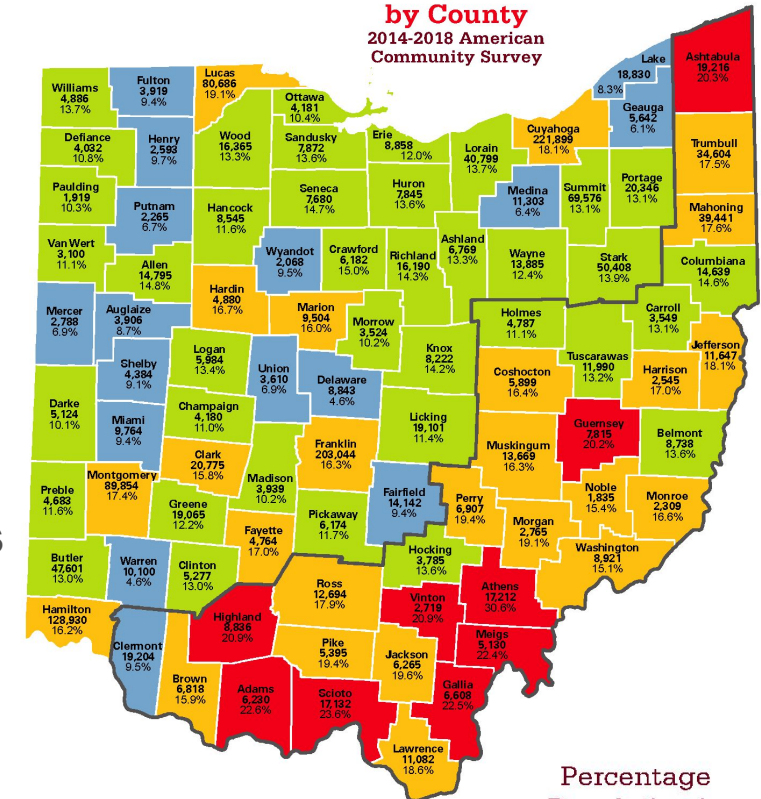


Appalachian Ohio



Ohio

Poverty in Ohio
by County
2014-2018 American
Community Survey



Statewide Poverty
1,645,986
14.5%

Percentage
Population in
Poverty

- 4.6% - 9.9%
- 10.0% - 14.9%
- 15.0% - 19.9%
- 20.0% - 30.6%

Appalachian Ohio

- Is the Poorest Economic Region in Ohio
- Of Ohio's 88 Counties the 3 Persistent Poverty* Counties are in Appalachia
- Is primarily rural, heavily forested, and less densely populated
- Geography limits development and increases infrastructure costs
- Historically, has not received Investments at rates similar to other regions
- Much of the Region's Economy is largely Dependent on 1 major employer
- Heart Disease & COPD are 20% higher; access to primary care 25% lower

*Persistent Poverty- at least 20% of the population lives at or below poverty for at least 30 years

Appalachian Ohio is rich with **UNIQUE Natural Assets & Abundance of Public Lands**

- Investment & Development of Appalachian Ohio's Assets can **grow Ohio's tourism economy**
- Outdoor Recreation Development **requires infrastructure for tourism that also serves communities**
- **Close Proximity to Trails Increases Use, and as little as 1.5 hours a week outdoors can improve health**
- Trail Maintenance presents opportunities to **transfer skills and engage youth in work**

Outdoor Recreation Economies Provide Sustainable Long-term Economic Growth

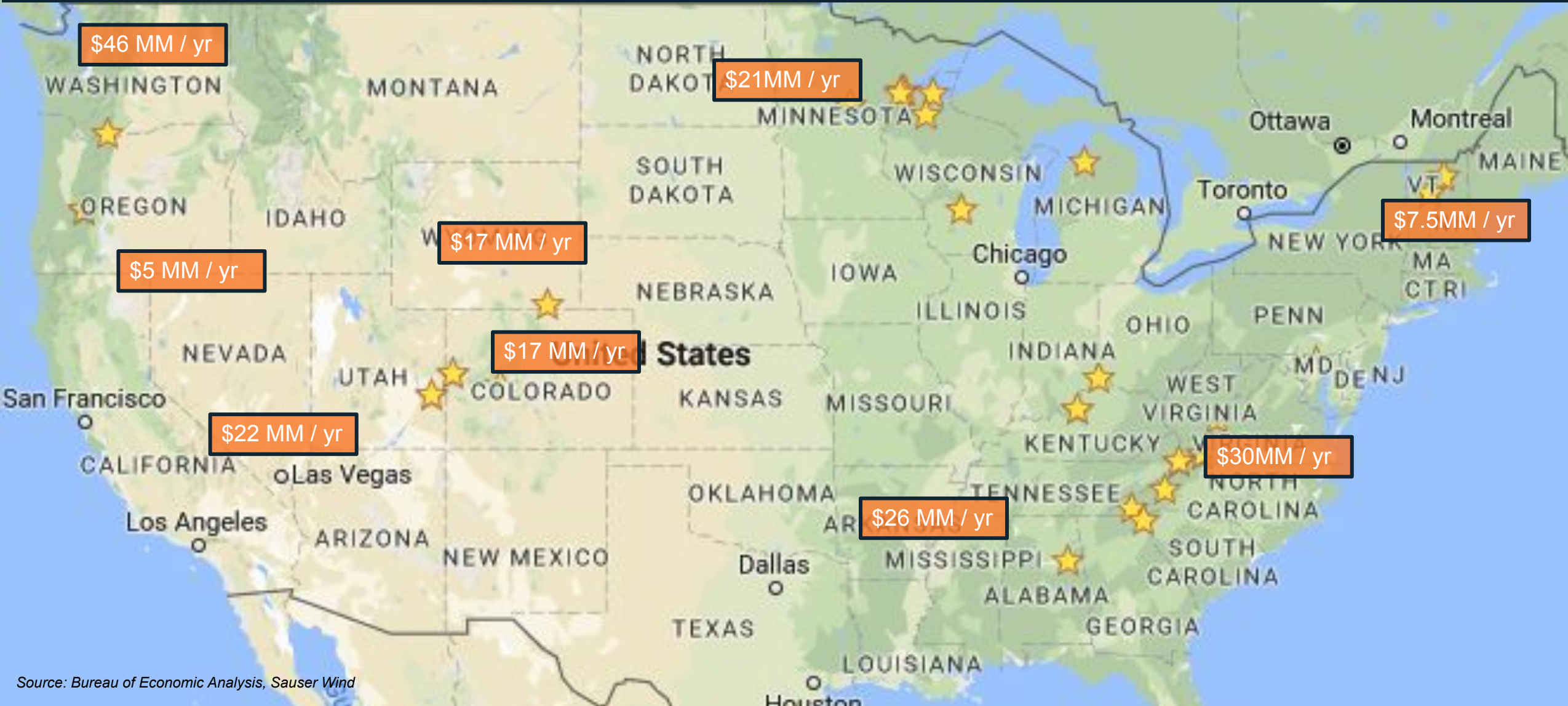
- Outdoor Recreation Economy begins with Asset Development, this development comes with infrastructure
- **World-class Outdoor Recreation Assets bring visitors**
- **Visitors increase demand for goods/ services**
- **To meet market demands new businesses are created**
- **Outdoor Recreation Destinations are a catalyst for traditional economic development in rural areas**
- **Advanced Outdoor Recreation Economies create places to live work and play that compete nationally**
- Trends indicate a progression from recreation asset development to recreation product manufacturing



Case studies have shown mountain biking is a catalyst for development



There are over 50 case studies of US towns being economically stimulated by the \$6B mountain biking industry





Potential for Mountain Biking Industry in Athens County, OH



Mountain biking is a growing industry



- 8.6 million people mountain bike per year in the US, growing at ~3% per year
- ~1 million mountain bikers reside within driving distance of the Baileys

Mountain bikers travel to ride



- 62% of mountain bikers travel to ride because they want to ride new trails
- 27% of mountain bike trips are overnight, lasting an average of 2.5 days

Mountain bikers spend money on their trips



- 55% have a household income level \$80,000+
- Mountain bikers spend \$52 per day trip and \$234 for overnight trips



The Baileys Trail System will be an 88-mile premier mountain biking trail system on the Wayne National Forest to diversify and stimulate Appalachian Ohio's economy



Baileys Trail System

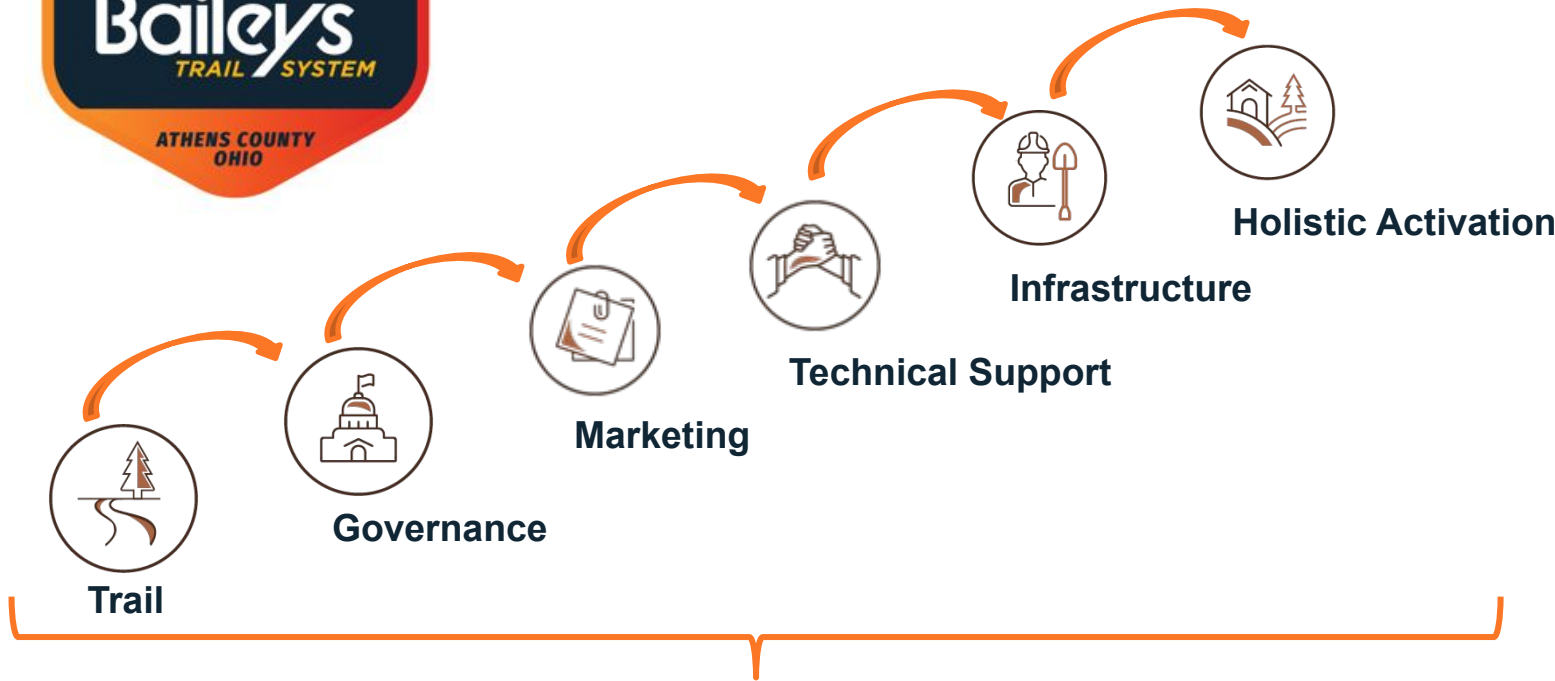
The mission of the Baileys Trail System is to integrate conservation, outdoor recreation and economic development in a way that strengthens and inspires communities in Southeast Ohio.

