



Annual REPORT 2017

Connecting
Communities
To Resources

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Letter from the Executive Director

OMEGA Members and Friends,

As I look back on 2017, two key words come to mind – **growth** and **change**. We added new programs and staff to expand our service to the region. OMEGA was invited to participate in a Regional Coordinated Human Services Transportation pilot program funded by the Federal Transit Administration. With changes to the state's budget, OMEGA also added a Regional Job Training Program funded from casino upfront license fees. The primary goal of this program is to equip Ohio's workforce with additional skills to grow the economy and prepare Ohioans for in-demand jobs. The need for this program was clearly demonstrated by receiving requests for over \$3.7 million in funding; with only \$1 million available. We were honored to have U.S. Congressman Bob Gibbs serve as the keynote speaker at our annual legislative event in August. This event continues to be a great opportunity to network with legislators, local officials and economic development professionals. OMEGA joined its fellow local development districts in forming the Ohio Rural Development Alliance. This alliance is a separate 501(c)4 organization developed to advocate for economic parity in rural Ohio. We partnered with Kent State University at Tuscarawas to facilitate strategic planning and team building. A new mission statement, byline and core values were developed and are included in this report. A special note of thanks to American Electric Power for their sponsorship of these planning activities. The OMEGA region continues to lead the state in the production of natural gas and oil from shale. Other exciting news in the region was the start-up of Carroll County Energy and the further advancement of three additional natural gas fired power plants proposed in Columbiana, Guernsey and Harrison Counties. We have and will continue to monitor any decisions made by PTT Global to build an ethane cracker facility in Belmont County. As I look back on the accomplishments of this past year, I find myself looking forward to celebrating 50 years of service to the region in 2018. During the last 50 years, the Appalachian Regional Commission and Governor's Office of Appalachia invested over \$85.5 million in the OMEGA region which leveraged an additional investment of \$440 million in private and other public funds. Moving forward, we will continue to focus on facilitating investments that will create a more diverse and resilient economy and to capitalize on shale oil and gas downstream investments. Working together as a team, we will build a more sustainable economy to improve the region in which we live and work. A special thanks to our executive board and membership for their hard work, dedication and continued support of OMEGA.

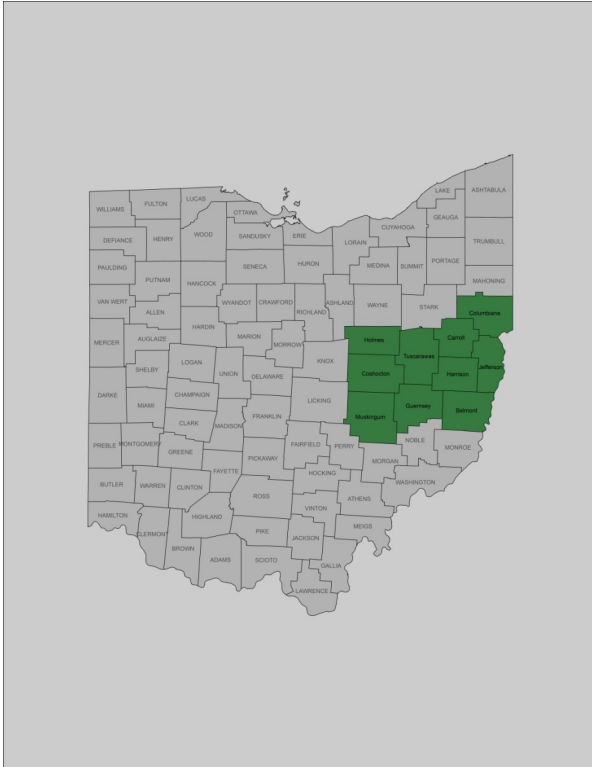
Sincerely,

Jeannette M. Wierzbicki, P.E.

Executive Director

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.

OMEGA Mission Statement: Provide a pathway to enhance community and economic growth in our region.

Agency Partners:

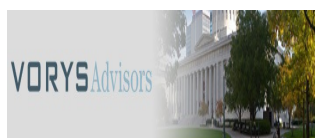


Development
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LEGISLATIVE EVENT & ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thank You to our Sponsors



U.S. Congressman Bob Gibbs (7th Congressional District) was the keynote speaker at the **Summer Legislative Mixer**. The legislative mixer continues to be one of the most well-attended events hosted by OMEGA. We believe the high attendance is attributed to the opportunity to network with multiple legislative offices and local public officials in a single location. This year's event was held in August at the Berlin Farmstead Restaurant in Holmes County. Congressman Gibbs addressed the audience and provided an update on activities in his office focused on community and economic development. Accompanying Congressman Gibbs were several field representatives who were available after the meeting to answer questions or address concerns.

