



Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities

Annual Progress Report

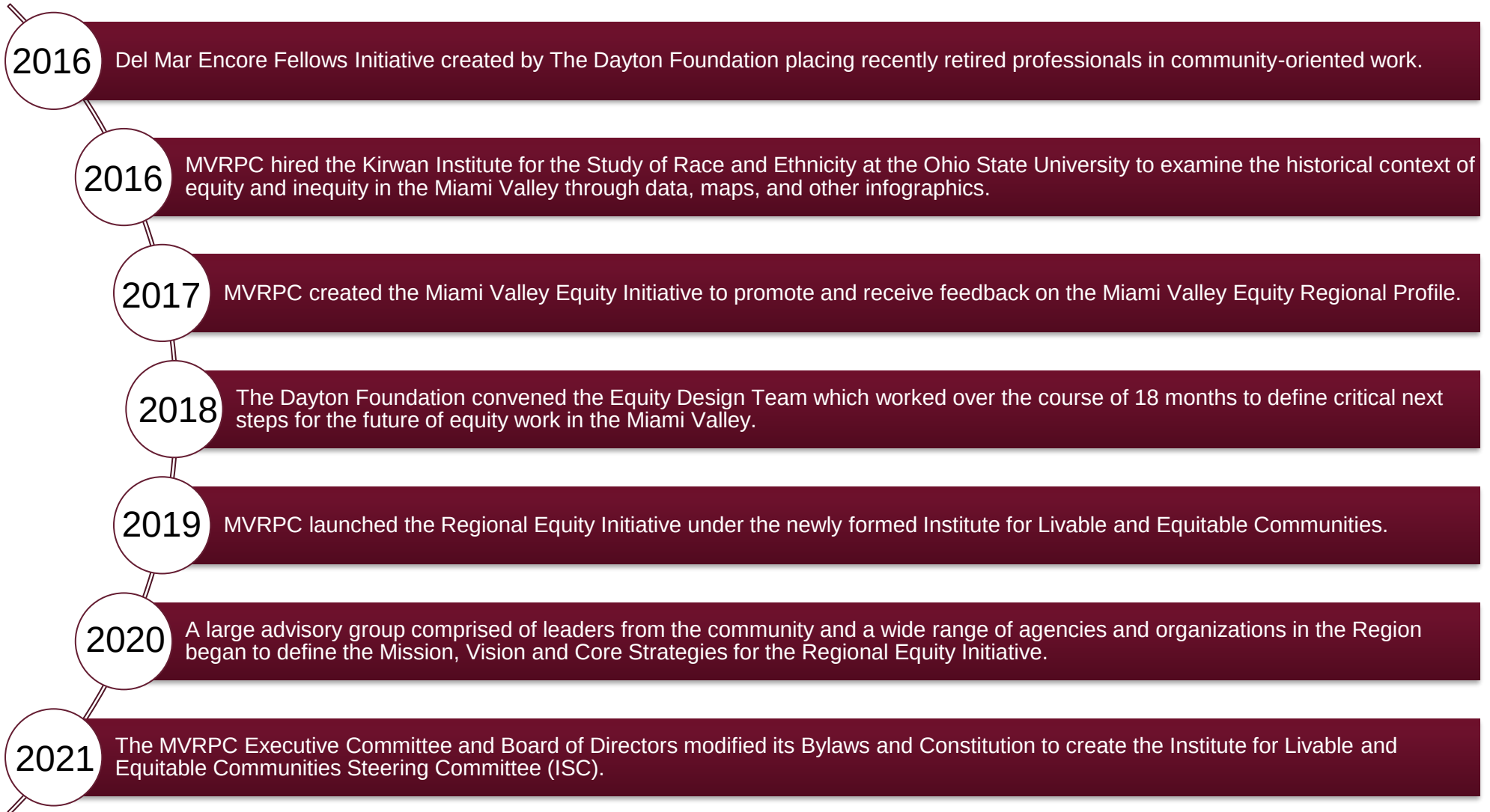
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How it started



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.



