



Local Governments Working Together for Development

2016 Annual Report

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear OMEGA Members and Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to lead this dynamic organization. This past year of transitioning into the position of executive director has been very exciting and fulfilling. We have a great staff whose accomplishments for the betterment of our region are highlighted in this report.

Growth in the energy industry continued to be a primary focus in our region in 2016. Construction of the Carroll County Energy plant is progressing as planned and scheduled to begin operating in 2017. PTT Global has delayed their decision on the location of a multi-billion dollar ethane cracker plant until the end of 2017, but we remain cautiously optimistic that the plant will be located at the former R.E. Burger site in Belmont County. So many economic development officials have worked together to make this site a highly viable option. We are also excited about the announcement of the plans for three additional natural gas fired power plants in Columbiana, Guernsey, and Harrison Counties.

In April, OMEGA partnered with our fellow local development districts to host a Partnership for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) workshop that focused on grant programs established to address issues related to assisting communities impacted by the decline of their coal-based economies. OMEGA also worked with our fellow development districts in procuring grant funding from the state capital budget for 9 of 18 critical projects in Appalachia Ohio submitted for consideration.

Our Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) has been very busy as you will see in the transportation section of this report. Our transportation staff assisted communities with obtaining over \$1 million in grants for transportation projects in the region.

A tremendous amount of positive energy continues to be generated for community redevelopment in our region; including the Cool and Connected project in Zanesville, Revitalization of Historic Downtown Salem, Franciscan Square in Steubenville, and an updated Trail and Green Space Plan in Tuscarawas County.

I am optimistic that the momentum started in 2016 will carry on into 2017 and beyond as we continue to work together to make our region a better place to live and work. I invite each of you to visit our recently redesigned website. Please keep in mind that OMEGA can host meetings up to 60 attendees and provide a SMART Board at no cost to your organization.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E.

Executive Director

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OMEGA Member Governments

Local Governments Working for Development



The member governments of
OMEGA include ten county
governments -

**Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana,
Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison,
Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum,
and Tuscarawas**

and eleven city governments -

**Cambridge, Coshocton, Dover,
East Liverpool, Martins Ferry,
New Philadelphia, Salem,
Steubenville, Toronto, Uhrichsville,
and Zanesville**

OMEGA is a collaborative body of member governments that serves as a facilitator between state and federal government agencies and local entities to provide opportunities in economic and community development through networking, education, planning, research, and allocation of resources. OMEGA's main objective is to foster a cooperative effort in planning, development and implementation of local and regional plans, programs and projects which will increase the economic activity in the area and improve the quality of life for its citizens. OMEGA is also the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas Counties.

Agency Partners:



Development
Services Agency



OMEGA SUMMER LEGISLATIVE MIXER



*Ohio Senator
Troy Balderson*



*U.S. Congressman
Bill Johnson*



*State Representative
Andy Thompson*



The **Summer Legislative Mixer** continues to be one of the most well attended events offered by OMEGA. This year's event was held on August 16th at the **Belmont Hills Country Club in St. Clairsville**. **Thank you to our generous sponsors recognized above.**

Congressman Bill Johnson addressed the audience covering a wide range of topics including tax revenue, workforce development, transportation, and drug addiction. **State Senator Troy Balderson (20th District)** and **State Representative Andy Thompson (95th District)** also spoke to the audience and addressed concerns expressed by the audience. Also present to network with the attendees were Todd Shelton, District Director for U.S. Senator Rob Portman; Jennifer Kiko, Field Representative for U.S. Congressman Bob Gibbs; and Monica Robb Blasdel, NE Ohio Regional Representative for Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor.

OMEGA HIGHLIGHTS



John Hemmings, Executive Director - Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission; Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E., Executive Director - Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association; Kathy Zook, Program Manager – Eastgate Council of Governments; Misty Casto, Executive Director – Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District; Jason Wilson, Director – Governor’s Office of Appalachia; and Mark Weinberg, Founding Dean – George V. Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, Ohio University

OMEGA and our fellow **EDA Economic Development Districts** also worked cooperatively with the **Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth (APEG)** and **EDA University Center at the George V. Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs – Ohio University** to develop a core narrative for the 32 Appalachian Counties in Ohio relative to the **Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative**. The POWER Initiative is an integrated, multi-agency effort to invest in federal economic and workforce development resources in communities and regions negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy.