Representatives from the following offices were also in attendance to participate in networking sessions: U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson, U.S. Senator Rob Portman, Governor John Kasich, and State Treasurer Josh Mandel. Thank you to our sponsors who continue to help make this a successful event year after year.



U.S. Congressman Bob Gibbs

OMEGA's Annual Membership Meeting was held in March at the Raven's Glenn Restaurant in Coshocton County. This meeting also set a record for attendance. **John Molinaro, President and CEO of the Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth**



**John Molinaro, President
& CEO, Appalachian
Partnership for Economic
Growth (APEG)**

(APEG) was the keynote speaker. APEG is the division of JobsOhio that provides economic development services to 25 counties in south eastern Ohio. Mr. Molinaro provided an update on APEG activities and encouraged the local public officials and economic development professional who were present to stay in touch with him and his office to make sure their services were being utilized and benefiting the region.

This meeting also provided great networking opportunities. There were public officials and economic development professionals in attendance from all ten counties in the OMEGA region. Furthermore, Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E., Executive Director of OMEGA provided a comprehensive report on outcomes of past grant projects, recent grant awards, and upcoming grant opportunities.

OMEGA HIGHLIGHTS

OMEGA assisted several communities to develop applications for the **Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program**. Below are the results of two successful applications.

Funding in the amount of **\$147,300** was received through the **Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program**. The purpose of this grant program is to provide funds for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, facilities, or systems needed to enhance public safety. The program requires a collaborative partnership effort between at least two units of local government. The **Village of Bethesda** and **Village of Belmont** joined together, with the Bethesda Police Department led by Chief Eric Smith acting as the lead applicant. Through this partnership the villages received two new Ford Police Interceptor vehicles with light bar set-up, antenna radar packages, and first aid trauma kits for new and existing vehicles. They were also able to acquire a canine unit and training equipment, a mobile radio, and security camera systems for both villages. This equipment provides tools vital to combating the effects of the opioid epidemic in the area.



Frankie

*Member of the Bethesda Police Department
Partially funded by the Local Government
Safety Capital Grant Program*



New ladder truck partially funded by the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program. Six fire departments in Tuscarawas County formed a partnership to apply for the grant.

The City of Uhrichsville Fire Department in partnership with the Village of Dennison Fire Department, Rush Township Fire Department, Mill Township, Union Township and the Arrowhead Fire District received **\$500,000** through the **Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program** to purchase a new ladder truck. This truck replaced a 20-year old vehicle which had become obsolete. As the only ladder truck in a 10-mile radius, this new unit allows firefighters to respond more quickly with all necessary gear on board when emergency situations arise. Fires can also be extinguished more quickly due to the increased water flow of the new vehicle.

2017 OMEGA EXECUTIVE BOARD

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>APPOINTED BY</u>
<i>BELMONT</i>	J.P. Dutton	Commissioner	Belmont County
<i>CARROLL</i>	Jeff Ohler	Commissioner	Carroll County
<i>COLUMBIANA</i>	Mike Halleck	Commissioner	Columbiana County
<i>COSHOCTON</i>	Tiffany Swigert	Executive Director Coshocton Port Authority	Coshocton County
<i>GUERNSEY</i>	Ernest (Skip) Gardner	Commissioner	Guernsey County
<i>HARRISON</i>	Dale Norris	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>	Mollie Crooks	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>	Dorothy Blaner	City Council	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, 2017							
				State			
			Appalachian	Appalachian	Economic		Total
		Revolving	Regional	Development	Development	Rural	Governmental
	General	Loan	Commission	Program	Administration	Transportation	Funds
Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$209,000	\$168,996	\$54,628	\$166,737	\$599,361
Interest	4,786	56,401	0	0	0	0	61,187
Membership Fees	88,599	0	0	0	0	0	88,599
Charges for Services	27,564	3,470	0	0	0	0	31,034
In-Kind Contributions	0	0	65,617	0	8,371	0	73,988
Other	2,750	100	0	0	0	0	2,850
Total Revenues	123,699	59,971	274,617	168,996	62,999	166,737	857,019
Expenditures							
Current:							
Economic Development	268	95,204	213,262	135,024	59,233	0	502,991
Transportation Planning	0	0	0	0	0	146,443	146,443
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	1,504	0	0	1,504
Indirect Costs	571	7,164	31,526	29,429	14,886	32,790	116,366
Debt Service:							
Principal Retirement	20	248	1,090	1,069	515	1,135	4,077
Total Expenditures	859	102,616	245,878	167,026	74,634	180,368	771,381
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)							
Expenditures	122,840	(42,645)	28,739	1,970	(11,635)	(13,631)	85,638
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Transfers In	0	0	5,862	0	28,048	25,042	58,952
Transfers Out	(58,952)	0	0	0	0	0	(58,952)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(58,952)	0	5,862	0	28,048	25,042	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	63,888	(42,645)	34,601	1,970	16,413	11,411	85,638
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	277,318	1,889,628	98,512	58,683	31,393	82,101	2,437,635
Fund Balances End of Year	\$341,206	\$1,846,983	\$133,113	\$60,653	\$47,806	\$93,512	\$2,523,273

