Helping Communities Leverage Their Outdoor Recreation Assets



Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia

ORCA is a Council of Governments created to deliver economic, social, health, environmental, and overall quality of life benefits of outdoor recreation in rural Appalachian Ohio.

MISSION

Develop outdoor recreation opportunities across governmental boundaries that create sustainable and equitable economic development, inspiring communities throughout Appalachian Ohio.

VISION

Form a collaborative entity that expands recreational opportunities within Appalachian Ohio while cultivating "a diverse, resilient, and prosperous rural economy to sustain inclusive growth.

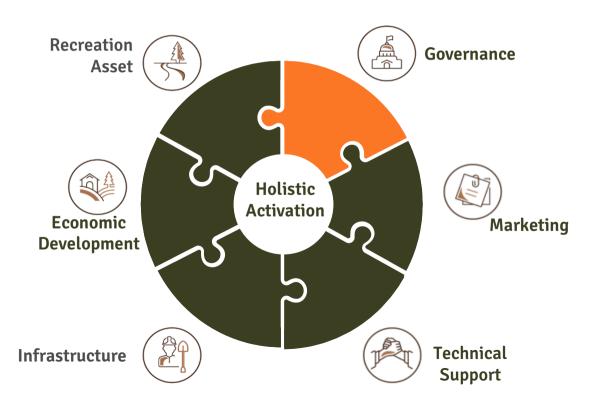
VALUES

- CommunityQuality of Life
- InnovationInclusivity
- Sustainability Shared Stewardship

STRATEGY REGIONAL INTENTIONAL **ATTRACT PUBLIC LOCAL COLLABORATION ASSET DEVELOPMENT** INVESTMENT Local Government Federal 6 local political Athens-Wayne subdivisions **Outdoor Asset** ORCA **Development BUILD** Outdoor Recreation Corporation **Private Sector** (AWOADC) LOCAL Advisory **Board** WEALTH State 19 members public, nonprofit, private sector



ORCA'S SUSTAINABLE OUTDOOR RECREATION DEVELOPMENT MODEL





Orca's Staff Has The Following Expertise:

- Planning
- Community Engagement
- Grant Writing
- Implementation
- Sustainable Maintenance
- Activation
- Marketing
- Communications

We Are Poised To Collaborate With Regional Partners And Governments.



ORCA is the permitted manager and developer of the Baileys Trail System. The Baileys Trail System will be an

88-mile premier mountain biking trail system on the Wayne National Forest to diversify

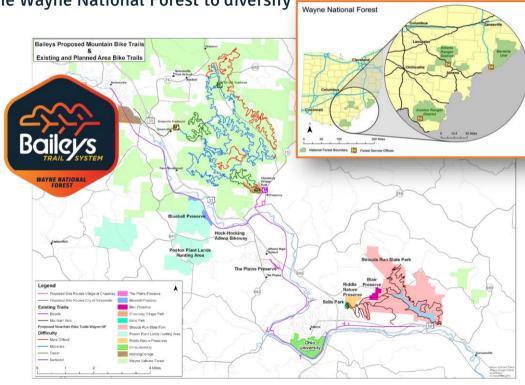
and stimulate Appalachian Ohio's economy.

THE BAILEYS TRAIL SYSTEM:

- Delivered \$3.6 MM in Direct Economic Impact in 2021 with a total economic impact of \$5.3MM
- Is Projected to Attract 180K visitors annually, by year 10
- Has 49 Miles of Trails Complete

SINCE 2020 ORCA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE SECURING LARGE-SCALE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS:

- 2021 ARC POWER Grant \$1.5 million
- 2021 State Budget Award \$2 million
- 2022 ODNR AMLER Grant \$3 million
- 2023 Appalachian Community Grant \$4 million

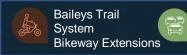


A Blank Slate Athens The Plains Chauncey Millfield Doanville Nelsonville Buchtel Jacksonville Google Earth 1 mi image Landsat / Copernicus

An Asset Based Approach to Economic Development Athens The Plains Chauncey Millfield Doanville Nelsonville Buchtel Jacksonville



Spurs Public Investment into Community Infrastructure and Improvements Athens The Plains Chauncey Millfield Doanville Nelsonville Buchtel Jacksonville



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Mine Land Remediation

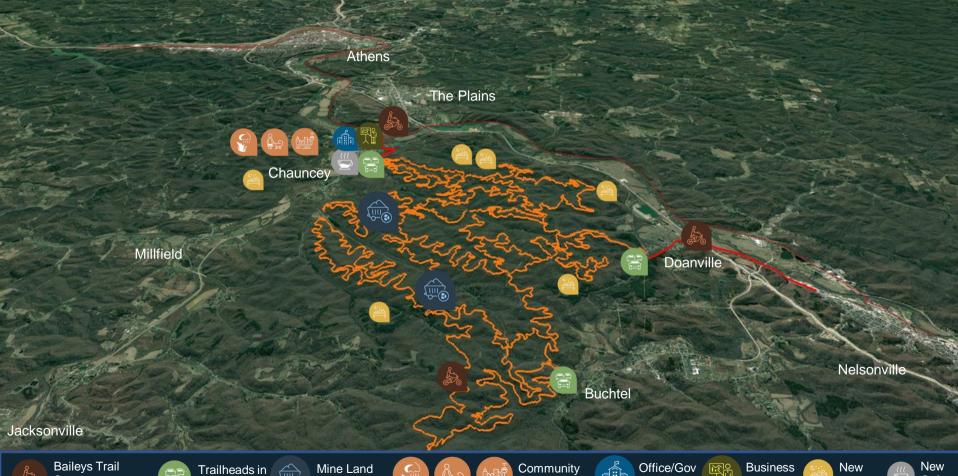






Community Improvements

Enabling the Private Sector to Build Local Wealth





Communitie

Mine Land Remediation









Space



Incubator





Realizing the Vision......



Baileys Lodging Company





Harvey & Davis Bicycles



















"Old Chauncey school buildings under renovation to host brewery, restaurant, other businesses" – The Athens Messenger 10.29.21

Replicable Model and Regional Opportunity Parkersburg, WV Coolville Strouds Run Marrietta Athens 10 mi Glouster Hocking Hills State Burr Oak State Park Park Logan Shawnee Climbing on the Put Ins on the Backcountry Buckeye Trail/ Existing: Future: Mountain Biking Ohio River Hocking River North Country Destination



ORCA's experience developing the Baileys Trail System uniquely enables us to partner throughout development with multiple disciplines like: economic development, tourism, land managers, and more across jurisdictional boundaries.

ORCA's 2021 ARC POWER grant provides funding to develop the region's first Outdoor Recreation Asset Assessment and Development Plan and host Ohio's first Outdoor Recreation Economy Conference in 2024.

We are partnering with Buckeye Hills Regional Commission for the development of this plan and planning for the Appalachian Community Grant Program. ORCA plans to serve as a 2023 Appalachian Community Grant Program lead applicant.

ORCA is also eager to explore ARC ARISE grant opportunities.

2021 ARC POWER GRANT

- 10 County Recreation Asset Assessment
- Regional Brand Support
- 2024 Ohio Recreation Economy Conference
- Regional Entrepreneur Support (ACEnet)
- Regional Internships (Rural Action)
- Wayne National Forest Marietta Unit Support (Buckeye Trail Association)
- Ohio's Winding Road Support
- ORCA Staff Funding





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