



Annual Report 2018

*Connecting Communities to
Resources for 50 years*



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear OMEGA Members and Friends,

In celebrating our 50 years as an organization, I believe that one word best describes our organization and our region: **Resilient**. During the past 50 years, we have seen many changes in state and federal administrations resulting in new

priorities, policies and programs. Throughout these 50 years, we have remained focused on meeting the needs of our members and incrementally improving the communities within our region.

As a demonstration of our organization's resiliency, we implemented a successful Regional Job Training Program that will ultimately provide the needed skills to over 1,550 students and workers to be competitive in today's job market. Resiliency is also demonstrated throughout our region. Communities are building upon the success of the shale oil and gas industry to develop a more diverse, sustainable economy, and investing in the infrastructure needed to retain existing businesses and to attract new businesses to the region. Belmont County with funding from USDA is investing \$60.5 million – the single-largest monetary obligation in Ohio Rural Development history – to upgrade the county's water and wastewater systems. Community leaders in the region worked diligently with developers of several natural gas-fired power plants to negotiate payment in lieu of taxes agreements that will significantly benefit local schools and communities; one of the most beneficial agreements was negotiated in Harrison County.

The Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority in collaboration with Muskingum County and the City of Zanesville are jointly developing a new business park. Holmes County with a strong manufacturing base and strong tourism continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in our region. Perhaps the strongest evidence of our region's resiliency is JSW USA Steel's investment and re-start of the electric arc furnace at the steel mill in Mingo Junction. We are also excited to participate in financing the expansion and relocation of Gemini Industrial Machine, the first tenant in the Regional Technology Park in New Philadelphia. OMEGA also welcomed the city of St. Clairsville as a full member, bringing the number of member cities to 12.

2018 has also been a year of transition at OMEGA with a new program and changes in staff. We were selected by ODOT to participate in a regional coordinated human-services public transit pilot program and successfully worked with five of our counties to develop local coordinated plans as well as initiation of coordination with transportation providers throughout the region. The focus of this program is to improve access to transportation services especially for senior citizens and the disabled.

After 31 years of service, Sue Wood retired as Fiscal Officer and Cindi Metz has successfully transitioned to Finance Director/Assistant Executive Director. OMEGA also welcomed three new staff members this year, with each bringing an outstanding level of expertise. Our current staff has a level of service and dedication to our region that is unprecedented. Working together as a team, we will continue to provide a pathway to enhance community and economic growth in our region.

As always, 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



The member governments of OMEGA include 10 county governments — Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum and Tuscarawas — as well as 12 city governments — Cambridge, Coshocton, Dover, East Liverpool, Martins Ferry, New Philadelphia, St. Clairsville, Salem, Steubenville, Toronto, Uhrichsville and Zanesville.

OMEGA is a collaborative body of member governments that serves as a facilitator between federal and state 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.*



Development
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50th Anniversary Celebration

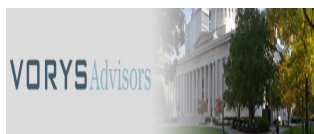


ABOVE, OMEGA President Domenick Mucci, left, presents a proclamation to Dan Neff, who served OMEGA in several different capacities, including as an intern and as executive director.



ABOVE from left, Karen Fabiano, ARC; OMEGA President Domenick Mucci; OMEGA Treasurer Ray Eyler; ARC Executive Director Scott Hamilton; former OMEGA Executive Director Dan Neff; OMEGA Executive Director Jeannette Wierzbicki; and OMEGA Secretary Steve Mercer are shown at the 50th anniversary celebration.

Thank you to our sponsors:



ABOVE left, former OMEGA Assistant Executive Director Larry Robinson and former OMEGA Executive Director Dan Neff are shown at the 50th anniversary celebration.

Legislative Event, Semi-Annual Membership Meeting

In addition to celebrating 50 years as one of Appalachian Ohio's Local Development Districts at the annual meeting, OMEGA also held a very successful legislative event in St. Clairsville and semi-annual membership meeting at the new Holmes County Fairgrounds. The legislative mixer gave members the opportunity to meet and hear from many 2018 candidates at the federal and state levels. At right, Dave Hall, a former OMEGA



director and current state director for USDA Rural Development, was the featured speaker at the semi-annual membership meeting. Below, U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson is shown with OMEGA officers and staff from Ohio's three other Appalachian development organizations: Buckeye Hills Regional Council; Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission and Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Opportunities to advocate for regional issues is one of OMEGA's important functions.