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 approved Work Plan, the OMEGA RTPO assisted communities with local and regional planning, technical services, and geographic information systems (GIS) analysis.

Major transportation planning activities include:

- Selected as 1 of 2 regions statewide for Regional Coordinated Human Services Transportation Pilot Program
- Completed OMEGA's first Rural Transportation Improvement Plan
- Conducted Curve Speed Studies on four roads in Tuscarawas & Holmes Counties
- Hosted ODOT LTAP Training Course for Road Safety Audits
- Initiated designation of the Mid-Ohio Valley Statistical Port on the Ohio River between Huntington & Pittsburgh Ports
- Conducted 21 traffic counts
- Facilitated/developed School Travel Plans for Indian Valley Local and Dover City School Districts
- Finalized Salem Truck Route
- Coordinated Transportation Advisory Committee
- Participated in US 30 Regional Transportation Improvement Project meetings
- Participated in Columbus-Pittsburgh Corridor stakeholder meetings
- Initiated Tri-County Active Transportation Plan
- Provided grant writing services for transportation projects (SRTS, ODOT TAP, ODNR RTP, OPWC & TIGER)
- Participated in Tuscarawas County Safe Communities Project

RTPO FACTS

448,480 People

16.9% Age 65 and Older

Median Household Income: \$45,744
[\$50,674 in Ohio]

15.9% Poverty Rate [14.8% in Ohio]

25 Minute Commute Time

10,350 Center Line Road Miles

70% Local Roads

Two Interstates: I-70 and I-77

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

2,248 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:

