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Drover's Trail Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

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I. INTRODUCTION AND MAP

A. Byway Introduction

The Drovers' Trail Scenic Byway is in Belmont County, Ohio, and follows State Route 800 between Hendrysburg and Barnesville and State Route 147 from Barnesville to Bellaire. The byway consists of beautiful scenic vistas and features historic homes, architecture and sites located on the 37-mile stretch of road. This byway connects two other designated Scenic Byways (the Historic National Road Byway and the Ohio River Scenic Byway) and has a long history in transportation. In the 19th century it was a heavily traveled route vital to both travelers and farmers transporting goods to market. The byway began as a wide road for drovers to take their cattle to Baltimore, Maryland. Although National Road was in existence at the time, travelers were taxed by the head. Drovers were especially hard hit as they were also taxed on the animals they were transporting to market. As an alternative, the drove road was established to avoid the fees. However, droving cattle, sheep, horses, pigs, and sometimes turkeys off the main road was a hazardous life. Many animals were killed by predators or stolen by rustlers, and drovers were sometimes killed. The Drovers Trail became popular for the many droving stops for herders, including the Gladden Farm and House abode. By 1875, the railroad industry became competitive and took over the area. Many historical places are located on these state routes and were designated as a part of the scenic byway. On September 19th, 2003, the byway received its official designation as the 16th scenic byway in Ohio. Now, the Drovers Trail is home to museums, farms, and historic homes rich in culture and local heritage.