2018 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>	Paul Coffland	Commissioner	Harrison County
<i>HOLMES</i>	Ray Eyler	Commissioner	Holmes County
<i>JEFFERSON</i>	Evan Scurti	Executive 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>	Ryan Stovall	Mayor	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>ST. CLAIRSVILLE</i>	Terry Pugh	Mayor	City of St. Clairsville
<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, 2018								
				State				
			Appalachian	Appalachian	Economic			Total
		Revolving	Regional	Development	Development	Rural	Rural Transit	Governmental
	General	Loan	Commission	Program	Administration	Transportation	Pilot Program	Funds
Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 203,149	\$ 168,466	\$ 51,541	\$ 176,028	\$ 45,661	\$ 644,845
Investment Income	5,148	55,880	0	0	0	0	0	61,028
Membership Fees	88,619	0	0	0	0	0	0	88,619
Charges for Services	15,184	3,014	0	0	0	0	0	18,198
In-Kind Contributions	0	0	62,133	0	9,925	0	0	72,058
Miscellaneous	5,650	140	0	0	0	0	0	5,790
Total Revenues	114,601	59,034	265,282	168,466	61,466	176,028	45,661	890,538
Expenditures								
Current:								
Economic Development	10,993	54,228	242,932	144,881	97,721	0	0	550,755
Transportation Planning	0	0	0	0	0	173,032	31,111	204,143
Indirect Costs	583	6,319	37,193	32,034	22,011	36,331	10,708	145,179
Capital Outlay	104	1,125	9,098	5,703	6,769	19,306	1,907	44,012
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement	32	350	2,058	1,769	1,218	2,011	593	8,031
Total Expenditures	11,712	62,022	291,281	184,387	127,719	230,680	44,319	952,120
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	102,889	(2,988)	(25,999)	(15,921)	(66,253)	(54,652)	1,342	(61,582)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Inception of Capital Lease	77	833	4,903	4,223	2,902	4,790	1,412	19,140
Transfers In	0	0	7,439	0	63,913	21,176	0	92,528
Transfers Out	(92,528)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(92,528)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(92,451)	833	12,342	4,223	66,815	25,966	1,412	19,140
Net Change in Fund Balance	10,438	(2,155)	(13,657)	(11,698)	562	(28,686)	2,754	(42,442)
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	438,121	1,855,270	96,024	51,021	30,177	52,660	0	2,523,273
Fund Balances End of Year	\$ 448,559	\$ 1,853,115	\$ 82,367	\$ 39,323	\$ 30,739	\$ 23,974	\$ 2,754	\$ 2,480,831

* Unaudited

Grant Assistance

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. OMEGA's 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 of the state.

