



# Ohio's Scenic Byway

## Program Guidance Summary

Ohio's Scenic Byway Program Guidance was approved by the Scenic Byway Advisory Committee on May 17, 2012. The guidance was designed to provide the criteria necessary to establish byways that promote, preserve and enhance the significant intrinsic resources of the State of Ohio. The Ohio Department of Transportation strives to maintain a quality byway program that reflects the importance of enhancing the byway's visitor experience.

How does this program guidance affect the existing byways? The existing byways will be expected to maintain a sustainable byway by completing the following:

- Maintaining a byway committee
- Maintaining a member/stakeholder list
- Maintaining a regular meeting schedule
- Review action plan – so it is clear that goals are achieved
- Public workshops and other community events
- Participation in ODOT's meetings, trainings, and conference calls
- Completion of Annual Surveys
- Completion of Corridor Management Plan Updates
- Participation in Byway trainings, workshops and webinars.

As of March 2013, byways will be required to complete annual online survey. The annual survey will be used as a tool to track the accomplishments of the program goals and the byway goals. Importantly, this survey assures that the reasons for the corridor designation are still relevant and that progress is being made towards preservation of the corridor.

All byways with a CMP older than five years will be required to update current CMP. Byways will have until June 2015 to complete update.

Any byways not completing requirements as directed will be subject to review for de-designation by ODOT. De-designation may occur with the following instances.

- The intrinsic values originally identified along the corridor have been degraded
- The minimum criteria for designation are no longer applicable
- The byway committee deteriorates and/or there is no cohesive group of citizens or local government to implement the CMP
- The land uses along the corridor change the overall character of the byway
- The committee fails to complete annual reporting and/or 5 year CMP update
- Other reasons as may be deemed appropriate by ODOT or the SBAC

The Scenic Byway Program Guidance will be reviewed as needed by the Scenic Byway Advisory Committee and ODOT.