- **One of the longest connected trail systems** east of the Mississippi. Trails varying levels of difficulty for all skill levels.
- **Purpose-built:** unique for its size, trails will be designed specifically for mountain biking on a “blank canvas” by top trail designers
- **In a prime location.** Trail is within 250 miles 15% of US population –over 1 million mountain bikers. Athens county has unique resources: the Ohio University, breweries, art, culture, and festivals.
- Designed for:
 - Mountain Bikers
 - Adaptive trails for handicapped users
 - Trail Runners, Hikers, Nature Watchers, and Backpackers
 - Educational Opportunities

Total Miles	88
Beginner	18%
Intermediate	59%
Advanced	23%



This is not a “trail” project, this is asset based economic development & diversification through a value chain approach



A holistic approach **enables** economic development tool and project financing

Project Impacts*

Economic development
\$40MM in new spending

Jobs
78 new jobs

New wage growth
\$10MM

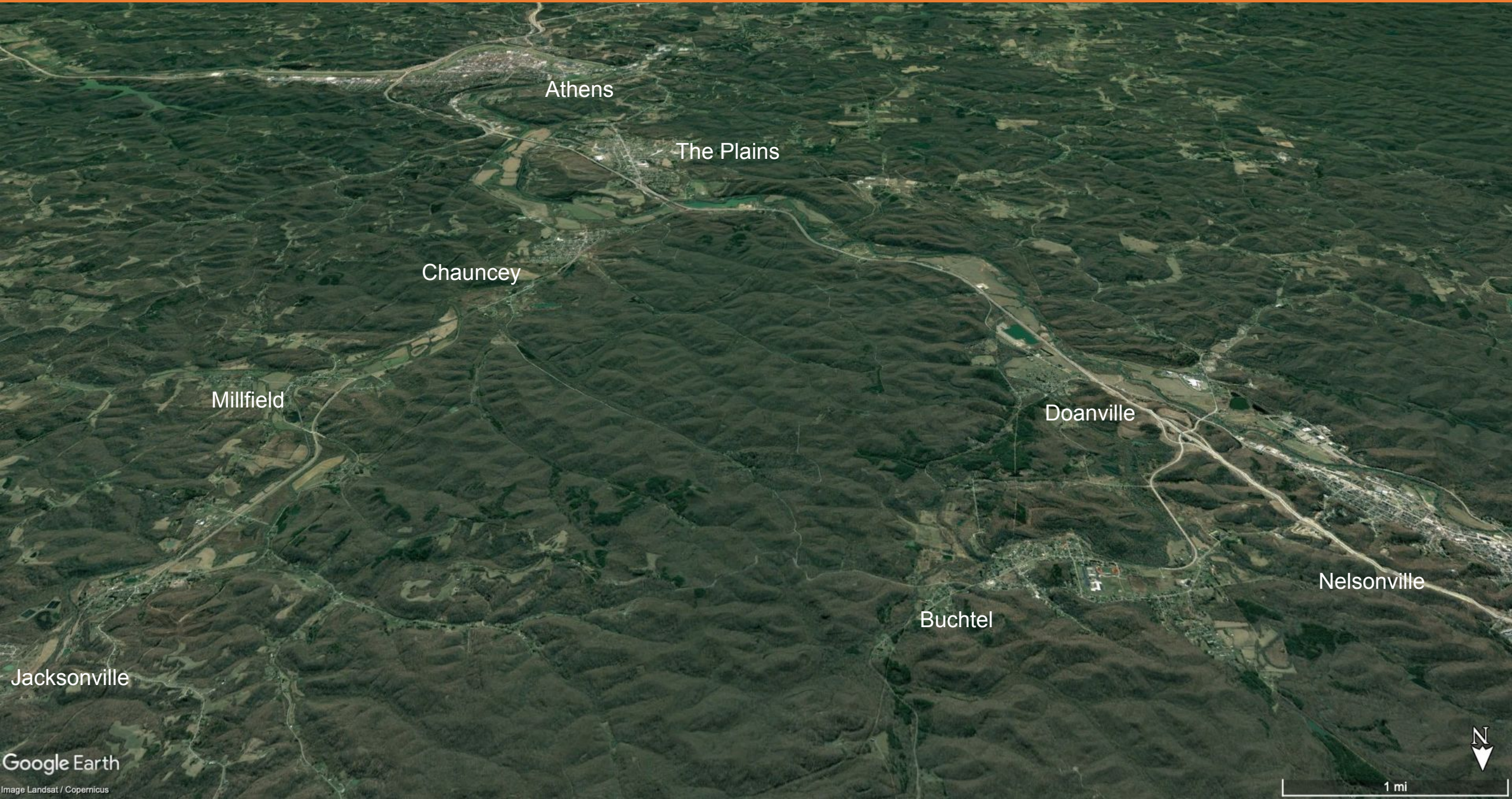
Environmental restoration

Improved health outcomes

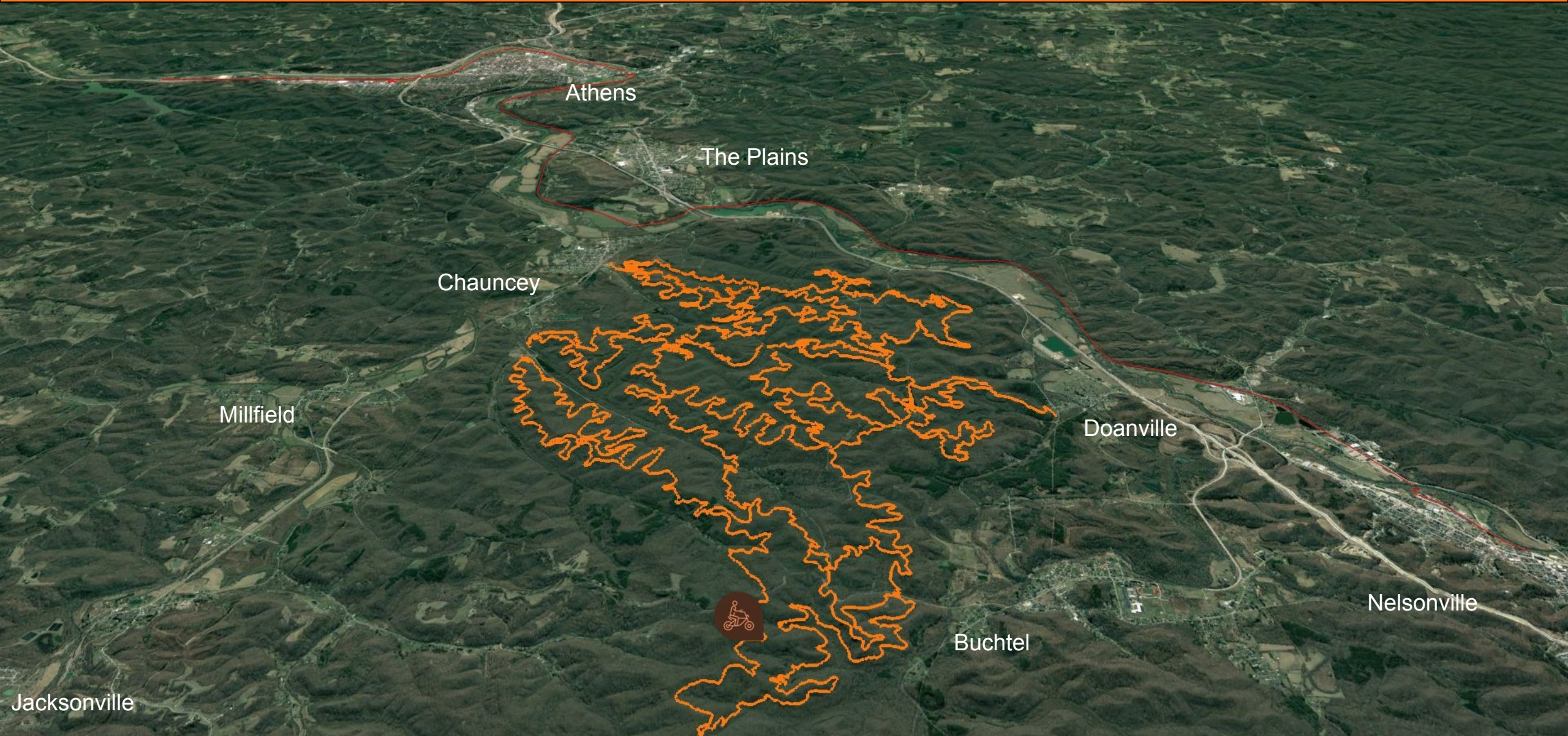
Increased connectivity

*10-year projections

A Blank Slate



An Asset Based Approach to Economic Development



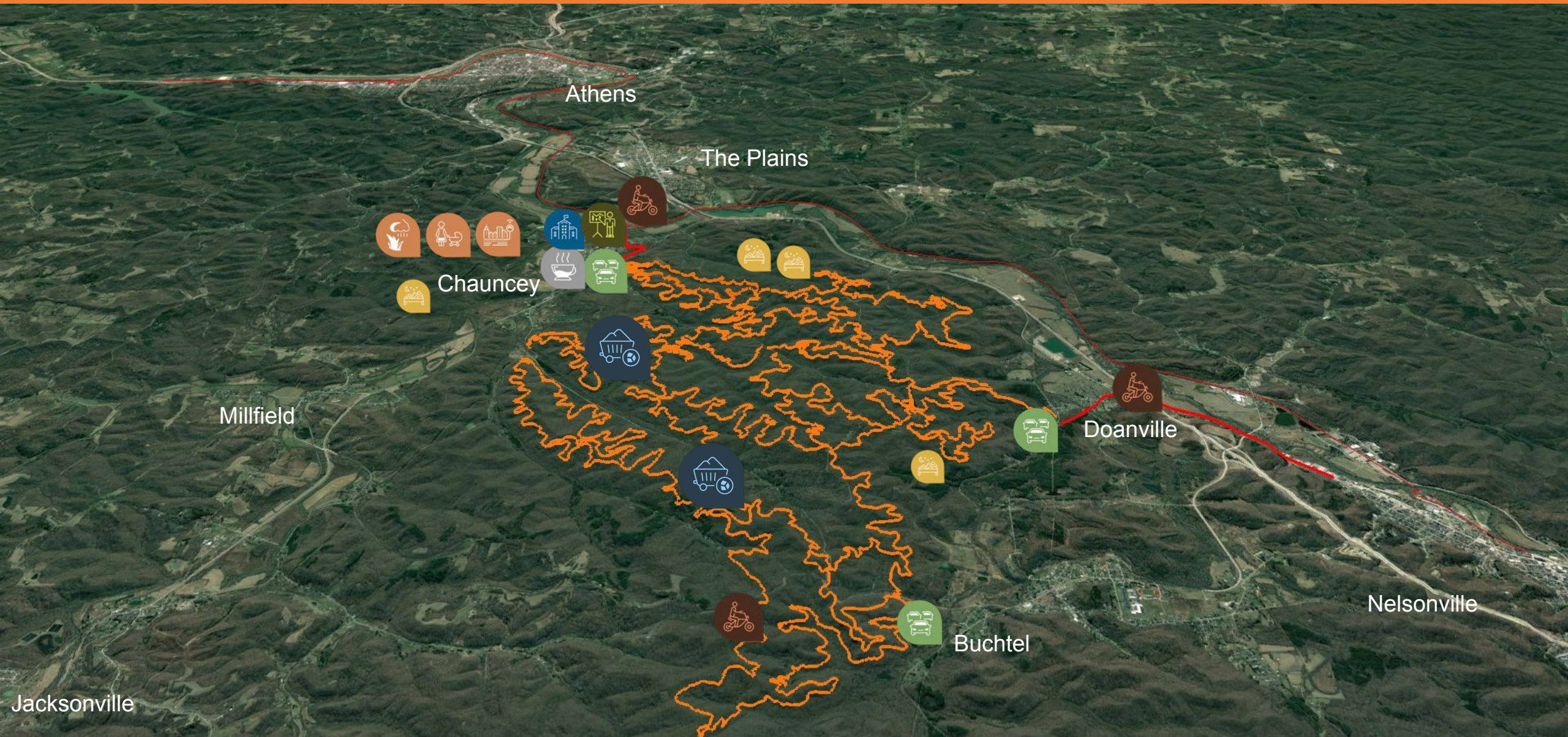
Baileys Trail System

Spurs Public Investment into Community Infrastructure and Improvements



-  Baileys Trail System
-  Bikeway Extensions
-  Trailheads in Communities
-  Mine Land Remediation
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-  Community Improvements

Enabling the Private Sector to Build Local Wealth



-  Baileys Trail System
-  Bikeway Extensions
-  Trailheads in Communities
-  Mine Land Remediation
-  Community Improvements
-  Office/Gov Space
-  Business Incubator
-  New Airbnbs
-  New Cafe

