

2020 MUSKINGUM COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Compiled by: Muskingum County Planning Commission

Parks & Greenspace Report

Parks & Greenspace Task Force

Abstract

State parks, forests, nature preserves, scenic waterways, and wildlife areas cover over 34,164 acres of land in Muskingum County. These assets contribute to the county’s tourism industry, which generates over \$223,000,000 in annual sales revenue. Recreation contributes \$15,000,000 to the local economy annually.

Introduction

Muskingum County is blessed with an abundance of green spaces. It is the 4th largest county in Ohio with a land mass of 664.6 square miles. Despite its size, the county is sparsely populated having around 86,000 residents. Just over 10% of the county’s land mass was listed as developed during the last census. In contrast, forests cover close to 55% of the land mass, and agriculture occupies just over 30%. The remainder of the county is dotted with scrub/shrub grasslands, wetlands, and open water (see Appendix A).

State parks, forests, nature preserves, scenic waterways, and wildlife areas (see Appendix B for a detailed list) cover over 34,164 acres of land in Muskingum County. These assets contribute to the county’s tourism industry, which generates over \$223,000,000 in annual sales revenue. Recreation contributes \$15,000,000 to the local economy annually.

Methodology

Muskingum County residents actively participate in outdoor recreation. Understanding the vision of the public for Muskingum County Parks and Green Spaces is paramount. After all, the public is the owner of its community.

The Parks and Green Spaces planning process began with a S.W.O.T. analysis conducted during the Muskingum County Planning Commission 2019 Comprehensive Plan update kickoff meeting on March 12, 2019. Community volunteers participated in a S.W.O.T. analysis that identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats specific to Muskingum County parks and green spaces (see Appendix C). These community volunteers formed the core of the Parks and Green Space Task Force.

Community Meetings

To better understand community desires, the Task Force communicated directly with Muskingum County residents. A series of public meetings were held at Muskingum County Library System branches throughout the county. Invitations to participate in the planning processes were mailed to each local elected official in Muskingum County. These officials were encouraged to share meeting details with their constituents. Meeting attendees participated in planning charrettes which identified and prioritized park and green space resources. Please see Appendix D for a summary of meeting locations and findings.

Statistically Valid Survey

In a separate initiative, the Muskingum Valley Park District (“MVPD”) engaged the services of Ron Vine and Associates (the “Consultant”), which is the only parks and recreation consulting firm in

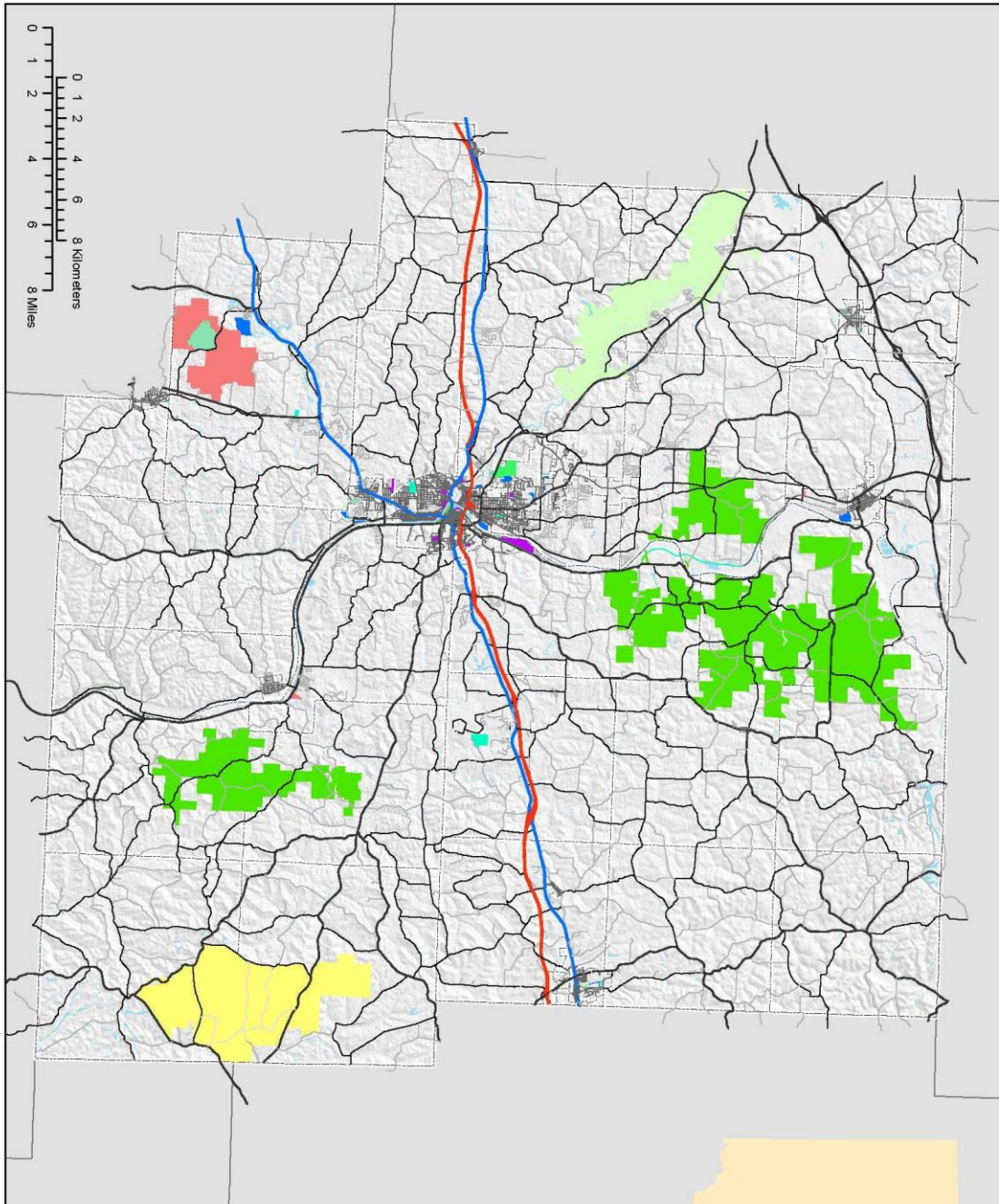
the United States 100% focused on making the opinions of citizens matter. The Consultant worked with key stakeholders in the county to develop a four page statistically valid survey (see Appendices E1 and E2). The survey was designed to better understand residents' usage and needs for the MVPD park and recreation system, and to identify future community needs.

