



## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30pm

Please silence cell phones and electronics.

Zoom Meeting is available as a courtesy for viewing purposes only.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **WELCOME**

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the business of Bath Township. At the end of the meeting there will be time for citizen comments.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **FISCAL OFFICER Laura Tuttle**

##### **Report / Recommendations**

1. Recommendation to approve regular purchase orders 2025-00776 through 2025-00796 and payments in the amount of \$225,086.21

Included in the payments are the following:

- \$39,586.17 to VASU Communications for vehicle radios (Service)
- \$12,050 to Davey Group for invasive species control (Parks)
- \$15,906.29 to Cargill for road salt (Service)
- \$45,869.91 to Montrose Ford for Ford Interceptor (Police)
- \$14,460.00 to Upstate Wholesale Supply Inc for body and dash cam software (Police)

##### **Roll Call**

2. Recommendation to approve meeting minutes for the March 10<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees Regular Meetings.
3. Correspondence log is available for public view.

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ADMINISTRATORS**

#### **Police Chief Vito F. Sinopoli**

##### **Report / Recommendations**

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#### **Fire Chief Rob Campbell**

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2. Recommendation to sell the 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe through the Akron Auto Auction.

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### Planning Director / Zoning Inspector William Funk

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5. Recommendation to approve the Heritage Corridors of Bath Comprehensive Management Plan update.

**TRUSTEES: Elaina Goodrich, Sharon Troike, and Sean Gaffney**

**COMMUNITY UPDATES:**

Lisa Armstrong, United Disability Services

**FUTURE TRUSTEE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Board of Zoning Appeals	June 17, 2025, 7pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Sun's Out, Fun's Out Community Celebration	June 20, 2025, 5-10pm	Bath Community Park
Run to the Sun 5k (runsignup.com)	June 20, 2025, 7pm	Bath Community Park
Public Hearing 2026 Budget	June 30, 2025, 3:30pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Board of Trustees Meeting	June 30, 2025, 4pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Appearance Review Commission	July 7, 2025, 5pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Heritage Corridors of Bath	July 9, 2025, 4:30pm	Trustee Conference Room
Board of Trustees Meeting	July 14, 2025, 6:30pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals	July 15, 2025, 7pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Park Board Meeting	July 17, 2025, 6pm	North Fork Preserve of Bath
Zoning Commission	July 17, 2025, 6pm	Trustee Meeting Room

\*A full list of events and meetings is posted to [www.bathtownship.org](http://www.bathtownship.org) and updated weekly.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

*Citizens must be recognized by the President of the Board of Trustees prior to speaking.*

*Citizens will identify themselves by name and address.*

*Citizens' comments will be limited to 5 minutes each.*

*Citizens' comments must be addressed to the Board.*

*A citizen is called out of order twice. He or she will then be asked to leave.*

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING / ADJOURNMENT**

# Bath Township Check Register

Check Number	Check Date	Vendor Code	Vendor Name	Payment Type	Amount
000000525	06/16/2025	00019	BARBERTON LAUNDRY AND CLEANING	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$194.34
000000526	06/16/2025	00962	PHOENIX SAFETY OUTFITTERS LLC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$8,510.00
000000527	06/16/2025	01414	OHIO BILLING INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$2,840.00
000000528	06/16/2025	people check	PEOPLE CHECK LLC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$817.00
000000529	06/16/2025	ZOLL medical corpor	ZOLL MEDICAL CORP	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$1,054.00
000000530	06/16/2025	03023	VASU COMMUNICATIONS INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$39,586.17
000000531	06/16/2025	01368	KIESLERS POLICE SUPPLY	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$999.14
000000532	06/16/2025	02361	THE SOURCE INDUSTRIES	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$1,596.30
000000533	06/16/2025	02362	EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$35.00
000000534	06/16/2025	02920	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$1,507.83
000000535	06/16/2025	02992	MIHALIK, MATTHEW	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$5.50
000000536	06/16/2025	00623	CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOC INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$667.50
000000537	06/16/2025	00720	DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$12,050.00
000000538	06/16/2025	roose, connor	ROOSE , CONNOR	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$150.00
000000539	06/16/2025	wilson, katherine	WILSON, KATHERINE	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$117.41
000000540	06/16/2025	01953	HISSONG KENWORTH INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$783.34
000000541	06/16/2025	02145	J.A.N. SERVICE INDUSTRIES INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$3,352.00
000000542	06/16/2025	02536	SHELLY MATERIALS INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$258.26
000000543	06/16/2025	02752	EDWARDS SYSTEMS DISTRIBUTOR	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$68.00
000000544	06/16/2025	marlboro supply	MARLBORO SUPPLY	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$2,667.00
000000545	06/16/2025	00220	SUMMIT COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$275.00
000000546	06/16/2025	00307	MERRICK ENTERPRISES	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$217.73
000000547	06/16/2025	00508	BERES, KAREN	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$136.68
000000548	06/16/2025	00578	ICR ELECTRIC INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$575.00
000000549	06/16/2025	00745	CUYAHOGA LANDMARK INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$6,901.24
000000550	06/16/2025	01144	TM & L ENTERPRISES LLC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$878.10
000000551	06/16/2025	01178	MAR-ZANE INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$937.60
000000552	06/16/2025	01220	INGERSOLL MASTER MOWING INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$728.31
000000553	06/16/2025	01404	NMJ TECHNOLOGY LLC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$2,528.10
000000554	06/16/2025	02931	KRONOS SAASHR INC	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$751.69
000000555	06/16/2025	charter communicati	CHARTER COMMUNICATION - INTERNE	ACH VENDOR PAY	\$55.85

Grand Total:

Number Of Checks: 31

\$91,244.09

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0000065394	06/16/2025	01118	ACE READY MIX CO INC	Checks for 0001	\$1,705.00
0000065395	06/16/2025	00993	AKRON PUBLIC UTILITIES BUREAU	Checks for 0001	\$220.68
0000065396	06/16/2025	01944	AKRON TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	Checks for 0001	\$271.55
0000065397	06/16/2025	01551	AKRON UNIFORMS	Checks for 0001	\$1,617.88
0000065398	06/16/2025	akron's finest mulch	AKRON'S FINEST MULCH	Checks for 0001	\$2,480.00
0000065399	06/16/2025	02552	AMERICAN WINDOW CLEANING	Checks for 0001	\$1,350.00
0000065400	06/16/2025	02994	AQUA DOC	Checks for 0001	\$360.00
0000065401	06/16/2025	911 Lease	AT&T	Checks for 0001	\$2,030.00
0000065402	06/16/2025	01588	BATH TRACTOR	Checks for 0001	\$69.98
0000065403	06/16/2025	00118	BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	Checks for 0001	\$2,024.63
0000065404	06/16/2025	brightview	BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPES LLC	Checks for 0001	\$11,522.13
0000065405	06/16/2025	02196	CARGILL INC	Checks for 0001	\$15,906.29
0000065406	06/16/2025	00067	COPLEY FEED & SUPPLY CO INC	Checks for 0001	\$53.94
0000065407	06/16/2025	00013	D & R SUPPLY	Checks for 0001	\$1,588.65
0000065408	06/16/2025	scott eller	ELLER, SCOTT	Checks for 0001	\$100.00
0000065409	06/16/2025	genuine parts compa	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY INC	Checks for 0001	\$47.91
0000065410	06/16/2025	00358	HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC.	Checks for 0001	\$67.81
0000065411	06/16/2025	01806	LOWES COMPANIES	Checks for 0001	\$1,003.89
0000065412	06/16/2025	00111	MONTROSE FORD	Checks for 0001	\$45,896.91
0000065413	06/16/2025	02721	OLIGER SEED COMPANY	Checks for 0001	\$969.10
0000065414	06/16/2025	00812	PARKER TRUCK & TRAILER	Checks for 0001	\$3,224.33
0000065415	06/16/2025	01212	PATTERN METALS INC	Checks for 0001	\$273.00
0000065416	06/16/2025	00461	R B STOUT INC	Checks for 0001	\$2,231.00
0000065417	06/16/2025	02210	RICHFIELD AUTO PARTS	Checks for 0001	\$31.00
0000065418	06/16/2025	02298	RICHFIELD VILLAGE	Checks for 0001	\$90.00
0000065419	06/16/2025	00258	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	Checks for 0001	\$119.96
0000065420	06/16/2025	02718	SUTPHEN CORPORATION	Checks for 0001	\$720.45
0000065421	06/16/2025	01813	THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT CO	Checks for 0001	\$1,020.00
0000065422	06/16/2025	transunion	TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE DA	Checks for 0001	\$100.00
0000065423	06/16/2025	treasurer state of ohi	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	Checks for 0001	\$46.00
0000065424	06/16/2025	00751	TUCKER SUPPLY COMPANY INC	Checks for 0001	\$185.00
0000065425	06/16/2025	01420	UNITED RENTALS	Checks for 0001	\$1,015.00
0000065426	06/16/2025	01188	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Checks for 0001	\$1,072.63
0000065427	06/16/2025	upstate wholesale su	UPSTATE WHOLESALE SUPPLY INC	Checks for 0001	\$14,460.00
0000065428	06/16/2025	00068	COPLEY TOOL RENTAL	Checks for 0001	\$212.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>			<b>Number Of Checks: 35</b>		<b>\$114,086.72</b>