Baileys Trail System Development Leveraged \$10 million of Investment



Source	Grants	Philanthropy	Local Match	Total
2017				
Grant 2017 ODOT Transportation Alternatives Program	\$	1,500,000	75,000	\$ 1,575,000
Donations Government, Area Business, Corporate, Foundation			25,300	\$ 25,300
2018				
2018 Clean Ohio Trails Fund	\$	224,780	74,927	\$ 299,707
2018 Recreational Trails Program	\$	150,000		\$ 150,000
2018 Community Development Block Grant NRG Program	\$	415,000		\$ 415,000
2018 Abandoned Mine Land Pilot fund	\$	2,600,000		\$ 2,600,000
QBP Community Grant	\$	6,000		\$ 6,000
Buffet Foundation/Ohio University	\$	20,000		\$ 20,000
2019				
2019 REI National Forest Foundation grant	\$	150,000		\$ 150,000
2019 Appalachian Regional Commission POWER grant	\$	1,235,727		\$ 1,235,727
2019 Recreational Trails Program	\$	150,000	\$ 37,500.0	\$ 187,500
2020				
2020 National Forest Foundation	\$	35,000		\$ 35,000
2020 COVID Support from National Partnership Office	\$	200,000		\$ 200,000
Philanthropic Donations	\$	62,500		\$ 62,500
2021				
State of Ohio 2021 Budget	\$	2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000
2021 Appalachian Regional Commission POWER grant	\$	1,490,000		\$ 1,490,000
Just Transition Fund	\$	20,000		\$ 20,000
Just Transition Fund	\$	25,000		\$ 25,000
Philanthropic Donations	\$	2,500		\$ 2,500
Local Government Support			\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000
2022				
Ohio University Economics of Altruism Class	\$	12,564		\$ 12,564
Local Government Support			\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000
		\$ 10,299,071	\$ 572,727	\$ 10,871,798

Realizing the Vision.....

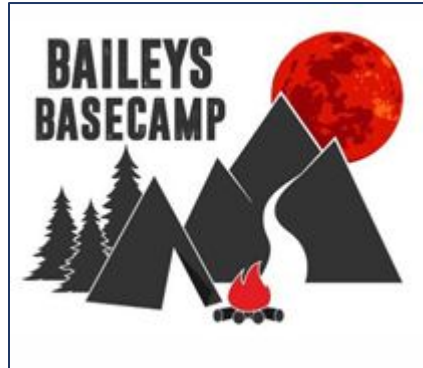
Baileys Lodging Company



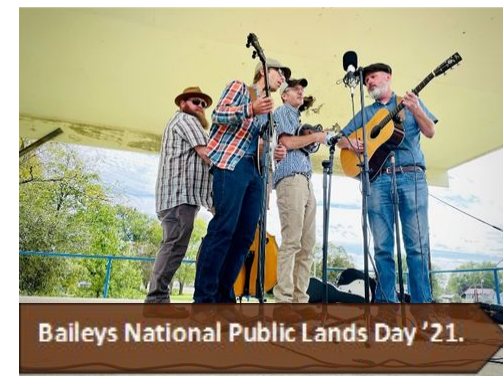
Benton's on the Baileys



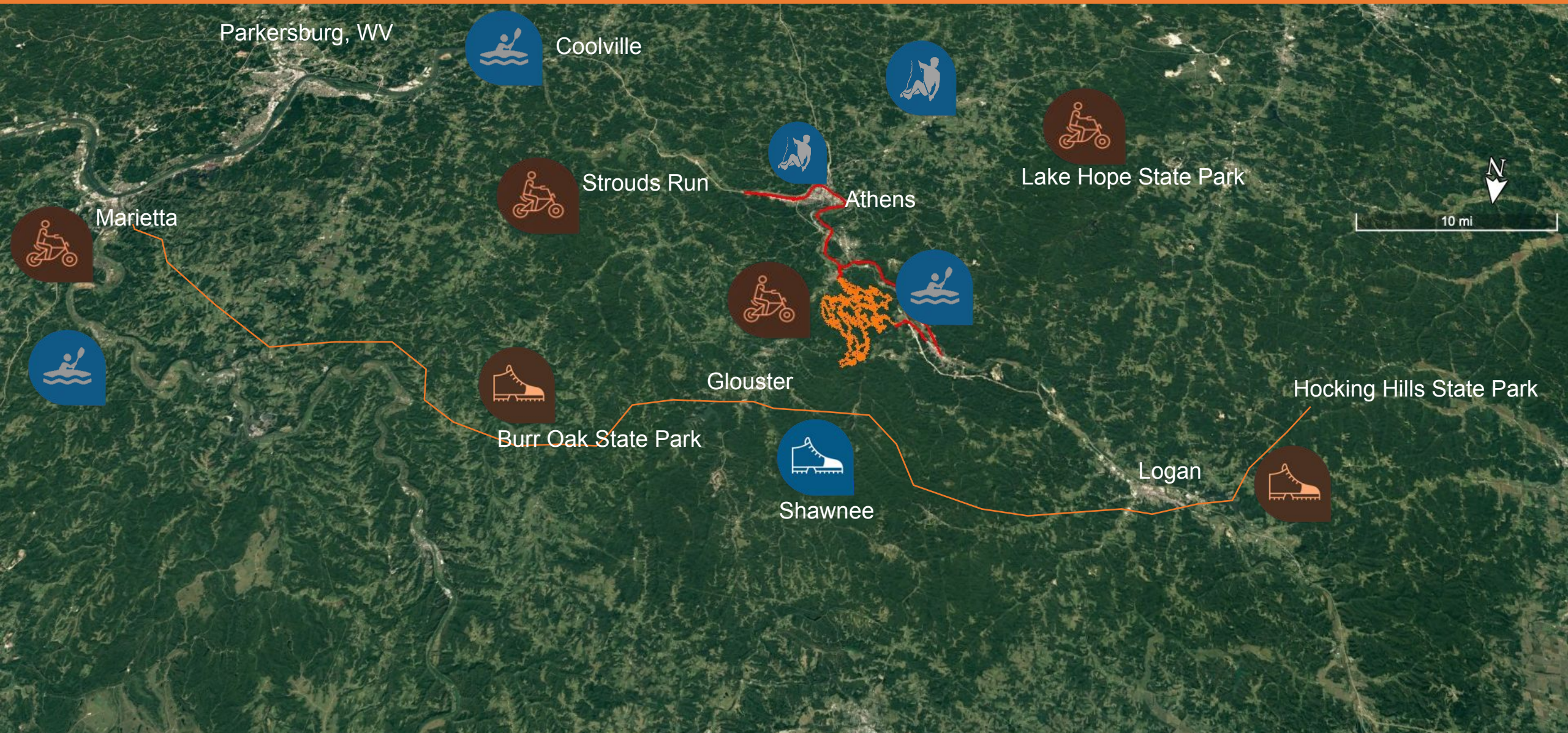
Harvey & Davis Bicycles





"Old Chauncey school buildings under renovation to host brewery, restaurant, other businesses" – *The Athens Messenger* 10.29.21






Appalachian Ohio's Outdoor Recreation Destination Potential



Existing:

-  Mountain Biking
-  Buckeye Trail/ State Parks

Future:

-  Trail Connectivity
-  Put Ins on the Hocking River
-  Climbing and Bouldering

The benefits of outdoor recreation infrastructure is increasingly recognized by economic development agencies and economists alike



Appalachian Regional Commission

- In 2017, the ARC awarded \$1MM in grant money to Fayetteville, WV for MTB trails
- Publically stated they believe it will have a 3 to 1 ROI in economic growth from increased visitation listed Social Impact capital in the ARC Power RFP

Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board

- In 2018, the IRRRB awarded \$4.95 million for 92 miles of mountain bike trails in NE Minnesota
- The goal of the trail is to “improve the quality of life for residents, and help attract and retain professionals and families to the region”

Abandoned Mine Land Pilot

In 2018, The AML Economic and Community Development Pilot Program awarded \$2.25 Million dollars for the Clear Creek Trail in Whitesville West Virginia

Economic Development Agency

- 2021 EDA's \$3 billion of American Rescue Plan funding allocated \$750 million to Travel Tourism & Outdoor Recreation (25%)

Bureau of Economic Analysis

- 2018 Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account
- For the first time in its history the BEA began to assess the impact of outdoor recreation on US GDP

Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

- 2021 ORR Released Rural Development Toolkit- a resources for communities building their outdoor recreation economies

Outdoor Recreation Association

- In 2018, ORA analyzed the economic impact of outdoor recreation in congressional districts nationwide
- Ohio's outdoor recreation economy generates \$24B in consumer spending, \$4.2B from out of state visitors

Vermont VOREC COVID

- 2021 – Governor proposed \$20 million for outdoor recreation to provide economic recovery from COVID, \$5 million for the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collective

Outdoor Recreation Development Alignment 2020 CEDS (Buckeye Hills)



CEDS Goals	CEDS Justification and Priorities	Projects	Alignment
Infrastructure Support	Provide residents and businesses with utility infrastructure that meets current demand and offers opportunity to meet demand in the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewer Improvements • Wireless Internet • Road Improvements 	
Economic Diversification	Sustain efforts to diversify the Buckeye Hills economy through regional asset development and lessen the economic impacts caused by external threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baileys Trail System • Outdoor Recreation Economy 	
Asset Utilization	The Buckeye Hills has many regional assets such as history, arts, culture, and tourism that give it a distinct advantage. Work collaboratively to enhance development opportunities surrounding unique regional assets and expand local ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne National Forest • Baileys Trail System • Coal history and culture • Nelsonville Connector • Hockhocking Adena Bikeway 	
Workforce	Ensure that Buckeye Hills regional workforce has the skills and opportunities to succeed, grow, and adapt in the current and future economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA for workforce agencies and nonprofits who train employees • TA for businesses • Revolving Loan Fund 	
Broadband	Work to continue broadband development and expansion to ensure the Buckeye Hills region can remain competitive and succeed in the 21 st century	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Wi-Fi in Chauncey 	

Appalachian Ohio & Outdoor Recreation Funding Opportunities



2022 CEDS Update Opportunity: Outdoor Recreation & Tourism

- Throughout the eight Buckeye Hills counties there are many opportunities to diversify the region's economy through a strong collaboration that builds on a historic investment in some of Southeastern Ohio's greatest natural assets.
- Individuals from across the state and country come to the Buckeye Hills region to visit and explore the seven state forests, eight state parks and the only national forest in Ohio: Wayne National Forest.
- Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an influx of visitors to the region and as a result a moment has arrived to develop and connect recreation tourism opportunities that contribute to the ecological, social, and economic growth of the region as a whole.
- Leveraging these natural assets encourages greater spending from visitors that leads to increased sales taxes, property values, number of jobs, and earnings.
- The region has already seen the beginning of this around assets such as the Baileys Trail System and the Hocking Hills State Park as they continue to stimulate the regional economy, helping the area pivot to a sustainable economy.
- Investing in development around these natural assets makes communities more attractive to newcomers while also raising the quality of life for locals. These activities can rejuvenate and revitalize communities by bringing people together and cultivating a sense of place.
- Seizing this opportunity does more than stimulate local economies, it also brings health benefits to communities that do not necessarily have that imbedded in their culture. This leads to a higher quality of life for residents and paves the way for a more ready workforce.

