



**Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities
Steering Committee Meeting**
LOCATION: MVRPC, 6 N. Main, Suite 400, Dayton, OH 45402
DATE/TIME: Friday, January 30, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
I.	Call to Order and Introductions		9:30	Matt Joseph
II.	Approval of October 31, 2025 – Meeting Minutes	1	9:32	Matt Joseph
III.	Public Comment Period on Action Items		9:35	Matt Joseph
IV.	Information Items			
A.	2025 Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities Progress Report	4	9:40	Brian Martin, Fabrice Juin
B.	2026 ISC Member Recruitment	23	10:00	Brian Martin
C.	Regional Equity Initiative Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy for Thriving Communities Transportation Domain & Greater Regional Mobility Initiative Health & Environment Domain & Five Rivers MetroParks Black History Month 		10:05	Fabrice Juin
D.	Age-Friendly Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Age-Friendly Communities Meeting w/ Other Age-Friendly Communities Outside Region 		10:20	Fabrice Juin
V.	Other Updates and Announcements		10:30	
A.	Regional Equity Calendar			
B.	General Updates from the Committee			All
VI.	Adjournment		10:45	Matt Joseph

Next Meetings

Age-Friendly Network	Wednesday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m.	Zoom
Regional Equity Initiative	Tuesday, February 24 at 2:30 p.m.	MVRPC 6 N. Main Street, Suite 447
Institute Steering Committee	Friday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m.	MVRPC 6 N. Main Street, Suite 400

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
INSTITUTE FOR LIVABLE AND EQUITABLE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

MVRPC
6 N. Main Street, Suite 400, Dayton, OH 45402

October 31, 2025
9:30 AM

Voting Members/ Alternates

Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights
Brian Housh, Village of Yellow Springs
Matt Joseph, City of Dayton
Tom Kelley, United Way of Greater Dayton
Kristen Marks, Centerville-Washington Park District
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside
Yvette Page, City of Trotwood
Carrie Scarff, Five Rivers MetroParks
Barbra Stonerock, The Dayton Foundation

Staff

Serena Anderson
Arnie Biondo
Savannah Diamond
Fabrice Juin

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Institute Steering Committee met on Friday, October 31, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at MVRPC, 6 N. Main, Suite 400, Dayton, OH 45402. All members and news media were notified of the meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Joseph called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Self-introductions were made.

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 25, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Page made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2025 Institute Steering Committee meeting. Ms. Byrge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS

No public comments were received.

IV. RPC (REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 25-29: Approving the Recommendation to the Dayton Foundation to Fund the 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grant

Mr. Biondo presented the grant recommendations for the 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities initiative. Each project supports one or more of the following Age-Friendly Domains: Transportation, Respect & Social Inclusion, Civic Participation & Employment, Health Services, Outdoor Spaces and, Social Participation.

Staff have made the following recommendations:

- City of Kettering – \$13,385.05 to fully subsidize a cross-community Age-Friendly Softball league for 65 and older.

- City of Brookville – \$3,200 to enhance the Age-Friendly programs at the Senior Center. The funds requested will provide an engineer to evaluate an intersection for safer crossings, safer access to local businesses, a dedicated cell phone to coordinate grocery assistance and Lunch and Learn communications.
- Village of Yellow Springs – \$13,100 to obtain a “trishaw” to facilitate Cycling Without Age in our region.
- City of Bellbrook – \$5,000 to plan a Senior Health Fair & Senior Walk Series in collaboration with Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District, Bellbrook, Sugarcreek Senior Center, the Senior Resource Connection, and Greene County Council on Aging.
- Miami County – \$20,000 to focus on enhancing transportation and Social Participation domains of the county’s Action Plan. The funds are to be used to reduce public transportation costs through a subrecipient grant with Miami County Transit.
- Jefferson Township - \$10,000 to conduct surveys, listening sessions, and asset mapping focused on all eight (8) Age-Friendly Domains. They will pursue special outreach to older adults, low-income households, and underserved residents.

Mr. Biondo recommended forwarding the proposals to the MVRPC Board of Directors for approval.