30,344 Accidents (2015-2017) - 0.5%

159 Fatal Accidents + 3.2%

7,567 Injury Accidents + 0.01%

Leading Accident Type: Roadway Departures

8 General Aviation Airports

2 Airports Runway > 5,000 feet

924 Miles of Railroad

Nine Railroad Owners

16 Private River Terminals

One Intermodal Port

92 Miles of Bicycle Trails

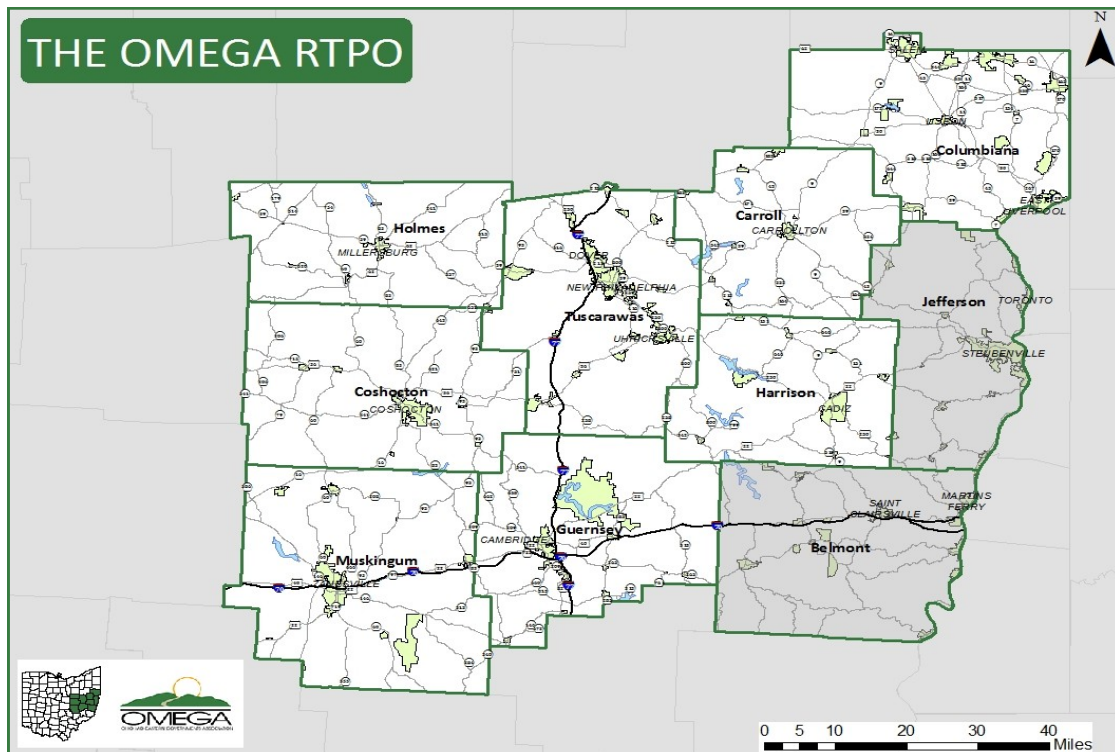
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION



Salem Truck Route Dedication



Wellsville Intermodal Facility



**Tuscarawas County
Action Institute Team**



**Road Safety Audit
Training**



Cadiz Traffic Counts

GRANT ASSISTANCE

Connecting Communities to Resources

OMEGA's Community Development Specialists provide assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations to identify potential funding sources and financial strategies. They also facilitate meetings with funding agencies and other interested parties. Our specialists help prepare funding applications, conduct environmental reviews, and provide funding administration services. The provision of these services increases the capacity of communities in Appalachian Ohio; enabling them to be more competitive with the urban areas in the state.

2017 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Project	Funding Agency	Grant/Loan	Total Cost	Status
Amsterdam	SR43 Improvement Project	OPWC	\$109,101	\$572,507	Pending
Belmont	Playground Improvement Project	ODNR NatureWorks	\$20,254	\$32,166	Approved
Bethesda	Police Department Canine Unit	ODSA - Safety Capital	\$147,344	\$184,180	Approved
Byesville	Additional Personnel for Police Department	OCJS JAG-LE	\$8,748	\$9,720	Approved
Cadiz	Country Club Rd Sidewalks	ODOT SRTS	\$235,000	\$235,000	Approved
Cadiz	SR 9 Sidewalks	ODOT SRTS	\$278,000	\$278,000	Not Approved
Carrollton ⁽¹⁾	SR 43 (Canton Rd) Drainage	OPWC	\$246,083	\$325,628	Approved
Coshocton	Recreational Trail	ODNR Recreational Trail Program	\$106,284	\$132,857	Not Approved
Dillonvale	K9 and Cruiser Acquisition	OCJS JAG	\$30,828	\$36,269	Not Approved
Dresden	Dresden Swim Center Accessibility Project	ODNR NatureWorks	\$22,396	\$32,299	Approved
East Palestine	Heart Monitors, AEDs, and Turnout Gear	FEMA Assistance to Firefighters	\$74,889	\$78,381	Not Approved
East Palestine	Pavilion Project	ODNR NatureWorks	\$17,455	\$37,598	Approved
Fairfield Township Tuscarawas County	Signage	ODOT Highway Safety	\$7,185	\$7,185	Approved
Hardy Township Holmes County ⁽²⁾	Signage	ODOT Highway Safety	\$27,284	\$27,284	Approved
Mingo Junction	Commercial Avenue Rehabilitation	OPWC	\$399,999	\$645,550	Approved
Newcomerstown ⁽¹⁾	2017 Street Improvement Project	OPWC	\$143,276	\$325,628	Approved
Newcomerstown	West Street Area Water, Sanitary	OPWC	\$299,999	\$1,052,000	Pending