Wellsville Intermodal Facility is located 25 miles downstream from the site of the ethane cracker being constructed in Monaca, Pa. and 55 miles upstream of the site in Belmont County where PTT Global is considering the construction of an ethane cracker.

Wellsville Intermodal Facility Unveils \$5.1 Million Crane System



Mantsinen 120 HybriLift crane is capable of lifting **800 tons** of bulk material off of barges **every hour**. Partially funded by a \$3.5 million loan from the Ohio Development Services Agency which may be converted to a grant in the future.

2016 OMEGA EXECUTIVE BOARD

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>APPOINTED BY</u>
<i>BELMONT</i>	Ginny Favede	Commissioner	Belmont County
<i>CARROLL</i>	Robert Wirkner	Commissioner	Carroll County
<i>COLUMBIANA</i>	Mike Halleck	Commissioner	Columbiana County
<i>COSHOCTON</i>	Dorothy Skowrunski	Executive Director Coshocton Port Authority	Coshocton County
<i>GUERNSEY</i>	Ernest (Skip) Gardner	Commissioner	Guernsey County
<i>HARRISON</i>	Bill Host	Commissioner	Harrison County
<i>HOLMES</i>	Ray Eyler	Commissioner	Holmes County
<i>JEFFERSON</i>	Evan Scurti	Director, Jefferson County Port Authority	Jefferson County
<i>MUSKINGUM</i>	Jerry Lavy	Commissioner	Muskingum County
<i>TUSCARAWAS</i>	Chris Abbuhl	Commissioner	Tuscarawas County

<u>CITY</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>APPOINTED BY</u>
<i>CAMBRIDGE</i>	Thomas Orr	Mayor	City of Cambridge
<i>COSHOCTON</i>	Steve Mercer	Mayor	City of Coshocton
<i>DOVER</i>	Richard Homrighausen	Mayor	City of Dover
<i>EAST LIVERPOOL</i>	Bill Cowan	Director of Planning	City of East Liverpool
<i>MARTINS FERRY</i>	Robert Krajnyak	Mayor	City of Martins Ferry
<i>NEW PHILADELPHIA</i>	Joel B. Day	Mayor	City of New Philadelphia
<i>SALEM</i>	John C. Berlin	Mayor	City of Salem
<i>STEUBENVILLE</i>	Domenick Mucci	Mayor	City of Steubenville
<i>TORONTO</i>	John Parker	Mayor	City of Toronto
<i>UHRICHSVILLE</i>	Rick Dorland	Mayor	City of Uhrichsville
<i>ZANESVILLE</i>	Jeff Tilton	Mayor	City of Zanesville

OMEGA FINANCIAL REPORT

Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association								
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances								
Governmental Funds								
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016								
				State				
			Appalachian	Appalachian	Economic		OSU	Total
		Revolving	Regional	Development	Development	Rural	Research	Governmental
	General	Loan	Commission	Program	Administration	Transportation	Foundation	Funds
Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$209,000	\$171,000	\$56,397	\$155,930	\$5,375	\$597,702
Interest	4,303	58,443	0	0	0	0	0	62,746
Membership Fees	88,599	0	0	0	0	0	0	88,599
Charges for Services	42,976	1,925	0	0	0	0	0	44,901
In-Kind Contributions	0	0	67,081	0	8,370	0	0	75,451
Other	2,050	26	0	0	0	0	0	2,076
Total Revenues	137,928	60,394	276,081	171,000	64,767	155,930	5,375	871,475
Expenditures								
Current:								
Economic Development	7,918	36,322	200,647	80,116	74,831	0	5,475	405,309
Transportation Planning	0	0	0	0	0	77,062	0	77,062
Capital Outlay	0	52	14,381	759	0	178	0	15,370
Indirect Costs	256	7,395	20,860	30,012	10,791	30,393	1,289	100,996
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement	0	415	813	1,430	0	1,419	0	4,077
Total Expenditures	8,174	44,184	236,701	112,317	85,622	109,052	6,764	602,814
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)								
Expenditures	129,754	16,210	39,380	58,683	(20,855)	46,878	(1,389)	268,661
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Transfers In	0	0	11,008	0	97,701	14,182	1,389	124,280
Transfers Out	(124,280)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(124,280)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(124,280)	0	11,008	0	97,701	14,182	1,389	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	5,474	16,210	50,388	58,683	76,846	61,060	0	268,661
Fund Balances (Deficits) Beginning of Year	271,844	1,873,418	48,124	0	(45,453)	21,041	0	2,168,974
Fund Balances End of Year	\$277,318	\$1,889,628	\$98,512	\$58,683	\$31,393	\$82,101	\$0	\$2,437,635