Ms. Page made a motion to forward the recommended list of Age-Friendly Communities Responsive grant proposals to the Board of Directors. Ms. Byrge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. UPCOMING ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS

A. Institute Data & Metrics Workgroup

Mr. Juin reported on the newly formed Data & Metrics Workgroup. He explained that the group was created at the request of the REI Subcommittee to review data in an equitable way and to develop a slate of metrics to see how well we are moving the needle. He noted that the primary domains of focus for the workgroup will include Transportation, Technology & Connectivity, and Health & Environment. He then stated that staff recommend assigning a co-lead organization to oversee each domain. He then opened the floor for discussion and suggestions on possible co-leads.

Next, Mr. Juin stated that each primary domain will have an established goal. He then provided some examples. Lastly, Mr. Juin opened the floor for questions and addressed adding personal health to the Health & Environment domain and including walk, bike and exercise. The group then discussed splitting the Health & Environment into two separate domains.

Chairperson Joseph stated that for the next meeting, the ISC committee members are to bring their recommendations for potential co-leads and goals for each of the primary domains.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Regional Equity Initiative Update

Mr. Juin provided an update on the Regional Equity Initiative (REI). He announced two recent funding awards. The first award is from The Dayton Foundation for \$75,000 to assist with the financial transition of the Institute; directed to fund support work to better align the REI and the Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network. The second award is from the Great Lakes Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (Minneapolis Foundation) USEPA Funds for \$150,000. The

program's goal is to lift up community-led innovation and strengthen community-based groups towards environmental and public health efforts in underserved communities. Mr. Juin then stated that this grant award is in partnership with the Westwood Right Project to serve as an example for other small neighborhoods throughout the region.

B. Age-Friendly Community Cohort Updates

Mr. Biondo provided an update, announcing Xenia Township and Jefferson Township both joining the Age-Friendly Network bringing the total of 17 Age-Friendly communities in the region. He then noted five potential new members are interested in joining the cohort. Mr. Biondo reported that the existing cohort meets monthly to share resources and recently discussed economic impact and the City of Dayton and the City of Trotwood are both in the process of developing their action plans. Lastly, the floor was opened for questions and the group discussed working on another Regional Age-Friendly Event. The Miami Valley Age-Friendly Summit event held on May 8, 2024 was well regarded among the community members.

C. Native American Heritage Month

Mr. Juin provided information regarding the [4th Annual REACH Fest](#) on November 13-16, 2025.

VII. OTHER UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Regional Equity Calendar](#)
- General Updates from the body
 - Dayton Peace Accords 30th Anniversary Gala and Dayton Peace Prize Ceremony
November 15, 2025

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Joseph adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.