OMEGA	Bike and Pedestrian Counters	ODOT Active Transportation	\$13,235	\$13,235	Approved
ODOT	US 250 - Ohio's Energy Chokepoint	US DOT TIGER	\$9,674,203	\$12,570,108	Not Approved
Port Washington	Belden Park Playground	ODNR NatureWorks	\$23,340	\$31,000	Approved
Roswell	JFK Memorial Park Playground	Reeves Foundation	\$35,138	\$35,138	Not Approved
Roswell	Trash Receptacles for JFK Memorial Park	Lauren Manufacturing	\$1,572	\$1,572	Approved
Salem	Downtown Sidewalks	ODOT TAP	\$672,189	\$791,066	Not Approved
Salem	Downtown Wayfinding	ARTPLACE Creative Placemaking	\$87,025	\$87,025	Not Approved
Salem	Vehicle Extrication Equipment	FEMA Assistance to Firefighters	\$17,334	\$18,200	Not Approved
Scio	Water Treatment Plant	CDBG RPIG	\$349,300	\$698,600	Approved
Tuscarawas	Body Camera Replacement	OCJS JAG-LE	\$6,885	\$7,650	Not Approved
Uhrichsville	Fire/Ladder Truck	ODSA - Safety Capital	\$500,000	\$735,000	Approved
Warwick Township & Tuscarawas	Fire/Pumper Truck	ODSA - Safety Capital	\$200,000	\$423,925	Approved
TOTAL			\$13,754,346	\$19,424,771	
GRANTS/LOANS APPROVED				\$2,362,471	
Notes					
(1) Project application completed 2016, awarded in 2017.					
(2) ODOT Township Signage Program designated recipients. OMEGA assisted in the completion of the order, as well as ball-banking curves as requested.					

Outcomes for Grant Assistance Applications and ARC/GOA Projects

- 27 Applications Submitted
- 17 Applications Approved
- 1,793 Jobs Created or Retained
- 144 Existing Businesses Assisted
- 62,464 Beneficiaries
- 6.8 Miles of Waterline Constructed
- 200,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank Installed
- 2 New Wells Drilled adding 1,300 GPM
- 3 Wastewater Treatment Plants Improved
- 2 Water Treatment Plants Improved
- 1,010 L.F. - Storm Sewers
- 10.2 Miles - Roadway Improved
- 10,735 S.F. - Sidewalk Constructed
- 60 Acres - Industrial Property Improved
- 3 Medical Manikins for a Nursing School
- 2 Ultrasounds for a Hospital
- 516 Road Safety Signs
- 1 Traffic Signal Improved
- 2 Fire Trucks and 1 Canine Unit
- 5 Park Improvements

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Jeannette Wierzbi, P.E. , Executive Director oversees all program activities in the office. She ensures the proper administration of policies and procedures. Jeannette represents OMEGA at meetings with public officials and the general public. In addition to serving as Executive Director, she also manages the Transportation Program for OMEGA's Regional Transportation Planning Organization which includes Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Muskingum, and Tuscarawas Counties. Jeannette also serves as OMEGA's representative on the Small Community Environmental Infrastructure Group. **E-mail: jeannettew@omegadistrict.org**

Cindi Metz, Assistant Executive Director / EDA Program Manager 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. **E-mail: cindim@omegadistrict.org**

Sue Wood, Fiscal Officer / Office Manager 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. **E-mail: swood@omegadistrict.org**

Lolly Ravak, Revolving Loan Fund Administrator 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 closings 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. **E-mail: lravak@omegadistrict.org**

Alan Knapp, ARC Program Manager / Community Development Specialist is the program manager for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA) programs and develops the OMEGA ARC/GOA Project Package on an annual basis. He provides technical assistance to applicants requesting ARC/GOA funding. Alan also manages the Regional Job Training Program. He provides assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations on the identification of potential funding sources and facilitates meetings with local officials, community leaders and funding agencies. **E-mail: alank@omegadistrict.org**

Trina Woodland, Community Development Specialist 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 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 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. He also provides GIS services to communities within the OMEGA region upon request. **E-mail: chrisw@omegadistrict.org**

Kevin Buettner, Transportation Planner / Development Specialist 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. He also prepares funding applications for transportation and non-transportation projects. **E-mail: kevinb@omegadistrict.org**

Sean Sammon, Transit Planner is responsible for developing and managing OMEGA's Regional Coordinated Human Services Transportation pilot program by performing public outreach, organizing and facilitating meetings with stakeholders (seniors, citizens with disabilities, non-drivers, and other interested parties), conducting surveys of providers, data analysis, origin and destination studies, and the development of local Transportation Coordination Plans. **E-mail: ssammon@omegadistrict.org**

