Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities

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The Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities at the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) convenes critical partners from all private and public sectors and be the central point of coordination for a long-term, multi-faceted effort to address nine domains proven to enhance livability and equity in communities.

There is an intentional focus on equity, launching programs and transforming systems that create a community where people of all ages, races, incomes and abilities can thrive.

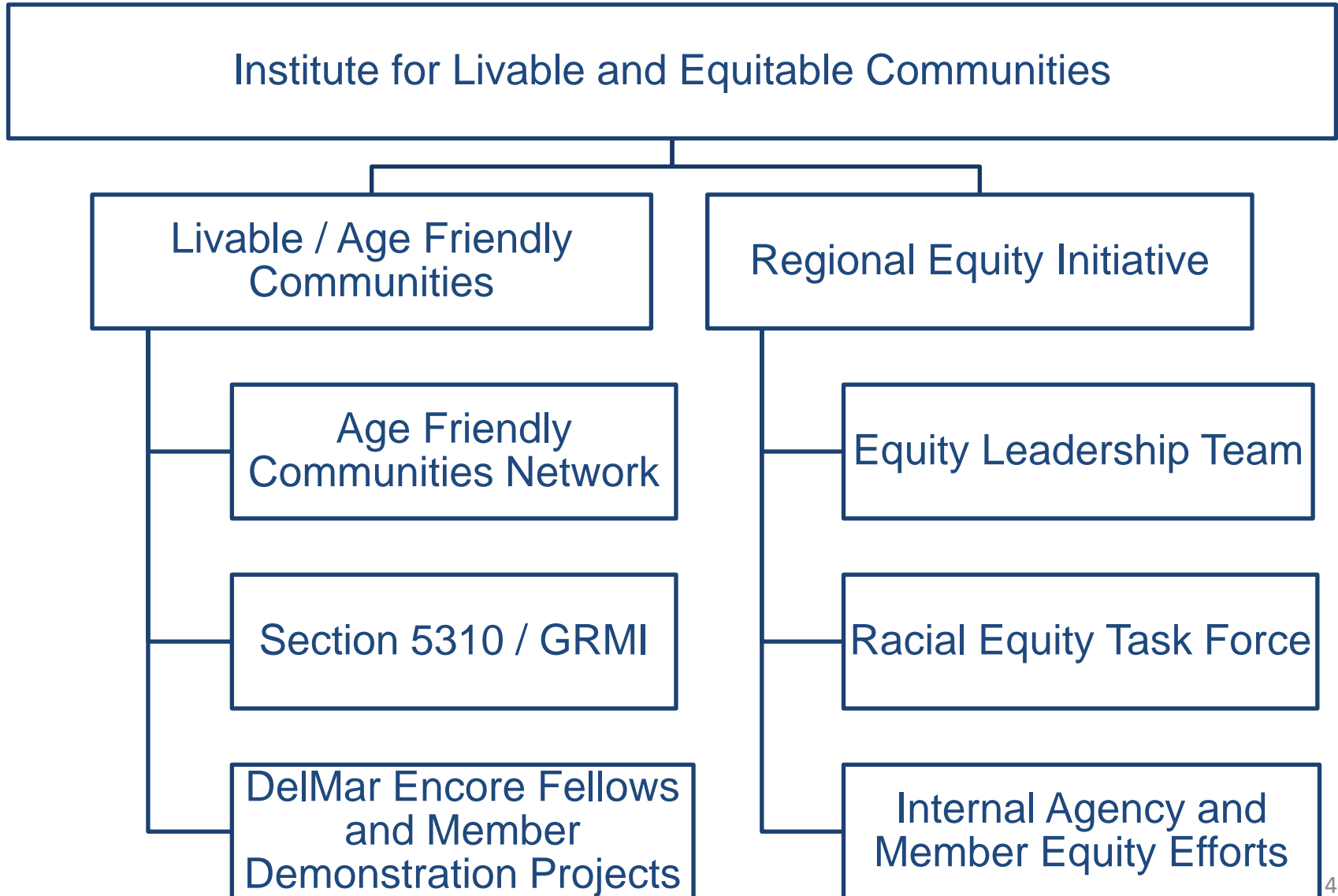# Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities

The launch of the Institute was made possible through a partnership between MVRPC, The Dayton Foundation, the Del Mar Healthcare Fund of The Dayton Foundation, AARP/WHO, Learn to Earn Dayton and local business, healthcare, non-profit and higher education institutions.