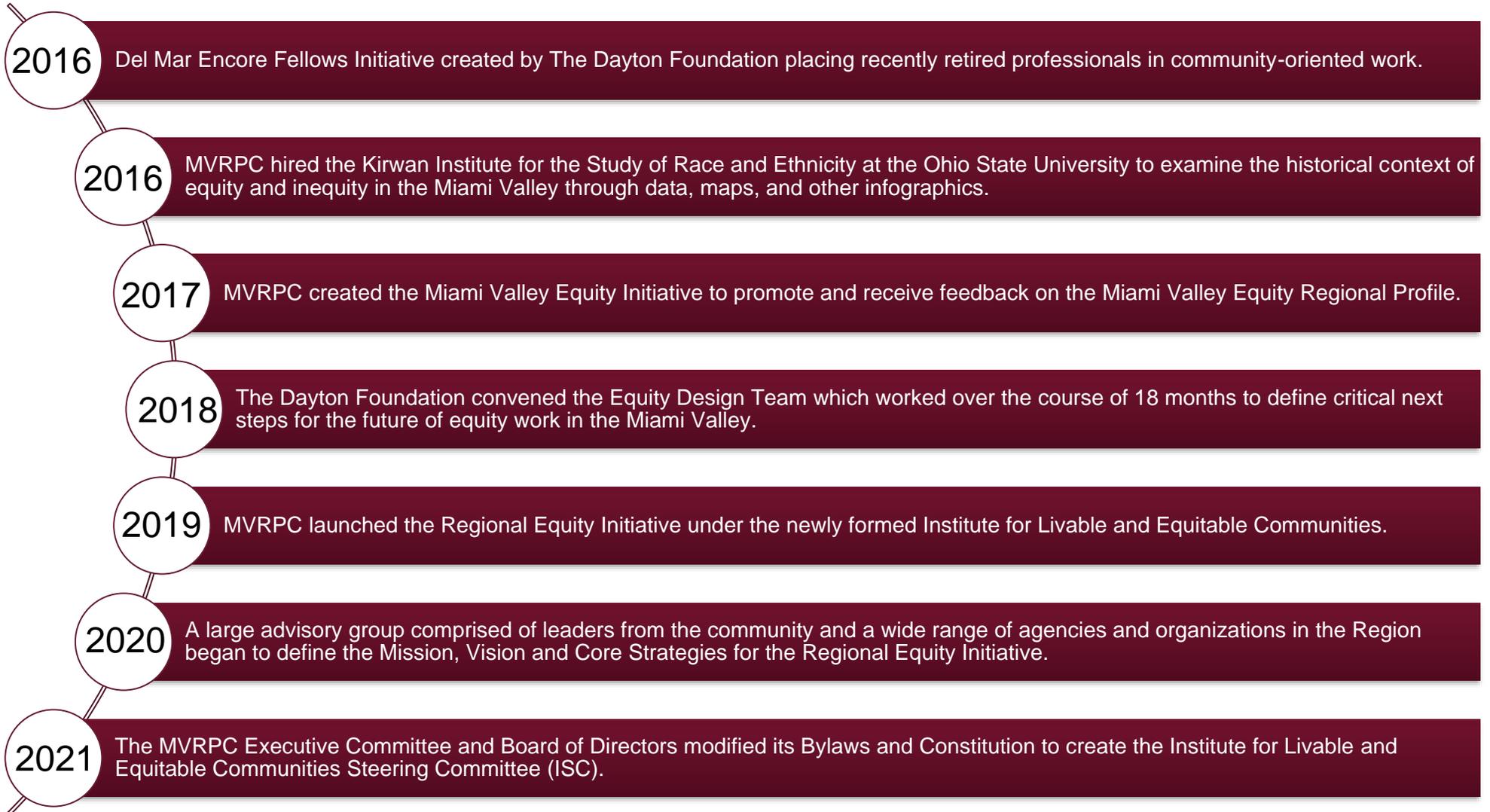
Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities

Annual Progress Report

January 30, 2026



History & Leadership



Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities

VISION:

The Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities (ILEC) places an intentional focus on livability and equity, launching programs and transforming systems that create a community where all people can thrive.

MISSION:

The Institute convenes critical partners and is the central point of coordination for a long-term, multi-faceted effort to address nine domains proven to enhance livability and equity in communities.



The Institute Steering Committee is a 13-member leadership board comprised of representatives from MVRPC member organizations and Institute funders who align with the Institute domains. Key responsibilities of this committee include:

- Providing oversight, guidance and advisory leadership to accomplish the mission and vision for the MVRPC Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities.
- Establishing strategic direction for the Institute and determine near and long-term priorities for the ISC and all Institute Sub-Committees.
- Appointing members to serve on the established Institute Sub-Committees.
- Evaluating evidence-based solutions and create synergy for the Institute strategic priorities.
- Ensuring sustainable operations strategy and alignment of resources to accomplish the established strategic priorities.
- Advocating for funding, legislation, and policy adoption in support of Institute strategic priorities.
- Offering formal motions of support, recognition and commendation for efforts aligned with Institute strategic priorities.