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000000726	06/16/2025	00015	OHIO EDISON	EFT for 0001-TRUST	\$880.97
000000727	06/16/2025	00166	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	EFT for 0001-TRUST	\$842.21
000000728	06/16/2025	00718	HUNTINGTON MASTERCARD	EFT for 0001-TRUST	\$18,032.22
Grand Total:			Number Of Checks: 3		\$19,755.40

**BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CORRESPONDENCE LOG**

DATE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBJECT MATTER	REFERRED TO:
5/19/25	Jennifer Waldron	Grant for West Connection Trail and Parking Lot	Township Trustees
5/19/25	Deborah Owens	Summit County Trail Grant Riding Run West Connector Trail	Township Trustees
5/21/25	Brad Roseberry	Letter Opposing Heavier Trucks	Elaina Goodrich
5/22/25	Ron Michelle Kaluznik	Proposed 10-Car Parking Lot at Farmstead and Everett Road	Township Trustees
5/29/25	Anonymous Bath Resident	1792 Orchard	Township Trustees
5/20/25	Jason Milczewski	Revere High School Meeting	Township Trustees
5/20/25	Bath Community Fund	Playground donation response	Township Trustees
5/30/25	Kathi SirLouis	Ghent Interchange, Subarea 2	Township Trustees
6/1/25	Sue Philippbar	Today's Hike	Trustee Goodrich
6/2/25	JoAnn Alexander	Public notice of zoning issues	Township Trustees

**BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD AND COMMITTEE LOGS**

## Chief of Police Report June 16, 2025

### Department Trainings:

Chief Sinopoli and Detective Lance attended the Recovery and Survival Summit training sponsored by Judge Ron Cable on May 15, 2025.

Bath Detective Bureau hosted the monthly intelligence update for local law enforcement agencies on May 21, 2025.

Officer Krager – Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement [ARIDE] presented by the Summit County Sheriff's Office May 22-23, 2025.

### Department Highlights:

Captain Brown represented the Bath Police at the National Missing Children's Day on 5/17/2025, held at Summit Mall. It was a free community event with many agencies present.

Thank you for the food provided by John Kim of Symphony Financial Services group to the Department staff on May 28, 2025. It was enjoyed by all.

Welcome, Josey Mayfield, University of Akron Criminal Analysis Intern, who is being supervised by Det. Dan Lance starting June 4, 2025, and she will be with our department for 90 hours this summer.

### May Statistics:

All Calls for Service 2,607 [100%]

Community Policing 1,568 [60%]

Traffic Stops 148 [6%]

Traffic Accidents 89 [3%]

Alarm Drops 66 [3%]

Sexual Offense 0 Robbery 0 Burglary 0

All other calls for service: 736 [28%]

Booking Charges [Total] 32

OVI /DUI 5

Theft 3

Possession of Drugs 2

### Recommendations:

Resolution 2025 – 26 Application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) administered through the Office of Criminal Justice Services. The grant is a 75/25 match beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026. We are applying for 23 portable radios for the Police Department.

**BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**BE IT HEREBY KNOWN BY ALL THOSE PRESENT THAT ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025, THE BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION 6:30 P.M. AT 3864 W BATH ROAD, BATH TOWNSHIP, SUMMIT COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO.**

\_\_\_\_\_ presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2025-26  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO  
THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) is authorized to administer funds through state and federal criminal justice programs each year as designated by law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the OCJS, appropriated funds to provide grants in support of community police departments for the acquisition of equipment; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bath Township seeks financial assistance to update portable two-way radios for Bath Township Police Officers; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bath Township has performed a needs assessment and determined the request for financial assistance is warranted; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bath Township seeks to replace portable two-radios that have been in service for over five years and no longer supported under warranty;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bath Township Board of Trustees:

1. Approves the filing of an application to the State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for financial assistance for the following project. Law enforcement equipment needs to replace portable two-way radios.
2. Susan Bartlett, Administrative Assistant, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible financial assistance from the State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.
3. That Bath Township has obligated the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible under the terms and conditions of the grant program to be reimbursed.
4. This resolution is for the preservation of public health, safety and welfare and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage by a majority of the board.

**FURTHER**, that the Fiscal Officer be directed to use a Special Revenue Fund and if the grant is awarded, to amend the 2025 Certificate of Estimated Resources and the Permanent Appropriations to reflect the new revenue and expenses.

Second by \_\_\_\_\_; discussion and roll called:

Mrs. Goodrich,  
Mrs. Troike,  
Mr. Gaffney,

**Resolution**

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Laura Tuttle, Fiscal Officer  
Bath Township

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Elaina E. Goodrich, President  
Bath Township Board of Trustees

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Sharon A. Troike, Trustee Vice. Pres  
Bath Township Board of Trustees

Date: June 16, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sean Gaffney, Trustee  
Bath Township Board of Trustees

**This Resolution is a true and correct excerpt from the Minutes of the Board of Township Trustees and is recorded in the Bath Township Board of Trustees' *Record of Proceedings* dated June 16, 2025.**

To: Bath Township Trustees – Sean Gaffney, Elaina Goodrich and Sharon Troike  
Fiscal Officer – Laura Tuttle  
Bath Administrator - Vito Sinopoli

From: Robert Campbell, Fire Chief

Date: June 16, 2025

May 2025 Calls

Station 1 =74  
Station 2 =73  
All Stations =9  
Total =156

EMS =103  
Fire =53

Total Transports =72

Mutual Aid Given=15  
Mutual Aid Received=5

Yearly Call Total: 778  
EMS =538  
FIRE =240

TRAINING:  
Classes = 7  
Hours = 23

INSPECTIONS:

Alarm System Test	1
Annual	46
Complaint	1
Reinspection	6
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	<hr/> 54

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# **SERVICE DIRECTOR Caine Collins**

AGENDA FOR THE TRUSTEE MEETING 6.16.2025

## **Buildings and Grounds:**

No new business to report.

## **Roads:**

### **Service Crew Monthly Report for May**

Resident Service Requests received: 32

Resident Service Requests resolved: 34

Township Service Requests received: 5

Township Service Requests resolved: 4

Right of Way Permits: 3 Utility

Catch Basins: 1

Asphalt Aprons: 2

Drive Culvert: 1

Road Culvert: 1

Linear Feet of Ditching: 20'

Approx Tons of Asphalt Used: 16.43

Cemetery Foundations: 25

## **Miscellaneous:**

Trucks, Plows, and Trailer Maintenance/Repairs; Shop, Buildings, and Grounds Maintenance/Repairs; Cemetery Maintenance, Restorations, Foundations, Burial Assistance and Sign Installations; Roadway Tree Trimming and Removal; Roadside Mowing; Dead Animal Removal from Township Roadways; Installation and Repairs of Address Markers and Street Signs/Posts; Pothole Patching; Road Repairs; Continuous Cleaning and Sanitizing of Shop and Trucks; Service Request Restorations and Requests; Roadside Sign Removal; Salted Township Roadways; Assisted with the Memorial Day Event; Mulching of Township Properties; and Emptying the Organic Recycle Trailer.