Funding for the Institute comes from the partners listed above, combined with the traditional work in the areas of planning and transit administration at MVRPC.

The MVRPC Board of Directors authorized the formation of the Institute in September 2019 as part of the adoption of the agency work program.

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Livable / Age Friendly Communities

- Age Friendly Communities Network
- Section 5310 / GRMI
- DelMar Encore Fellows and Member Demonstration Projects

Regional Equity Initiative

- Equity Leadership Team
- Racial Equity Task Force
- Internal Agency and Member Equity Efforts

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Regional Equity Initiative Represented Organizations:

- City of Dayton
- Community leaders & concerned citizens
- County Corp
- Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
- Dayton Art Institute
- Dayton Business Committee
- Dayton Business Journal
- Dayton Foundation
- Dayton Human Relations Council
- Five Rivers Metro Parks
- Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association

- Learn 2 Earn Dayton
- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Montgomery County
- National Conference for Community & Justice
- Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County
- Sinclair Community College
- The Dayton Foundation
- United Way of the Greater Dayton Area
- University of Dayton
- US Federal Courts

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Regional Equity Initiative Vision

A region of engaged citizens, businesses and institutions that recognizes people are impacted by racism, acknowledges the policy and systemic causes, and takes inclusive actions to eliminate racism.

Regional Equity Initiative Mission

To eliminate racism, the Reginal Equity Initiative develops and supports policy change & systemic transformation through intentional inclusion of impacted communities and collaboration with organizations addressing equity, public health, and social justice issues.

Regional Equity Initiative Key Strategies

- Inclusion and Engagement
- Building Partnerships and Organizational Collaboration
- Policy Change and Systemic Transformation

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Digital Divide / Internet Insecurity Project

- Reliable and affordable high-speed internet access is a necessity for all residents of Montgomery County.

- The COVID-19 pandemic exposed and widened a digital divide long recognized in our communities.

- Montgomery County residents facing internet insecurity are adversely impacted by the education, workforce, and healthcare consequences of the pandemic.

- Without high-speed internet access, students can not connect to remote learning, employment that requires working from home is not possible, and telehealth services are not available.