Governor's Office of Appalachia				
PY 2017				
Area Development Projects				
<u>Applicant/Project</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>GOA</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Village of New Waterford New Water Reservoir Improvement	Columbiana	\$200,000	\$2,453,600	\$2,653,600
Village of Hopedale Water Tower Replacement	Harrison	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$500,000
Holmes County Mt. Hope WWTP Upgrade	Holmes	\$200,000	\$1,525,000	\$1,725,000
City of Steubenville Aberdeen Road Waterline	Jefferson	\$70,000	\$465,000	\$535,000
Village of Dresden Wellfield Improvements	Muskingum	\$100,000	\$900,000	\$1,000,000
City of New Philadelphia WWTP Improvements	Tuscarawas	\$70,000	\$410,000	\$480,000
Subtotal Area Development		\$840,000	\$6,053,600	\$6,893,600
Rapid Response Projects				
<u>Applicant/Project</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>GOA</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Belmont County Port Authority North Guernsey St. Improvements (Bellaire Industrial Park)	Belmont	\$150,000	\$390,400	\$540,500
Coshocton County County Road 10	Coshocton	\$129,000	\$741,800	\$870,800
City of Steubenville University Boulevard Traffic Signal	Jefferson	\$98,800	\$98,800	\$197,600
Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority Airport Business Park Improvement	Muskingum	\$158,300	\$158,300	\$316,600
Subtotal Rapid Response		\$536,100	\$1,389,300	\$1,925,500
Total Governor's Office of Appalachia		\$1,376,100	\$7,442,900	\$8,819,100

Appalachian Regional Commission				
PY 2017				
Area Development				
<u>Applicant/Project</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>ARC</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Barnesville Hospital Ultrasound Equipment	Belmont	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$180,000
Kent State University - East Liverpool Nursing Simulation Lab Equipment	Columbiana	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
Brilliant Water & Sewer District Water System Improvements	Jefferson	\$250,000	\$2,724,745	\$2,974,745
Village of Mt. Pleasant Water System Improvements	Jefferson	\$225,000	\$1,761,975	\$1,986,975
Tuscarawas County * Sandyville Wastewater Treatment Plant	Tuscarawas	\$225,000	\$1,337,675	\$1,562,675
WSOS - Ohio RCAP GPS Data Collection & GIS Mapping	Guernsey Harrison Jefferson Muskingum	\$250,000	\$263,850	\$513,850
TOTAL		\$1,115,000	\$6,253,245	\$7,368,245
* Funded under Program Year 2016				

Revolving Loan Fund Program

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 26 years, the Revolving Loan Fund program has invested over **\$6.3** million for the startup or expansion of **92** businesses resulting in the creation or retention of **1,536** 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:

32 Start Ups ♦ 41 Expansions ♦ 18 Women-Owned Businesses ♦ 5 Minority Owned Businesses



2017 Impact Statement

Appalachian Regional Commission & Governor's Office of Appalachia

OMEGA secured **\$2,491,100** in federal and state ARC and GOA grant funding. An additional **\$13,696,145** was leveraged in other sources of funds resulting in the creation of **136** jobs and retention of **1,657** jobs.

Other Federal, State, and Private Sources

OMEGA helped secure **\$2.36** million in grants and low-interest loans from other funding sources for the communities in our region.

Annual Trip to Capitol Hill to Promote the Value of Local Development Districts



OMEGA staff and officers join their fellow local development district partners in Washington, DC each year to attend a joint conference hosted by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and National Association of Development Associations (NADO). The conference organizers encourage and facilitate opportunities for participants to schedule visits with their federal legislators.

(Left to Right): Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E., Mayor Domenick Mucci, U.S. Senator Rob Portman, Dorothy Skowrunski, Commissioner Chris Abbuhl

OMEGA Officers and Director - (Left to Right): Steubenville Mayor, Domenick Mucci (Vice-President); Holmes County Commissioner, Ray Eyler (President); Jeannette Wierzbicki, P.E., Executive Director; Tuscarawas County Commissioner, Chris Abbuhl (Secretary); Coshocton Mayor, Steve Mercer (Treasurer)

OMEGA Officers and Director