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

On January 27, 2016, Governor John Kasich, pursuant to United States Code, Title 23, Section 135(m), officially designated OMEGA as a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). The OMEGA RTPO includes Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas Counties.

In accordance with our Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), OMEGA has continued to coordinate, participate, and implement activities from the RTP through four core work activities.

Manage Core Activities:

OMEGA initiated development of a four-year Transportation Improvement Plan, and has continued to develop and provide technical expertise, involve the public and stakeholders, and participate in statewide planning activities.

Maintain Assets:

OMEGA has continued to develop and maintain transportation-related databases and acted as a resource for transportation information for local agencies.

Grant Writing:

OMEGA identified funding sources for locally sponsored transportation projects and assisted in completing tasks to submit grant applications. OMEGA also hosted transportation related workshops and notified constituents of upcoming grant opportunities.

Implement Activities from Plan:

OMEGA has continued to implement transportation planning activities as identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and other transportation related activities in the RTPO Region. OMEGA's technical assistance activities such as Road Safety Audits and Curve Speed Studies have helped our communities improve roadway conditions and enhance safety measures.

RTPO FACTS

447,009 People

17.8% age 65 and older

Median Household Income: \$43,989
(\$49,429 Ohio)

16.2% Poverty Rate

(14.8% Ohio)

25 minutes commute time

10,350 center lane road miles

70% local roads

Two Interstates: I-70 and I-77

Statewide Primary Corridors: US 30, US 36, SR 16, US 250

2,682 local bridges

9.3% Local Bridges: Gen. Appraisal \leq 4

36.5% Local Bridges: \geq 65 years old

Five Transit Agencies

One Coordinated Transportation Agency

368,100 passengers served

Safety:

30,503 Accidents (2014 to 2016)