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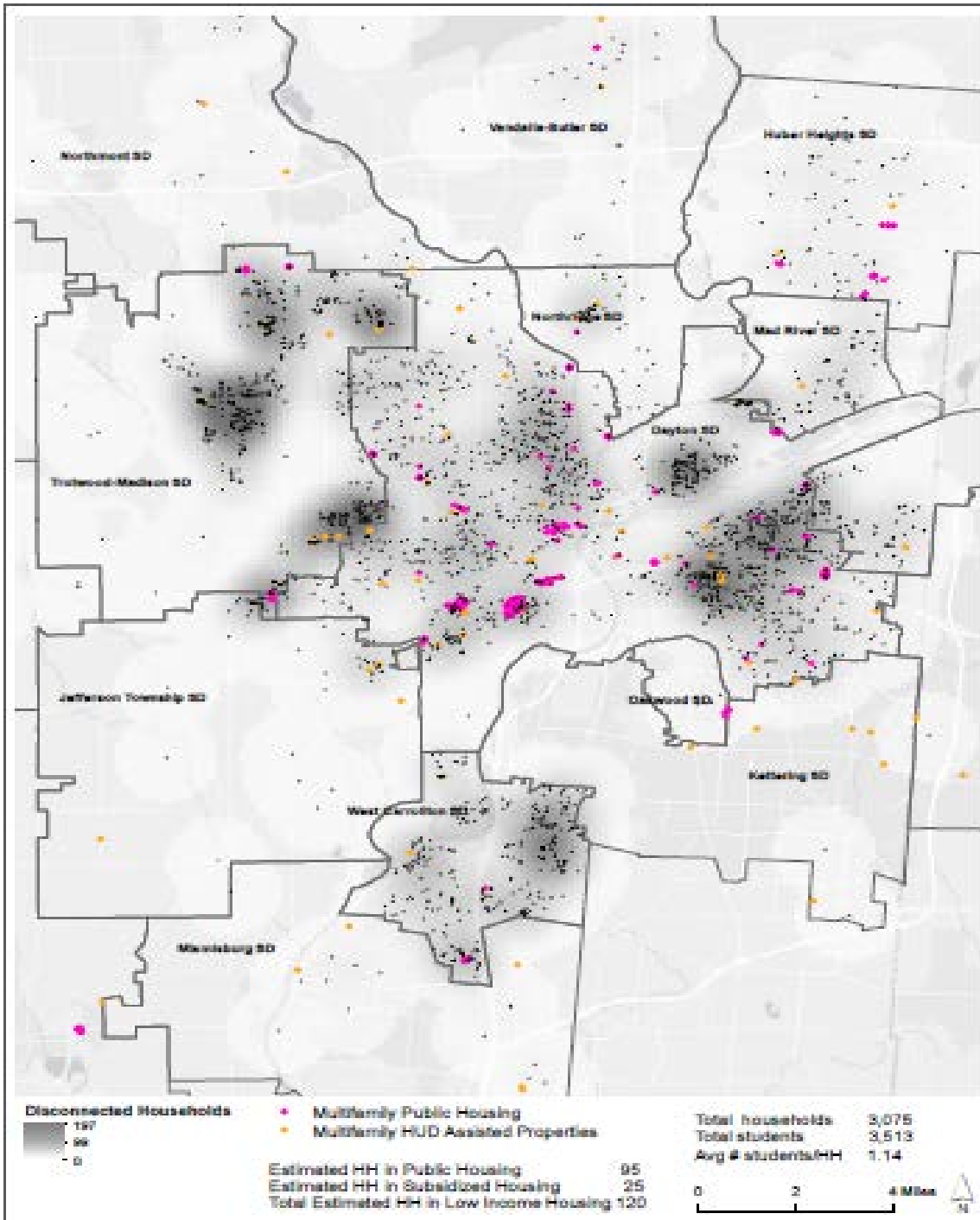
Digital Divide / Internet Insecurity Project

- MVRPC convened a Digital Divide / Internet Insecurity Work Group that meets weekly, with representatives from Montgomery County, MVRPC, MCESC, Learn 2 Earn, The Dayton Foundation, MVECA, MVCC, Dayton Metro Library, and the City of Dayton.

- MCESC collected data from all public school districts in Montgomery County on internet insecurity for their students.

