

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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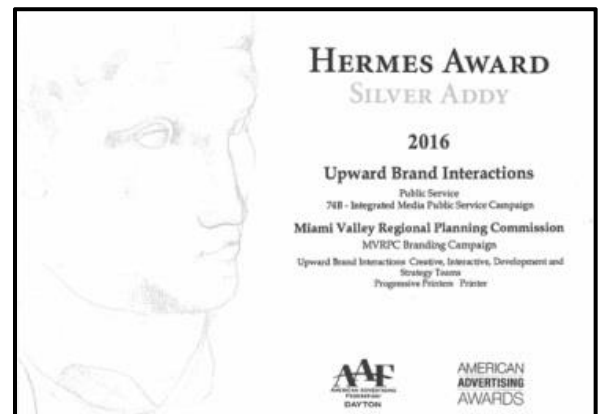
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MVRPC Hosts Emerald Ash Borer Lessons Learned

MVRPC hosted *The Emerald Ash Borer: Lessons Learned* on February 25, 2016. This session was part of our *Sustainability Roundtable* series and featured a panel made up of representatives of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, City of Oakwood, City of Springboro, Five Rivers MetroParks and WPAFB. Speakers shared a variety of strategies, including both treatment and removal of trees, and explained how they were handling such issues as budget, communications with citizens, disposal of wood, and replacement of trees. Thirty-six participants (36) signed in, representing thirteen member jurisdictions, private businesses, and citizens. Also represented were the City of Mason and the Village of Terrace Park from outside of our Region. *Sustainability Roundtables* are an opportunity for front-line experts to share expertise and best practices on issues that have both environmental and fiscal implications for our members. The *Roundtables* are advertised primarily through the members of the MVRPC Technical Advisory Committee. *Roundtables* will be offered approximately twice a year.

MVRPC Branding wins Hermes Silver Addy

Congratulations to Upward Brands Interactions, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's communications firm, for winning a Silver Addy at the 2016 Hermes Awards for the MVRPC Branding Campaign/website redesign. The campaign included a new logo, graphic elements and collateral materials. The Hermes awards are presented each year by the American Advertising Federation – Dayton Chapter. Named after a Greek god in mythology, Hermes is known as the messenger god or communication god. MVRPC's components were submitted under the "Public Service" category.



Now Seeking Your Inner Photographer

To showcase all of the Miami Valley, we are looking for area photos for the MVRPC Long Range Transportation Plan April 1st Photo Contest. You may post your photo(s) to the [MVRPC Facebook Page](#), or on Twitter with the tag [@mvrpc](#) and [#planmiamivalley](#). You will be entered into a drawing to win your choice of an annual [Link](#) bikeshare membership, a monthly [RTA](#) bus pass, or a gas card valued at \$50.

Dayton Fly-In April 11-13 to Include Alexandria, VA

The Dayton Region's Fly-In is coming up soon and there is an informative program planned. In addition to the normal Congressional Member Day on Wednesday, the economic development efforts of Alexandria will be highlighted during the Tuesday afternoon segment. In Old Town Alexandria, there will be two panel discussions after lunch on Tuesday, followed by walking tours of specific business sectors (arts, retail establishments, architecture, etc.) There will also be a walking/bus tour added to Tuesday's

afternoon agenda that focuses on connecting transit-oriented development to traditional Main Street business. Learn more at: <http://www.daytonregionflyin.com/>.

Grants & Funding Resources

On a monthly basis, MVRPC is highlighting several funding opportunities on our website that could benefit communities in the Region. We include a description, contact information and program links. We have also listed other valuable resources for finding funding opportunities.

See more at: <http://www.mvrpc.org/our-vision/planning-services/grant-and-funding-opportunities>

This month we are featuring information on:

- U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program; Deadline April 29, 2016
- Ohio Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants. The application period opens on March 15 and closes at 3:00 p.m. on June 15, 2016.

Upcoming MVRPC Meetings:

03/17/16 9:30 a.m. Technical Advisory Committee - 10 N. Ludlow St., Suite 700, Dayton, OH

03/23/16 9:30 a.m. MPO Planning Program Review Meeting – 10 N. Ludlow St., Suite 700, Dayton, OH

04/07/16 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee | 9:00 a.m. Board of Directors – 1515 S. Main St, Dayton, OH