2018 Grant Applications

Applicant	Project	Funding Agency	Grant/Loan	Total Cost	Status
Amsterdam	SR 43 Improvement Project	OPWC	\$109,101	\$572,507	Approved
Bethesda	Epworth Park Trail Renovation - Phase II	ODNR - Natureworks	\$22,798	\$30,398	Approved
Bethesda	Police Department	OCJS JAG-LE	\$19,742	\$21,936	Not Approved
Belmont	Street Improvement Project	OPWC	\$226,581	\$306,190	Pending
Byesville	Byesville Village Park Improvement	ODNR - Natureworks	\$2,994	\$18,759	Approved
Byesville	Byesville Village Park Trail	ODNR - Recreational Trails	\$43,545	\$54,555	Not Approved
Byesville	Police Additional Personnel Project	OCJS JAG-LE	\$8,748	\$19,440	Approved
Byesville	Wastewater Collection System Improvements	CDBG RPIG	\$576,000	\$1,162,200	Approved
Carrollton	Industrial Drive Reconstruction	OPWC	\$480,200	\$686,000	Pending
Coshocton (city)	Hall Park Renovation	ODNR - Natureworks	\$60,923	\$95,762	Approved
Dover	Wooster Avenue Revitalization	ODOT TAP	\$843,016	\$1,001,075	Not Approved
Dresden	2019 Paving Project	OPWC	\$118,404	\$160,005	Pending
Jefferson County	Program Year 2018 CDBG Allocation	CDBG Allocation	\$226,000	\$663,600	Approved
Jefferson County	Dillonvale Community Center Roof	CDBG Critical Infrastructure	\$208,900	\$266,200	Approved ⁽¹⁾
Jewett	Water System Improvements	CDBG RPIG	\$750,000	\$3,650,000	Pending
Martins Ferry	Land and Water Conservation	ODNR - LWCF	\$78,516	\$157,032	Pending
Mechanic Twp - HOL	Township Sign Program	ODOT Twp Sign Program	\$10,944	\$10,944	Approved
Midvale	Signal Upgrade/New Sidewalks	ODOT SRTS	\$373,575	\$373,575	Not Approved
Millersburg	Southside Sidewalk Project	ODOT TAP	\$292,139	\$376,115	Not Approved
Newcomerstown	West Street Area Improvement Project	OPWC	\$299,999	\$1,052,000	Approved
New Philadelphia	New Philadelphia Police Vehicle Cameras	OCJS JAG-LE	\$9,036	\$20,080	Approved
New Philadelphia	Regional Training	FEMA AFG	\$260,000	\$286,000	Pending
ODOT	US 250 - Ohio's Energy Chokepoint	USDOT TIGER	\$9,764,203	\$12,570,108	Not Approved
ODOT	US 250 - Ohio's Energy Chokepoint	USDOT BUILD	\$9,521,502	\$12,556,667	Not Approved
Paint Twp - HOL	Township Sign Program	ODOT Twp Sign Program	\$14,586	\$14,586	Approved
Prairie Twp - HOL	Township Sign Program	ODOT Twp Sign Program	\$11,933	\$11,933	Approved
Salem	Downtown Sidewalk Replacement	ODOT TAP	\$320,000	\$886,920	Approved
Salem	Downtown Informational Kiosks	AARP Community Challenge	\$42,843	\$47,843	Not Approved
Salem	Fire Hose Replacement	FEMA AFG	\$32,429	\$34,050	Pending
Salem	Ambulance Acquisition	FEMA AFG	\$280,955	\$295,002	Pending
Tuscarawas (Village)	Body Camera Replacement Project	OCJS JAG-LE	\$6,885	\$7,650	Not Approved
Union Township	Barkcamp Road Improvements	OPWC	\$240,015	\$324,345	Not Approved
Walnut Creek Twp	Township Sign Program	ODOT Twp Sign Program	\$14,874	\$14,874	Approved
Wintersville	Knolls Phase II Waterline Replacement	CDBG RPIG	\$437,000	\$1,313,295	Approved
Yorkville	Market Street Improvements	OPWC	\$230,701	\$292,027	Pending
TOTAL			\$25,271,386	\$37,748,351	
TOTAL GRANTS/LOANS APPROVED				\$2,124,936	

(1) Approved but subsequently determined to be ineligible.

Outcomes for Grant Assistance Applications and ARC/GOA Projects

- 35 Applications Submitted
- 16 Applications Approved
- 279 Jobs Created or retained
- 474 Existing Businesses Assisted
- 137,642 Beneficiaries
- 17.6 Miles of Waterline Constructed
- 1.95 Miles of Sanitary Sewer Improved
- 704,000 Gallon Capacity Water Storage Tanks
- 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improved
- 2 Police Vehicle Cameras
- 1 Part-Time Police Officer
- 1.84 miles of Storm Sewers
- 1.26 miles of Curbs
- 1.85 miles of Roadway Improved
- 17,914 Square Feet of Sidewalk
- 1 Traffic Signal Replaced
- 1 Broadband Improvement Project
- 1 Pullman Railroad Bed and Breakfast Car Equipped
- 1,552 Persons Trained (2018 State GOA Regional Job Training Program)
- 3 Park Improvements
- 778 Road Safety Signs



AT RIGHT, U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson presents a check from the Appalachian Regional Commission to Wendy Zucal for the purchase of equipment for the Pullman Railroad Bed and Breakfast car.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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:

- Completed five local coordinated plans as part of Regional Coordinated Human Services Transportation Pilot Program
- Initiated transportation service provider origin and destination analysis
- Assisted four townships in Holmes County with Township Sign Program
- Hosted ODOT LTAP Training Course for Road Safety Audits
- Continued designation process of the Mid-Ohio Valley Statistical Port on the Ohio River
- Conducted 21 traffic counts
- Facilitated/developed School Travel Plans for Strasburg-Franklin Local & Dover City School Districts
- Introduced Safe Routes to School program to Wayne Co.
- Coordinated Transportation Advisory Committee
- Participated in US 30 Regional Transportation Improvement Project meetings
- Participated in Columbus-Pittsburgh Corridor stakeholder meetings
- Joined NE Coshocton County Infrastructure Committee
- Provided grant writing services for transportation projects (SRTS, ODOT TAP, ODNR RTP, OPWC & BUILD)
- Participated in Tuscarawas & Carroll County Safe Community groups
- Acquired new Bike/Ped and Motor Vehicle traffic counters