2025 Steering Committee

	Organization	Delegate	MVRPC Member Status
1.	Centerville-Washington Park District	Kristen Marks	Member
2.	City of Dayton	Matt Joseph	Member
3.	Drive Electric Dayton	Rap Hankins	Member
4.	Five River MetroParks	Carrie Scarff	Member
5.	City of Huber Heights	Nancy Byrge	Member
6.	City of Kettering	Bob Scott	Member
7.	Miami Valley Urban League	Nikol Miller	Non-Member
8.	Montgomery County	Judy Dodge	Member
9.	City of Riverside	Sara Lommatzsch	Member
10.	The Dayton Foundation	Mike Parks	Member
11.	City of Trotwood	Yvette Page	Member
12.	United Way	Tom Kelley	Non-Member
13.	Village of Yellow Springs	Brian Housh	Member



Institute Domains

Domain	Definition
Education	A commitment to learning, beginning at an early age and continuing through all stages, is essential to developing a strong workforce and ensuring long-term economic viability.
Entrepreneurship, Employment & Volunteering	All individuals should have the opportunity to work for themselves, for others, or to volunteer their expertise, and contribute productively in a way that is meaningful and a benefit to our community.
Engagement	Authentic engagement of all individuals to shape the future of their community and a culture which embraces interactions among diverse groups, learning, mutual respect and value of the contributions of all.
Health & Environment	Access to quality, affordable health services, mental health resources and wrap-around community support systems are vital. Clean air and Clean water have a direct connection to health and quality of life.
Housing	Communities need to include affordable and desirable housing options for varying life stages, varying abilities, and varying bank accounts.
Neighborhood	Vibrant neighborhoods include residential, retail and open spaces that are well connected and meet the needs of all in the surrounding community.
Safety & Justice	Public health, safety, general welfare, and justice are fundamental needs. They are not luxuries afforded to a few. They must be protected and upheld for all individuals.
Technology & Connectivity	Expansion of access to technology, connectivity and the intentional dissemination of information through a wide variety of traditional and digital means to ensure all members of the community are informed of matters that impact them.
Transportation	Driving a car shouldn't be the only way to get around. Public transit, coordinated mobility and human service transportation systems, integrated freight and logistics systems, walkability, and bike-friendliness contribute to livable, equitable and lively communities for all.

The domains are areas of focus derived from the [Livable Communities framework outlined by the World Health Organization/AARP](#).