The Consultant conducted a random sampling of 4500 surveys by mail to resident households in Muskingum County, with a targeted completion of 400 surveys. Residents responded by returning 474 valid surveys yielding results that have a 95% level of confidence with a margin of error of +/- 4.7%. Survey responses closely mirrored findings from the public meeting planning charrettes. The most important purposes identified in the survey results is the desire to: acquire and protect open space, conserve natural resources, develop passive recreation areas, and develop paved trails that connect communities. The primary barriers preventing residents from using existing Park and Green Space resources were a "lack of awareness of programs and facility locations, and amenities are located too far from our residence."

Recommendations

- Muskingum County Planning Commission will establish an ad hoc committee of community leaders representing the Muskingum Valley Park District, City of Zanesville, townships, villages, and private providers to explore options for planning, networking, partnerships, and promotion of parks and green spaces.
- MVPD will develop a 10-year master plan using citizen opinions garnered from community meetings and the statistically valid survey.
- MVPD will partner with the Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention and Visitors Bureau and other providers to develop publications and promotions that inform residents of existing park and green space resources.
- MVPD will partner with the City of Zanesville and other municipalities to consolidate and maximize park and green space resources.
- Muskingum County will encourage federal, state, local, and private providers to enhance and expand park and green space opportunities.
- The Planning Commission will review local subdivision regulations and identify opportunities and policies encouraging the inclusion of park and green space amenities and paved pedestrian trails with connectivity to regional and municipal recreational trails.
- Providers will utilize state and federal grant programs to acquire and/or develop passive recreation green spaces, parks, and conservation areas.
- Providers and government entities will support initiatives to secure dedicated funding sources for the operation and maintenance of existing and future parks and green spaces.

Appendix A



MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO

P A R K S



Legend	
Color	OWNER
Red	APD
Green	STATE OF OHIO
Purple	MIAMI
Light Green	COLLEGE
Yellow	CITY OF ZANESVILLE
Dark Green	TOWNSHIP
Light Blue	COUNTY
Dark Blue	USA
Orange	PRIVATE
Light Orange	THE WILDS



Appendix B

Major Providers and Outdoor Destinations

AEP ReCreation Land

State Route 146/ 740-589-9930 www.aepohio.com/info/recreation

Located along State Route 146 in eastern Muskingum County is one of AEP's best-known reclamation projects, ReCreation Land is a 34,500-acre area in Southeast Ohio that offers a wide assortment of recreational activities to the public including camping, fishing, hunting, bike trails, and horseback riding. AEP reclaimed this land, once strip-mined for its rich coal deposits, and turned it into a vibrant recreation area. Vigorous reclamation efforts involved planting 63 million trees, establishing over 350 lakes and ponds, and creating nearly 380 campsites. Use of the land requires obtaining a free ReCreation Land permit by going to www.aepohio.com/info/recreation

AOA Mountain Bike Trail at the Wilds

Intersection of Zion ridge Rd and SR 1456, Cumberland OH 43732
www.bikeaoa.org (click on the "trails" link)

The trail system features 15 miles of dynamic single-track trails for beginners and advanced riders. Trails are open to the public year-round. Parking is off St. Rt. 146 opposite the Zion Ridge Road Wilds entrance. There are no facilities at the trail head. Visit the website for trail maps and more information including trail conditions.

AOA Mountain Bike Trail at Dillon State Park

SR 146 West, Nashport, OH 43830

www.bikeaoa.org

Dillon offers 17 miles of mountain bike trails for three levels of ability. Trails are well marked. Park in the beach parking lot for access to the trails and look for the sign at the trailhead. Located off St. Rt. 146 west of Zanesville. For trail maps and further information visit www.bikeaoa.org and click on the "trails" link.

Beginner Hills Bike Route

Most of US 40 has bike lanes – mix of long grades, rolling hills and steep but short hills.

Birding Station at Jeffrey Point

14000 International Rd., Cumberland, OH 43732 /740-638-5030
www.thewilds.org

The Birding Station at Jeffrey Point on State Route 284 is open to the public and free of charge, offering a sweeping vista rich with grasslands that harbor an abundance of ground-nesting songbirds and raptors, as well as lakes often teeming with waterfowl. Located off of OH 284, between Zion Ridge Road and International Road.

Blue Rock State Forest

6665 Cutler Lake Road, Blue Rock, OH 43720 / 740-385-4402

www.forestry.ohiodnr.gov/bluerock

The 4,578-acre Blue Rock State Forest, located 12 miles southeast of Zanesville is accessed primarily via State Route 60 and Cutler Lake Road and is one of Ohio's most beautiful state forests. There are 26 miles of natural surface bridle trails suitable for novice as well as more experienced riders. Riders will enjoy the beauty of the forest beginners to advanced riders.as they ride past scenic vistas and through cool hollows. There is also a must see at this site – The Blue Rock fire tower constructed in 1937. It is the last remaining tower in the state, and the public may climb it. The view is breathtaking.

Blue Rock State Park OH 43720

7924 Cutler Lake Road, Blue Rock,

Regional office: 740-453-4377 / Camp store: 740-674-4794

www.ohiodnr.gov

Rugged hills and rich green forests provide the scenic backdrop for Blue Rock State Park. Features include campsites, five different hiking trails totaling 3 miles of hiking in the park, perfect for the leisurely stroll, picnic areas with tables and grills, fishing areas and a public beach for swimming. Bridle trails are offered at the park and link to 26 miles of natural surface bridle trails that wind through the Blue Rock State Forest. Winter activities include ice skating, ice fishing and sledding.