## **Training:**

Electrical Safety Training & Practices for Electrical Maintenance - Brent Nash & Doug Fair

Summit County Safety County Monthly Meeting "Active Shooter Training" - Beth Reinart

## **Cemetery Burials:**

Moore's Chapel: 4 Full Burials & 5 Cremation Burials

## **Recommendations by the Service Director:**

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## **BATH PARKS DIRECTOR Jeff France**

### **AGENDA FOR THE TRUSTEE MEETING 6.16.25**

#### **General Park Information:**

For the month of May, park personnel checked and inspected all the trails, performed routine inspections on the playgrounds, performed general buildings and grounds maintenance/repairs, and completed vehicle and equipment maintenance/repairs.

#### **Bath Baseball Park:**

For the month of May, the ballfields were playable 71% of the time. Records show there was precipitation on 9 days in May, with an approximate total of 4.76 inches.

#### **Bath Community Park:**

Playground renovations have begun, starting with the removal of the lower playground and relocating some equipment to the upper playground. Myers Design is managing the rehabilitation of the upper playground. The Playground will be closed June 30 to July 18.

#### **Bath Hill Park:**

The new shelter is now open for reservations; information can be found on the township website.

#### **Bath Nature Preserve:**

Plans are underway to install a kayak launch at the Bath Pond Path; work to begin in July.

#### **North Fork Preserve of Bath:**

No new business to report.

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To: Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator, Executive Assistant  
From: William Funk Planning Director/Zoning Inspector  
Date: June 3, 2025  
Re: Zoning Report for the month of May

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### PERMITS

During the month 18 zoning permits were issued in the following categories:

- Fence 5
- Residential Addition 3
- Accessory Structure 3
- Sign 3
- Subdivision 2
- New Residential Dwelling 1
- Swimming Pool 1
- Commercial Addition 1
- Business Use 1

### ZONING COMMISSION

May 8, 2025, Zoning Commission work sessions:

- The Zoning Commission has completed a draft of the proposed Ghent Interchange Overlay District and will begin the process of updating the Zoning Resolution through a public hearing. The public hearing was scheduled for June 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

### APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMISSION

May 5, 2025, the Appearance Review Commission reviewed the following cases:

- ARC 25-09, Cindy Vellucci of Archer Signs for The Goodfeet Store, recommended to approve proposed new wall sign for The Goodfeet Store at 3893 Medina Rd., located in the B-2 Business District.
- ARC 25-10, Carly Detar of OLIO Development Group for Raising Cane's, recommended to approve propose site plan and building elevations for Raising Cane's at 3921 Medina Rd., located in the B-2 Business District.
- ARC 25-11, Amy Noble of Ellet Signs for W3 Financial, recommended to approve proposed new wall sign and monument sign for W3 Financial Group at 301 Springside Dr., located in the B-3 Business District.

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

May 20, 2025, the Board of Zoning Appeals heard the following cases:

- BZA 25-08, Paul Couch for West Side Church of Christ, tabled variances for a reduction in the required setbacks for a church, a reduction in the minimum lot size, and a reduction in the minimum lot width for a property split at 645 N. Revere Rd., located in the R-2 Residential District.
- BZA 25-09, Bath Township Trustees, approved a variance to encroach upon the riparian setback for an observation deck at the Heritage Corridors Wayside Exhibit at 950 N. Cleveland Massillon Rd., located in the R-2 Residential District.
- BZA 25-10, Carly Detar of OLIO Development Group for Raising Cane's, approved a conditional use request for Raising Cane's at 3921 Medina Rd., located in the B-2 Business District.

### SOLID WASTE

- New Customers 6
- Vacation Customers 15
- Total Customers 3,447

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- None

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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To: Board of Trustees  
From: Vito F. Sinopoli, Township Administrator  
Date: June 16, 2025  
Re: Administrator's Report – 6/16/25

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**REPORT:**

- On Monday, June 30, 2025, at 3:30 pm, the Bath Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in accordance with R.C. 5705.30 to review the 2025 Bath Township Tax Budget. Two copies of the budget are on file and available in the Fiscal Office for public inspection through June 30, 2025.
- On Friday, June 20, 2025, from 5-10 pm Bath Township and Bath Parks Board will host the first annual Sun's Out, Fun's Out Summer Solstice Community Celebration. Everyone is welcome to come out to Bath Community Park to help celebrate our awesome community with a family-fun event. There will be a live DJ, games, races, and activities for all ages. Come hungry, as local food trucks Rax BBQ and Henry's Creamery will be on site. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. The event is being graciously sponsored by Bath Townships' Kroskey family and True Wealth Design.

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5. Recommendation to approve the Heritage Corridors of Bath Comprehensive Management Plan update.

**BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**BE IT HEREBY KNOWN BY ALL THOSE PRESENT THAT ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025, THE BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION, COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TRUSTEE MEETING ROOM, 3864 WEST BATH ROAD, BATH TOWNSHIP, SUMMIT COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO.**

\_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**BATH TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2025-27 AMENDMENT 09  
TO AMEND THE 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION/PERSONNEL POLICY  
HANDBOOK**

**WHEREAS**, the Township operates with regard to several master documents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Bath Township Board of Trustees adopted the 2025 Organization Resolution, Personnel Policy Manual, and Job Description Manual to take effect January 1, 2025; and,

**WHEREAS**, after review, the Board of Trustees has decided to revise and update the 2025 Organization Resolution and Personnel Policy Manual to amend the following information as follows:

1. To create a part-time Finance Coordinator position.
2. Full job description provided in the Resolution attachment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bath Township Board of Trustees amends the 2025 Organizational Resolution and Personnel Policy Manual to include the updated information in the Resolution attachment.

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the amendment; and the Fiscal Officer called the Roll:

Mrs. Goodrich,  
Mrs. Troike,  
Mr. Gaffney,

**Resolution**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Tuttle, Fiscal Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elaina E. Goodrich, President  
Bath Township Board of Trustees

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon A. Troike, Vice-President  
Bath Township Board of Trustees

June 16, 2025  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sean F. Gaffney, Trustee  
Bath Township Board of Trustees

This Resolution is a true and correct excerpt from the Minutes of the Board of Township Trustees and is recorded in the Bath Township Board of Trustees' *Record of Proceedings* dated June 16, 2025.



<b>Position Title</b> Finance Coordinator	<b>Status</b> Part-time
<b>Reports To</b> Executive Assistant	<b>Minimum Education</b> High School Diploma required; Associate's or Bachelor's Degree preferred
<b>Supervises</b> N/A	<b>Effective Date</b> June 16, 2025

**PURPOSE:** Under the direction of the Executive Assistant, the Finance Coordinator is responsible for assisting with duties that provide administrative and office support work primarily for the Finance/Payroll Specialist and Fiscal Officer including duties as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Section (ORC) 507.021.

**SCOPE:** The employee plays an integral role in financial management functions and record maintenance of the township, including maintenance of revenue, appropriations, funds and bank accounts.

**ESSENTIAL ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES** May include, but not limited to, the following duties:

- Draft and maintain internal financial reports for trustees, township administrator, or department heads as requested
- Schedule and prepare documents for audits and meetings
- Prepare meeting minutes based on recordings provided
- Enter receipts and expenditures for approval
- Track budget line items and provide status updates
- Organize and file contracts, invoices, and receipts
- Maintain inventory and capital asset documentation
- Respond to public records requests
- Coordinate updates to financial policies and procedures
- Liaise with county, state, and federal financial offices as requested
- Assist with reconciliation of bank statements
- Assist with payroll processing as needed
- Update township website with required financial reports and meeting minutes
- Create new appropriation and receipt codes as needed,
- Coordinate record disposal procedures,
- Performs any other duties as assigned

**CRITICAL SKILLS** The employee must demonstrate the ability to:

- Be dependable and punctual
- Organize and maintain files in both physical and digital form
- Analyze data
- Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Maintain confidentiality

**QUALIFICATIONS** The employee must meet the minimum qualifications:

- 18 years or older
- High school diploma or equivalent required; Associate's or Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Accounting or related field preferred
- 2-3 years' experience in office administration, coordination, or related administrative support roles
- Previous experience in a government or public sector setting is preferred



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**PHYSICAL/MENTAL**

To perform essential job functions, the employee is required to talk, hear, use hands, sit for significant periods of time, occasionally lift or move objects up to 25 pounds, read and distinguish colors on maps and/or other documents.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee may encounter while performing essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential job functions. The work environment involves work performance in primarily an indoor office setting.

**EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I acknowledge that this is an accurate and fair description of my position. The job description is meant as a summary of the primarily responsibilities of the position. The Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Township Administrator and Executive Assistant, reserve the right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities at any time as needed.

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Employee Signature

Printed Name

Date

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Witness Signature

Printed Name

Date





# BATH TOWNSHIP DONATION APPLICATION

**Complete if the application is on behalf of an individual.**

Check box for Anonymous Donations

Name of Individual or Contact: Anonymous

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete if the application is on behalf of an entity.**

Check box for Anonymous Donations

Name of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual making application on behalf of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Financial Donation(s) to Bath Township: \$25,000

Description of Non-Financial Donation: Donation for BCP Playground Upgrade

Date of Donation(s): June 13, 2025

If the donation(s) is for any specific purpose, provide an explanation of the purpose(s) for which the donation(s) is being made: Donation made in memory of George Goodrich- BCP

Playground upgrade.

*\*If additional space is needed, please attach additional sheets with this information to this form.*

Purpose of Entity: If commercial, please provide a description of the nature of the commercial enterprise(s) of the entity. If Not-For-Profit, please provide a description of the charitable causes supported:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_



# BATH TOWNSHIP DONATION APPLICATION

All grants/donations must be preapproved in writing by the Board of Trustees and the Board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift for any reason.

## Complete if the application is on behalf of an individual.

Check box for Anonymous Donations

Name of Individual or Contact: Dorothy Lepp

Address: 2116 Jennifer Street

City: Akron

State: OH

Zip: 44313

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Complete if the application is on behalf of an entity.

Check box for Anonymous Donations

Name of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual making application on behalf of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Financial Donation(s) to Bath Township: \$100

Description of Non-Financial Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Donation(s): 5/16/25

If the donation(s) is for any specific purpose, provide an explanation of the purpose(s) for which the donation(s) is being made: In memory of Nancy Elwell Powers.

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## Complete if the application is on behalf of an individual.

Check box for Anonymous Donations

Name of Individual or Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Complete if the application is on behalf of an entity.

Check box for Anonymous Donations

Name of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual making application on behalf of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Financial Donation(s) to Bath Township: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Non-Financial Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Donation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If the donation(s) is for any specific purpose, provide an explanation of the purpose(s) for which the donation(s) is being made:

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May 20, 2025

William Funk  
Planning Director & Zoning Inspector  
Bath Township  
3864 West Bath Road  
Akron, Ohio 44333

**RE: Amendment 1 for the  
Bath Community Park Master Plan  
Environmental Design Group No. 24-00656-01P**

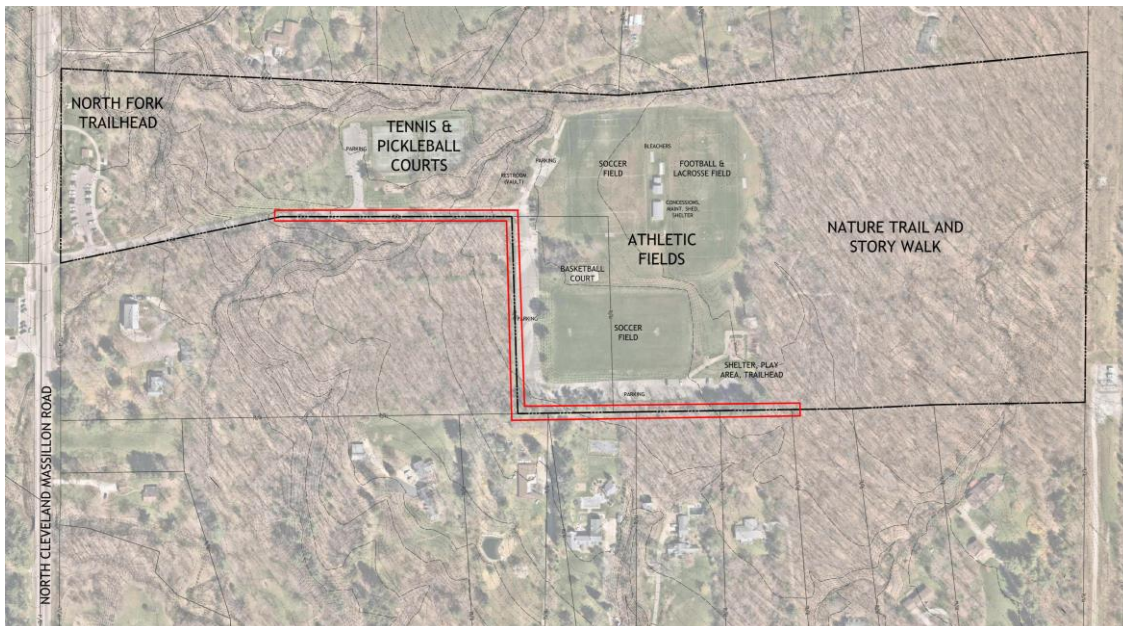
Dear Mr. Funk,

With the recent revisions to the above-referenced project, please find here **Amendment #1 to the Agreement between Bath Township (Client) and Environmental Design Group, LLC dated December 4, 2024**. The following items are changes made since the submittal of the master plan and opinion of probable construction costs, which complete the scope of work outline in our previous agreement. This amendment adds a limited boundary survey to help determine options to address stormwater drainage on the southwest corner of the site.

## SCOPE OF SERVICES

### Phase 4: Existing Parking Lot Property Boundary Pin Location

Environmental Design Group will provide additional site survey work to locate and stake the existing property boundary pins along the entrance drive and parking lot western and southern sides adjacent to residential parcels. The extents of work shown circled in red are the result of an agreement by email on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with Jeff France, Parks Director.



*The community impact people.*

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The above work will be executed on a **time-and-expense basis** not to exceed **\$2,000.00**. Therefore, the total contract amount will be adjusted from a time-and-expense basis not to exceed of \$21,420.00 to \$23,420.00. All previously agreed-upon terms and conditions still apply.

All assumptions and exclusions from the original referenced contract apply to this scope of services.

If this change is satisfactory, you may authorize Environmental Design Group to proceed at once by signing one (1) copy of this letter and returning it to Environmental Design Group. If there is a need for clarification, please contact me at (614) 735-5672.

Sincerely,



Stefanie Smith, AIA, LEED AP BD+C  
Technical Director



Steven Kolarik, PLA, ASLA  
Associate Project Manager

ACCEPTED: **Bath Township**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

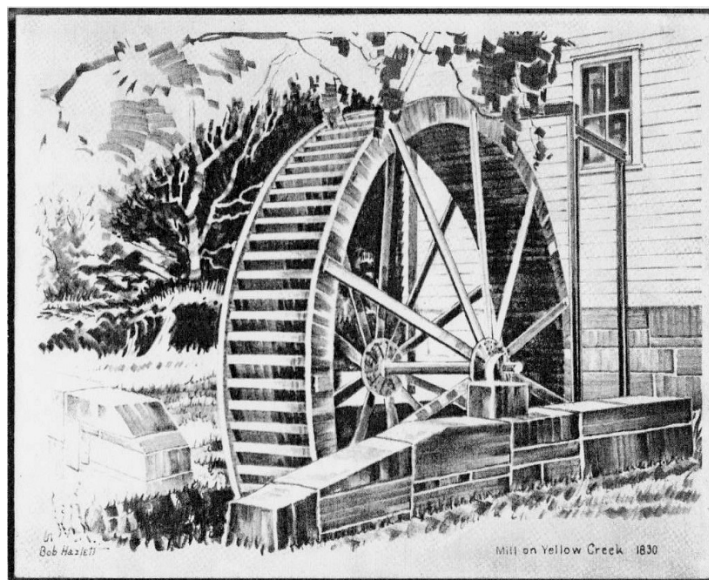
# Heritage Corridors of Bath, An Ohio Scenic Byway