B. Byway Route Map

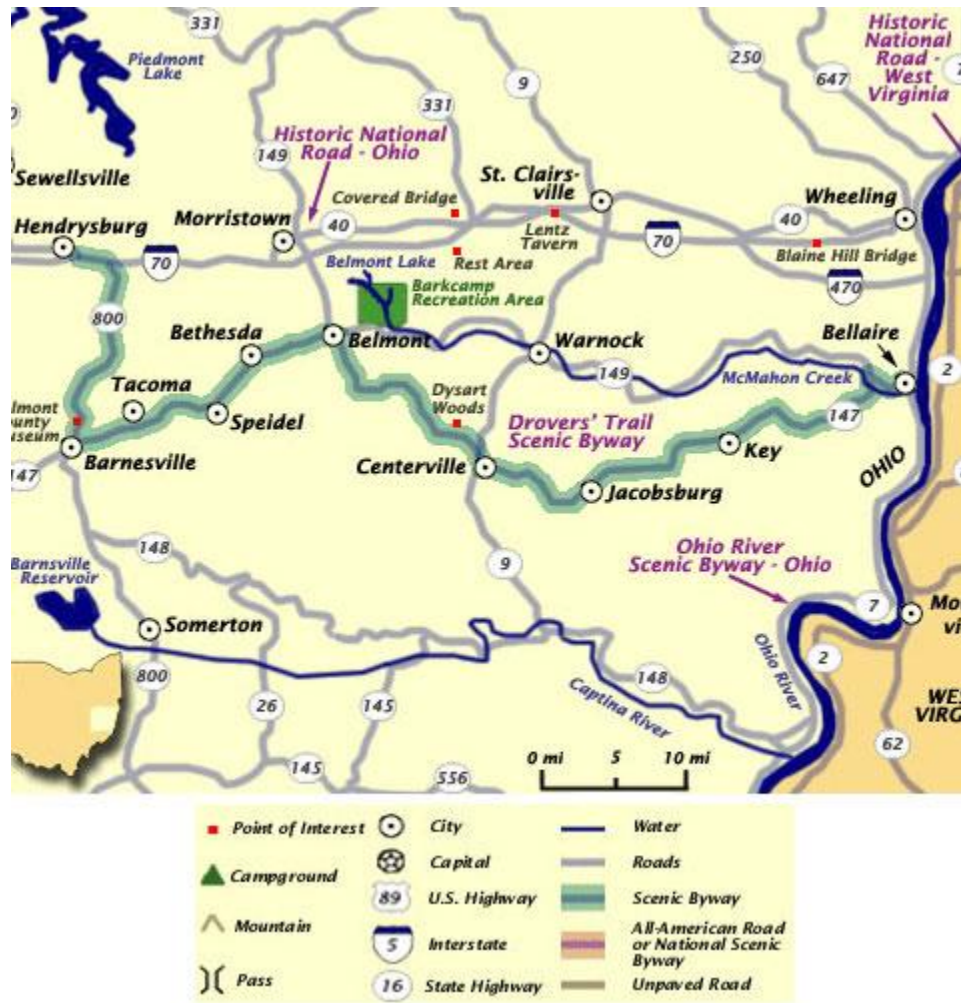


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II. BYWAY STRATEGIC PLAN: VISION, MISSION, GOALS AND ACTIONS

A. Vision and Mission

Vision:

The scenic byway of Drovers' Trail is a historic and beautiful part of Eastern Ohio. This exists to honor history and the legacy of the drovers. The committee would also like to go deeper into topics and areas that exist already such as the buildings and the history, not adding more that goes outside the area.

Mission:

- To showcase our rich history of the old Drover's Trail and the scenic beauty that is unique to our hill country.
- To guide future development of the area in such a way as to preserve the natural features of the area both public and private in such a way that will protect the natural view shed.
- To encourage the enjoyment of the byway and its attractions in a safe manner.
- To enhance the area by promotion of the attractions for the enjoyment of both visitor and local business.
- To keep the byway as a historical corridor. The byway committee would prefer to keep all the stops on the Drover's Trail to be integral to the story of the drovers.

B. Accomplishments since last CMP

Serval new values have come to the Drover's Trail Scenic Byway. The Plummer House which was previously reported to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places has had important restoration to rehab the property. No real outside changes are seen but critical interior work has added life to this 200-year-old drover's station. The Dickinson cattle company has completed total head to tail upgrades to its retail store. Major exterior and interior restoration had been in progress to the Barnesville Victorian Museum. 1835 Corn Crib on the Drovers Trail across from the Kinney Farmstead has been completely renovated. This included revamping the utility room to make sure it was structurally sound. This structure is the oldest known building on the farm stead and may have been the first drove station for livestock owned by Kinney and his family. Additionally, substantial property improvements have been made to the Kinney home itself, including upgraded electric service, geothermal system, inside wiring, and revamped kitchen and utility room all done to help ensure the longevity of the structure. Wood support work was originally installed along with the brick and mortar. This gives the structure more integrity to withstand climate and environmental changes (earthquakes, shifting from longwall mines which went underneath the property in the 2000's, etc.).

C. Goals, Objectives, and Action Plans

Goal I: Showcase the rich history of the Drovers Trail Scenic Byway in new or improved ways while promoting preservation.

Objective	Person/group responsible	Timeline	Action Plan	Funding
Update Drovers Trail brochure.	DTSBC	2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update any information that has been included in the past. • Add any new information to the brochure. • Research potential companies to produce the brochures. 	TBD
Preserve more historical structures along the byway.	DTSBC	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research prospective stops along the byway that align with the byway story. • Work with local historical societies and other groups to achieve this. 	TBD
Preserve the natural beauty of the area and maintain	DTSBC	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to maintain and preserve lands in Belmont County. • Partner with local groups and ODNR to possibly preserve more land for parks or preserves. 	N/A
To learn in more detail where actual drovers' stations were located, and the activities performed therein.	DTSBC	2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with local historical societies and groups to seek any new information about the drovers. 	N/A

Goal II: Establish better ways for visitors to access information along the byway.

Objective	Person/group responsible	Timeline	Action Plan	Funding
Create sites for kiosks along the byway.	DTSBC	2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct safety research to find ideal locations for potential kiosks, if any at all. • Investigate the cost of setting up kiosks. • Update Drovers Trail brochures to have the most relevant information for the kiosk. 	TBD

Goal III: Increase marketing and promote attraction along the byway.