RTPO FACTS

446,094 People

17.7% age 65 and older

Median Household Income: \$47,622
(\$52,407 Ohio)

15.0% Poverty Rate (14.9% Ohio)

25 minutes 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

6.8% Local Bridges: Gen. Appraisal \leq 4

34.8% Local Bridges: \geq 65 years old

11 local bridges closed

Human Service Transportation Agencies

Five Public Transit Agencies

One Coordinated Transportation Agency

498,583 passengers served

Safety:

29,668 Accidents (2016-2018) -

2.2%

162 Fatal Accidents + 1.9%

7,285 Injury Accidents - 3.7%

Leading Type: **Roadway Departures**

8 General Aviation Airports

2 Airports Runway > 5,000

924 miles of railroad

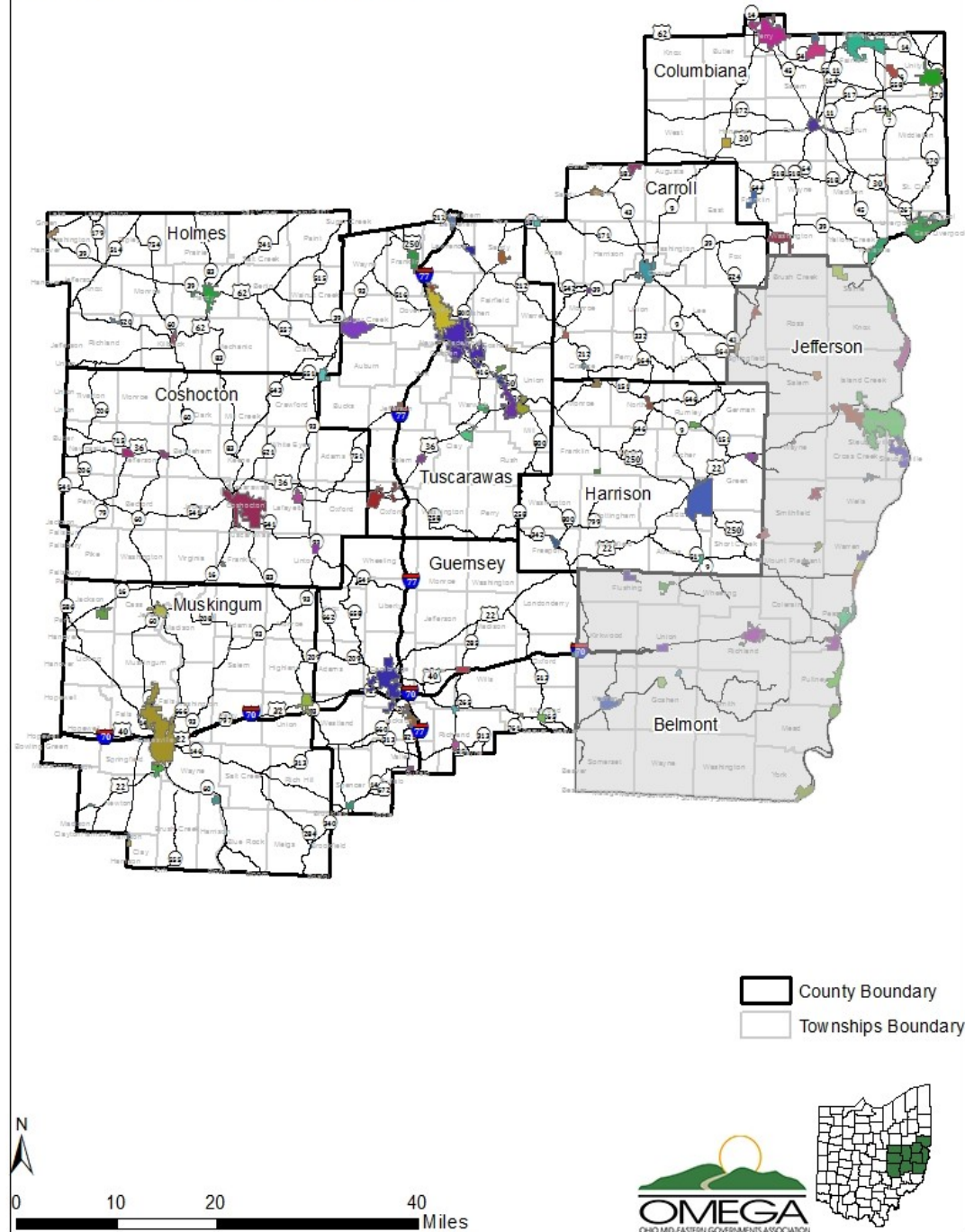
9 Railroad Owners

16 Private River Terminals

1 Intermodal Port

98.75 miles of bicycle paths

Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association Transportation Planning Area



Safe Routes to School

Dover Walk Audit



New Traffic Counters



US 250 RR Overpass

BUILD Grant application

Staff Responsibilities and Contact Information

Jeannette Wierzbicki, 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. Jeannette is Ohio's representative on the board of the Development District Association of Appalachia and serves as OMEGA's representative on the Small Community Environmental Infrastructure Group.

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Cindi Metz, Assistant Executive Director / Finance Director works in conjunction with the Executive Director to further the mission of OMEGA and assumes the responsibilities of the Executive Director in her absence. As Finance Director, she administers the organization's long-and short-term budgets and prepares all financial reports for the board of directors and members. She works directly with the auditors to ensure compliance with all federal and state requirements. Cindi 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. Email: cindim@omegadistrict.org

Lolly Ravak, Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Administrator / Regional 166 Loan (166) Program Administrator is responsible for all activities required to administer the RLF and 166 including coordination of business loan packages, analysis of loan requests, facilitation of loan closings, compliance with state and federal regulations, monitoring repayments and performing all accounting processes related to the loan programs. She also performs on-site monitoring visits and conducts file audits on a regular basis. Lolly is cross-trained to assist the Finance Director in a back-up capacity.

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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. Additionally, Alan prepares applications for Community Development Block Grant funding and assists communities with the administration of CDBG grants, including environmental reviews, status reports, drawdowns and amendments. Email: alank@omegadistrict.org