Canoes and rowboats are permitted on Cutler Lake power boating is limited to electric motors only. A launch ramp provides access to the 15-acre lake. Fishing for bass, catfish, and bluegill is available. Hunting is not permitted in the park but is permitted in season on the surrounding state forest. A valid Ohio fishing and/or hunting license is required.

Brownsville Out and Back Bike Route

www.ridewithgps.com/routes/26854138

Ride the Route 40 bike lanes – 27.9 miles.

Butterfly Habitat at the Wilds

14000 International Rd., Cumberland, OH 43732

740-638-5030

www.thewilds.org

Just across from The Wilds entrance is the Butterfly Habitat, an important Restoration Ecology project. Over 12 acres of grassland are being enriched with native flowering plants to attract and provide habitat for many species of butterflies. A walking trail leads through the area, with interpretive signs offering information about the plants and insects found here. There is no charge to explore this area.

Collegial Woods

1425 Newark Road, Zanesville, OH 43701
Muskingum Valley Park District / 740-455-8237
www.mvparkdistrict.org

This passive park is located on the northern portion of the Ohio University Zanesville and Zane State College Campus on Newark Road in Zanesville and is maintained by the Muskingum Valley Park District. The park is 63 acres, most of which is crisscrossed by more than two miles of wooded trails. A handicap accessible trail connects to the campus sidewalks creating a two mile loop. Maps and information can be found at the east trail head near the Cora E. Rogge Pavilion.

Dillon Dam US Army Corps of Engineers

4969 Dillon Dam Road, Zanesville, OH / 740-454-2225
www.lrh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Ohio/Dillon-Lake/

The area offers a looped fitness trail with exercise stations, fishing, playground, picnic areas, restrooms, shelter house, observation area of the dam, bicycling and boating at nearby marina. The reservoir was built for flood management purposes and completed in 1961. There is a Visitors Center featuring historical, fish and wildlife and flood management information. Tours of the dam and flood control facilities are available.

Dillon State Park

5265 Dillon Hills Drive, Nashport, OH 43830
Regional office: 740-453-4377 / Camp Store: 740-452-1083
www.ohiodnr.gov

Located off Ohio 146, west of Zanesville. The wooded hills and scenic valleys of the Dillon area offer a picturesque setting for outdoor adventure. Features include tennis and basketball courts, volleyball area, camping facilities, cottages, miles of hiking trails, 20 miles of wooded bridle trails, 9.6 miles of multi-use trails, mountain bike trails, fishing areas, sportsmen's area, launch ramps, disc golf, picnic facilities complete with tables and grills, and a beach for swimming and wading pool for children at the beach area. Canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals are available for use on Dillon Lake.

Dresden Boat Ramp / Muskingum River Water Trail access

48 E. Muskingum Ave. St. Rt. 208, Dresden, OH 43821
740-453-4377

www.watercraft.ohiodnr.gov

On river right. Carry-in access is at the level floodplain on river right. Just upstream of the ramp site, you will encounter two bridges. The suspension bridge (pedestrian only) was constructed in 1914 and is listed on the National Historic Register.

Falls Township Park

3105 Dillon Falls Road, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-454-9102

A recreation area featuring tennis courts, playground, picnic shelter and paddle access just south of the park.

Frazeyburg, Newark, Zanesville Loop Bike Route

www.ridewithgps.com/routes/5949857

For experienced riders – embrace the hills – 61.1 miles starts in Zanesville.

Friendship Trail

740-826-7671

This trail is located on Stormont Street in New Concord next to the New Concord Elementary School and ends at the East Muskingum School Complex on John Glenn Road. The almost 3.5 mile trail has a hilly terrain with concrete sidewalk, grass, mulch and asphalt surfaces and winds through downtown New Concord, the Muskingum University campus, and a wooded area leading to the New Concord Pool and the East Muskingum Schools complex. Dogs are permitted if on a leash or can be controlled by owner. All necessary shots must be up to date. Owners are responsible for waste clean-up. The trail includes Friendship Lake, which is open to the public during daylight hours. Fishing is permitted for all East Muskingum School District residents with a valid State of Ohio Fishing license.

Gale Garden

904 Adair Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-8237

www.mvparkdistrict.org

Gale Garden is a serene setting in the midst of the historic McIntire Terrace subdivision the one-acre garden includes a varied collection of rare and unique trees, bushes and perennials in a woodland motif, and provides a quiet green space where the public can relax daily from dawn to dusk.

Gorsuch Fitness Trail

2951 Maple Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701

www.geneshcs.org/locations/profile/?id=260

The Gorsuch Fitness Trail, located on the grounds of Genesis Hospital in Zanesville, is a community fitness track which offers an urban adventure. The one-mile loop traverses the hospital grounds with views of a meandering stream and woodlands. White tailed deer are a common site along the trail. The trail is open during daylight hours and offers quick and easy access to those looking for a short hike.

Horseback Riding Safari at The Wilds

14000 International Road, Cumberland, OH / 740-638-5030

www.thewilds.org

Enjoy The Wilds from the saddle of a horse! Led by professionally trained guides, this horseback safari consists of a relaxing ride along the beautiful landscapes overlooking rolling hills, grasslands and butterfly habitat. Don't miss this amazing outdoor experience during your visit to The Wilds!

Joe's Run Recreational Trail

1429 Blue Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-8237

www.mvparkdistrict.org

The Joe's Run Recreational Trail is a 1.3-mile asphalt trail that meanders through mature woodland and open meadows along Joe's Run creek. The trail connects the Zanesville City Schools Middle School Campus with the Collegial Woods trail on the Campus of Ohio University Zanesville. In addition to serving as a pedestrian corridor, the trail offers wonderful opportunities for wildlife viewing. White Tailed deer, red tailed hawks and even the occasional bald eagle are common sights for trail users.

