

# NORTHWEST BULLETIN

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### \$3.25 Million in Housing Funds Received



#### Breaking News

#### CHIP HOUSING FUNDS RECEIVED

The \$3.25 million in Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) funds can be used for owner-occupied home repairs and rehabilitation activities. Landlords can also apply to repair rental properties.

Funds are still available!  
[www.mvpo.org/housing](http://www.mvpo.org/housing)

#### WILLIAMS COUNTY GETS ACTIVE

The Williams County Active Transportation Plan, adopted in February 2019 outlines strategies to encourage greater pedestrian and bicycle connectivity in the County.

Check out the plan:  
[www.mvpo.org/planning](http://www.mvpo.org/planning)

#### SURVEY OPEN FOR TRANSPORTATION

We want your input on transportation issues in the region. Take the survey at [www.mvpo.org/mt2045](http://www.mvpo.org/mt2045) and enter to win a \$25 gas gift card. The survey is open until May 1, 2019.

#### LAND BANKS CLEARING BLIGHT

The County Land Banks are making strong successes in the region by acquiring vacant and blighted residential properties, demolishing them, and returning properties to productive uses. The Williams County Land Bank worked with the Williams County Community Gardening Association in the City of Bryan to create a public, community garden (photo). Their next community garden is planned for Kunkle and will be completed this spring. Paulding County has completed 16 demolitions and Henry County has recently cleaned up an abandoned gas station property in the Village of Holgate.



# MOVING TOGETHER 2045: TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

MVPO is updating its long range transportation plan, Moving Together 2045. It is a multi-modal, comprehensive plan meant to serve as a blueprint for how the five-county region wants the transportation system to improve over time. The plan is updated every five years, and will be completed in 2020, with a horizon year of 2045. Updating the plan every five years is necessary to include ongoing and completed transportation projects, update demographic and safety data, and modify goals in order to achieve the region's vision for its transportation system.

We are asking residents to share their values and opinions regarding the regional transportation system through a public survey. Public input is integral to the planning process and will inform the plan's strategies in order to implement the best version of the region's transportation system.

Survey participants will also have the option to enter into a drawing to win a \$25 gas gift card. The survey is available on our website at [www.mvpo.org/mt2045](http://www.mvpo.org/mt2045).

MVPO can also help communities by conducting safety studies, applying for grant funding, and drafting plans for Safe Routes to School, Active Transportation, and Coordinated Transportation.



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## CDBG FUNDS AVAILABLE

Defiance, Fulton, and Williams Counties are eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation dollars for Program Year 2019. Henry and Paulding Counties will be eligible in Program Year 2020. The Allocation program supports activities for improvement of public facilities, clearance of blighted structures, and removal of barriers for accessibility.

Competitive grant programs include neighborhood revitalization, downtown revitalization, critical infrastructure, and residential public infrastructure. Applications for allocation projects are due to our office on April 8, 2019. For more information, visit [www.mvpo.org/community](http://www.mvpo.org/community).

## FULTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN 2040

MVPO is working with Fulton County to update their Comprehensive Land Use Plan. A public survey was distributed last fall and garnered hundreds of responses from residents through the County. The next step will be a series of public meetings this spring. For updates, visit [www.mvpo.org/ful2040](http://www.mvpo.org/ful2040).