Proposed Ohio BUILDS \$500 million for Appalachia :

In the Administration's comments, six categories of grant funding were mentioned:

- Downtown revitalization
- Trails, recreation, tourism, and arts
- Broadband
- Education and workforce development
- School or community-based services for children
- Tackling substance abuse

Appalachian Regional Commission

- POWER- Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization
- ARC Pilot Project- Outdoor Recreation Industry and Vibrant Economies Strategy (Outdoor RIVERS)

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

- Planned New Abandoned Mine Land Grant Program

Appalachian Ohio's Outdoor Recreation Tourism Opportunity

Hocking Hills State Park,
~4 million visitors a year,
visitation comparable to
Yellowstone and Yosemite

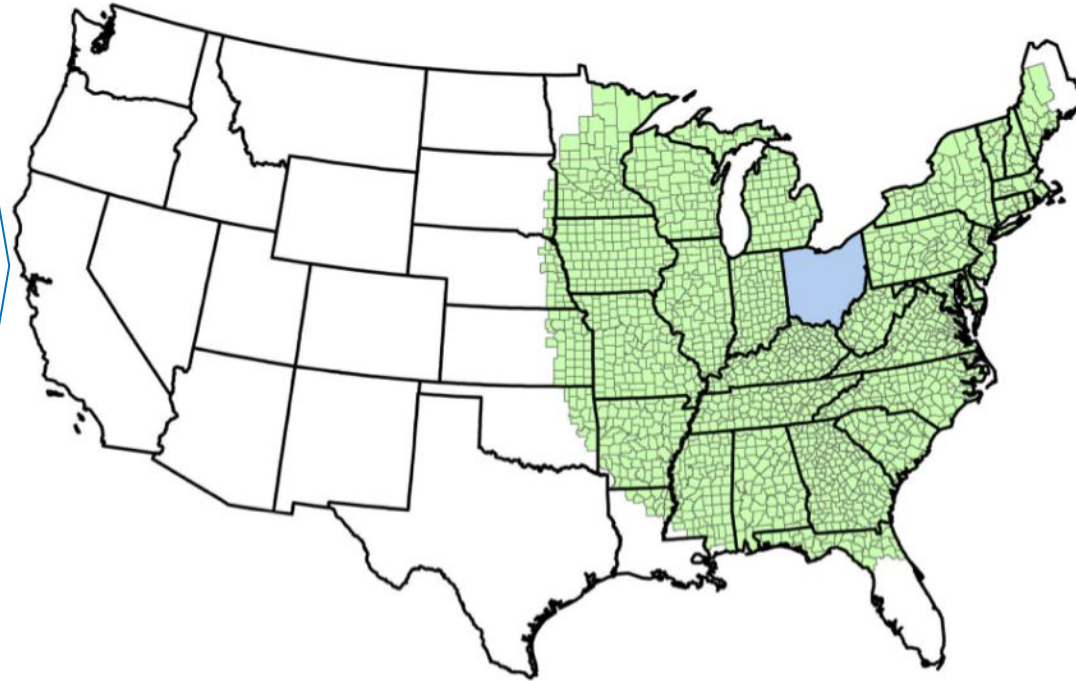
Amazon is investing in
distribution centers in Ohio
because it is within a day's
drive of 50% of the country's
population (NPR, Amazon)

Gov. John Kasich says **60
percent of U.S. population
is within 600 miles of Ohio**
(May 2011), rated "True"
by PolitiFact



POLITIFACT
OHIO

184.9 million U.S. residents live within 600 miles of Ohio
(59.9 percent of the U.S. population of 308.7 million)



"Ohio is a leader in providing sustainable trails for all users, offering an extraordinary network of world-class recreation and transportation opportunities linking communities, people, and places while stimulating economic and social vitality."

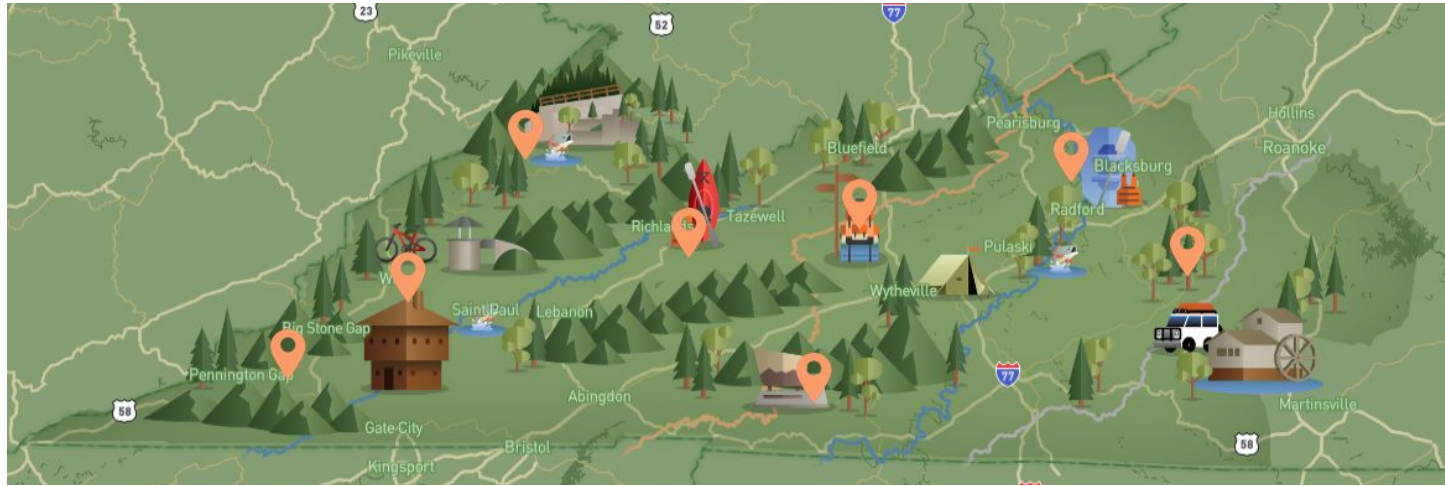
Major cities (hours drive)

- Columbus (1.5)
- Pittsburgh (2.5)
- Cincinnati (2.5)
- Lexington (3.5)
- Cleveland (3.5)
- Louisville (4)

Regional Tourism Framework for Large-Scale Investment Proposal



Top-Tier Tourism Destinations Offer a Variety of Experiences and Amenities for visitors that don't end at county lines. These destinations are co-branded and marketed to attract longer term visitors, and enhance the visitor experience.

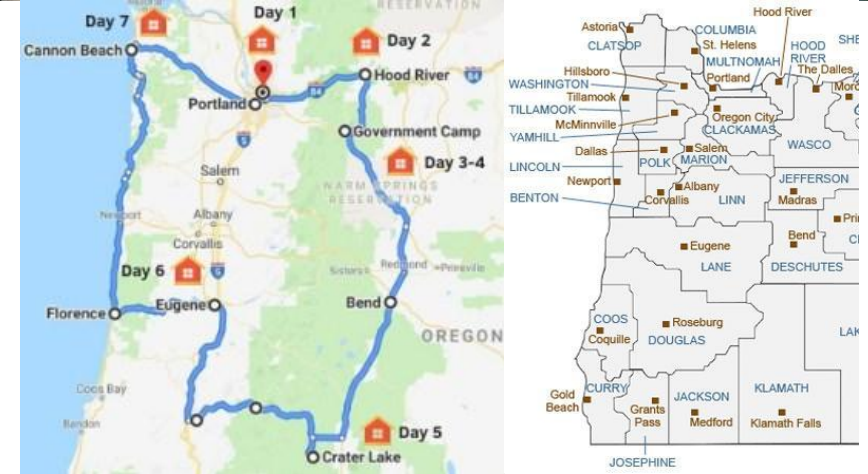


Appalachian Ohio's abundant public lands and trails throughout the region create a framework to develop an investment proposal to:
1. serve the needs of the region, and 2. have a significant ROI for Ohio

By linking strategic investments in:

- Downtown revitalization
- Broadband
- Services/ programming for youth
- Education and workforce development,
- Support for the arts
- Recovery Services

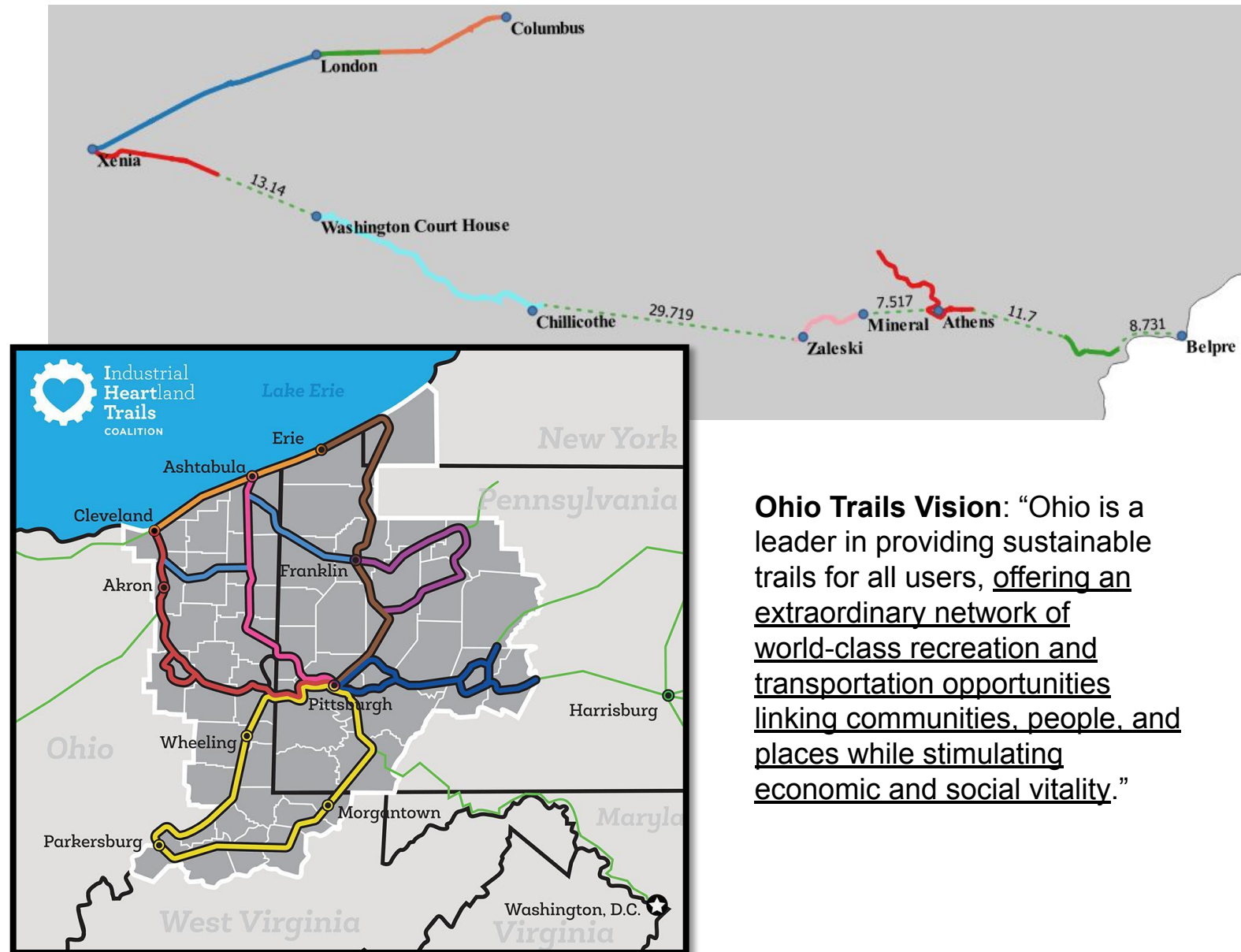
Appalachian Ohio can develop a premier outdoor recreation destination, utilizing Appalachian Ohio assets will increase tax revenues, grow and diversify the economy, create opportunities for residents to sustainably combat use of opioids, and retain and attract talent jobs and businesses.



Bike Trail Proposal- Sample Framework for Investment Request



- Capital to Capital Trail project will develop critical connections of multi-purpose trail to link Ohio's Capital to the Nation's Capital traversing Appalachian Ohio.
- The Trail presents a unique opportunity to highlight Ohio's natural beauty, ancient Native American sites, frontier towns, world-class recreation dining arts and entertainment, and Ohio River while linking Columbus, Ohio to Parkersburg, WV and the Industrial Heartland Trail to Washington D.C.
- From the heart of Columbus, Ohio 138 miles of existing trail will be utilized and an additional 72-miles of trail developed to traverse Southern Ohio linking Ohio to the Industrial Heartland Trail.
- This 210-mi trail will be a catalyst for downtown revitalization and business development and is already 66% complete!
- Development of the this Trail will link to an additional 318 miles of Miami River Valley trails and 119 miles of Columbus Area Trails; creating a 647-mile multi-purpose trail system.
- This ambitious project has shovel ready phases of construction to provide Ohio communities



Ohio Trails Vision: “Ohio is a leader in providing sustainable trails for all users, offering an extraordinary network of world-class recreation and transportation opportunities linking communities, people, and places while stimulating economic and social vitality.”