2025

Bath Township

Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

Ohio Department of Transportation



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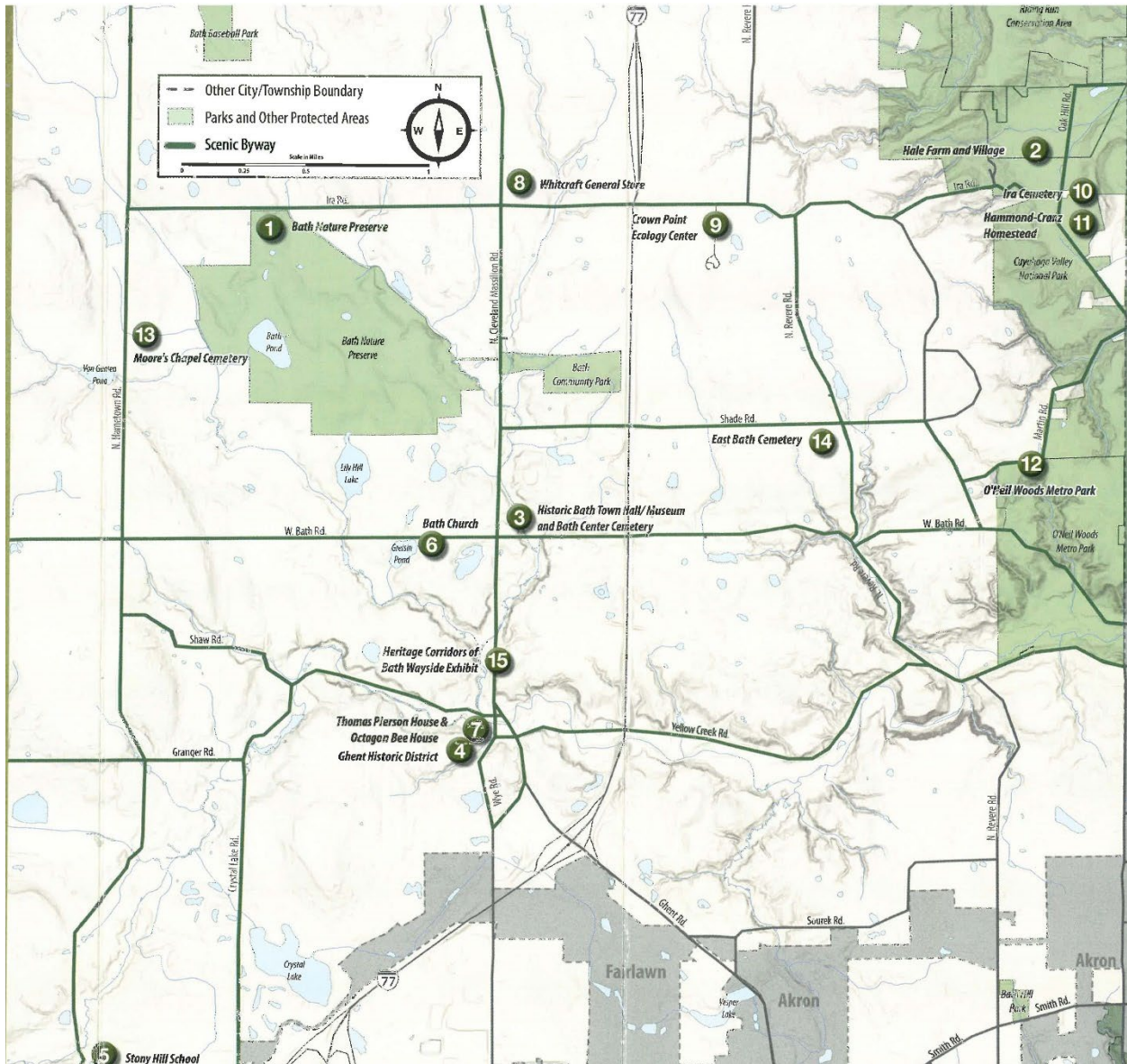
## **I. INTRODUCTION AND MAP**

### **A. Designation Summary**

The Heritage Corridors of Bath is the story of Ohio's Western Reserve. In the early nineteenth century, settlers from Connecticut built homes and mills, and established farms and hamlets reminiscent of their New England origins. The byway passes through these hamlets, traverses streams, weaves along hillsides and offers vistas across farm land dotted with barns.

In 2000, the Bath Scenic Byway Task Force received designation from the Ohio Department of Transportation for 34.5 miles of scenic and historic byway along twelve roads, now known as the Heritage Corridors of Bath. A Corridor Management Plan was published in 2001. Subsequently new roads and sections of previously designated roads were added to the byway, resulting in a total of 39 miles of byway, that now includes fourteen roads. A Corridor Management Plan Addendum was adopted in 2007 and 2020.

## B. Byway Route Map



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bath Nature Preserve</li> <li>2. Hale Farm and Village</li> <li>3. Historic Bath Town Hall/Museum<br/>Bath Center Cemetery</li> <li>4. Ghent Historic District</li> <li>5. Stony Hill School</li> <li>6. Bath Church</li> <li>7. Thomas Pierson House and<br/>Octagon Bee House</li> <li>8. Whitcraft General Store</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Crown Point Ecology Center</li> <li>10. Ira Cemetery</li> <li>11. Hammond-Cranz Homestead</li> <li>12. O'Neil Woods Metro Parks</li> <li>13. Moore's Chapel Cemetery</li> <li>14. East Bath Cemetery</li> <li>15. Heritage Corridors of Bath<br/>Wayside Exhibit</li> </ol> |
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## **II. BYWAY STRATEGIC PLAN:**

### **A. Vision and Mission**

#### **Vision:**

The vision of the corridor is to protect the scenic rural views that have come to characterize Bath Township for future generations. And by also promoting and preserving our unique heritage as part of the Western Reserve, we wish to provide an enriching and pleasurable experience for those who travel the byway.

#### **Mission:**

1. To preserve and enhance the rural character, scenic beauty and historic legacy of the Heritage Corridors for future generations.
2. To enhance the appearance of the Cleveland-Massillon Road corridor and in particular, the character of the hamlets of Ghent, Bath Center and Hammond's Corners.
3. To guide future development so that it preserves natural areas, protects view sheds and riparian corridors and creates an architectural and landscape image in concert with the rural character of Bath.
4. To promote the preservation of rural landscape features on both public and private property.
5. To encourage the enjoyment and safe use of the corridors by pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians and motorized travelers.

### **B. Accomplishments since last CMP**

#### **New accomplishments include:**

- Addition of an observation deck overlooking Yellow Creek at the Wayside Exhibit-2025
- Heritage Barns of Bath Trail Information Board at the Wayside Exhibit-2025
- Heritage Barns of Bath Trail opened-2024
- Quilt competition winner is featured on the Western Reserve Playhouse-2024
- A Barn Quilt was donated by BTHS to the Bath Township Historic Tool Barn-2024
- Discover Bath Barns (Brochure)-2024
- North Fork Preserve of Bath opened with 2 miles of trails-2023
- Discover the Heritage Corridors of Bath, A self-guided tour (Brochure)-2023

#### **Previous and ongoing accomplishments include:**

- Installation of landscaping improvements at the Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit-2019-2025
- Installation of Ohio Historical Marker at Bath Center Cemetery and Historic Bath Town Hall-2019
- Bicentennial Celebration-2018
- Book-Century Homes of Bath-2018
- Summit County Astronomy Club Celestial Observatory-2017 ongoing
- Celestial Clock-2024
- Bath Art Fest-2017 ongoing
- New brochure of the Heritage Corridors of Bath's historic, scenic and recreational sights-2016

- Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit with information boards featuring unique attributes of the Ohio Scenic Byway, the History of Bath, the Yellow Creek Watershed, and the Heritage Barns of Bath Trail-2016 ongoing
- Ohio Historical Marker at Ira Cemetery-2012
- Ohio Historical Marker at Moore’s Chapel Cemetery-2011
- Designation for the Ghent Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places-2010
- Annual Road Rally with the Bath Business Association-2008 ongoing
- Annual tour of Bath Township’s Heritage Corridors of Bath featuring century homes, three hamlets, historic schoolhouse, cemeteries-2006 ongoing
- Planting of trees at Hammond’s Corners reestablishing the leafy atmosphere of a crossroads hamlet-2004
- Design review of the Wye Road Bridge in Ghent with a heritage style that permits views of Yellow Creek-2003
- Installation of gateway signs placed at the three historic hamlets-2003
- An annual “Barn Social” to highlight different historic barns of Bath Township within the Heritage Corridors of Bath-2002 ongoing
- Replacement of the eroding hillside at Bath Elementary School with a barn stone retaining wall-2002
- Heritage Corridors of Bath-2002 ongoing
- Facilitated formation of the Bath Business Association-2002
- Brochure of the Heritage Corridors of Bath-2002
- Cemetery enhancements:
  - Bath Center Cemetery-2000, 2001, 2018
  - Moore’s Chapel-2002, 2003, 2006
  - Ira Cemetery-2006
  - Stony Hill Cemetery-2008
  - East Bath Cemetery-2008
- Ohio Historical Marker at Ghent Woolen Mill-2000