- The MVRPC team mapped this data and data on provider availability throughout the Region in order to facilitate the analysis of potential solutions. MVECA offered expertise in the areas of connectivity strategy, provider options and pricing.
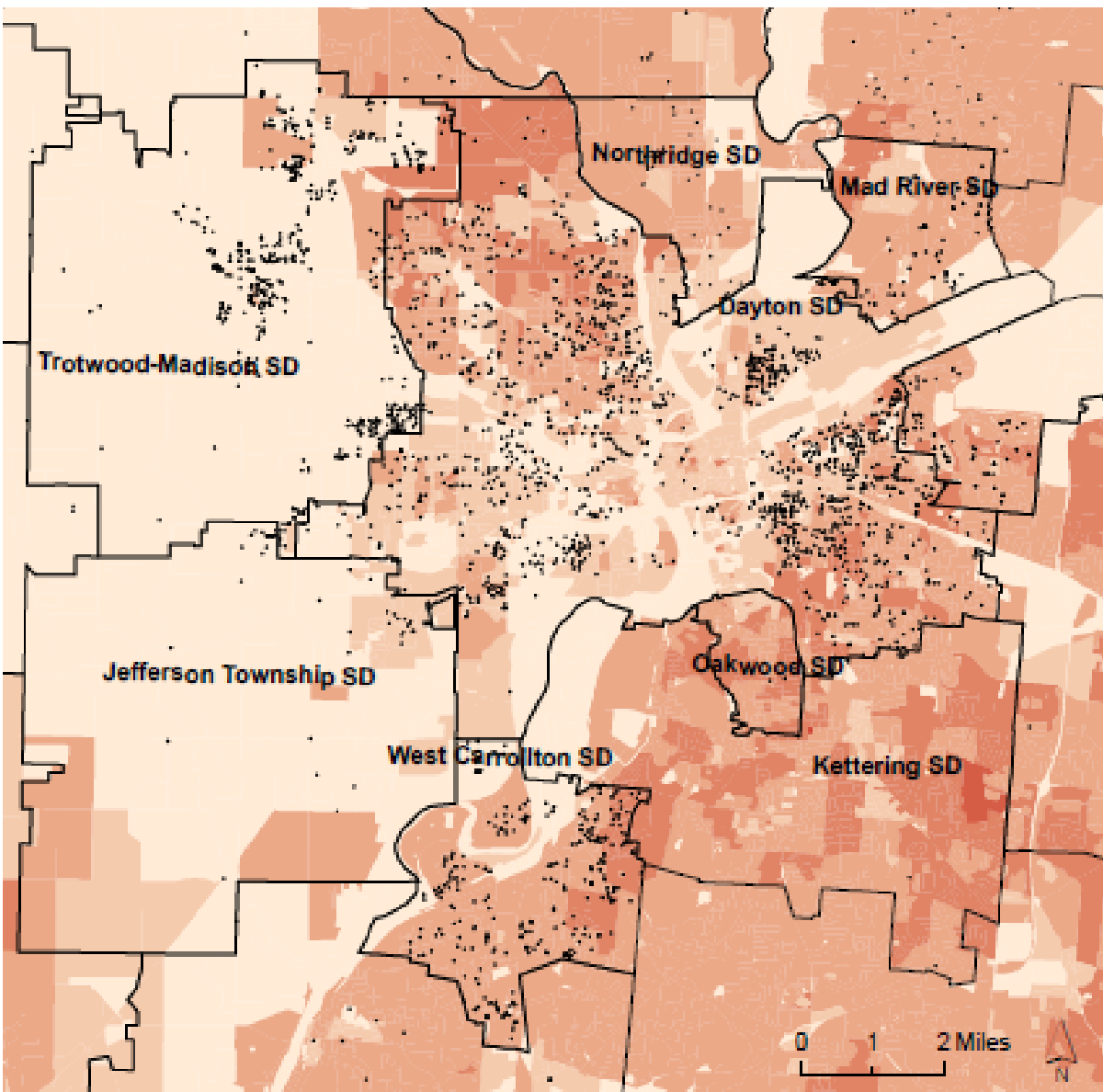
The MVRPC team used data that the MCESC gathered from all public school districts in Montgomery County.

Each dot indicates a household without reliable, affordable internet access for remote learning.
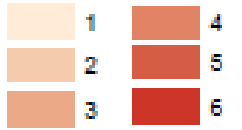
In all, there are approximately 3,800 households when non-public school estimates are added to this data.

The shaded areas reveal the highest concentrations of disconnected households.

The MVRPC team used data to identify the number of internet providers throughout Montgomery County.

Providers mapped include satellite, DSL, fiber and cable based internet service with speeds of at least 10 MBPS/1MBPS necessary for reliable access.

The lightest shading indicates the fewest number of available providers, the darkest shading indicated the most options.

Providers Speeds >10/1 MBPS

1	4
2	5
3	6

· **Disconnected Households**

Note: The providers shown are only providers which provide speeds of 10 MBPS upload and 1 MBPS download which includes satellite, DSL, fiber and cable based internet providers. The entire area offers satellite services, where areas with only 1 provider reflect the only service available is satellite based.

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Near term:

Secured $1.2M in funding from Montgomery County CARES Act Education allotment to provide reliable internet access for approximately 3800 students in Montgomery County do not currently have access to remote learning. Funding will allow MCESC to contract for residential services from various providers which will allow students to learn without having to walk, find transportation or congregate in common areas for shared access.

Long term:

Investment in fiber and broadband networks to all areas of our Region to provide equitable access to reliable and affordable residential internet services.

We look forward to sharing future
updates on the progress of the
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Questions?

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