Intersection of Outdoor Recreation & Regional Needs



Geography of Poverty*

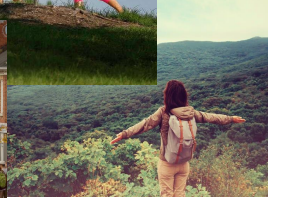
Research has shown that the poor living in areas where poverty is prevalent face impediments beyond those of their individual circumstances.

Concentrated poverty contributes to poor housing and health conditions, higher crime and school dropout rates, and employment dislocations.

As a result, economic conditions in very poor areas can create limited opportunities for poor residents that become self-perpetuating.

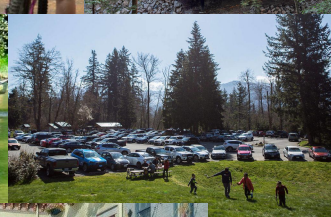
An important dimension of poverty is its persistence over time.

*USDA ERS Rural Poverty & Well Being



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

HEALTH COMMUNITY VIBRANCY
INFRASTRUCTURE & ACCESS



OUTDOOR RECREATION

Appalachian Regional Commission Investments in 2019 & 2021



2019 POWER Grant

54.25 FTE jobs created & 25 new business starts (as of 2/22)

31 miles of Baileys Trail System constructed by Summer 2021

Two Baileys trailheads, directly connecting 3 rural communities

Buckeye Trail connector to the Village of Shawnee

34 high school internships

21 Appalachian Conservation Corps placements of local young adults (2019 - 2020)

Entrepreneurial support: website development, branding, & loan assistance 185 Businesses & 95 Participants

Professional tourism commercial by ACCVB, to be released in markets statewide

Ohio Hill Country partnership with Tourism Ohio for statewide marketing campaign of region

2021 POWER Grant

7-county recreation asset assessment

7-county Ohio's Winding Road destination signage

Ohio recreation economy conference

Regional entrepreneur support

Regional internships in 7 counties

Wayne National Forest trail enhancements

Buckeye Trail Association Trail Town program expansion

Ohio's Winding Road regional marketing development

Athens County Economic Development Council Opportunity Zone Prospectus



EXPANSION OF ASSET-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN 7 SOUTHEAST OHIO COUNTIES



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A RESOLUTION DELEGATING SUPPORT AND OVERSIGHT OF THE RIDGES DEVELOPMENT ADVISORS EFFORTS TO THE BUCKEYE HILLS FOUNDATION

Resolution #2022/06-05

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Community Building Partners (collectively Development Advisors) and Ohio University entered into a Services Agreement effective April, 2021 for completion of an Economic Feasibility Development Strategy and Staged Action Plan based upon the principles, objectives, and recommendations of the Ridges Framework Plan to guide the redevelopment of the Ridges Campus and are not charging the University for these services; and

WHEREAS, if selected as part of the development team found acceptable to the University after review and acceptance of the Development Strategy and Staged Action, compensation for the Development Advisors will be incorporated into the underlying deal structure at no cost to the University; and

WHEREAS, should the University decline development with the team proposed by the Development Advisors, but proceed with any aspect of the plan with the general contours presented, the University will cooperate in requiring that a Development Advisory fee of 4% of total development cost of any and all phases be paid to the Development Advisors by the chosen development team as full compensation for the work of the Development Advisors; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee established the Buckeye Hills Foundation, Inc. (BHF) to promote economic and community development through research, education, and training and to conduct activities in support of Buckeye Hills Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, the BHF can seek private investment and public funding in support of its work and has the flexibility to quickly respond to requests from the Development Advisors and the University; and

WHEREAS, the BHF is a component unit of Buckeye Hills Regional Council for audit purposes and is authorized to negotiate on its behalf the terms of any compensation, Development Advisory fees, or success fees resulting from the efforts of the Development Advisors

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BUCKEYE HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL:

The Buckeye Hills Regional Council Executive Committee delegates support and oversight of the efforts of the Ridges Development Advisors to the Buckeye Hills Foundation.

Passed on this third day of June, 2022.

Ron Moore, President

Lenny Eliason, Vice President

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE

June 3, 2022

Advertising

\$18,000.00

WTAP

- Television and Digital Ad Campaign
- To boost PASSPORT enrollment
- Coverage area includes Athens, Meigs, Morgan, Noble and Washington counties

Funding Source: PASSPORT

Computers

\$62,000.00

Dell Marketing, LLP

- Upgrade to agency computers
- 23 Laptops at the end of their 3-year life

Funding Source: PASSPORT, Title III, General Administration, Indirect

Software and Licenses

\$19,300.00

CDW Government

- Adobe Acrobat Pro 2020 and Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2021 software licenses for 23 new laptops

Funding Source: PASSPORT, Title III, General Administration, Indirect

\$99,300.00

Total Request.



PERSONNEL REPORT

January 1, 2022 through June 3, 2022

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

None

RETIREMENT

None

NEW HIRE

Kelly Isaly	Mobility Manager	1/3/22
Kaitlyn Perani	Special Project Manager RISE OH	1/10/22
Julia Hinzman	Mobility Manager	1/24/22
Jada Riley	Development Specialist 3	2/28/22
Stephanie Murphy	Care Management Coordinator	3/21/22
Carly Fitz	Development Specialist 1	3/22/22
Doug Cowgill	Assessor	4/25/22

PROMOTIONS

Michelle Hyer	Program Manager	5/16/22
Jason Pyles	Senior Planner	5/16/22

TRANSFERS

None

RTPO ALLOCATION POLICY FOR MANAGING DEDICATED FUNDS

SFY 2022 & 2023

MARCH 2022





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The Policies for Managing BHRC-Dedicated Funds was prepared by the Buckeye Hills Regional Council (BHRC), 1400 Pike Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750, with funding from the Federal Highway Administration and Ohio Department of Transportation. The content of this report reflects the reviews of the BHRC Committee, which is solely responsible for the information presented herein.

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March 2022

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Overview

Investment in federal transportation programs was authorized through 2020 by the United States Congress in 2015 as the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. This federal legislation was extended in 2020 for one year. This federal law reauthorized the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. The Ohio Department of Transportation has allocated a portion of these funds to Ohio's Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO), including the Buckeye Hills Regional Council (BHRC). BHRC's program depends on the continuation of federal funding program and ODOT's policy. Each Ohio RTPO was allocated funding depending on a base allocation of \$100,000 and a formula-based calculation based on land area and population. Based on the calculation, BHRC is allocated \$ 407,262.00 in state fiscal year SFY 2022 and SFY 2023. ODOT has only established these funds through SFY 2023. Through this policy document, BHRC has established a competitive evaluation process to determine which of the requests will be granted. If future funding rounds are established, this policy will be reviewed and updated prior to additional application cycles.

Estimated Funding Available

Type	SFY 2022	SFY 2023	Total
STBG	\$407,262	\$407,262	\$814,524

Process Milestones and Schedule

- BHRC will open separate rounds for each state fiscal years.
- BHRC will solicit for project applications.
- BHRC staff will evaluate submitted projects based on established criteria and scoring.
- The BHRC Transportation Advisory Committee will review evaluations. Those who submit applications will be recused from the evaluation of their own application.
- A public involvement period will commence following the Transportations Advisory Committee review.
- Make recommendation to the BHRC Executive Board
- The BHRC Executive Board adopts projects based on BHRC RTPO Policy Committee recommendation and public comments.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligibility Criteria & Application Process

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants must be a public agency, within an BHRC RTPO counties of Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Morgan, Monroe, Noble, Perry and portions of Washington that is legally allowed to enter a contract with ODOT. Non-profit organizations, schools district, and other non-public organizations are not eligible applicants, but they may coordinate/partner with an eligible applicant. The sponsoring agency assumes responsibility for project execution and completion. The sponsoring agency must own, hold an easement, or acquire the land on which the project is located.

The sponsoring agency must approve a resolution or other legislation committing the agency to the project.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects must:

- Be listed in the current BHRC Long-Range Transportation Plan; or
- Be listed in the current BHRC Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP); or
- Be listed in a regionally developed plan, such as Local Road Safety Plan or Active Transportation Plan

Eligible Activities

STBG Funds may be used for eligible cost for engineering/design phases on Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) and Small City projects approved by ODOT Districts #5 (Perry) and #10 (Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Morgan, Monroe, Noble and portions of Washington).

The consultant must be selected through a quality-based selections process. ODOT must ensure that consultant selection complies with applicable USDOT requirements, whether Federal Transit Authority (FTA) or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Consultants working on projects with a commitment of BHRC dedicated funds for any phase must be pre-qualified by ODOT.

Prior Federal Authorization

The STBG funds utilized in the BHRC dedicated funds are not grants. They operate on a reimbursement basis as work progresses. Cost for any activity that occurs prior to authorization of the project phase by the FWHA are not eligible for reimbursement. The sponsoring agency will be responsible for those costs. In some cases, actions taken by the applicant that are inconsistent with the project development process (E.g. acquiring right-of-way before environmental clearance or through inappropriate means) can jeopardize the use of federal funds on the project.

Application

Applications will be submitted through a digital form (submitted electronically) and are due March 31, 2022.

Applicants will be asked to provide the following information as applicable:

- ✓ Project Title
- ✓ Sponsoring Local Public Agency
- ✓ Project Scope

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ Project Type
- ✓ Applicant Contact Information (Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail Address)
- ✓ Amount of funding requested
- ✓ Total project cost

BHRC staff will review the applications for eligibility and completeness and will provide confirmation of the received applications. The sponsors will be contacted if there is incomplete information and be provided opportunity to provide the additional information within an allotted timeframe. If a sponsor submits more than one application, the sponsor will provide a priority ranking of the applications.

EVALUATION

Evaluation and Selection Process

Because of the expected demand for the BHRC dedicated federal funds, the BHRC RTPO Policy Committee developed criteria and a process to identify the best candidates for funding. The criteria reflect current adopted BHRC Transportation Plan goals and objectives.

Evaluation Criteria and Scoring Process

The criteria for evaluating applications for new funding commitments are used to measure how well they help move forward projects approved by ODOT for small cities and TAP funded. These criterions help assure consistency between criteria and the funding commitments that results from this process. The criteria for evaluation applications follow and consist of qualitative information based on the information in the application and well as quantitative data.

Applications will be scored for each goal on a scale of 1 to 10. The score will be established subjectively based on overall consideration of the BHRC RTPO criteria assigned.

BHRC staff will compile the data for each goal and objective. The BHRC RTPO Policy Committee will then review the scores and rationales and make modification as necessary to reach agreement.

Agency Prioritization of Multiple Applications

An agency which submits multiple funding applications must provide the priority ranking of their projects in writing.

Scoring Criteria

The applications will be scored against the metrics below:

Criteria	Scoring Criteria	Possible Score
Amount of funds requested	Request less than \$74,999	10
	Request \$75,000	7
Match	Have 20% match	10
	Have 19.9% or less match	5
Percentage of funds requested	Request less than 79.9% of total engineering cost	10
	Request 80.0 % or more of total engineering cost	5
Schedule of completion	Engineering/design to be completed within 12 months award of these funds	10

EVALUATION

	Engineering/design to be completed after 12 months award of these funds	1
Regional Partnership	Benefiting more than one (1) political subdivision	10
	Benefits one political subdivision	5

Prioritizing and Recommending Applications for Funding

Staff shall consider BHRC RTPO Policy Committee comments on the applications scores. Once the overall score is established, the applications are ranked by this score. Applications with higher scores will generally be selected before applications with lower scores.

The BHRC RTPO Policy Committee will not reject portions of an application for funding. If a significant portion of an application appears to be inconsistent with BHRC policy, the project will be down-rated and therefore be less likely to be funded.

This program would then be provided for a 45-day agency and public comment period. BHRC staff and the BHRC RTPO Policy Committee would review any comments received and adjust, if necessary, before final action by the BHRC Board.