Lisa Duvall, Communications Manager / EDA Program Manager 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 produces the OMEGA Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Report. Email: lduvall@omegadistrict.org

Trina Woodland, Community Development Specialist assists local governments and non-profit organizations with 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.

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Kevin Buettner, Transportation Planner / Development Specialist works with the Executive Director and Transportation Planner / GIS Coordinator on the Transportation Program. Responsibilities under the Transportation Program include: development of a four-year Regional 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. Email: kevinb@omegadistrict.org

Megan Carmel, 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 a four-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. Megan also develops the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) needed to support transportation, the transit pilot program and other planning/economic development activities. She also provides GIS services to communities within the OMEGA region upon request.

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Sean Sammon, Transit Planner is responsible for developing and managing OMEGA's Regional Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Pilot Program. As part of the planning process, he leads public workshops; distributes surveys; facilitates meetings with stakeholders including senior citizens, people with disabilities, mobility managers, transportation service providers, human service agencies and other interested parties; analyzes data; conducts origin and destination studies; and develops Coordinated Transportation Plans for the counties in the OMEGA region that need a new plan or a plan update. Sean also contributes to and participates with the Ohio Disability Transportation Coalition, the Ohio Public Transit Association Planning Committee, and the DriveOhio Alliance.

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Governor's Office of Appalachia

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Area Development Projects

Applicant/Project	County	GOA	Other	Total Cost
City of Columbiana SR 7 and 14 Intersection Improvements	Columbiana	100,000	2,948,800	3,048,800
Village of Wellsville Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements	Columbiana	120,000	479,700	599,700
Harrison County Water & Sewer District Foxes Bottom Water Line Short Creek Twp	Harrison	115,200	115,200	230,400
Village of Bolivar Canal Street Improvements	Tuscarawas	69,600	860,200	929,800
Twin City Water and Sewer District Eastport Avenue Improvements	Tuscarawas	200,000	418,100	618,100
TOTALS		\$ 604,800	\$ 4,822,000	\$ 5,426,800

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Regional Job Training Program