Kenny Wolford Community Park

1354 S. Main Street, Dresden, OH 43821 / 740-754-3300

www.ohio.org/destination/local-regional-parks/kenny-wolford-community-park

A beautiful outdoor recreation area in the Village of Dresden featuring baseball fields, sand volleyball and basketball courts.

Jesse Owens State Park and Wildlife Area (need county specific data)

Lock 9 in Philo / Muskingum River Water Trail

Duncan Falls, Duncan Falls, OH 43734 / 740-453-4377

www.watercraft.ohiodnr.gov

On river right. Paddlers should lock through; there is **no safe portage**. Located near the communities of Philo and Duncan Falls, the Philo Lock was formerly known as the Taylorsville Dam, constructed to harness water power to operate a saw and flour mill.

Lock 10 Canal Park / Muskingum River Water Trail access

St. Rt. 40 Main Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-453-4377

www.watercraft.ohiodnr.gov

On river left, just downstream of Zane's Landing. Paddlers must enter the lock canal on river left and proceed to the historic lock tender's house to portage. The Y Bridge crosses the river where the Licking River empties into the Muskingum just below the dam. Built between 1837 and

1841, this tandem lock (the only one in the system) has mitered wood gates. The original bypass canal, built in 1816, the earliest civil engineering improvement on the river and was constructed as an attempt to circumvent the Falls at Zanesville. The long, narrow island adjacent to the lock is the location of the original lock tender's house. A former towpath used for the canal is maintained as park land.

Lock 11 Ellis Dam / Muskingum River Water Trail access

1390 Ellis Dam Rd., Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-453-4377

www.watercraft.ohiodnr.gov

On river right. Follow the signs from State Route 60 (Richvale Road east, Friendly Hills Road north, to Ellis Dam Road). Paddler's portage is at the small dock at north end of the campground. Enjoy the remoteness and scenery of this area, which includes Powelson Wildlife Area. The Muskingum Recreational Trail is also accessible from Ellis Dam Road. The trail crosses the Muskingum River just downstream from Ellis Dam and offers breathtaking views of the river below. The Zanesville Yacht Club is about 6.3 miles downstream.

Maple Hill Park

Taylor and Maple Hill Streets / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

Features pickle ball courts and a shelter with picnic tables

McGraw Edison Recreation Area

6165 Park Lane, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-8237

www.mvparkdistrict.org

This 80 acre park is located nine miles east of Zanesville in Perry Township and owned and maintained by the Muskingum Valley Park District. The site is a pleasing, mixture of gently rolling grasslands and steeper wooded hillsides. Water features include Little Salt Creek and an unnamed tributary, a wetland and a small pond. Five miles of beginner/intermediate mountain bike trails wind through the outer edges of the park. Trails were developed and are maintained by Appalachia Outdoor Adventures. Some trails extend beyond park boundaries on to private property.

Mission Oaks Gardens

424 Hunter Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 74

www.mvparkdistrict.org

Mission Oaks Gardens is a beautiful urban garden. It exists quietly and undetectable from the street in a residential neighborhood. More than seven acres of gardens showcase hundreds of rare and unusual plants including a collection of azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolias, a collection of azaleas, annuals and wildflowers fill the gardens year-round. The garden also feature two waterfalls, a natural bog, and perennial garden, walking paths, creek, gazebo and a

renowned conifer garden. The conifer garden displays over 300 trees. The trees represent more than 90 species within more than 50 genera.

Muskingum Recreational Trail

E. Muskingum Ave., Dresden, OH 43821 / 740-455-8237

www.mvparkdistrict.org

Six miles of asphalt trail connects the north end of the Village of Dresden to Rock Cut Road in Muskingum Township. The trail follows the Muskingum River much of the way and offers exceptional views of huge rock formations and spots for watching wildlife. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Jefferson Township building, at the Rock Cut Road, and at the 1st Street parking lot in Dresden.

Muskingum River State Park

Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-453-4377

www.parks.ohiodnr.gov/muskingumriver

This area has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places and is recognized as the Muskingum River Navigation Historic District. This area encompasses the 112 mile Muskingum River Water Trail and is the longest navigable river in Ohio. The hand operated locks along the waterway have not inhibited its natural qualities; the river is home to fish, birds, and wildlife. Along the river there are amenities for through-boaters and day-trippers alike. The Muskingum River is navigable from Dresden to Marietta by canoe or kayak. For a motorized boat Riverside Park is the ramp to utilize for the longest water route. Call the park office to check on river conditions and lock availability prior to departure. There is camping, picnic areas, restrooms, parking, docks, drinking water, launch ramps, carry-in access, gas, birding trails, parks and food available along the water trail.

Muskingum Valley Park District

1720 Euclid Avenue, Zanesville OH 43701 / 740-455-8237

mvparkdistrict.org

The Muskingum Valley Park District (MVPD) was created in 1998. The Park District's mission is to enrich the quality of life of Muskingum county residents by conserving natural areas, providing passive and active recreational opportunities and developing an appreciation of natural, historical and cultural heritage of the area.

Facilities owned and operated by the District include Collegial Woods Trails, Gale Garden, Joe's Run Recreational Trail, John McIntire Outdoor Classroom, McGraw Edison Recreation Area, Mission Oaks Gardens, Muskingum Recreational Trail and Westview Community Park. Additional assets include Bergin Field which is leased and operated by the Franklin Youth Baseball Association, Meadow Springs Farm Conservation Area and AEP Conservation Area. The Park District's first project was the establishment of four miles of the Muskingum Recreational Trail near Dresden.

New Concord Peloton Bike Route

www.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ncpeloton/conversations/messages

Experienced riders coming to Zanesville can contact the New Concord Peloton. Many of the rides will originate in Zanesville and be posted on this message board.