2024 Steering Committee

	Organization	Delegate	MVRPC Member Status
1.	Beavercreek Township	Debborah Wallace	Member
2.	Centerville-Washington Park District	Kristen Marks	Member
3.	City of Dayton	Matt Joseph	Member
4.	Drive Electric Dayton	Rap Hankins	Member
5.	Five River MetroParks	Carrie Scarff	Member
6.	Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA)	Sarah Hackenbracht	Member
7.	City of Huber Heights	Nancy Byrge	Member
8.	Miami Conservancy District	MaryLynn Lodor	Member
9.	Miami Valley Urban League	Nikol Miller	Non-Member
10.	Montgomery County	Judy Dodge	Member
11.	The Dayton Foundation	Mike Parks	Member
12.	United Way	Tom Kelley	Non-Member
13.	Village of Yellow Springs	Brian Housh	Member



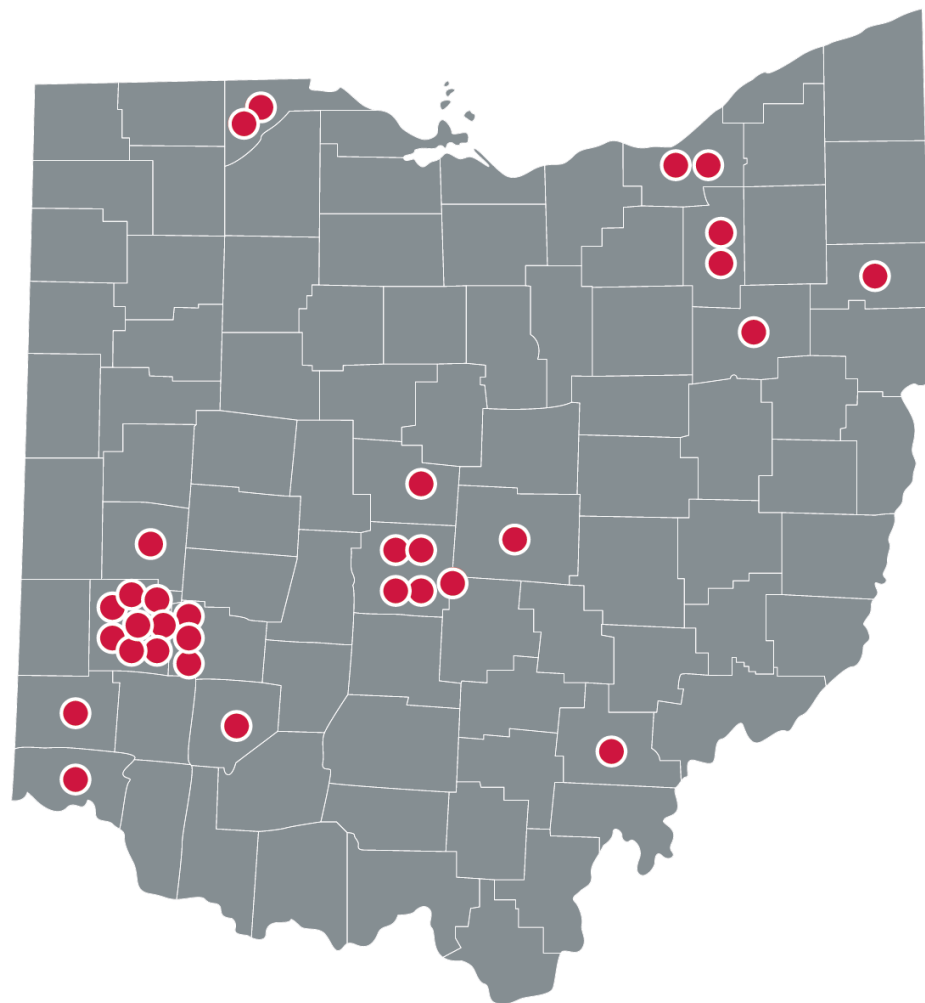
Institute Domains

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



- Beaver Creek Township, City of Beaver Creek, and Trotwood joined the network, bringing total cohorts to 15 Member Communities
 - Including Bellbrook, Brookville, Centerville, Dayton, Harrison Township, Huber Heights, Kettering, Miami County, Vandalia, Washington Township, Xenia, Yellow Springs



Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network Grant Awards

Jurisdiction	Years in Program	Amount Awarded	Project Description
City of Beavercreek	1	\$20,000	Community Needs Survey
Beavercreek Township	1	\$20,000	Community Needs Survey
City of Bellbrook	3	\$10,000	Community Needs Survey
City of Brookville	3	\$10,000	Community Needs Survey
City of Centerville	3	\$20,000	Community Needs Survey; Public Event Accessibility/Golf Cart
City of Dayton	2	\$20,000	Community Needs Survey
Harrison Township	3	\$10,000 <i>(pending project funding)</i>	Community Needs Survey; Master Plan for Sinclair Park
City of Huber Heights	3	\$10,000 <i>(pending project funding)</i>	Community Needs Survey
City of Kettering	3	\$10,000	Community Needs Survey
Miami County	3	\$20,000	Community Needs Survey; Age-Friendly Action Plan
City of Trotwood	1	\$20,000	Community Needs Survey
City of Vandalia	2	\$10,000	Community Needs Survey
City of Xenia	3	\$10,000	Community Needs Survey
Village of Yellow Springs	+5	~\$13,000	Yellow Springs LEAF website Happy to Chat Benches/Sidewalk Updates



Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network



- Hosted quarterly co-learning opportunities with cohort/network members, in addition to the first Miami Valley Age-Friendly Summit.
- 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.