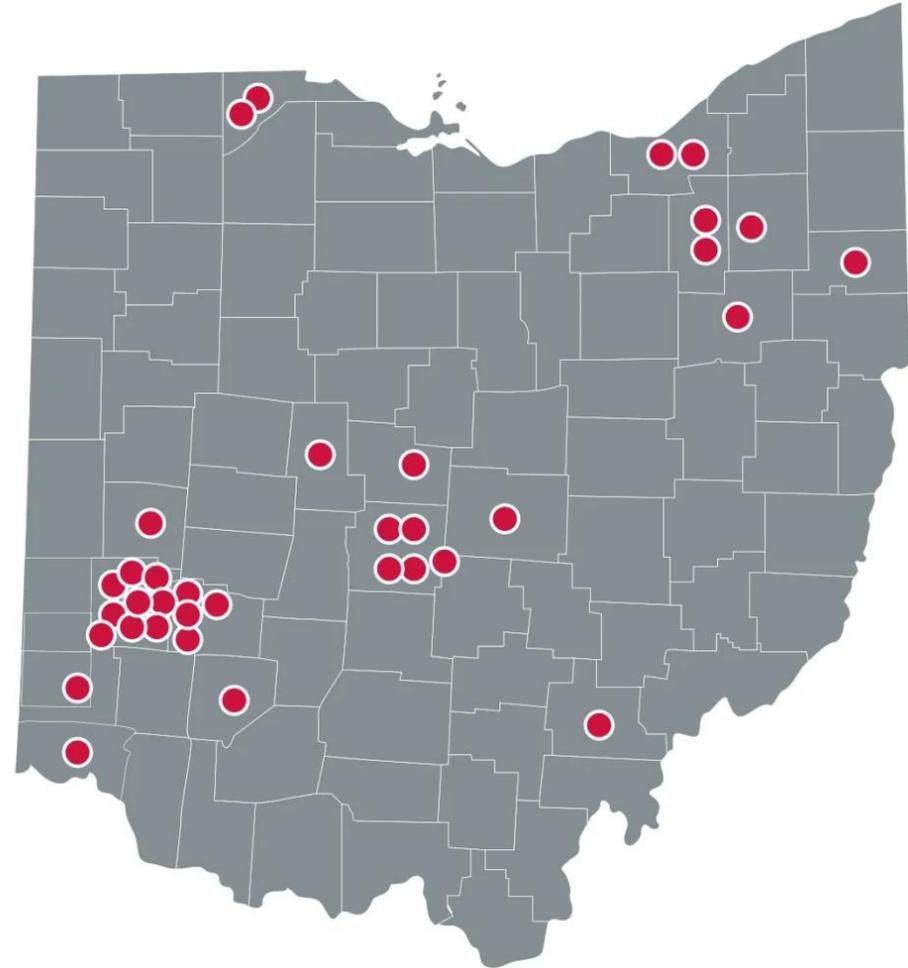


Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network

Miami Valley Age-Friendly Communities

1. City of Beavercreek
2. Beavercreek Township
3. City of Bellbrook
4. City of Brookville
5. City of Centerville
6. City of Dayton
7. ****City of Englewood**
8. Harrison Township
9. City of Huber Heights
10. ****Jefferson Township**
11. City of Kettering
12. Miami County
13. City of Trotwood
14. City of Vandalia
15. Washington Township
16. City of Xenia
17. ****Xenia Township**
18. Village of Yellow Springs

***Joined in 2025*



Learn more at mvrpc.org/age-friendly



Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network Grant Awards

Jurisdiction	Years in Program	Amount Awarded	Project Description
City of Bellbrook	4	\$5,000	To plan a Senior Health Fair & Senior Walk Series
City of Brookville	4	\$28,200	To create a better senior and retiree education and outreach programming within the City; Partner with local grocery store to have volunteers shop for and deliver groceries to older residents that are housebound; Purchase vehicle for volunteers to drive
City of Centerville	4	\$6,500	Conduct ADA compliance scan of website; Enroll Communications Director And Community Resources Coordinator in special training; Develop and maintain webpage about programming for older adults
City of Huber Heights	4	\$30,000	Implement a Strength and Longevity Scholarship for Senior Center members not eligible for Silver Sneakers Program at the YMCA; Installation of RTA bus stop shelters and trash receptacles outside the Village Park Apartments
Jefferson Township	<1 Year	\$10,000	Community Needs Assessment; conduct surveys and listening sessions and asset mapping
City of Kettering	4	\$29,385.05	To create an Age-Friendly Softball League; Establish an Adaptive Tricycle Therapeutic Ride Program
Miami County	4	\$20,000	Reduce Public Transportation Costs; and provide membership fee support for older adults to join County Senior Center
Washington Township		\$10,000	Help fund a multi-passenger cart for assisting in patron mobility at large public events
Village of Yellow Springs	+6	\$13,100	To purchase a "Trishaw" to facilitate Cycling Without Age; Wrap the 12-passenger van in design; Offset the cost to pay a driver and ride assistant

Total CY25 Grant Awards \$152,185.05



Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network



- Hosted quarterly co-learning opportunities with cohort/network members
- Distributed funding and provided technical support to cohort/network members towards their advancement and progress through the AARP Age-Friendly Program Process.
- Continuing to leverage Del Mar Encore Fellowship as host organization.



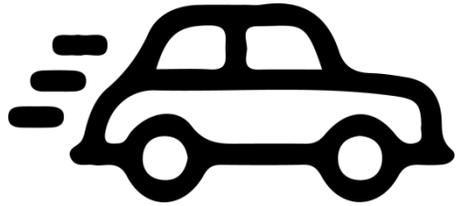
Regional Equity Initiative

2025: A Year of Change

- The Dayton Foundation
 - Produced a strategic approach/vision in response to program evaluation conducted in 2024
 - Expenditure of the foundational funding that started the program
- Grant Funding
 - Cancelled opportunities and shifting federal funding landscape
- Regional Recognition
 - Miami Valley Urban League Pillar Awards
 - The Big Thanks (United Way of the Greater Dayton Area)
 - Dayton Daily News Community Advisory Board