Powelson Wildlife Area

740-589-9930/ www.wildohio.gov

This 2,779-acre wildlife area lies between State Route 60 and the Muskingum River, four miles north of Zanesville. County Road 49, which runs east from State Route 60, provides the best access to the heart of the area. The topography includes gently rolling, reverting old fields and woodland. Less than one percent is open land. The two main ponds on the area have been stocked with largemouth bass, channel catfish, and bluegills. A variety of songbirds, small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects also occur on the area in association with the diverse mixture of habitat types. Managed by Division of Wildlife - ODNR

Putnam Hill Park

Grandview Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

Located off of Pine Street it consists of 18.5 acres and a scenic panoramic view of the City and the world-famous Y Bridge can be seen from its lookout area. There are family reunions, weddings, Easter Sunday services, and many more activities held there. A gazebo, barbecue pits, swing sets, a big slide, and basketball courts make it user friendly for all ages. Open-Area walking spaces

Putnam Landing Park

Muskingum Ave. Zanesville, OH 43701/740-455-0637

www.coz.org

On river right. This park is in the south part of town at the end of the 6th street bridge on Muskingum Avenue. It has approximately 2.8 acres.

Riverside Park

State Route 666, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

On river left. This park features soccer fields, sand volleyball, softball fields, tennis and basketball courts, shelter houses for picnics and a dog park. The park is home to Kidzville, a community-built playground and a fitness trail for people with disabilities. A boat ramp is available near the entrance of the park. The Zanes Landing Trail route runs along this park.

Located off Ohio 666 northeast of downtown Zanesville.

Rucker Endurance Park

4695 Rucker Road, Mount Perry, OH

www.ruckerendurancepark.com

Outdoor trail running facility built on a family farm in rural Southeastern Ohio featuring beautiful scenery, rolling hills and challenging trails. Offering a series of races throughout the year, the park is not open to the public on other days. Group runs are open to public and are available on Wednesdays at 6pm April-October.

Tri-Valley Wildlife Area

State Route 666 / 740-589-9930

This 15,181-acre area lies east of the Muskingum River ½ mile from Dresden and 4 ½ miles north of Zanesville. State routes 208, 93 and 66 provide easy access to the many county and townships roads that transect this area. The topography includes gently rolling hills to steep hills along the Muskingum River. Archery, hunting, hiking and fishing are all available on this property managed by the Division of Wildlife-ODNR.

Zane’s Landing Park

West End of Market Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

On river left, nestled along the banks of the majestic Muskingum River, a 3.2 mile bike and walking trail connects this park with Riverside Park. This park consists of 6.5 acres, and is home to the Lorena Sternwheeler, the Bicentennial Statue, and the Eternal Flame, the only eternal flame in the nation playing tribute to Medal of Honor Veterans. The famous Y Bridge which spans the Muskingum and the Licking rivers can be observed from this site. Many activities take place there including food truck rallies, July 4th Celebration, and concerts.

Zane’s Landing Park Recreational Trail

West End of Market Street, Zanesville, OH 43701 / 740-455-0637

www.coz.org

3.2 mile paved recreational trail located at the end of Market Street in downtown Zanesville. The trail follows the Muskingum River and ends at Riverside Park.

Zanesville Bike Routes

www.mapmyride.com/us/zanesville-oh/

Outdoor Adventures

Briar Rabbit Shooting Sports

2949 Granger Hill Road, Zanesville, OH / 740-454-3817

www.briarrabbit.com

Ohio's premier shooting facility.

Dillon Sportsman Center

5200 Pleasant Valley Road, Nashport, OH 43830 / 740-452-3529

www.dillonsportsmancenter.com

Range house with full restroom facilities, retail store and classroom. 100 yard rifle range with shelter and lighting with moveable target stands on site. 25 yard range habitat. Pistol range with shelter and lighting and includes stationary and moveable target areas, Skeet and Trap fields with automated clay throwers on regulation fields with lighting for night shoots.

Fishing Safari at The Wilds

14000 International Road, Cumberland, OH / 740-638-5030

www.thewilds.org

Unwind on the water by casting out into one of the tranquil lakes surrounded by rolling hills of grasslands and forests. Water bodies have been stocked largemouth bass, red-ear sunfish, brown bullhead, bluegill and channel catfish. Reservations are required.

Guru Outfitters

3880 Roberts Addition, White Cottage, OH 43791 / 740-221-0170

Fully guided float tube fishing treks on the AEP Recreation land.

Ohio Belly Boat Fishing

740-777-2579

www.ohiobellyboatfishing.com

A unique blend of adventure and charm, belly boating combines the thrill of the wilderness with the challenge of reeling in "the big one" while paddling with your feet. Trek to a hidden lake, have a seat in a belly boat and paddle peacefully across the water. This is the only outfitter in Ohio guiding trips to AEP ReCreation Lands and Tri-Valley wildlife area.

The Wilds

14000 International Rd., Cumberland, OH 43732 / 740-638-5030

www.thewilds.org

Spanning nearly 10,000 acres, The Wilds is one of the largest and most innovative conservation centers in the world. Home to rare and endangered animals from around the globe along with hundreds of indigenous species, the mission of The Wilds is to lead and inspire by connecting people and wildlife. It is a living laboratory, where every aspect of the natural world presents unique venues for personal experiences. The signature experience is exploring The Wilds on an Open-Air Safari Tour to see and learn about these amazing species living in open-range habitats. These tours run on a shuttle system through the open pasture areas, and this tour offers outstanding opportunities for wildlife viewing and photography. Cabins and yurts are available for overnight accommodations.

Zipline Safari at The Wilds

1400 International Road, Cumberland, OH / 740-638-5030

www.thewilds.org

Enjoy The Wilds from an aerial perspective! Led by professionally trained guides, this 2.5 hour zipline safari tour consists of 10 zip lines and a rappel built on a series of observation platforms overlooking various exotic animal species. You'll zip along a network of cables, through trees, over the animal watering holes, lakes and pastures.