**C. Goals and Objectives**

Goal I: To preserve the scenic qualities

Objective	Action Plan
Pursue efforts to preserve green space through community education, township zoning, and appearance review boards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for any applicable grants to preserve and create green space.</li> <li>• Encourage the planting of native flowering shrubs and wildflowers along hillsides, stream banks, and woods within the view shed of the byway.</li> <li>• Improve the landscaping at the Ira Road entrance to the Bath Nature Preserve.</li> <li>• Work to connect walking trails to the Ohio and Erie Towpath Trail as well as connecting walking and biking paths through the township.</li> </ul>

<p>Improve the view shed of the byway by highlighting the natural qualities of it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocate overhead utility lines underground.</li> <li>• Assess the landscaping at the confluence of Ghent Road and Cleveland-Massillon Road. Work to improve the view shed at this heavily traveled entrance to the byway.</li> </ul>
<p>Improve and maintain structures along the byway.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reassess each byway road for changes in corridor condition or view shed that have occurred since its original assessment. Revise goals and generate new projects for future improvement.</li> <li>• Work with the Summit County Engineer's Office to replace aging bridges with open style architecture that improves the view shed of Yellow Creek and its tributaries. Explore other ways to promote views of streams.</li> <li>• Encourage pedestrian scale lighting in the hamlets on Cleveland- Massillon Road.</li> </ul>

Goal II: To preserve historic structures along the byway and area.

Objective	Action Plan
<p>Work to place National Register of Historic Places plaques on registered structures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work to achieve National Register of Historic Places designation for the Hammond's Corners Historic District.</li> <li>• Explore ways to delineate the Ghent Historic District.</li> <li>• Encourage home and business owners to pursue National Register of Historic Places designation.</li> </ul>
<p>Support members on the byway that promote and preserve historic structures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledge home and business owners who restore and preserve historic structures.</li> <li>• Support byway farms, farm stands, and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Countryside Conservancy.</li> </ul>

Goal III: Partnerships and Community

Objective	Action Plan
<p>Support and partner with local historic organizations, local governments, organizations, state government, and local businesses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support local organizations that work to preserve historic structures and educate the community about Bath history, such as Bath Historical Society and Friends of the Regal Beagle.</li> <li>• Meet regularly with the Summit County Engineer's Office to review Heritage Corridors of Bath goals and discuss future road projects.</li> <li>• Collaborate with state byway organizations. Invite representatives from Ohio Department of Transportation to tour the byway and to share information and goals.</li> <li>• Develop a dialogue with byway business owners and the Bath Business Association to share concerns and discuss common goals.</li> <li>• Work with Ohio Department of Transportation on development of byway sign design.</li> </ul>
<p>Promote the byway and establish online presence as well as other social media platforms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain a web site to educate visitors about the scenic byway, community events, and organizations.</li> </ul>
<p>Increase awareness of Bath Township's history.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote tours, barn social and Bath Township museum display, exhibits and books.</li> </ul>
<p>Develop the North Fork Preserve for community use.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build trails on the 78 acre property.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovate the buildings for public meeting space.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Promote the preservation and enjoyment of barns in Bath Township.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage a barn trail.</li> <li>• Guide barn owners in preserving their barns.</li> <li>• Encourage barn owners to enhance the exterior of their barns by adding barn art and barn quilts.</li> <li>• Inform and educate the public about the community's heritage represented by the barn.</li> <li>• Ensure a historical record of Bath barns is kept.</li> </ul>

### **III. BYWAY ORGANIZATION**

#### **A. Structure:**

The Heritage Corridors of Bath committee exists to preserve the historic nature of Bath Township. The committee is organized by the township and made up of representatives and partners within the community.

#### **B. Committees, Representatives, Partners**

##### **Committees**

- **Heritage Corridors of Bath**
  - **Discover Bath Barns**
    - **Information and Development**
    - **Preserve and Enhance**

##### **Representatives**

- Jeff Andrew, David Axson, Barb Bailey, Pat Barb, Libby Bauman, Jackie Bennett, Kasha Brackett, Marc Braun, Laura Blanche, Sandra Brubaker, Becky Corbett, Kyle Craven, Lee Darst, Scott Eller, Dave Elzemeyer, Jenny Elzemeyer, Cindy Eitner, Sean Gaffney, Elaina Goodrich, Greg Gulish, Maureen Katanic, Clara Lamb, David Marchetta, Russel Marchetta, Phil McLean, James McClellan, Elizabeth McGrath, Dan Nelson, James Nelson, Kyle Passmore, Ellen Purduyn, John Sahl, Lisa Shaheen, Jan Shutte-Reed, Kathy Sidaway, Julie Slattery, Sandy Tomazic, Sharon Troike, Robert Wells, Torina White, Michele Whitehurst

##### **Partners**

- Bath Business Association
- Hale Farm and Village
- Bath Attractions Committee
- Bath Township Historical Society
- Summit County Astronomy Club
- Bath Art Fest
- The University of Akron Field Station
- Friends of the Regal Beagle
- Western Reserve Playhouse
- Crown Point Ecology Center
- Camp Christopher
- Bath Tour Committee
- Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee
- Akron Summit County Business Association
- Summit Historical Society

**C. Byway Leader Contact Information**

<b>Primary Contact</b>	<b>Secondary Contact</b>
Kasha Brackett HCB Committee Phone: 330-666-4007 Email: kbrackett@bathtownship.org	Elaina Goodrich HCoB Committee Phone: 330-666-4007 Email: egoodrich@bathtownship.org

**D. Level of Participation in State/Regional Byway Meetings and Trainings**

James McClellan regional byway meeting 2023

**E. Byway Leadership Succession Plan**

The committee is locally sponsored by Bath Township and will ensure the ongoing existence.

**F. Current and Future Funding Needs**

Bath Township funds the committee or requests grants and donations to carry out projects.

## **IV. BYWAY CORRIDOR CONDITIONS**

The general condition of the roads is reviewed on an annual basis. Repairs and resurfacing are completed by the Summit County Engineer's office.

### **A. Road Conditions and Future Signage Needs**

The road signs were replaced in 2019, and the byway signs are to be reviewed.

### **B. List of Primary and Secondary Intrinsic Qualities/Resources**

<b>Primary/ Secondary Intrinsic Quality</b>	<b>Site and Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
Historic	Jeremiah Lambert House and barn (c. 1838)	Built by Jeremiah and Lois Lambert, who operated a large farm on the property. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, it has been adapted for commercial use.
Historic	John Richard House (c.1838) (41.187672, -81.636667)	Built by Lewis Lane, this early Greek Revival was later owned by John Richards. It has been adapted for commercial use.
Historic	Dustin Johnson House (c.1840s) (41.188340, -81.636709)	John and Rebecca Rhodes built this house in the early 1840s. It sold to Elmus Jagger in the early 1850s; he operated a store in the home. Dustin Johnson owned the house in 1874. It is currently adapted for commercial use as a bank.
Historic	Pugh House (c.1830) (41.189873, -81.636792)	George McCloud was identified as the earliest owner of this c. 1830 house, later owned by Roy and Ruth Pugh. Roy spent his career in education as a high school teacher and administrator, influencing generations of Bath scholars. The Pughs operated an antique store adjacent to their home.
Recreation Nature Scenic	Bath Nature Preserve (1998) (41.180981, -81.650137)	This 411-acre preserve has 7.5 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails.
Nature Historic	Crown Point Ecology Center (c.1850) (41.188869, -81.619766)	Jacob Swigert built the house that is the center of the organic farm and living laboratory of ecology and sustainable land management. The 1910 historic barn is a prominent feature of the largest operating farm in the township.
Historic Culture	Hale Farm and Village (41.191830, -81.591970)	Hale Farm is a historic property of the Western Reserve Historical Society. Jonathan Hale arrived in Bath in 1810. The original brick home was built in 1825. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.
Nature Culture	Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit (41.162920, -81.636830)	A 2016 visitor center at the heart of the community. The exhibit houses informational panels on the history, watershed and sites of Bath Township.