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



Focus on Livability & Equity

- Livability is 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 is 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.



Outreach, Convening, & Coordination

- Supports the agency's community outreach efforts across the region, and prioritizes outreach to the most impacted/vulnerable community members.
 - Climate Pollution Reduction Planning focus groups and listening sessions
 - Greater Region Mobility Initiative plan update
 - Public Participation Policy input
- Convenes numerous meetings engaging regional stakeholders and local residents on equity and livability matters.
 - Miami Valley Age-Friendly Cohorts/Network
 - Regional Equity Initiative Subcommittee
- Leads and co-leads the coordination of urgent/priority initiatives relevant to regional stakeholders and local jurisdictions.
 - Connecting Southwest Ohio Coalition (Affordability Workgroup)
 - Right to Counsel Sprint Team



Education

- Multiple presentation requests fulfilled for the **University of Dayton** and **Wright State University**.
- Provided weekly digital literacy educational sessions across local libraries as hosts of an AmeriCorps American Connection Corps Member.
- Activated a tenant education program in partnership with the Dayton Tenant Union.



Research



- Leveraged national and local data on evictions to conduct a preliminary investigation on the impact of legal aid in preventing unnecessary displacement with the Advocates for Basic Legal Equality.
- Supported **Montgomery County** in steering broadband infrastructure asset mapping and data-informed strategic planning.
- Identified local jurisdictions designated as disadvantaged and specifically vulnerable to environmental/climate challenges per EPA metrics.
- Worked with **The Dayton Foundation** to conduct an assessment and evaluation of the Institute.



Resources, Best Practices & Tools

- Presented (alongside **City of Dayton & Montgomery County**) to the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce's Gen D Ignite cohort on their approach towards contributing to the local and regional digital inclusion movement.
- Presented at a Dayton Regional Green Sustainability Luncheon on the critical links between social equity and environmental sustainability.
- Regional Equity Calendar promotes in-person and virtual educational and informational opportunities spanning various topics and issues.



Policy Analysis / Policy Change

- Exploring the regional relevance of and opportunity presented by the results of the Access to Counsel Pilot Program launched by Learn to Earn Dayton and in partnership with the Advocates for Basic Legal Equality.
- Maintaining an up-to-date Title VI Program Plan to inform programmatic and operational approach to fulfilling agency non-discrimination policy.



Technical Assistance

- Provided consultative services to the **City of Huber Heights** Culture & Diversity Citizens Action Commission efforts towards advancing a community needs assessment.
- Provided program development and grant-writing expertise to the United Way of the Greater Dayton Area on a funding opportunity focused on ensuring regional communities in **Preble, Greene, and Montgomery** Counties have access and skills to fully participate in the digital world.
- Guided resource acquisition services supporting the distribution of winter clothing to local residents through Latinos Unidos en **Dayton**.



Regional Focus on the Miami Valley

- Prioritized a rural focus on ALL initiatives and projects involving the Institute.
 - Access to Counsel Pilot Project eviction analysis
 - Affordable Connectivity Program Outreach Grant
 - Climate Pollution Reduction Planning focus groups and listening sessions
 - EPA Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreement
 - Greater Regional Mobility Initiative plan update



Secure Sustainable Funding

- Management of Title VI coordination; includes documentation updates, agency engagement, and HR-related collaboration.
- Enhanced resource acquisition efforts to pursue larger funding opportunities, allowing for more inclusive work and impact across all corners of the regional community.
- Continued focus on integrating livability and equity priorities across agency programs and projects.



- 2025 Age-Friendly Network Del Mar Healthcare Grant Opportunities for MVRPC Members.
- Various multi-million dollar grant pursuits awaiting decision.
- Assessment and evaluation of Institute completed by The Dayton Foundation.
- Establishing a strategic plan for Institute into 2030.



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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MVRPC Strategic Plan

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2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Adopted by MVRPC Board of Directors
Dateline: May 06, 2016
The MVRPC Board of Directors adopted the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (2040 Plan). The 2040 Plan outlines nearly \$5 billion in transportation investments over the next 25 years. The development of the plan is a necessary step to obtain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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