2019 Muskingum County Planning
Commission Comprehensive
Plan Update
Parks and Green Spaces S.W.O.T. Analysis Results

Parks & Green Space	Strengths	Recreation contributes \$15 million annually to local economy
Parks & Green Space	Strengths	10% land mass developed
Parks & Green Space	Strengths	Lots of parks
Parks & Green Space	Strengths	the Wilds
Parks & Green Space	Strengths	water front
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	Promotion
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	funding
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	Fragmented resources -- unlinked trail / river systems
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	Underdeveloped parks
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	Don't know what residents want
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	not enough walking paths
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	unsafe green spaces
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	no community pool
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	obstacles in developing waterfront
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	needs better signage and lighting
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	Lack of education programs
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	lack of hands on experiences
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	zoning - none
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	maintaining spaces
Parks & Green Space	Weaknesses	signage - no restrooms
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	Connecting trail cooperative resources
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	Expanded volunteer programs
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	Be a Recreation Destination
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	splash/water park
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	Bike lanes in town to connect bike paths
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	Ohio to Erie trail
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	Develop Muskingum County historical sites for tourism
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	Integrate arts and trades into park programming
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	connect non- vehicle trails
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	develop sub-division requirements for green space
Parks & Green Space	Opportunities	Minors need a summer splash area to get off excess energy
Parks & Green Space	Threats	Safety
Parks & Green Space	Threats	Technology & dependence on virtual reality
Parks & Green Space	Threats	sedentary society
Parks & Green Space	Threats	Poverty & lack of transportation
Parks & Green Space	Threats	RoIE models
Parks & Green Space	Threats	lack of dedicated source for funding parks/green spaces

Appendix D – Survey Responses

Duncan Falls/Philo	3 voters
Activity Wants/Needs	# of Votes
Seasonal Events	3
Walking Trails (paved/unpaved)	3
Education Programs	2
Garden Parks	2
Tours/Day Trips	2
Access to River	1
App (mobile)	1
Camping	1
Canoe Launch	1
Family Adventure Days	1
Stream Study Access	1
Symposium	1
Websites	1
Wild Edibles	1
Fishing	0
Reason to Hike wooded trails	0
Shooting Sports	0
Splashpads	0
Subscriber Newsletters	0
Volunteer Opportunities	0

New Concord	2 voters
Activity Wants/Needs	# of Votes
Bike Trails (paved)	2
Hiking	2
Swimming	2
Splashpads	2
Ice Skating/Cross Country	2
Kayak	1
Connectivity between Cities	1
Sports Fields	1
Special Interest Groups/Clubs	1
Fishing	0
Special Events	0
Playgrounds	0
Animal Programs	0
Green Space	0
Gardening Classes	0
Adventure (affordable)	0
Rental Adventures	0
Cultural History Program	0
Tours with Stops	0

Outdoor Games (disc golf) 0

Zanesville	6 voters
Activity Wants/Needs	# of Votes
Hiking-natural	5
Hiking-rail trail	4
Safety	4
Birding	3
Volunteer Opportunities	2
Educational Programs	2
Historical Trails & Connectivity w/Signage	2
Boat/Bikes/Rental Items	2
Biking	1
Kayaking (lakes)	1
RV Camping	1
Bus Trips	1
Playgrounds	1
Interp Hikes/Stations	1
User-Friendly ADA inclusive	1
Clean Restroom Facilities	1
Generational Use	1
Frisbee Golf	1
Pickleball	1
Fitness Trail	1
Chimney Swift Tower	1
Bat Cave w/Seating	1
Putt Putt	1
Canoe Launch/River Access	1
Primitive	0
Zipline	0
Skateboarding	0
Maintenance	0
Horseback trails	0
Mountain Biking	0
Boating/Water Access	0
Exercise class in parks/outdoor setting	0
Silo Rock Climbing	0
Ropes Course	0
Splashpad	0
Swimming/Pool	0
Interactive Water Feature (Natural)	0
Cross Country Skiing	0
Water Sports/Skiing	0

Dresden	3 Voters
Activity Wants/Needs	# of Votes
Hiking (any surface)	2
Playground	2
Splashpad/Water Feature	2
Basketball Court	2
Maintenance/upkeep	2
Birding	1
Biking	1
Accessibility	1
Boating	1
Sports Fields (open fields)	1
Facilities-water, restrooms, etc.	1
Archery/Shooting Sports	1
Skateboarding	1
Pickleball	1
Special Events (movie nights)	1
Nature Programs	1
Fishing	0
Canoe/Kayak	0
River Access	0
Rental Facilities/day use	0
Rental Activities (canoes, etc.)	0
Canoe Livery/Launch Area	0
Camping	0
Motorcross	0
Ice Skating	0
Observation Deck/Astronomy	0
Education/Awareness	0
Boardwalk	0

Unanimous Choices

Seasonal Events
Walking Trails (paved/unpaved)
Bike Trails (paved)
Hiking
Swimming
Splashpads
Ice Skating/Cross Country