Recreation Nature	Bath Community Park (41.178840, -81.636300)	Founded in 1968, the Bath Community Park is Bath's oldest park. It hosts a variety of nature and recreational purposes, including several picnic areas, hiking trails, soccer fields, a football field, playground and more.
Nature Recreation	University of Akron Field Station (41.188930, -81.653340)	A living laboratory for the advancement of knowledge through ecological research, education.
Nature Recreation	Summit County Astronomy Club Celestial Observatory (2018) Bath Nature Preserve (41°11'14.32"N, -81°39'.94"W)	Ten telescopes are available to view stars and planets on clear nights.
Historic	Whitcraft Store (1912 Rebuilt) (41.189112, -81.636194)	Known as the "second largest general store in the state", the Whitcraft store served Bath and the surrounding area in the late 1800s and early 1900s and was the social center of the area. The original building was built in the mid-1800s but was rebuilt after a fire in 1912.
Nature Recreation	Cuyahoga Valley National Park (41.281169, -81.567501)	The CVNP has 33,000 acres of which 800 are in Bath Township.
Historic	Rufus Randall house (c. 1860) (41.189088, -81.634748)	Built in approximately 1860, Dr. Randall, a leader at the time, resided here. He was noted for finding successful new remedies used in his medicinal practice. He was also an advocate for equal rights and reform.
Historic	Bath Memorial Park (41.168556, -81.636337)	In honor of the Bath citizens who served in the armed forces.
Historic Culture	Historic Bath Township Hall and Museum (1905) (41.169143, -81.636514)	The town hall was built in 1905 with a \$25,000 bond. The building now hosts the Bath Township Historical Society Museum. The tool barn, built in 1889, was repurposed for exhibit space.
Historic	Bath Center Cemetery (c.1820) (41.169242, -81.636443)	In 1834, the Hammond Family donated the land to the township. Within the cemetery was a Romanesque stone vault built in 1913 to store bodies during the winter when the ground was too frozen to dig graves.
Scenic Culture	Chief Logan Statue (41.179284, -81.635966)	A 20-foot-tall wooden sculpture located at Bath Community Park.
Historic	Bath Church (c.1820) (41.168149, -81.641583)	The original congregation of 1818 was a group of early settlers in the Western Reserve. They built a frame church that stood at Bath Center. The congregation moved to Ira Road c. 1842. It remained in Hammond's Corners for nearly a century. In 1949 they moved the sanctuary to its current location on Bath Rd. in Bath Center.
Historic	The Ghent Woolen Mill (1832) (41.158032, -81.638351)	The mill features an Ohio Historic Marker. The oldest known woolen mill still standing in Ohio. In its peak years, it processed 10,000 pounds of wool into finished cloth and yarn annually.
Historic	The Octagon Bee House (41.157400, -81.637164)	Built by Thomas Pierson in 1859, the unique structure housed honey bees and is truly one-of-a-kind.

Historic	Thomas Pierson house (1837) (41.157400, -81.637164)	Thomas Pierson was a grocer, a cooper, a bee keeper and a Justice of the Peace. In 1922, Dr. Robert Smith, a physician, owned the house. It has been adapted for commercial use.
Historic	Hiram Welton House and Barn (c.1850) (41.157242, -81.637357)	Returning from Indiana Hiram and Hannah built this house in Ghent. In 1856 Robert Sloan operated a blacksmith shop from the barn.
Historic	Old Ghent Christian Church (c. 1900) (41.156549, -81.635803)	The original sanctuary was built c. 1900, then the belfry, vestibule and classrooms were added. The building has been adaptively used since the 1960s.
Historic	Yellow Creek Grist and Flour Mill (41.160458, -81.649908)	Originally built in 1820, the mill burned down several times. The building was rebuilt in 1943 as Alderfer's Mill.
Recreation Nature Scenic	O'Neil Woods (1972) (41.173530, -81.594220)	A Summit Metro Park with 242 acres, developed in 1972. It is situated along Yellow Creek with a 1.8-mile walking trail. The O'Neil gambrel bank barn was built in 1944 for cattle and horses.
Historic Recreation	Western Reserve Playhouse (1886) (41.202340, -81.614110)	The early barn on this property was replaced by Ira and Louisa Underwood in 1886. In 1956 it was converted into a theater. Currently a non-profit theater group presents 8 plays annually.
Historic	Stony Hill Schoolhouse (1892) (41.08228, -81.40159)	This one-room school is one of nine original school houses in the township and is now a museum.
Historic	Moore's Chapel Cemetery (41.181510, -81.665720)	Originally the Shaw Family Cemetery. Nathan Thorp, a Revolutionary War veteran, was buried here in 1840.
Historic	Ira Cemetery (41.189400, -81.592350)	Recognized by the Ohio Historical Society, also known as the Hale, Hammond and Cranz Homestead Cemetery. Earliest burials include Mercy Piper Hale, 1829, wife of Jonathan Hale. Also buried here is Jason Hammond, 1830, Revolutionary War veteran.
Historic	Hammond-Cranz Homestead (41.288380, -81.573530)	Originally built in 1818 by Jason Hammond and expanded in 1836 by his son, Lewis. William Cranz purchased the farm in 1863. Son, Eugene Cranz, farmed the land and promoted conservation. It is the oldest documented house in the township.
Historic	East Bath Cemetery (41.175960, -81.610020)	The cemetery served families of German descent. A German Evangelical Church was once adjacent to the cemetery.
Recreation Nature Scenic	North Fork Preserve of Bath (2021)	The 78-acre preserve has 2.5 miles of hiking trails. It also has a historic home and 1927 barn.

### Three Historic Hamlets of Bath:

- Bath Center
- Ghent
- Hammond's Corner

**C. Changes in Intrinsic Qualities/Resources since last CMP**

Additions include:

A new observation deck at the Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit.

Changes include:

An addition of the Heritage Barns of Bath Trail including an information board at the Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit.

**D. Accessibility to Intrinsic Quality/Resources: Pull-Offs, Parking, Rest Areas, Visitor Amenities, etc.**

All resources, not including private homes and properties, are accessible by pull-offs or parking areas. The Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit Visitor Center is also accessible with a pull-off and a parking area.

## **V. VISITOR EXPERIENCE**

### **A. Interpretation since Designation**

The establishment of the scenic byway has allowed Bath Township to preserve its rural character and create a feeling of community pride as reflected in its historic roots. In 2018, the township celebrated a bicentennial, which amplified the values established in the Heritage Corridors of Bath.

### **B. Byway Story**

The Heritage Corridors of Bath is the story of Ohio's Western Reserve. In the early nineteenth century, settlers from Connecticut built homes and mills, and established farms and hamlets reminiscent of their New England origins. The byway passes through these hamlets, traverses streams, weaves along hillsides and offers vistas across farm land dotted with barns.

In 2000, the Bath Scenic Byway Task Force received designation from the Ohio Department of Transportation for 34.5 miles of scenic and historic byway along twelve roads, now known as the Heritage Corridors of Bath. Subsequently new roads and sections of previously designated roads were added to the byway, resulting in a total of 39 miles of byway, that now includes fourteen roads.

The newly designated Heritage Barns of Bath Trail identifies a 19-mile, nine stop, self-paced, circular trail which connects the nineteenth century rural heritage represented by numerous barns, with hamlets of Ghent, Hammond Corners and Bath Center, our parks, such as the North Fork Preserve, the Bath Nature Preserve, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Summit Metro Parks and our community groups like the Western Reserve Playhouse, Crown Point Ecology Center, and Hale Farm and Village. While the many heritage barns are featured, the traveler will be able to see several century homes, business structures and visit cemeteries while winding through areas of natural and scenic beauty.

### **C. Future Interpretation**

Review of the Byway signs to identify the 39 miles of the Heritage Corridors of Bath.

### **D. Plans for Improving Visitor Experience**

The Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit is situated along the main thoroughfare in Bath Township, north of the Ghent Historic District on Cleveland-Massillon Road. The site offers visitors an opportunity to learn about the byway, the watershed, and township history. Bath Township continues to improve the 7-acre parcel known as the Wayside Exhibit to attract visitors to the area.