**RESOLUTION OF THE BUCKEYE HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL
TO APPROVE THE RTPO ALLOCATION POLICY FOR
MANAGING DEDICATED FUNDS**

Resolution #2022/06-01

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills Regional Council is designated as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the eight counties making up the Buckeye Hills Region (Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, and Washington counties) by the Governor of the State of Ohio, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and in cooperation with locally elected officials in the area pursuant to an Agreement between ODOT and Buckeye Hills; and

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills has the authority and responsibility for the direction, coordination, and administration of the regional transportation planning process in accordance with state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills as the regional transportation planning organization received capital funds through the Surface Transportation Block Grant. The STBG Program finances multimodal transportation, preservation, operations, capital, and new construction projects. This resolution serves to approve the projects within the region that will be allocated these funds

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills created the RTPO Allocation Policy For Managing Dedicated Funds to establish a competitive evaluation process to determine which of the requests will be granted;

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills RTPO Combined Advisory Committee received and approved the allocation policy prior to Executive Committee approval;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Executive Board of the Buckeye Hills Regional Council hereby approves RTPO Allocation Policy for Managing Dedicated Funds, and authorizes its use for the projects submitted to Surface Transportation Block Grant program.

Passed on this third day of June 2022.

Ron Moore, President

Lenny Eliason, Vice President



**RESOLUTION OF THE BUCKEYE HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL
TO APPROVE STBG CAPITAL FUNDS**

Resolution #2022/06-02

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Hills Regional Council (BHRC) is designated as a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) by the Governor of Ohio acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and in cooperation with locally elected officials in the BHRC region; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee (TC), as the technical advisory committee to BHRC, has reviewed and recommended the projects and phases listed in the resolution and further recommended they be amended into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP); and

WHEREAS, all federally funded transit and highway projects in the Ohio Counties of Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Morgan, Monroe, Noble, Perry and Washington must be included in the RTIP prior to the expenditure of federal funds and be listed with year of expenditure dollars; and

WHEREAS, the amendments are consistent with the BHRC RTIP Plan as adopted in June 2020; and

WHEREAS, the amended BHRC FY 2021-2024 RTIP conforms with all applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved State Implementation Plans for air quality; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for public participation has been provided per Buckeye Hills Regional Council Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the environmental justice impacts of these amendments have been considered with “Executive Order 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations”; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will result in a RTIP that remains fiscally constrained.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Committee of the Buckeye Hills Regional Council (BHRC) hereby amends the Fiscal Years 2021-2024 Regional Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the attached Amendment #1 project table.

Passed on this third day of June 2022.

Ron Moore, President

Lenny Eliason, Vice President

BHRC RTPO Round 1 Project Selection								
PID	ODOT District	Project Sponsor	Contact Name	Project Name	Project Description	Construction Contract/Construction Engineering Award Funding	STBG SFY 2022	CC/CE Funding Source
115332	10	Village of Racine	Mayor Scott Hill	MEG Street Walk/Ride Ph. 4-5-8	Construction of sidewalk and curbs in the Village of Racine. TAP funded project.	\$500,000	\$82,080	TAP
111668	10	City of Athens	Assistant City Engineer Jessica Adine	ATH Uptown Area Improvement Ph 1	Safety project that includes pavement marking updates, signal improvements, lighting improvements, sidewalk improvements and accessibility improvements in the City of Athens. Work will take place on State Street and Washington Street. Funded through the TAP and Safety Programs.	\$1,005,000	\$91,727	TAP +Federal Safety
111209	10	Meigs County Commissioners	Director Meigs County Economic Development Perry Varnadoe	MEG Pomeroy Path Phase 4	Continued extension of a shared use path connecting the Villages of Middleport to the Pomeroy River Walk. Along SR 833 0.33-0.64.Total length is 0.34 miles.	\$787,000	\$91,727	TAP
XXXXXX	10	XXXXXX	Mayor Greg Fraunfelter	HOC-CR505/SR93	2" Mill and Fill Resurfacing Project	\$678,262	\$50,000	Small City
XXXXXX	10	City of Nelsonville	City Manager Scott Frank	ATH-CR33/CR178	2" Mill and Fill Resurfacing Project	\$2,000,000	\$91,728	Small City

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RTPO WORK PROGRAM
SFY 2023**

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INTRODUCTION

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For the past 50 years, Buckeye Hills Regional Council has helped communities in Southeastern Ohio work cooperatively to improve the region. A voluntary organization of local government political subdivisions, Buckeye Hills serves eight counties securing financial resources to translate ideas into action (Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, & Washington). This region is populated by approximately 260,000 residents, and spans 3,695 square miles.

Whether reaching out to the region's aging in need of in-home assistance, providing communities with planning support, or serving as advocates on the state and national level, the professional staff at Buckeye Hills serves with dedication and compassion.

Since its inception, Buckeye Hills has secured over \$1 billion for education, health care, infrastructure, training and social services programs in the region.

Buckeye Hills assists communities in identifying urgent needs and securing grant and loan dollars to improve infrastructure and the overall quality of life for residents. The staff often acts as 'adjunct staff' for communities in the District by providing technical assistance, grant writing, and project administration.

VISION STATEMENT

The effective utilization of public and private resources for an improved quality of life for our constituents.

MISSION STATEMENT

Buckeye Hills will improve the socioeconomic conditions of the region by promoting the interests and needs of our constituents to persons and agencies empowered to create positive change.

INTRODUCTION

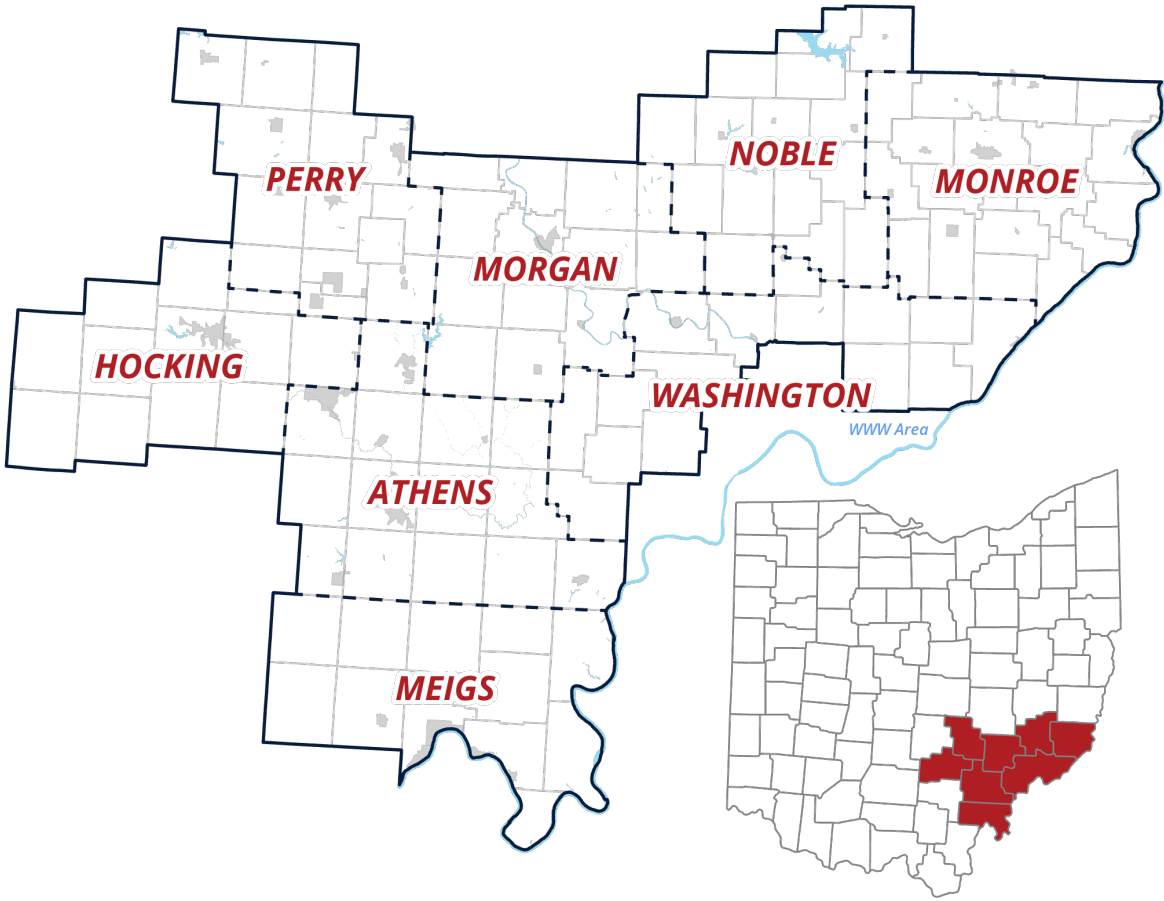
Buckeye Hills participates in the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) program, in partnership with The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Local participation is critical to the success of this program, and is at the center of the program as offered by ODOT. The Buckeye Hills Executive Committee serves as the RTPO Policy Committee. The Executive Committee is made up of public officials, private business representatives, and engaged citizens from across the region. The Policy Committee is charged with taking official action on all RTPO documents, policies, and other activities which require signatory approval.

An RTPO Advisory Committee was formed to advise the Executive Committee on items related to transportation. The RTPO Advisory Committee is made up of individuals representing communities and organizations within the district that have an expressed interest in transportation matters facing the region. This committee includes representatives from neighborhood organizations, clubs and outdoor organizations, special interest groups, environmental groups, as well as individuals with specific transportation related expertise or professional experience. The RTPO Advisory Committee currently encompasses thirty-five (35) representatives, but efforts are being made to solicit even more participation from regional stakeholders.

In January 2016, Ohio Governor John Kasich designated Buckeye Hills Regional Council as an Ohio Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO), formalizing the program that started as a pilot and helped spur better and more informed transportation decision making in Ohio.

INTRODUCTION

The transportation planning boundaries in which Buckeye Hills conducts transportation planning processes includes Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Morgan, Monroe, Noble, Perry, and Washington counties (except the townships of Belpre, Dunham, Fearing, Marietta, Muskingum, Newport, and Warren). Below is map of the Buckeye Hills Region.



TRANSPORTATION PLAN SUMMARY

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Buckeye Hills completed and adopted a comprehensive long-range regional transportation plan in June 2015. This plan captured a wide range of condition and analysis information regarding transportation assets and conditions in the region.

A 5-year cyclical full re-write has been underway since 2020 and is anticipated to be completed in the Spring of 2022. The analysis included sections on goals and objectives, existing conditions, future conditions, needs analysis, and general plan recommendations for all modes of transportation in the region. A summary of the goals and objectives, regional trends, and plan recommendations is included below.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Buckeye Hills staff worked closely with the Transportation Committee, local public officials, and residents of the region to craft a series of goals that took in to consideration the results of the analysis activities, was cognizant of public input, and consistent with MAP-21, and subsequently FAST Act objective

Buckeye Hills RTPO LRTP Goals & Objectives		
GOAL	OBJECTIVE	DESCRIPTION
#1	Maintain & Preserve the Region's Transportation System	Identify deficiencies and recommend improvements to the region's transportation system; Develop and promote strategies to improve and maximize the life-cycle of regional transportation systems; Identify high-risk safety areas in the multi-modal transportation networks, explore and advance countermeasures locally and/or with ODOT; Explore, devise and pilot methods and processes for two-way reporting of transportation network conditions between the public/stakeholders and the local government/ODOT.
#2	Strengthen the Region's Economic Vitality	Promote and support initiatives and projects that work to fortify and/or advance the region's global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency; Identify and support the maintenance and/or improvement of core transportation systems that connect facilities, economic assets, and the varied transportation networks in Ohio and neighboring states of the region; Increase transportation education opportunities for public awareness including financing and improvement costs
#3	Promote & Support Safety Improvements, Advance Mobility and Accessibility	Improve driver and transportation user awareness and education, and advocate for system enhancements that improve general user safety; Promote and advance additional options for moving people and goods from place to place, and increase access to available public transportation options; investigate the establishment of additional public transportation assets; Seek to strengthen intermodal links between bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public transportation, motorized transport, and recreation; Coordinate outreach and communications with all interested parties, including local governments, communities, organizations, and individuals to advance transportation safety and accessibility.

The emphasis areas of Access Ohio 2045 Implementation and Walk.Bike.Ohio are being incorporated into the re-write of the long range transportation plan. Buckeye Hills was a member of the A045 Steering Committee, and the plan's Goals & Objectives are designed to align with A045 objectives. The plan development approach is using the A045 objectives, themes and strategies as a guide to maintain alignment with the A045 vision. Additionally, Walk.Bike.Ohio is incorporated into the Active Transportation section of the plan, and the plan's evaluations and recommendations align with the WBO themes, strategies, and analysis.