Prioritized Domains



Transportation

Co-Lead:
Greater Region
Mobility Initiative



Health & Environment

Co-Lead:
Five Rivers
MetroParks



Technology & Connectivity





“Increasing the average (livability) and decreasing the variance (equity)”

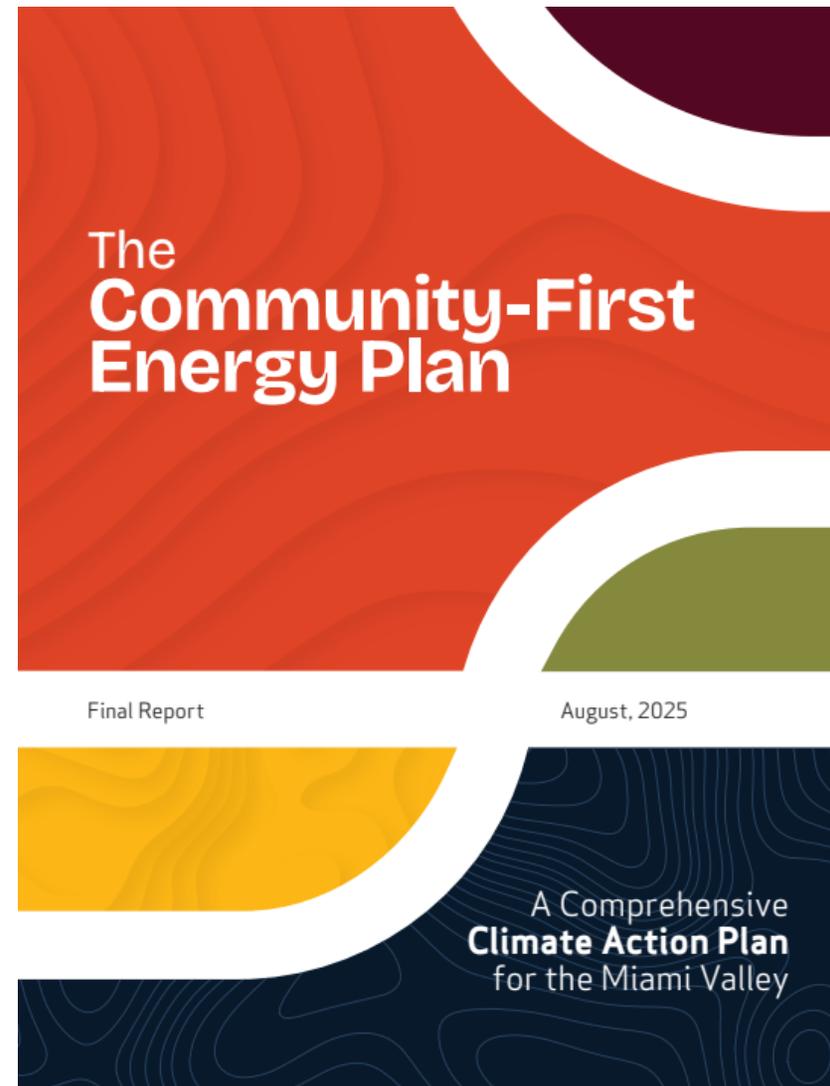
Common Elements of all Institute Work

- Focus on Livability & Equity
- Outreach, Convening & Coordination
- Education
- Research
- Resources, Best Practices and Tools
- Policy Analysis / Policy Change
- Technical Assistance
- Regional Focus on the Miami Valley
- Secure Sustainable Funding



Outreach, Convening, & Coordination

- Supported the public engagement effort in the agency's leadership developing a first-of-its-kind regional climate pollution reduction plan
- The MVRPC Board of Directors adopted the Community-First Energy Plan in August 2025



Regional Focus on the Miami Valley

- Hosted BroadbandOhio for an information session on the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program; the largest federal investment to date in broadband infrastructure across the nation
- A total allocation of \$793 million being implemented throughout Ohio for Broadband infrastructure deployment to connect approximately 117,000 locations throughout the state



Livability

The sum of the factors that add up to a community's quality of life.