### **E. Preservation**

- Historic Town Hall and Museum will feature an exhibit called the *Mills and Industries of Early Bath* in 2025. This is only one example of the annual exhibits showcased to highlight the history in the township.
- An annual tour is planned for 2025. This year Pleasant Valley is featured on the Founder's Tour.
- In the planning stage is renovation of the 1927 barn into public meeting space on the North Fork Preserve of Bath and use of the property for passive recreation.
- A summer speaker series informs the public about preservation of barns.

## **VI. MARKETING AND PROMOTION**

### **A. Current and Future Planned Marketing Activities**

- Notable annual events which gain attraction to the byway:
  - Annual exhibit highlighting the township’s history-Bath Township Museum.
  - Chillin’ on the Hill – Bath Nature Preserve
  - Spring into Nature-Bath Nature Preserve
  - Fall into Nature – Bath Nature Preserve
  - Memorial Day Observance – Veteran’s Memorial
  - Barn Social – New location each year featuring a historic barn
  - Run to the Sun – Bath Community Park and Bath Nature Preserve
  - Suns Out, Funs Out-Bath Community Park during the summer solstice
  - Bath Art Fest-Bath Community Park
  - Barn Burner 5K-North Fork Preserve
  - Historical Tour- New location each year featuring a historic area
  - Road Rally-Bath Township
  - Civil War –Hale Farm and Village
  - Made in Ohio – Hale Farm and Village
  - Wye Road Bridge Lighting-Ghent Hamlet

### **B. Recommended Products or Attachments for Media and Public Relations**

i. Short description of byway for use in publications.

The Heritage Corridors of Bath is the story of Ohio's Western Reserve. Early nineteenth century settlers from Connecticut built homes and mills and established farms and hamlets reminiscent of their New England origins. The byway passes through these hamlets, traverses streams, weaves along hillsides and offers vistas across farm land dotted with barns. All these qualities are nestled in the Cuyahoga Valley region of Ohio, highlighting some of the most beautiful qualities of the state.

ii. Seasonal digital photographs (at least 300 dpi).

See appendix.

iii. Brief description of the top 5-10 unique/authentic attractions on the byway.

#	Name	Description	GIS
1	Bath Nature Preserve	The 411-acre Bath Nature Preserve supports a diverse community of plants, animals, bugs, bacteria, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. The vibrant ponds facilitate their habitat as a crucial watershed for the Cuyahoga region.	41.181045, -81.650122
2	Bath Center Cemetery	Bath Center Cemetery was acquired in 1817 for the intended use as a burial ground and meeting house. This provided a public and religious place for residents to bury their loved ones.	41.168724, -81.636575

3	Ghent Woolen Mill	This was one of thirteen mills built in the Yellow Creek Valley to take advantage of water as an energy resource. It was built in 1832 and is the oldest standing mill in all of Ohio, retaining much of its original architectural features.	41.158041, -81.638279
4	Historic Bath Township Hall and Museum	The Bath Township Museum promotes community activities and interest in Bath's heritage through publications, exhibits/displays of the collection and programs. Furthermore, it maintains and preserves historical materials for education and research.	41.169157, -81.636472
5	Hale Farm and Village	This is a 90-acre living history museum on historic property, which is a part of the Western Reserve Historical Society. It resides within the boundaries of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. There are 34 historical structures on the property. The Hale family farm demonstrates entrepreneurship and prosperity within Bath Township. It offers self-guided tours, featuring farm animals, a heritage garden, farming, and early American craft and trade demonstrations.	41.193696, -81.592389
6	Octagon Bee House	Built by Thomas Pierson in 1859, the unique structure housed honey bees and is truly one-of-a-kind.	41.157494, -81.637485

**iv. Provide website/URL (if available) and local website/URL that manages byway.**

<http://www.bathtownship.org/>

<https://www.allthingsbath.com/heritage-corridors>

**v. Marketing contact information:**

Heritage Corridors of Bath

3864 W. Bath Road

Akron, Ohio 44333

## **VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **A. Ongoing Communication and Cooperation with Community Partners**

Partnerships are vital to the implementation of the Heritage Corridors of Bath mission. Within Bath Township, the Bath Business Association and the Bath Township Historical Society pursue goals in tandem to emphasize the mission of the Heritage Corridors of Bath.

Originally an outgrowth of a Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee focus group, the Bath Business Association has emerged as a respected and influential voice in the community. With their many contributions and sponsored events, they are a model of responsible stewardship in the hamlets. The Annual Wye Road Bridge Lighting Festival has become a popular venue for residents to celebrate the holiday season. And throughout the year, hamlet businesses take pride in their seasonal landscaping and decorations.

The Bath Township Historical Society manages the Bath Museum at the Historic Town Hall in Bath Center. Bath Township's Tour Committee hosts walking and bus tours of the township. The Discover Bath Barns Committee has contributed a monthly installment, *The Barns of Bath*, to the Bath Country Journal. The well-researched articles and accompanying photographs of the township's early barns and settlers have stimulated interest and pride in Bath's heritage. In 2023, a 52 page booklet *Discover the Heritage Corridor's of Bath, a self guided tour* was published and in 2024, a 12 page booklet *Discover Bath Barns* was printed and are available at the Museum.

### **B. Public Meeting and Public Participation Opportunities**

The Heritage Corridors of Bath meets on the second Wednesday in February, April, June, August and October. A Barn Social is held in place of the September meeting and is attended by 60-100 people each year. All meetings are publicized and open to the public.

### **C. Steps Taken to Update Byway Mission and Vision**

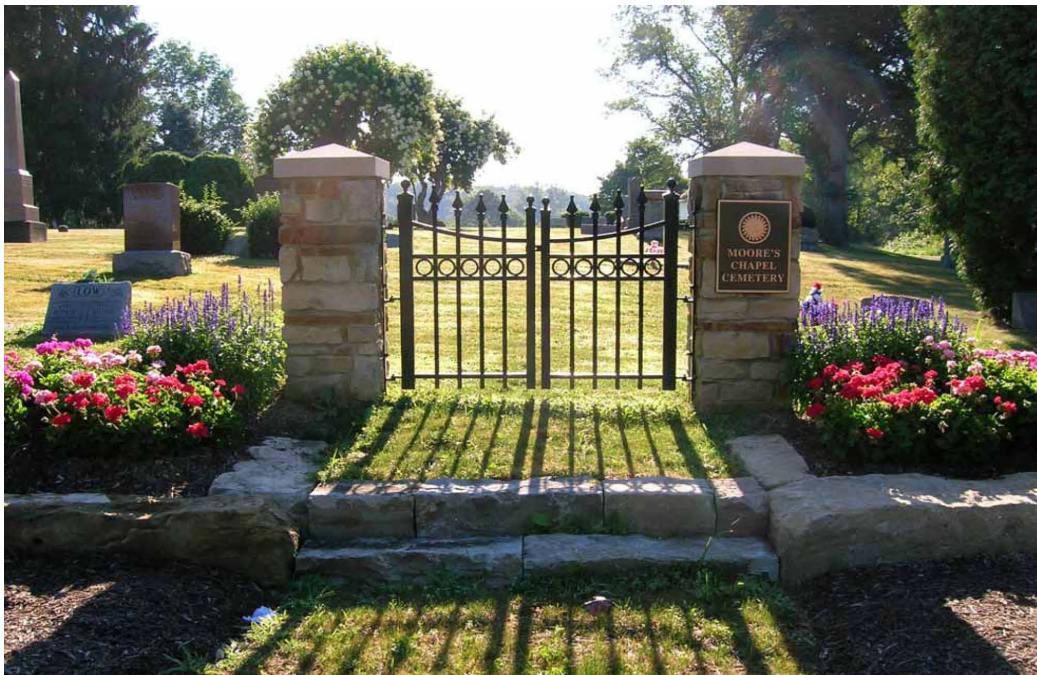
The township's Heritage Corridors of Bath spent considerable time reviewing their vision and mission when planning for the Heritage Barns of Bath Trail, which was completed in 2024, and the America 250 Celebration in 2026.

### **D. Narrative on Critical Issues and How They Will Be Addressed**

There are no critical issues.

## VIII. APPENDIX

### A. Seasonal Byway Photos







## B. Current Byway Brochure