154 Fatal Accidents

7,567 Injury Accidents

Leading Accident Type: Roadway

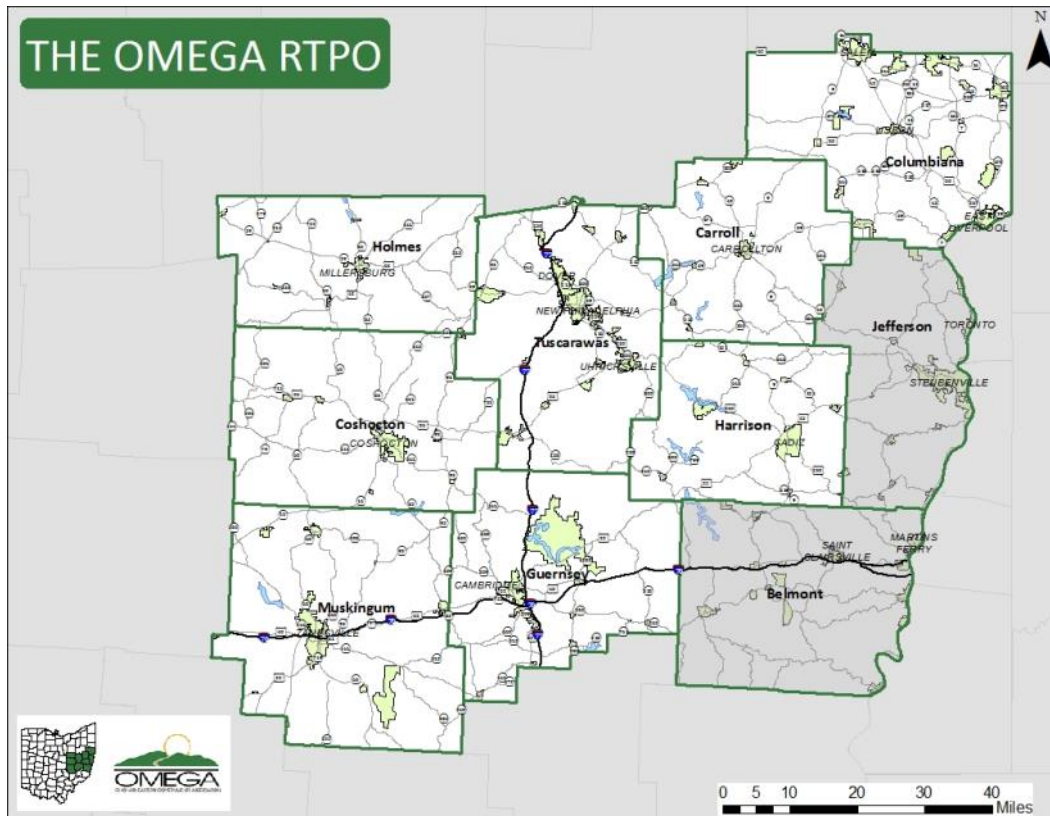
Departures

8 General Aviation Airports,

2 Airports Runway $>$ 5,000'

1,260 miles of railroad

Ten Railroad Owners



Other major transportation planning activities include:

- Conducted Curve Speed Studies on three roads in Tuscarawas County
- Conducted 8 traffic counts
- Facilitated/developed School Travel Plan for Harrison Hills City School District
- Hosted a Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure workshop
- Received NADO Award for Muskingum County Road Safety Audit
- Conducted 8 Rural Consultation Meetings
- Coordinated Transit Work Group and Transportation Advisory Committee
- Provided Economic Crash Analysis for New Philadelphia Highway Safety Application. Project awarded \$439,000.
- Presented at Safe Routes to School National Conference
- Presented at MPO/RTPPO Safety Peer Exchange
- Provided grant writing services for transportation projects (SRTS, ODOT TAP, ODNR RTP, FASTLANE, TIGER)
- Initiated freight survey



Targeted Infrastructure Improvements for Harrison Hills Safe Routes



Railroad Bridge over US Route 250 - FASTLANE grant

GRANT ASSISTANCE



Misty Tolzda

ARC Program
Manager/Senior
Community
Development
Specialist

OMEGA provides community planning and funding assistance to local governments within the ten-county region. These services include identification of potential funding sources, project planning, preparation of applications, technical assistance, coordination with federal and state agencies, environmental reviews, and the administration of grants.

The provision of these services increases the capacity of Appalachian Ohio political subdivisions, enabling them to be competitive with the more urban areas in the state.



**Trina
Woodland**

Community
Development
Specialist/OPWC
District 14
NRAC Liaison

- **1,678 Jobs Created or Retained**
- **35,874 Beneficiaries**
- **14.76 Miles of Water Line**
- **10.72 Miles of Sanitary Sewer Line**
- **2.35 Million Gallons Water Storage Tank Capacity Improvements**
- **1.57 Million Gallons/Day Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Improvements**
- **1 New Pump Station**
- **8.49 Miles of Road Improvements**
- **17,800 Square Feet of Building Renovations**
- **1.67 Million Gallons Retention Basin Capacity Improvements**
- **2,000 Linear Feet of Sidewalk Improvements**
- **1,390 Linear Feet of Storm Sewer Improvements**
- **2 Medical Equipment Projects**
- **2 Educational Equipment Projects**
- **4 Park Improvement Projects**

Additional Statistics: 4 new engines for a tug boat system, 1 new street sweeper, and 2 new pedestrian signals

