



Planning Partnership

HAMILTON COUNTY
Regional Planning Commission

Affiliate Membership Application

&

Cooperation Agreement For Affiliate Organizations

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Dear Community Leader:

We are pleased to invite your organization to formally join the Planning Partnership as an Affiliate Member.

Attached is a Cooperation Agreement summarizing the mission and goals of the Planning Partnership. If your organization supports this collaborative effort, please sign the Agreement and return it with the attached information sheet to the Planning Partnership.

The Planning Partnership has recently initiated important community planning initiatives that can only succeed through collaboration with other public, private and civic sector organizations. Current major initiatives include:

- ❖ Community COMPASS – Comprehensive Master Plan and Strategies for Hamilton County.
 - “The Vision for Hamilton County's Future”– an eighteen-month process resulted in four inter-related core goals: *Assuring Economic Prosperity, Building Collaborative Decision Making, Embracing Diversity and Equity, and Balancing Development and the Environment.* Strategies to achieve Hamilton County goals are grouped into thirty initiatives such as “Government Accountability and Effectiveness,” “Coordinating Planning and Infrastructure,” and “Creating Partnerships for Workforce Preparedness.”
 - Economic Base Initiative – One of several foundation studies for Community COMPASS enables evaluation of the County economy provides guidance for selecting businesses and industries to be targeted for attraction into the county, and guides public policy for allocation of land and other resources.
 - Cost of Government Services Initiative – A comparative financial analysis of Hamilton County jurisdictions that evaluates cost/benefit relationships, quantifies current costs of services provided to residents and identifies tax base trends by type of land use.
- ❖ Capital Improvement Priority Setting – The Partnership organized a series of workshops to understand how improve the capacity of Hamilton County communities in competing for State and Federal funds and collectively setting priorities.
- ❖ Hamilton County Regional Forum – The Planning Partnership convened a forum of OKI representatives from Hamilton County communities and agencies, members of the OKI Board of Trustees and the Intermodal Coordinating Committee to promote information sharing and greater cooperation in influencing regional policy-making.
- ❖ Training Program for Commissioners and Elected Officials The Partnership offers training seminars for planning commissioners and other citizens engaged in community planning to improve the effectiveness and productivity of planning and zoning commissions in Hamilton County. Some of the trainings offered include:
 - Making Great Communities: The Certified Planning Commissioners Program

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- Asset Based Community Development Seminar
 - Site Plan Review 101 Workshop
 - Ethics and Meeting Management Workshop
- ❖ Stormwater Management Education Program – The Partnership’s Stormwater Management Education Task Force developed a program for planning commissioners and staff in Hamilton County communities to help fulfill the outreach/education requirement related to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Permit mandates.
- ❖ Community Revitalization Initiative – The initiative focus in the revitalization of communities in the county affected by population loss, aging housing stock and infrastructure, and declining business districts. A “tool kit”, a reference document identifying policies, and programs, to promote revitalization of aging neighborhoods was prepared. A strategic plan was developed to address revitalization issues in the county. The Southwest First Suburbs Consortium is been organized to provide a multi-jurisdiction legal structure for plan implementation.
- ❖ Property Maintenance Program – This program focus in empowering elected officials, staff, and residents to provide a safe environment where property values increase or at least remain stable. The property maintenance program, developed in collaboration with PACE (Professional Association of Code Enforcement) includes workshops for elected officials and administrators, and seminars for code enforcement officers.

Affiliate Membership carries no requirement for funding; our greatest need is for your participation. The Partnership is funded by annual membership assessments of Political Jurisdiction Members. However, the Partnership requests that Affiliate Members consider making an annual contribution in any amount deemed appropriate by your organization to support Partnership initiatives and to cover annual communication costs.

If you have any questions about the Planning Partnership or Affiliate Membership, please feel free to contact me at (513)-598-3060 or to Ron Miller, Executive Director of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission at (513) 946-4453.

Sincerely,

THE PLANNING PARTNERSHIP



Adam Goetzman
Membership Committee Chairman



Cooperation Agreement for Affiliate Members

WHEREAS, the Planning Partnership is designated as the long range collaborative planning and coordinating committee of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission by virtue of cooperation agreements signed in 2000 and 2001 by The Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County and municipalities and townships in Hamilton County.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Planning Partnership is to bring together public, private and civic sector organizations engaged in community planning in Hamilton County so that mutual goals related to physical, economic and social issues can be planned for comprehensively and achieved collaboratively.

WHEREAS, the Planning Partnership has identified ten desired outcomes, attached hereto, to guide the development of its programs and initiatives in collaboration with public, private and civic sector organizations.

WHEREAS, Section XIII of the Resolution of Cooperation establishing the Planning Partnership provides that other public, private or civic sector organizations may be designated as affiliate members by a majority vote of the members of the Planning Partnership.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the signatories commit to abide by the Planning Partnership's Bylaws, to support the mission of the Planning Partnership, and to participate in the initiatives of the Planning Partnership as an Affiliate Member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____ [name of Affiliate Organization] hereby appoints _____ to serve as an Affiliate Member Representative on the Planning Partnership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this Resolution be directed to the Secretary of the Planning Partnership, 138 East Court Street, Suite 807, Cincinnati Ohio 45202.

Authorized Signatory for Organization:

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____
DATE: __/__/__

Accepted by the Planning Partnership:

Chairperson:

Date: / /

Desired Outcomes

Mission:

To bring together public, private, and civic sector organizations engaged in community planning in Hamilton County so that mutual goals related to physical, economic and social issues can be planned for comprehensively and achieved collaboratively.

Desired Outcomes:

All governments and planning commissions in Hamilton County:

1. Work together effectively (in and adjacent to Hamilton County) to resolve issues related to growth management, land use, green space, transportation, housing, public services, utilities, and other cross-jurisdictional issues.
2. Effectively communicate between planning commissions and planning officials at all levels and forms of government and between public, private and civic sector stakeholders.
3. Build consensus on a unified, comprehensive community vision for Hamilton County.
4. Create and implement local and countywide plans through continuous and collaborative planning relationships with planning partners in the public, private and civic sectors.
5. Plan for and achieve efficient use of our physical, economic and social resources.
6. Determine, achieve and sustain local goals and plans within a regional framework.
7. Use local authority, and government closest to the people, to create and implement community based solutions to local problems.
8. Make informed decisions through consideration of local and countywide comprehensive plans.
9. Use a countywide information system (database) to support the comprehensive planning needs of local and county government.
10. Leverage their collaborative power to improve funding and policy change at all levels of government.



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Organization's Name:

Organization's Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Organization's Phone:

E-mail:

Fax:

Cell Phone:

Website: http://

Approximate Membership:

Year Organization was Founded:

Name of member who will represent your organization:

Representative's Occupation:

Representative's Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Representative's Phone:

E-mail:

Work:

Home:

Cell Phone:

Fax:

Please provide responses to the following questions:

(Submit attachments for clarification if desired)

1. What is the mission of your organization?

2. What are the major community oriented initiatives of your organization (i.e., current work program focus)?

3. What are the potential opportunities for collaboration between the Planning Partnership and your organization?

Authorized Signatory for Organization: _____ Date: __/__/__

Yes, I would like to help with a contribution of

____ \$1,000 ____ \$500 ____ \$200 ____ \$100 other amount \$ _____

(please make check payable to Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission)

A contribution is not possible at this time.

Please return this application form and the attached agreement to:

**Planning Partnership
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Or Fax to: 513-946-4475**