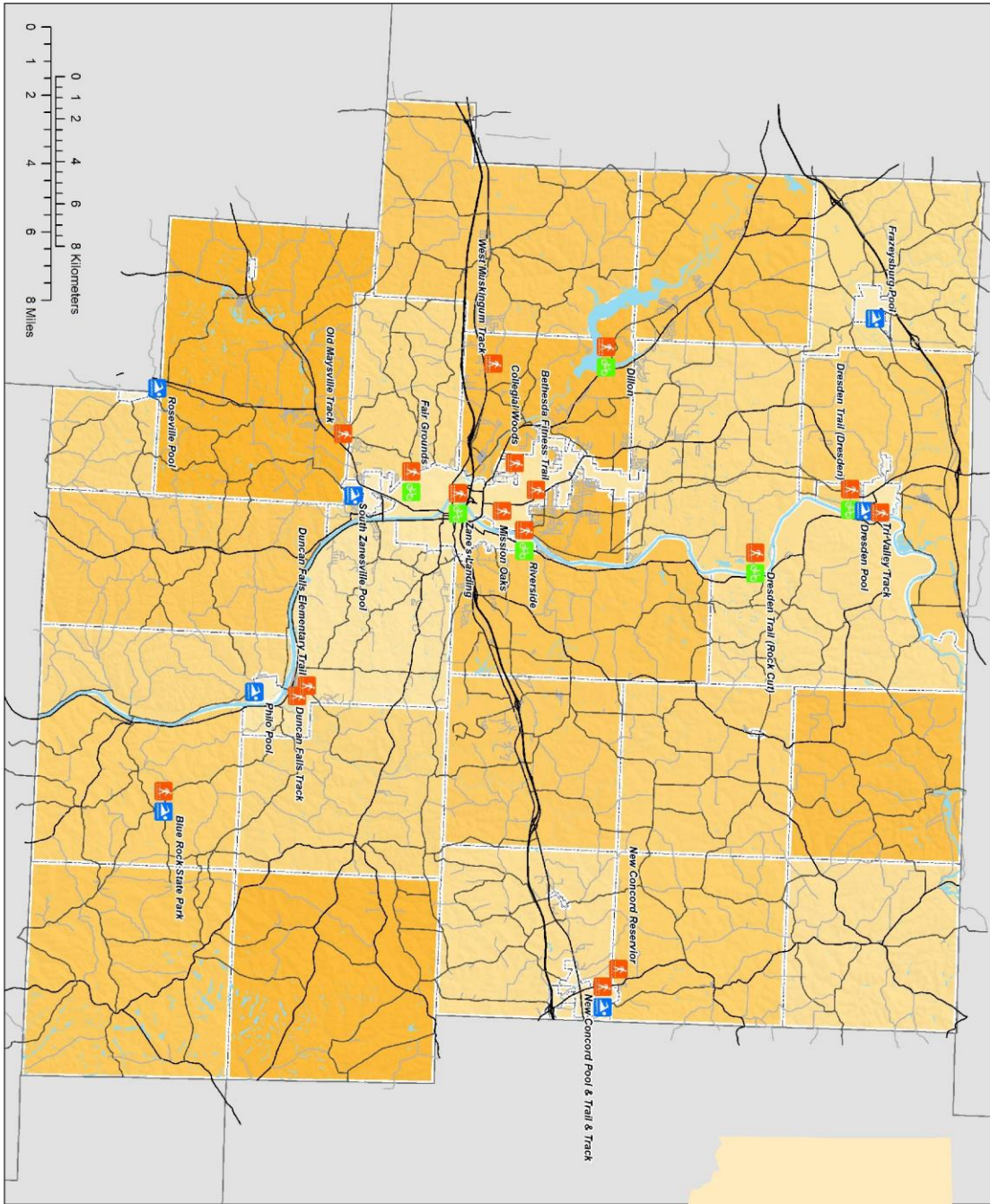
Second Choices

Education Programs
Garden Parks
Tours/Day Trips
Kayak
Connectivity between Cities
Sports Fields
Special Interest Groups/Clubs
Hiking-rail trail
Safety
Hiking-natural

Other Votes (less than majority)

Access to River
App (mobile)
Camping
Canoe Launch
Family Adventure Days
Stream Study Access
Symposium
Websites
Wild Edibles
Birding
Volunteer Opportunities
Educational Programs
Historical Trails & Connectivity w/Signage
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PUBLIC FITNESS LOCATIONS

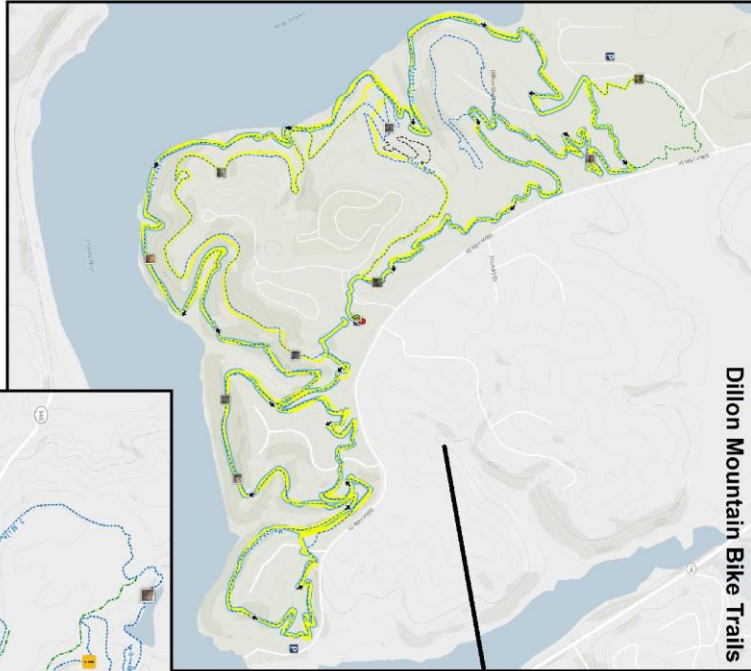
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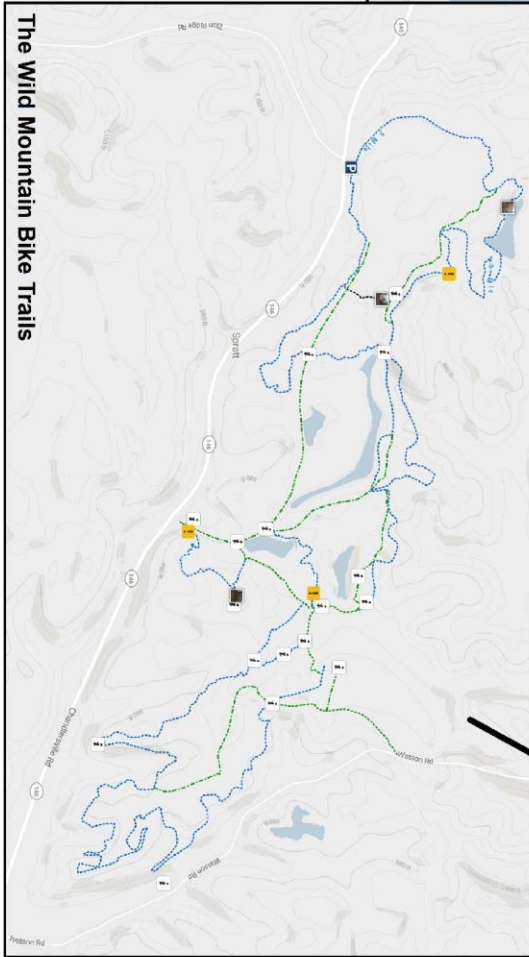
Legend