2016 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Project	Funding Agency	Grant/Loan	Total Project Cost	Status
Bellaire Village	Robinson Road Slip Repair	Emergency OPWC	\$280,800	\$312,000	Approved
Belmont County Port Authority/Bellaire	Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant (Engine Repower)	Ohio EPA/ODOT	\$373,994	\$498,659	Approved
Bethesda ⁽¹⁾	WWTP UV Disinfection System	OPWC Small Government	\$148,000	\$200,000	Approved
Bethesda	Police Staffing Project	OCJS Edward Byrne JAG LE	\$6,048	\$7,068	Approved
Bethesda	Shared Street Cleaner	ODSA: Local Government Innovation Fund	\$139,961	\$155,512	Approved
Bethesda	Police Staffing/Equipment/Training	OCJS Edward Byrne JAG LE	\$4,406	\$17,880	Approved
Byesville Police	Body Cameras, Cruiser, License Plate Reader	ODSA: Local Government Safety Capital	\$48,808	\$48,808	Not Approved
Carrollton	SR 43 (Canton Road) Drainage Improvements	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$246,083	\$325,628	Pending
Cross Creek Twp.	Marshall Road Park Rehabilitation	ODNR: Natureworks	\$20,801	\$32,737	Approved
Dillonvale	Police Equipment/Training	OCJS Edward Byrne JAG LE	\$11,497	\$12,647	Not Approved
Dillonvale	Municipal Building Roof Replacement	ODSA: Local Government Innovation Fund	\$180,000	\$200,000	Approved
East Liverpool	Downtown Lighting Upgrade (LED)	ODSA: Local Government Innovation Fund	\$26,072	\$28,970	Not Approved
East Palestine	Land & Water Conservation Fund - Tennis Courts	ODNR: Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$55,837	\$111,674	Approved
East Palestine	Heart Monitors, AEDs, and Turnout Gear	FEMA Assistance to Firefighters	\$74,889	\$78,381	Pending
Guernsey Co. VFD	County-Wide Communications	FEMA Assistance to Firefighters	\$116,289	\$127,917	Not Approved
Harrison Co. Commissioners	County Home Wastewater System Improvements	CDBG Critical Infrastructure	\$300,000	\$339,780	Approved
Malvern	Sidewalk, Signage, and Pedestrian Signals (Brown Local School District)	ODOT: Safe Routes to School	\$246,500	\$312,352	Approved
Mead Twp - Belmont County	TR 296 Cash Ridge Road Slip Repair	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$166,560	\$123,250	Approved
Newcomerstown	2017 Street Improvement Project	Ohio Public Works Commission	\$143,276	\$325,628	Pending
New Philadelphia	Tuscora Tennis Courts	ODNR: Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$196,000	\$392,000	Approved
New Philadelphia	High Avenue and Bluebell Drive Intersection Improvements	ODOT Safety Program	\$385,480	\$385,480	Approved
OMEGA	US 250 Ohio's Energy Choke Point	Federal Highway Administration (TIGER)	\$7,100,000	\$12,570,000	Not Approved
OMEGA	Regional 166 Loan Program	Ohio Development Services Agency	\$750,000	\$750,000	Approved
Pultney Township	Cement Mill TR 619 Slip Repair	Emergency OPWC	\$139,914	\$155,460	Approved
Roswell	John F. Kennedy Park Pavilion	Reeves Foundation	\$35,000	\$35,000	Approved
Salem / SOD	Creative Placemaking for Downtown Salem	Nat'l Endowment for the Arts (NEA)	\$100,000	\$215,000	Not Approved
Somerton VFD	New Ambulance	ODSA: Local Government Safety Capital	\$100,000	\$172,687	Not Approved
Uhrichsville Fire Dept	Firehouse Repairs	ODSA: Local Government Safety Capital	\$47,219	\$52,466	Not Approved
Zanesville	Zanesville Centennial Trail	ODNR Recreational Trail Program	\$147,300	\$195,100	Not Approved
TOTAL			\$11,309,934	\$17,870,084	
TOTAL GRANTS/LOANS APPROVED					\$3,429,301

(1) Application submitted in 2015, but awarded in 2016

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Staff members serving under the leadership of Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E., Executive Director:

In addition to serving as Executive Director, Jeannette also manages the Transportation Program for OMEGA's Regional Transportation Planning Organization which includes Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas Counties. She also serves as OMEGA's representative on the Small Community Environmental Infrastructure Group and Appalachian Environmental Strategy Work Group.