Asks whether basic necessities are being met for residents and community members.

Equity

A condition of parity that is achieved by being intentional about improving of life for populations that are underserved, under-resourced, and vulnerable.

Considers the differences, deficits, and disparities related to fostering well-being for the most vulnerable community members.



Looking Forward

- Continued expansion of the Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network
- Increased engagement and collaboration in the Greater Regional Mobility Initiative (Transportation)
- Identification of collective impact and collaborative problem-solving opportunities with Five Rivers MetroParks (Health & Environment)
- Maintained regional representation and advocacy on local impact of BroadbandOhio efforts (Technology & Connectivity)



Here's our ask:

Come join us on the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities Steering Committee

- 4 meetings helping to make our communities and region more livable and equitable
- 13 Members: 10 from member communities + 3 from partner agencies such as Learn to Earn Dayton, United Way, Urban League



Watch for an email from Savannah coming in February

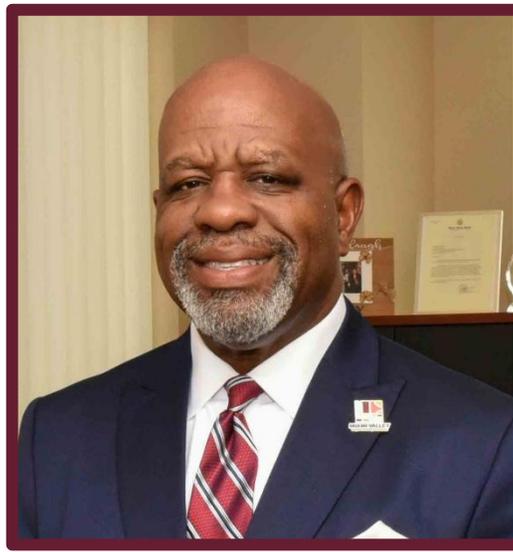




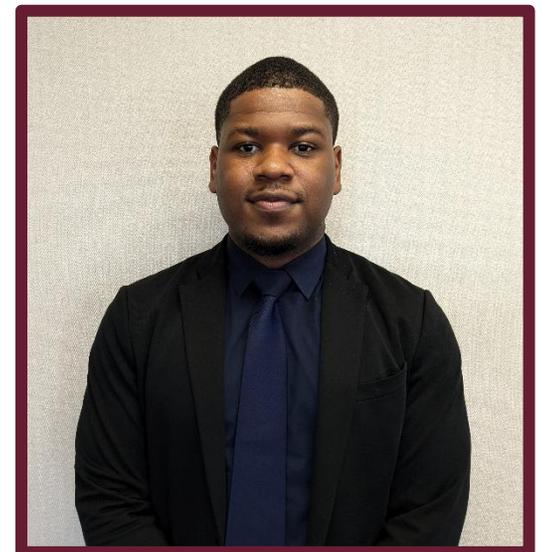
MVRPC and you: Shaping Our Region's Future Together Questions?



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MEMORANDUM

TO: MVRPC Board of Directors and Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities Steering Committee (ISC)

FROM: Brian O. Martin, AICP, Executive Director

DATE: January 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Nominations Open for 2025 Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities Steering Committee

MVRPC is accepting applications for the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities Steering Committee (ISC), the leadership board guiding this initiative. The Institute serves as the central hub for a collaborative, long-term effort to improve livability and equity across the Miami Valley Region. Its work focuses on key domains that enhance community well-being, including Education, Entrepreneurship, Employment & Volunteering, Engagement, Health & Environment, Housing, Neighborhood, Safety & Justice, Technology & Connectivity, and Transportation.

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The Institute is 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.

For those interested in serving on the 2026 Institute Steering Committee, please submit your resume via email to Savannah Diamond at sdiamond@mvrpc.org no later than Friday, February 13, 2026.

The nomination committee will submit their recommendations to the Board of Directors during the March 5, 2026 meeting. This letter will also be shared with funding organizations and partners of the Institute. We appreciate your interest in serving our region.