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

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This section contains detailed information on the activities to be completed by Buckeye Hills staff as part of this work program. The activities below are listed by category, as identified and required by the Ohio MPO Administration Manual, section 8.4. Identified work items are in the following subcategories:

601 - Short Range Planning: The identification and analysis of near-term transportation problems/needs and the development of recommended solutions.

602 - Transportation Improvement Program: The development, monitoring, and revision of the biennial Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and project delivery activities associated with projects included in the 4-year program of transportation system improvements.

605 – Continuing Planning – Surveillance: Maintenance of basic data files or input to other aspects of the ongoing transportation planning process.

610 – Transportation Plan: The development, evaluation, revision, and updating of the Comprehensive Long-Range Transportation plan document.

625 – Services: Provide planning assistance, data, information, and reports to individuals and organizations that involves community development, planning, and implementation activities.

630 – Participation in Statewide Planning: Assistance provided to ODOT in the development of Access Ohio and other statewide transportation planning activities.

665 – Special Studies: Efforts and activities which do not meet the qualifications to be categorized elsewhere, such as research activity and special project assistance.

674 – Transit: Activities and assistance to develop, monitor, analyze, and improve mass transit services and systems including the development of short and long-range plans and programs to improve operational efficiencies and forecast the need for capital improvements.

697 – Transportation Program Reporting: Includes the preparation of reports and documents that facilitate communication of transportation related issues to the region's transportation stakeholders. All other reports shall be included within the proper subcategories.

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

601 – SHORT RANGE PLANNING

Buckeye Hills staff will complete a review of the existing transportation system and the following activities which will support the identification and analysis of near-term transportation problems/needs, as well as the development of recommended solutions for those identified items.

Work Item	Responsible Entity	Schedule
Identify Transportation Projects: Work with local partners to identify transportation related projects which would improve local transportation systems. Includes safety studies, safe routes to school plans, active transportation plans, and corridor studies.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Identify Funding Sources: Work with local project sponsors to identify potential sources of funding for transportation related projects.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Prepare Funding Applications: Work with local project sponsors to complete, or assist with completion, of necessary applications for identified funding resources.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing

Items identified as ‘ongoing’ will take place continuously throughout the entire work program period. With efforts culminating for reporting purposes by July 2022. The status of all activities will be updated in the annual report due in September 2022.

- Funding Amounts listed below are draft and may change prior to final submission

601 – SHORT RANGE PLANNING – BUDGET

Fund Type	Amount	Note
Federal Funds	\$13,998.61	Federal SPR
State Funds	\$1,749.83	ODOT
Local Matching Funds	\$1,749.83	Local Cash
Total Subcategory Budget	\$17,498.26	
Direct Labor	\$9,013.20	
Other Direct	\$0.00	
Indirect	\$4,715.02	
Fringe	\$3,770.04	
Total Subcategory Budget	\$17,498.26	

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

602 – TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Buckeye Hills staff will develop, monitor, and revise the biennial Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and project delivery activities associated with projects included in the four-year program of transportation system improvements.

Work Item	Responsible Entity	Schedule
RTIP Document: Create TIP documents and project maps, including unfunded RTPPO projects. Hold TIP rural consultation and public comment meetings throughout the region. Work with ODOT District 5 and 10, as well as local governments to record and disseminate any updates, changes, or other modification to the RTIP document and project listings completed.	Buckeye Hills, ODOT	October 2022 - May 2023

602 – TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – BUDGET

Fund Type	Amount	Note
Federal Funds	\$25,466.18	Federal SPR
State Funds	\$3,183.27	ODOT
Local Matching Funds	\$3,183.27	Local Cash
Total Subcategory Budget	\$31,832.72	
Direct Labor	\$16,367.93	
Other Direct	\$0	
Indirect	\$8,8562.45	
Fringe	\$6,902.34	
Total Subcategory Budget	\$31,832.72	

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

605 – CONTINUING PLANNING - SURVEILLANCE

Buckeye Hills staff will maintain basic data files, mapping data, and other information used to contribute to all aspects of the ongoing transportation planning process. This activity pertains to the creation and maintenance of GIS information, maps, data, statistics, and any other related media that describes the transportation system and its condition in the eight-county region.

Work Item	Responsible Entity	Schedule
Data Creation and Maintenance: Buckeye Hills staff will actively maintain and develop (as necessary) data sets necessary to carry out regional transportation planning activities. Examples include, traffic counts, bridge information, crash data, pavement ratings, land use, applicable demographics, rail assets, and other similar information. Align with and encourage AO45 data sharing goals.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Transportation Count Data Collection: Buckeye Hills staff will continue to provide traffic counting services to member governments and other interested parties in the region upon request. This includes vehicle and bike and pedestrian data collection. Buckeye Hills will maintain data collected and share with ODOT and local parties/governments.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing

605 – CONTINUING PLANNING – SURVEILLANCE – BUDGET

Fund Type	Amount	Note
Federal Funds	\$2,5466.18	Federal SPR
State Funds	\$3,183.27	ODOT
Local Matching Funds	\$3,183.27	Local Cash
Total Subcategory Budget	\$17,498.26	
Direct Labor	\$16,367.93	
Other Direct	\$0	
Indirect	\$8,562.45	
Fringe	\$6,902.34	
Total Subcategory Budget	\$31,832.72	

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

610 – TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Buckeye Hills staff will update the RTPO Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The referenced plan will be completed by Buckeye Hills in 2022, and covers the reference period of 2020 to 2045.

Work Item	Responsible Entity	Schedule
Project Ranking Criteria: Buckeye Hills staff will continue to work with local governments, ODOT District 5 and 10, ODOT central office, and other RTPO/MPO partners to develop project ranking criteria for locally identified projects that are not part of the TIP listing. This effort will continue work that was started during previous work periods.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Long Range Transportation Plan Document: Buckeye Hills staff will update the 25-year comprehensive long-range transportation plan. Align goals, objectives, and strategies with AO45. Develop a community-oriented approach to be a technical resource.	Buckeye Hills	Full Finalization: December 2022

610 – TRANSPORTATION PLAN – BUDGET

Fund Type	Amount	Note
Federal Funds	\$4,989.07	Federal SPR
State Funds	\$623.63	ODOT
Local Matching Funds	\$623.63	Local Cash
Total Subcategory Budget	\$6,236.34	
Direct Labor	\$3,202.68	
Other Direct	\$0	
Indirect	\$1,675.40	
Fringe	\$1,358.27	
Total Subcategory Budget	\$6,236.34	

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

625 – SERVICES

Buckeye Hills will continue the provision of planning assistance, data, information, and reports to individuals and organizations involved in community development, planning, and implementation activities.

Work Item	Responsible Entity	Schedule
Technical Assistance: Buckeye Hills will provide technical assistance services to standing Buckeye Hills committees, member governments, and other interested parties. Examples of technical services include mapping services, or the creation of specialized data sets relevant to transportation planning objectives.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Response and Recording of Local Issues: Buckeye Hills staff will continually communicate with local governments, citizens, and interested parties to understand and record issues of transportation related concern. As necessary, items will be incorporated in the relevant section of the transportation plan. This includes performing safety or traffic pattern studies. INCLUDE TRAFFIC COUNTS	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Local Expertise: The staff of Buckeye Hills is often referred to as subject matter experts on matters related to planning, public financing, transportation, GIS, and other related areas. Buckeye Hills RTPO staff will serve on boards, committees, and other groups both formal and informal as a resource to local governments and interested parties. The RTPO will review for compliance with federal and state highway functional classification criteria and make a determination of acceptance or disapproval based on local policies and procedures.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Project Management: Buckeye Hills is involved in efforts managing special projects and activities that have transportation as a central aspect. The Transportation Planning Manager will be a logical individual to guide and oversee some of these efforts.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

625 – SERVICES – BUDGET

Fund Type	Amount	Note
Federal Funds	\$10,088.73	Federal SPR
State Funds	\$1,261.09	ODOT
Local Matching Funds	\$1,261.09	Local Cash
Total Subcategory Budget	\$12,610.91	
Direct Labor	\$5,455.98	
Other Direct	\$2,000.00	
Indirect	\$2,854.15	
Fringe	\$2,300.78	
Total Subcategory Budget	\$12,610.91	

625- SERVICES-Carryover

Work Item	Responsible Entity	Schedule
<p><u>Downtown Revitalization Workshop</u> With the elevated interest in downtown revitalization and the tourism economy, Buckeye Hills Regional Council (BHRC) hired qualified and interested parties to provide eight, two (2) hour downtown revitalization best practices workshop series for our local economic development partners and interested stakeholders. The series should focus on downtown branding and placemaking.</p> <p>Workshop topics should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Façade improvements • Wayfinding and interpretive signage • Streetscapes and lighting • Public art and garden spaces • Historic and recreational tourism• • Importance of downtown branding 	Buckeye Hills/	April-Sept 2022

625 – SERVICES – CARRYOVER BUDGET

625 – SERVICES – BUDGET

Fund Type	Amount	Note
Federal Funds	\$12,0000.00	Federal SPR
State Funds	\$1,500.00	ODOT
Local Matching Funds	\$1,500.00	Local Cash
Total Subcategory Budget	\$15,000	
Contractual	\$15,000	
Total Subcategory Budget	\$15,000	

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

630 – PARTICIPATION IN STATEWIDE PLANNING

Buckeye Hills staff will provide assistance to ODOT in the development of statewide transportation planning activities including items such as Ohio’s long-range transportation plan, freight plan, maritime plan, transit plan, and other similar activities or planning products.

Work Item	Responsible Entity	Schedule
Statewide Planning Activities: Buckeye Hills will serve as a regional stakeholder in the statewide transportation planning process, offering input on plans, and any other documents or initiatives as introduced by ODOT staff during the planning period. This includes serving on committees such as: ODOT’s Access Ohio 2045 Committee, ODOT & ODH AT Statewide Committee, ODOT’s TZD Safety Committee, and State Innovation Council. Per AO45, seek to expand or establish new transportation partnerships.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing

630 – PARTICIPATION IN STATEWIDE PLANNING – BUDGET

Fund Type	Amount	Note
Federal Funds	\$3,689.28	Federal SPR
State Funds	\$4,611.16	ODOT
Local Matching Funds	\$4,611.16	Local Cash
Total Subcategory Budget	\$4,611.60	
Direct Labor	\$1,850.70	
Other Direct	\$1,000.00	
Indirect	\$968.14	
Fringe	\$792.76	
Total Subcategory Budget	\$4,611.60	

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

665 – SPECIAL STUDIES

Buckeye Hills staff will engage in efforts and activities which do not meet the qualifications to be categorized elsewhere, such as research activity and special project assistance. The items listed below are data related products aimed at providing deeper understanding of transportation conditions in the region. Additionally, staff will continue to work with ODOT Office of Maritime to create a Statistical Port District in the Mid-Ohio Valley – as well as work with a statewide Ohio River Users Group.

Work Item	Responsible Entity	Schedule
Crash Analysis: Buckeye Hills staff will continue to produce crash analysis products for local governments. These products can range from a comprehensive five-year crash analysis to detailed explorations such as alcohol-related crashes or senior-involved crashes. Align with and encourage AO45 data sharing goals.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Data Exploration: Buckeye Hills will seek out raw data to transform into useful information, suggest conclusions, and support decision-making. Create data visualizations to make finding and retrieving information easy for users for transportation planning purposes: Produce data-driven reports for a quick view of facts and figures about communities and the region. Monitor and expand upon the available data.	Buckeye Hills	As Necessary

665 – SPECIAL STUDIES – BUDGET

Fund Type	Amount	Note
Federal Funds	\$18,863.62	Federal SPR
State Funds	\$2,357.95	ODOT
Local Matching Funds	\$2,357.95	Local Cash
Total Subcategory Budget	\$23,579.53	
Direct Labor	\$11,711.99	
Other Direct	\$0	
Indirect	\$6,126.81	
Fringe	\$5,704.73	
Total Subcategory Budget	\$23,579.53	

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

674 – TRANSIT

Buckeye Hills will participate in regional activities and provide assistance to develop, monitor, analyze, and improve mass transit services and systems including the development of short and long-range plans and programs to improve operational efficiencies and forecast the need for capital improvements.