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Cindi Metz, Assistant Executive Director / EDA Program Manager

Cindi works in conjunction with the Executive Director to further the mission of OMEGA and assumes the responsibilities of the Executive Director in her absence. Cindi is responsible for all areas of public relations and communication, including membership, media and the general public. She oversees the production and release of annual reports, newsletters, press notices and content of the website. She is also the manager of all Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant programs, including communication of program intent, eligibility criteria, funding availability, and leveraging requirements in addition to application preparation and funding administration. She also oversees the production of the OMEGA Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Report.



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Sue Wood, Chief Financial Officer / Office Manager



Sue administers the organization budget and prepares all financial reports. She works directly with the auditors to ensure compliance with all federal and state requirements. Sue also manages the daily operation of the office, including human resources, payroll, deposits, payments, and account reconciliation. She is cross-trained to assist the Revolving Loan Fund Administrator in a back-up capacity to post payments and deposits.

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Lolly Ravak, Revolving Loan Fund Administrator

Lolly is responsible for all activities required to administer the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program including coordination of business loan packages, analysis of loan applications, facilitation of loan closing and monitoring repayment throughout the term of each loan. She also performs on-site monitoring visits and conducts file audits on a regular basis. Lolly is cross-trained to assist the Fiscal Officer in a back-up capacity to post vouchers and process payroll.

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Misty Tolzda, ARC Program Manager / Senior Community Development Specialist

Misty is the program manager for Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA) programs and develops the OMEGA ARC/GOA Project Package on an annual basis. She provides technical assistance to applicants requesting ARC/GOA funding. Misty also provides assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations on the identification of other viable financing strategies for needed improvements. She facilitates meetings with local officials, community leaders and funding agencies. She also prepares funding applications, conducts environmental reviews, provides funding administration services, and provides guidance to communities and other development staff on the preparation of competitive funding applications.

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Trina Woodland, Community Development Specialist

Trina provides assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations on the identification of viable financing strategies for needed improvements. She also facilitates meetings with local officials, community leaders and funding agencies. She prepares funding applications, conducts environmental reviews, and provides funding administration services. Trina researches funding opportunities, provides program updates, and offers both individual and group training on funding opportunities and grant writing strategies for communities and non-profit organizations. Trina is also responsible for conducting the local review for the Intergovernmental Review (IGR) process for project applications submitted to federal and state agencies. She also serves as the liaison for the Ohio Public Works Commission Natural Resource Assistance Council for District 14. **E-mail:** trinaw@omegadistrict.org

Chris Wilkin - Transportation Planner / GIS Coordinator

Chris works in conjunction with the Executive Director and Transportation Planner/Development Specialist on the Transportation Program. Responsibilities under the Transportation Program include: development of the 4-year Transportation Improvement Plan; participation in statewide transportation planning activities; providing technical assistance (e.g. traffic counts, crash analysis, road safety audits); maintenance of transportation databases; conducting transportation related surveys; development of performance measures and targets, and revisions to the Regional Transportation Plan. Chris also develops the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) needed to support transportation and other planning /economic development activities; including the Regional Transportation Plan, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, and other OMEGA activities. He also provides GIS services to communities within the OMEGA region upon request.

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Kevin Buettner, Transportation Planner / Development Specialist

Kevin works with the Executive Director and Transportation Planner / GIS Specialist on the Transportation Program. Responsibilities under the Transportation Program include: development of the 4-year Transportation Improvement Plan; participation in statewide transportation planning activities; providing technical assistance (e.g. school travel plans, traffic counts, crash analysis, road safety audits, training); maintenance of transportation databases; conducting transportation related surveys; development of performance measures and targets, and revisions to the Regional Transportation Plan. Kevin also facilitates the public involvement component of the Transportation Program and facilitates the Transit Work Group meetings. He also prepares funding applications for transportation and non-transportation projects, researches funding opportunities, and assists communities with project planning activities.