- Walk
- Walk Bike
- Walk Swim
- Swim

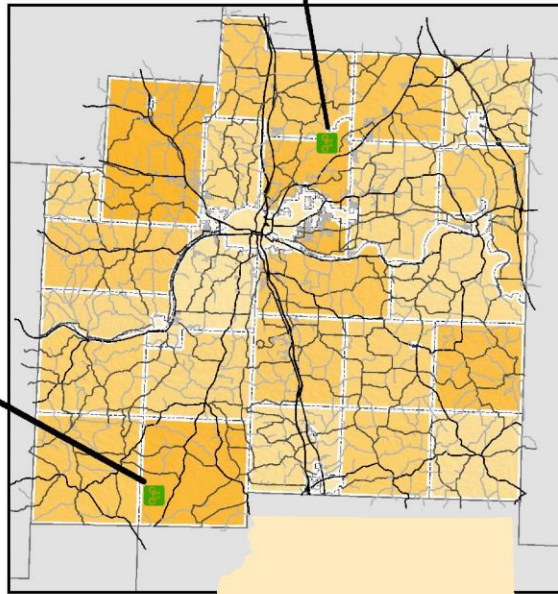




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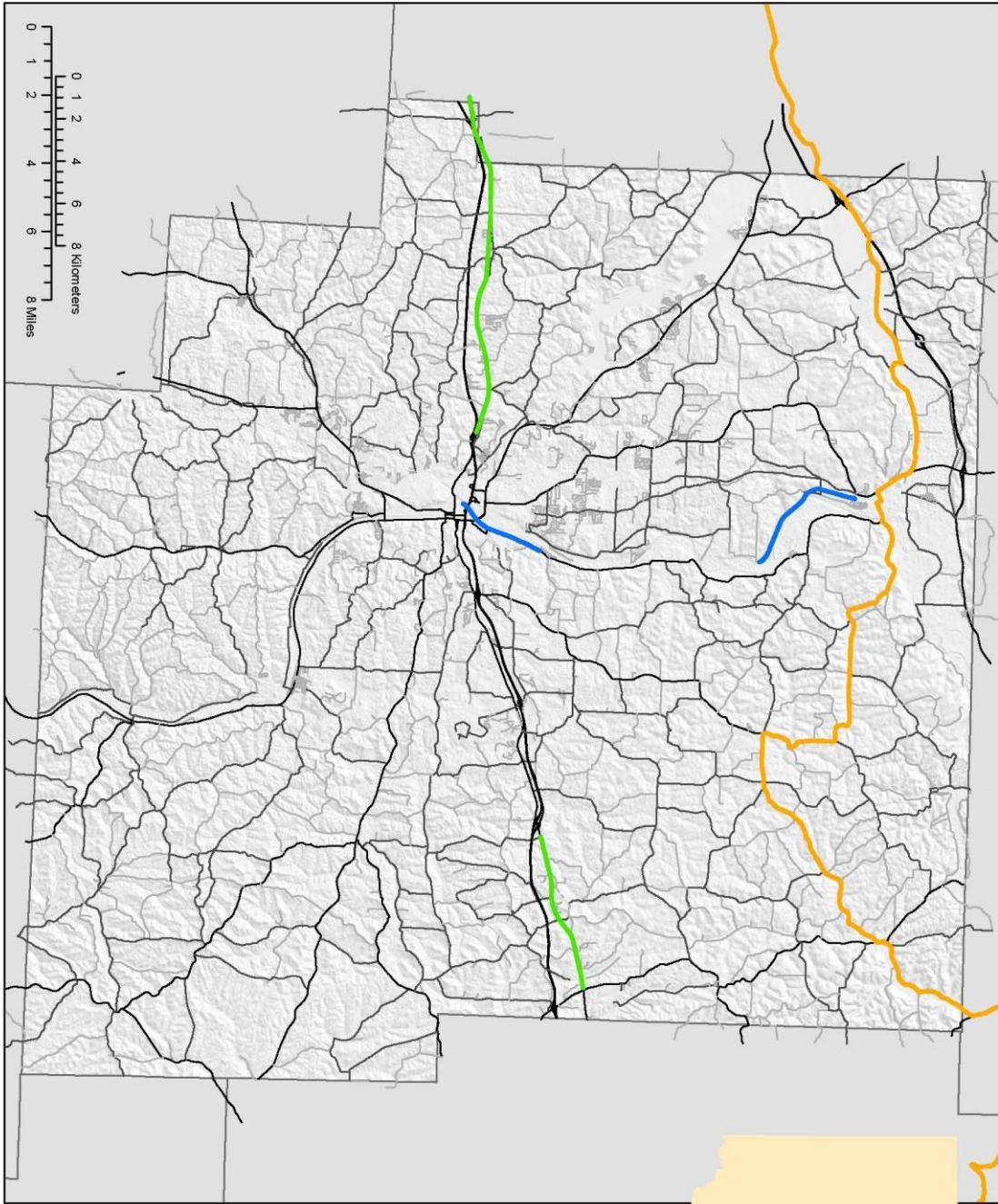
The Wild Mountain Bike Trails



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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS





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BIKE TRAILS/ROUTES



Legend

- ODOT Bike Routes
- Muskingum County Bike Trails
- Designated Bike Lanes