Work Item	Responsible Entity	Schedule
Transit Planning: Buckeye Hills staff will continue to work with local member governments to investigate opportunities and resources that may lead to funding for transit or similar public transportation services and align with AO45's smart and connected strategy. Serve as a member of local transit committees or primary facilitator to prepare Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plans and work within ODOT's Human Services Transportation Coordinated Region.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Mobility Management: Buckeye Hills is staffing a mobility management position for Washington County in order to continue and expand the mobility management program established in 2020, in addition to providing mobility management support to the 8 counties in the region. The Transportation Planning Manager will provide guidance and oversight, as well as strategic and tactical support to the mobility manager and program.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing

674 – TRANSIT – BUDGET

Fund Type	Amount	Note
Federal Funds	\$6,478.50	Federal SPR
State Funds	\$809.81	ODOT
Local Matching Funds	\$809.81	Local Cash
Total Subcategory Budget	\$8,098.12	
Direct Labor	\$4,152.05	
Other Direct	\$0	
Indirect	\$2,172.04	
Fringe	\$1,774.03	
Total Subcategory Budget	\$8,098.12	

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

697 – TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REPORTING

Buckeye Hills staff will continue to build their capacity to be an effective partner in transportation planning with ODOT, Ohio MPO's, and the other RTPO partner agencies. The building of this expertise will also allow Buckeye Hills to be a more effective advocate for local communities and their transportation needs. This activity encompasses all necessary reporting and other documentation necessary to comply with ODOT and other funding partner regulations. This item also includes professional development and training activities as RTPO staff enhance their management and related competencies necessary to be an accomplished employee of Buckeye Hills.

Work Item	Responsible Entity	Schedule
Transportation Expertise: Existing staff will work with transportation stakeholders including ODOT staff, MPO partners, and other RTPO organizations to continue building technical capacity and expertise. Staff will seek out and attend relevant training events and professional development opportunities.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Communication/ Meetings: Buckeye Hills staff will participate with ODOT, RTPO partners, and other interested transportation planning entities in meetings and events during the project period. Engage and collaborate on AO45 strategies like safety and smart connectivity.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Program Reporting: Buckeye Hills will complete all required reporting and documentation related to the RTPO program and will comply with all funding requirements enacted by ODOT and other funding partners.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Statutory Compliance: Buckeye Hills staff will ensure conformity among regulatory obligations, i.e., Environmental Justice, Public Participation Plan, ADA, et. al. A Title VI Plan will be completed and approved by the Personnel and Executive Committees.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing
Program Administration: Buckeye Hills will oversee technical and policy direction of activities to fulfill ODOT, FHWA, and FTA requirements. Facilitate the efficient administration of the RTPO program.	Buckeye Hills	Ongoing

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

697 – TRANSPORTATION REPORTING SYSTEM – BUDGET

Fund Type	Amount	Note
Federal Funds	\$24,704.77	Federal SPR
State Funds	\$3,088.10	ODOT
Local Matching Funds	\$3,088.10	Local Cash
Total Subcategory Budget	\$30,880.96	
Direct Labor	\$8,658.65	
Other Direct	\$14,033.71	
Indirect	\$4,529.54	
Fringe	\$3,659.05	
Total Subcategory Budget	\$30,880.96	

WORK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

BUDGET SUMMARY – WORK CATEGORIES

Category	Amount
601 – Short Term Planning	\$17,498.26
602 – Trans. Imp. Program	\$31,832.72
605 – Cont. Plan. - Surveillance	\$30,722.36
610 – Trans. Plan	\$6,326.34
625 – Services	\$12,610.91
630 – Statewide Planning	\$4,611.60
665 – Special Studies	\$23,579.53
674 – Transit	\$8,098.12
697 – Program Reporting	\$30,880.96
Total Work Category Budget	\$166,070.80

BUDGET SUMMARY – EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Category	Amount
Salary	\$72,803.54
Fringe Benefits	\$31,484.32
Travel	\$8,000.00
Registration Fees	\$3,000.00
Software & Licenses	\$3,300.00
Space	\$6,859.00
Supplies	\$1,174.71
Communications	\$1,000.00
Indirect Costs	\$38,085.23

NOTES

Cost Allocation Plan/Indirect Costs: The plan and methodology were submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA), who is the federal cognizant agency for Buckeye Hills. The December 20, 2021 certifies of indirect cost letter from EDA is attached along with the cost allocation plan.

NOTES

	0.8	0.4	0.25	0															
	Transpo Mngr (80%)	GIS Coord. (40%)	GIS Tech (25%)	Director (0%)		Transpo Mngr	GIS Coord.	GIS Tech	Director	Totals	Salary Pct.		Fed.	State	Local				
601 - Short Range Planning	0.20	x	x	X		\$9,013.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,013.20	12.38%	\$17,498.26	\$13,998.61	\$1,749.83	\$1,749.83	Direct Labor	\$9,013.20		
Identify & Investigate Funding Sources					Fringe	\$3,770.04	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$3,770.04						Other Direct	\$0.00		
Identify Transportation Projects					Indirect					\$4,715.02						Indirect	\$4,715.02		
Prepare Funding Applications					Space											Fringe	\$3,770.04		
Stakeholder Coord., Meetings, Comms																Total	\$17,498.26		
602 - Transportation Improvement Program	0.30	0.15	x	0.25		\$13,519.80	\$2,848.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,367.93	22.48%	\$31,832.72	\$25,466.18	\$3,183.27	\$3,183.27	Direct Labor	\$16,367.93		
RTIP/STIP Documentation					Fringe	\$5,655.07	\$1,247.28	n/a	\$0.00	\$6,902.34						Other Direct	\$0.00		
Rural Consultation & Public Meetings					Indirect					\$8,562.45						Indirect	\$8,562.45		
Record & Report Any Modifications					Space											Fringe	\$6,902.34		
																Total	\$31,832.72		
605 - Continuing Planning - Surveillance	0.1	0.30	0.25	X		\$4,506.60	\$5,696.26	\$2,187.50	\$0.00	\$12,390.36	17.02%	\$30,722.36	\$24,577.88	\$3,072.24	\$3,072.24	Direct Labor	\$12,390.36		
Data Creation/Maintenance					Fringe	\$1,885.02	\$2,494.56	\$1,170.73	n/a	\$5,550.31						Other Direct	\$6,300.00		
Transpo. Count Collection Services					Indirect					\$6,481.69						Indirect	\$8,562.45		
Programmed Traffic Counts					Space											Fringe	\$6,902.34		
Includes Bike & Pedestrian Counts					Software					\$3,300.00						Travel	\$3,000.00		
																Total	\$30,722.36		
610 - Transportation Plan	0.05	0.05	x	0.10		\$2,253.30	\$949.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,202.68	4.40%	\$6,236.34	\$4,989.07	\$623.63	\$623.63	Direct Labor	\$3,202.68		
Project Ranking Criteria					Fringe	\$942.51	\$415.76	n/a	\$0.00	\$1,358.27						Other Direct	\$0.00		
Updating LRTP Document					Indirect					\$1,675.40						Indirect	\$1,675.40		
LRTP Data Collection					Space											Fringe	\$1,358.27		
Public/Stakeholder Engagement																Total	\$6,236.34		
625 - Services	0.10	0.05	x	0.10		\$4,506.60	\$949.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,455.98	7.49%	\$12,610.91	\$10,088.73	\$1,261.09	\$1,261.09	Direct Labor	\$5,455.98		
Technical Assistance					Fringe	\$1,885.02	\$415.76		\$0.00	\$2,300.78						Other Direct	\$2,000.00		
Response & Recording Local Issues					Indirect					\$2,854.15						Indirect	\$2,854.15		
Provide Local Expertise					Space											Fringe	\$2,300.78		
Special Projects Management					Travel					\$2,000.00						Total	\$12,610.91		
630 - Statewide Planning	0.02	0.05	x	0.25		\$901.32	\$949.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,850.70	2.54%	\$4,611.60	\$3,689.28	\$461.16	\$461.16	Direct Labor	\$1,850.70		
Statewide Planning Activities					Fringe	\$377.00	\$415.76		\$0.00	\$792.76						Other Direct	\$1,000.00		
Council and Committee Meetings					Indirect					\$968.14						Indirect	\$968.14		
Sub-Committee Participation & Tasks					Space											Fringe	\$792.76		
					Travel					\$1,000.00						Total	\$4,611.60		
665 - Special Studies	0.03	0.20	0.75	x		\$1,351.98	\$3,797.51	\$6,562.50	\$0.00	\$11,711.99	16.09%	\$23,579.53	\$18,863.62	\$2,357.95	\$2,357.95	Direct Labor	\$11,711.99		
County Crash Analysis					Fringe	\$565.51	\$1,663.04	\$3,512.18	n/a	\$5,740.73						Other Direct	\$0.00		
Statistical Port Working Group					Indirect					\$6,126.81						Indirect	\$6,126.81		
Data Exploration					Space											Fringe	\$5,740.73		
Sidewalk Inventory Analysis																Total	\$23,579.53		
674 - Transit	0.05	0.10	x	0.05		\$2,253.30	\$1,898.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,152.05	5.70%	\$8,098.12	\$6,478.50	\$809.81	\$809.81	Direct Labor	\$4,152.05		
Transit Planning					Fringe	\$942.51	\$831.52		\$0.00	\$1,774.03						Other Direct	\$0.00		
Mobility Management Oversight					Indirect					\$2,172.04			\$8,098.120			Indirect	\$2,172.04		
Strategic & Tactical Support					Space											Fringe	\$1,774.03		
Coordinated Transit Plans																Total	\$8,098.12		
697 - Trans. Program Report.	0.15	0.10	x	0.25		\$6,759.90	\$1,898.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,658.65	11.89%	\$30,880.96	\$24,704.77	\$3,088.10	\$3,088.10	Direct Labor	\$8,658.65		
Increase Expertise and Capacity					Fringe	\$2,827.53	\$831.52		\$0.00	\$3,659.05						Other Direct	\$14,033.71		
Meetings & Communications					Indirect					\$4,529.54						Indirect	\$4,529.54		
Program Reporting					Space					\$6,859.00						Fringe	\$3,659.05		
Statutory Compliance					Travel					\$2,000.00						Total	\$30,880.96		
Program Administration					Comm.					\$1,000.00									
					Regis. Fee					\$3,000.00									
					Supplies					\$1,174.71									
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BUCKEYE HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL
TO APPROVE FY 2023 RTPO WORK PLAN**

Resolution #2022/06-03

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills Regional Council is designated as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for the eight counties making up the Buckeye Hills Region (Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, and Washington counties) by the Governor of the State of Ohio, acting through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and in cooperation with locally elected officials in the area pursuant to an Agreement between ODOT and Buckeye Hills; and

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills has the authority and responsibility for the direction, coordination, and administration of the regional transportation planning process in accordance with state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the Work Plan establishes methodologies and a budget to implement the region's comprehensive transportation planning process and program activities for the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Buckeye Hills has reviewed the State Fiscal year 2023 Work Plan and budget and finds the prescribed elements to be consistent with the required items identified by ODOT as part of the development and maintenance of a comprehensive transportation plan and related planning activities for the Buckeye Hills region;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved the Executive Board of the Buckeye Hills Regional Council hereby approves the SFY 2023 Transportation Work Plan for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and authorizes the provision of 10% of the total cost of the RTPO program in local matching funds as required.

Passed on this third day of June 2022.

Ron Moore, President

Lenny Eliason, Vice President

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A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MISTY CROSBY TO THE EMERITUS POSITION

Resolution #2022/06-04

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee may establish an Emeritus Position to recognize members of the governing body and/or past BHRC staff who have made significant contributions to BHRC over many years of public service; and

WHEREAS, the Emeritus member may not vote but may participate fully in any and all meeting discussions of the governing body, at his or her discretion, with the exception of meetings closed to the public to discuss matters that are exceptions to the Ohio Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Emeritus position may be called on to attend conferences and trainings, serve on committees or act as liaison to represent the organization and report on connections and opportunities back to the organization; and

WHEREAS, Misty Crosby represents the council on the board of the National Association of Development Organizations as president through October 2022 and will serve as immediate past president through October 2023; and

WHEREAS, Misty Crosby completed 10 years or more of service and was a past Executive Director for Buckeye Hills Regional Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BUCKEYE HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL:

The President of the Executive Committee appoints Misty Crosby to the Emeritus Position effective August 1, 2022.

Passed on this third day of June, 2022.

Ron Moore, President

Lenny Eliason, Vice President