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OVERVIEW

Following the hardships of 2021, the Mayors' Partnership for Progress continued to focus our efforts to prioritize community reinvestment and infrastructure upgrades in 2022.

With the introduction of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2022, funding opportunities are continuing to grow for our communities.

In 2022 we grew to encompass a plethora of new communities. Throughout the following pages, you will see all of the work that we've been able to accomplish this year.

We are anticipating more growth and significant investment in our communities in 2023, with the introduction of the Appalachian Community Grant Program and we hope that you stand by our side and share your support in our members' endeavors.

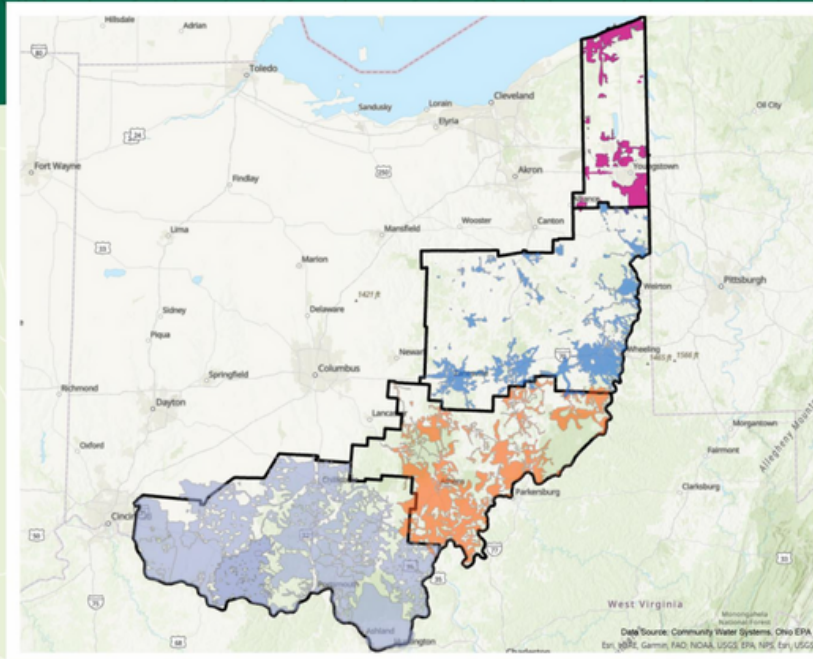
Who We Are

The Mayors' Partnership for Progress brings together mayors and city managers from cities and villages throughout Appalachian Ohio to share information and resources and tackle common issues faced by municipalities throughout the region.



2022: Water Accessibility

Appalachia Ohio Drinking Water Accessibility Initiative Summary Report and Maps



[Link to report](#)

In September, The Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service released an interactive report that outlined water accessibility in Appalachian Ohio. In Appalachia Ohio, the average percent of the population unserved by a public water system is 34%, distinctly higher than the national average of 12%.

APPALACHIA FORWARD

Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Shawnee Lodge & Conference Center
West Portsmouth, Ohio



Image courtesy of Madeline Daley

Leaders from the state of Ohio and the MPP, alongside other institutions, gathered for the Appalachia Forward Conference. The conference celebrated Appalachian Ohio and funding efforts to increase tourism, revitalization, and development.

Topics:

- Local sustainable tourism
- Envisioning downtown revitalization
- Appalachian Community Grant Program application

Monthly Meetings in Review

January: Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials

Craig Chambers-Voinovich Academy
Dave Collingsworth -Voinovich Academy
Jay Johnson -Voinovich Academy

February: Homelessness in Rural Ohio; Ideas and Resources

Shana Garrett, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development, ODOD
Latisha Chastang, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Assistance, ODOD
Jomel Spurlock, Director of Victim Services for Human Trafficking
Initiative, Office of the Ohio Attorney General
Amy Carroll, Jackson County Homelessness Committee

March: Legislative Advocacy Day

April: Appalachian Ohio Investment

May : Appalachian Ohio Drinking Water Accessibility Initiative ; Continuing Appalachian Investment

Jennifer Bowman, Dir. of Environmental Programs, Voinovich School
Matt Trainer, Data/GIS Specialist, Voinovich School

June :Location, Location, Location: The growing importance of rail and water transportation

Bill Dingus, Lawrence Economic Development Corporation

Monthly Meetings in Review Cont.

July : Ohio Public Works Commission Application Process

Nick Rose, Program Representative, OPWC

August : Southeast Ohio History Connection

Tom O'Grady, Director of Development and Outreach Director Emeritus
Southeast Ohio History Connection

September: Ohio EPA Funding and Environmental Response

Roxanne Anderson, Brownfields Coordinator Ohio EPA, Division of
Environmental Response and Revitalization
Jerome Rouch, Deputy Director for Infrastructure Funding
Ohio EPA

October: Workforce Devolvement and Childcare

Colin McGinnis, CEO of Sprout5

November : Annual Elections and the Appalachian Community Grant Program

December :Gallipolis in Lights and Ohio Tourism

Matthew MacLaren, Director of TourismOhio

PHOTOS IN REVIEW



March—Legislative
Advocacy Day, Columbus



September—Ohio EPA,
Athens



December—Ohio Tourism,
Gallipolis

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Concord

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Thank You!

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