

CHARTER

Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor Committee

1. DESIGNATION. The official designation of this committee is the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor Committee.

2. ESTABLISHMENT. The Committee was established by Division II, Title VIII, section 805, of Public Law 104-333, the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (the Act), November 12, 1996.

3. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Committee is to assist Federal, State, and local authorities and the private sector in the preparation and implementation of an integrated Corridor Management Plan for the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor. The Committee's most important role is to review the Corridor Management Plan prepared by the Ohio & Erie Canal Association.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The Committee reports to the Regional Director, Midwest Regional Office, National Park Service, who will also provide such support for the Committee as the Regional Director deems necessary.

5. MEMBERSHIP. The Committee is to be comprised of 21 members appointed by the Secretary as follows:

- (a) Four individuals, appointed by the Secretary after consideration of recommendations submitted by the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, the Akron Regional Development Board, the Stark Development Board, and the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce, who shall include one representative of business and industry from each of Ohio counties of Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark, and Tuscarawas.
- (b) One individual, appointed by the Secretary after consideration of recommendations submitted by the Director of the Ohio Department of Travel and Tourism, who is a director of a convention and tourism bureau within the corridor.
- (c) One individual, appointed by the Secretary after consideration of recommendations submitted by the Ohio Historic Preservation Officer, with knowledge and experience in the field of historic preservation.
- (d) One individual, appointed by the Secretary after consideration of recommendations submitted by the Director of the National Park Service, with knowledge and experience in the field of historic preservation.
- (e) Three individuals appointed by the Secretary after consideration of recommendations submitted by the county or metropolitan park boards in the Ohio counties of Cuyahoga, Summit, and Stark.
- (f) Eight individuals appointed by the Secretary after consideration of recommendations submitted by the county commissioners or county chief executive of the Ohio counties of Cuyahoga, Summitt, Stark and Tuscarawas, including:

- (1) from each county, one representative of the planning offices of the county; and
 - (2) from each county, one representative of a municipality in the county.
- (g) Two individuals appointed by the Secretary after consideration of recommendations submitted by the Governor of Ohio, who shall be representatives of the Directors of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Department of Transportation.
- (h) The Superintendent of the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, ex officio.

6. TERMS. Members appointed under paragraph 5(b) and 5(f)(2) above will serve 2-year terms and may not be reappointed to a consecutive term. All other members will serve 3-year terms and may be reappointed.

7. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. Members of the Committee will serve without compensation. However, while engaged in the performance of their Committee duties away from their homes or regular places of business, they will be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code, for persons employed intermittently in the Government service. Members must obtain approval from the Regional Director, or the Regional Director's designee, prior to incurring travel-related expenses.

8. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee shall be elected by the members of the Committee. The terms of the Chair and Vice Chair shall be two years.

9. VACANCY. A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which their predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term. Any member of the Committee appointed for a definite term may serve after the expiration of their term until their successor has taken office.

10. QUORUM. Eleven members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

11. MEETINGS. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the Chairperson or 11 of its members. Meetings of the Committee shall be subject to section 522(b) of Title 5, United States Code (relating to open meetings).

12. NOT TREATED AS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Although the Committee performs functions typically performed by advisory committees under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), subsection 805(i) of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 provides that the Committee shall not be treated as an advisory committee for purposes of FACA. This means that the chartering, rechartering, and other requirements of FACA do not apply to this Committee. However, to ensure that the Committee's activities are carried out consistent with the public interest, the Committee will comply with the following provisions of the General Services Administration's regulations (41 CFR Part 101-6) implementing FACA:

- a. 101-6.1021 (public participation)
- b. 101-6.1023 (closed meetings)
- c. 101-6.1025 (minutes)

13. HEARINGS. The Committee may, for the purpose of carrying out this title, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Committee considers appropriate. The Committee may not issue subpoenas or exercise any subpoena authority.

14. BYLAWS. The Committee may make such bylaws and rules, consistent with the Act, as it considers necessary to carry out its functions under the Act.

15. MEMBERS AND AGENTS. Any member or agent of the Committee, if so authorized by the Committee, may take any action which the Committee is authorized to take in accordance with the Act.

16. CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN. Upon submission of a draft Corridor Management Plan to the Committee from the management entity, the Committee shall, within 60 days, review such plan for consistency with the purposes of this title and endorse the plan or return it to the management entity for revision. Upon endorsement of the Corridor Management Plan, the Committee shall submit such plan to the Secretary for approval pursuant to section 808.

17. REVIEW OF BUDGET. The Committee shall review on an annual basis the proposed expenditures of Federal funds by the management entity for consistency with the purpose of this title and the Corridor Management Plan.

18. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS. No council or subcommittee member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest.



Secretary of the Interior

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