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Governor's Office of Appalachia - FY 2016

Area Development Projects

<u>Applicant/Project</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>GOA</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Village of Salineville – Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab – Phase II	Columbiana	\$150,000	\$1,031,205	\$1,181,205
City of Salem – Wastewater	Columbiana	\$100,000	\$2,046,790	\$2,146,790
Village of Jewett – Water Tank	Harrison	\$150,000	\$517,500	\$667,500
Village of Wintersville – Sanitary Sewer & Manhole Rehab Phase IV	Jefferson	\$150,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,350,000
City of New Philadelphia – WTP	Tuscarawas	\$47,000	\$48,448	\$95,448
Holmes Co. Commissioners CR 140 & TR 420 Roadway Imp. (ProVia Stone)	Holmes	\$100,000	\$345,490	\$445,490
Coshocton County Head Start –	Coshocton	\$75,000	\$830,000	\$905,000
Buckeye Water District – Salineville New Water Tank	Columbiana	\$75,000	\$435,100	\$510,100
Subtotal Area Development		\$847,000	\$7,454,533	\$8,301,533

Rapid Response Projects

<u>Applicant/Project</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>GOA</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Coshocton County Commissioners	Coshocton	\$150,000	\$695,000	\$845,000
Tuscarawas County Commissioners – Lawrence Twp. Industrial Park	Tuscarawas	\$177,600	\$193,613	\$371,213
Holmes Co. Commissioners – CR 140 & TR 420 Roadway Imp. (ProVia Stone)	Holmes	\$69,000	\$376,490	\$445,490
City of St. Clairsville – Commons Mall Crossing Waterline	Belmont	\$100,000	\$100,206	\$200,206
Subtotal Rapid Response		\$496,600	\$1,365,309	\$1,861,909
Total Governor's Office of Appalachia		\$1,343,600	\$8,819,842	\$10,163,442

Appalachian Regional Commission - FY 2016

Area Development Projects

<u>Applicant/Project</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>ARC</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Village of Lore City – New Wastewater System	Guernsey	\$200,000	\$5,026,100	\$5,226,100
City of Zanesville – Putnam Water Tank Improvements (<i>pending</i>)	Muskingum	\$250,000	\$2,144,200	\$2,394,200
Muskingum County Commissioners – Route 555, Old River Rd., Cannelville & Roseville Waterline Extension (<i>pending</i>)	Muskingum	\$240,000	\$3,760,000	\$4,000,000
Eastern Gateway Community College – Dental Lab Equipment	Jefferson	\$23,985	\$23,985	\$47,970
Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum – Discovery Center Equipment	Multi	\$100,000	\$339,187	\$439,187
Coshocton Memorial Hospital - Clinical	Coshocton	\$75,000	\$124,164	\$199,164

TOTAL

\$888,985 \$11,417,636 \$12,306,621



Lolly Ravak
Revolving Loan
Fund
Administrator

Revolving Loan Fund Program Marks 25th Anniversary

Established in 1992, the OMEGA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program offers low-interest loans in conjunction with bank participation to new and existing private-for-profit businesses within the ten county region served by OMEGA. The program is marketed to borrowers in the commercial, industrial, and service sectors.

Over the past 25 years, the Revolving Loan Fund program has invested over \$6.2 million for the startup or expansion of 91 businesses resulting in the creation or retention of 1,535 full-time equivalent jobs. The loan program allows OMEGA to continue to build valuable relationships with the banking community and provide an affordable financing option for businesses in the region.

Revolving Loan Fund Statistics:

31 Start Ups ♦ 41 Expansions ♦ 18 Women Owned Businesses ♦ 5 Minority Owned Businesses



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OMEGA Impact Statement

Appalachian Regional Commission & Governor's Office of Appalachia

OMEGA secured **\$2,232,585** in federal and state ARC and GOA grant funding. An additional **\$20,237,478** was leveraged in other sources of funds resulting in the creation of 197 jobs and retention of 1,478 jobs.

Other Federal, State, and Private Sources

OMEGA helped secure **\$3.43** million in grants and low-interest loans from other funding sources for the communities in our region.



(Left to Right): Steubenville Mayor, Domenick Mucci (Vice-President), Holmes County Commissioner, Ray Eyler (President), Tuscarawas County Commissioner, Chris Abbuhl (Secretary), Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E., OMEGA Executive Director, Coshocton County Port Authority Executive Director, Dorothy Skowrunski (Treasurer)