Applicant/Project	RJT	Other	Total Cost
KSU Tuscarawas/Buckeye Career Center Multi-County Advanced Manufacturing Corridor	248,900	67,000	315,900
Belmont College Advanced Manufacturing Lab Equipment	181,200	347,400	528,600
Central Ohio Technical College Advancing Coshocton Through Technical Training	235,700	138,000	373,700
Zane State College Project Bridge The Gap	235,700	1,192,800	1,428,500
Sustainable Opportunities Development Center (SODC) Salem Area Industrial Training Center and Workforce Initiative	133,500	209,800	343,300
Total	1,035,000	1,955,000	2,990,000

Appalachian Regional Commission

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Area Development

Applicant/Project	County	ARC	Other \$	Total Cost
City of St. Clairsville New Water Reservoir Improvements	Belmont	200,000	1,529,700	1,729,700
OME-RESA Expanding Technology Bridge for Appalachian Schools	Jefferson	200,000	382,300	582,300
City of Zanesville Zanesville Downtown Wi-Fi Network	Muskingum	138,350	138,350	276,700
Dennison Railroad Depot Museum Pullman Bed and Breakfast Car	Tuscarawas	90,000	92,000	182,000
Village of Bolivar Canal Street Improvements	Tuscarawas	80,400	849,400	929,800
Muskingum County* Rix Mills Waterline	Muskingum	150,000	3,659,000	3,809,000
TOTAL		\$ 858,750	\$ 6,650,750	\$ 7,509,500

* Funded in Program Year 2017

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 RLF program is available to businesses in the commercial, industrial, and service sectors.

Over the past 27 years, the Revolving Loan Fund Program has invested over \$6.3 million for the startup or expansion of 93 businesses resulting in the creation or retention of 1,589 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 ♦ 42 Expansions ♦ 18 Women-Owned Businesses
- ♦ 5 Minority-Owned Businesses

OMEGA Highlights



THE RIBBON was cut this year on the \$2.4 million Sandyville wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation project, which included the repair or replacement of many structural, mechanical and electrical components such as this mechanical screen. The Appalachian Regional Commission invested \$225,000 in this critical infrastructure project.



THE SUSTAINABLE Opportunity Development Center in Columbiana County cut the ribbon on its new training center and launched the Salem Area Industrial Training Center & Workforce Initiative with funding assistance through the Governor's Office of Appalachia's Regional Job Training Program administered by OMEGA. The training center is available for rent by all industries, businesses, organizations and training providers and has equipment and technology to help deliver effective training for the current and future workforce.



GEMINI INDUSTRIAL Machine Group broke ground on a new 25,000-square foot manufacturing and design facility in the Tuscarawas Regional Technology Park in New Philadelphia — the first business to build in the tech park — with funding assistance from OMEGA's Revolving Loan Fund. Additionally, OMEGA provided funding assistance for the infrastructure in the tech park and the Tolloty Technology Incubator in the park. Gemini expects to begin operations in the new facility early in 2019.





TOP, THE village of Belmont added new playground equipment with funding in part through the Nature-Works grant program with assistance from OMEGA's community development specialists. Funded in 2017 and constructed in 2018, the playground is part of a larger community improvement vision.



LEFT, SIX tennis courts at Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia were significantly improved in 2018 through the Land and Water Conservation Fund and assistance from OMEGA's Community Development Specialist. Funded in 2017 and constructed in 2018, the project provides opportunities for adults and children to exercise, learn teamwork and participate in community events. The high school tennis teams also use the courts.



OMEGA PROVIDES opportunities for members to work directly with officials at the federal and state level to access resources and grow our communities and region. Above, Coshocton Mayor Steve Mercer and Coshocton Port Authority Director Tiffany Swigert discuss a project with Kyle Darton of the Economic Development Administration.

Below from left, OMEGA Vice President Chris Abbuhl, President Domenick Mucci, ODOT District 5 Director Jason Sturgeon, District 11 Director Roxanne Kane, OSU MEP Growth Advisor Eric Wagner, Treasurer Ray Eyler, Executive Director Jeannette Wierzbicki and Secretary Steve Mercer are shown at the May 2018 executive board meeting.





2018 Impact Statement

Appalachian Regional Commission and Governor's Office of Appalachia

OMEGA secured **\$2,498,550** in federal and state ARC and GOA funding, including Regional Job Training funds. An additional **\$13,427,750** was leveraged in other funding sources, which resulted in the creation or retention of **275** jobs.

Other federal, state and private sources

OMEGA helped secure **\$2.12 million** in grants and low-interest loans from other funding sources for our region.



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