Objective	Person/group responsible	Timeline	Action Plan	Funding
Enhance the area by promotion of the attractions for the enjoyment of both visitor and local business.	DTSBC	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Belmont County CVB regularly. • Maintain relationship with the CVB. • Keep up to date with community events. • Potentially connect with local businesses. 	N/A

Goal IV: Stay focused on following, revisiting, and updating the 2020-2025 CMP.

Objective	Person/group responsible	Timeline	Action Plan	Funding
Set aside time regularly to examine the CMP.	DTSBC	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the document open, meetings going, and share with community. 	N/A

III. BYWAY ORGANIZATION: STRUCTURE, COMMITTEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND PARTNERS

A. Structure:

The Drivers Trail Scenic Byways Committee represents some of the residents in Belmont County that maintain and organize byway affairs. While meetings are not held regularly, the membership of the handful of volunteers is strong and educated in the byway affairs.

B. Description of Current and Future Byway Committee Representatives, Partners and Stakeholders

Drivers Trail Scenic Byways Committee (DTSBC):

- Ron Simpson (Chairman)
- Lillian Siebieda (Co-Chairman)
- Larry Siebieda
- Rev. Kimberly Snyder (associate member)
- Harland Snyder (associate member)

Belmont County Tourism Council*

- Barb Ballint (executive director)

*All members of the Belmont County Tourism Council are also members of the DTSBC

Other stakeholders include:

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Belmont County Museum

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C. Primary and Secondary Byway Leader Contact Information

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D. Level of Participation in State/Regional Byway Meetings and Trainings

Byway meetings are usually over the phone and have not met in-person. There are also no training attendances to report.

E. Byway Leadership Succession Plan

Currently, Lillian Siebieda to be the next individual in the line of succession. Her contact information is provided above.

IV. BYWAY CORRIDOR CONDITIONS: ROADWAYS, SAFETY, INTRINSIC RESOURCES, AND ACCESSIBILITY

A. Road Conditions and Future Signage Needs

The road conditions are generally good. ODOT cares for and maintains routes 800 and 147 which comprise most of the Drovers Trail Scenic Byway and provide continuous maintenance as needed. Traffic along 147 between Barnesville and Jacobsburg is significant due to increase oil and gas truck traffic. Large may cause road deformities and congestion issues during heavy traffic periods.

i. Existing official ODOT byway signs:

All information about the existing ODOT byway signs can be found in the appendix and/or TIMS.

ii. Local byways signs:

There are no local byway signs.

iii. Interpretive signs:

See appendix.

iv. Future sign needs:

There is currently only one Drovers Trail Scenic Byway sign located at the corner of Route 3 and State Route 147. It would be ideal to have signage indicating the start of the scenic byway in Hendrysburg to the end of the trail.

B. List of Primary and Secondary Intrinsic Qualities/Resources

Primary Intrinsic Quality	Secondary Intrinsic Quality	Site & Location (GPS when available)	Description
Recreational	Natural	Egypt Valley Wildlife Area (40.115704, -81.774105)	Previously used for surface mining, the 14,300-acre area is now owned by ODNR and is open to the public for activities such as hunting, fishing, and other forms of wildlife recreation.
Historic		Dickinson Cattle Company (40.056398, -81.166370)	This is the largest registered Texas Longhorn, Blue Lingo, and Watusi cattle producer in the nation. The cattle are sold worldwide. Tours of the ranch can be made June through August.
Historic	Cultural	Victorian Mansion Museum (39.991166, -81.170342)	This 26-room mansion was constructed in the late 1800's and finished in exquisite Victorian style. Hand-carved oak fretwork and mantels represent the fine craftsmanship of the era.
Historic	Cultural	Barnesville Historic District (39.987917, -81.177116)	Originally mapped out in 1808 by the original founder, James Barnes, this part of town is roughly 40 acres and around 180 buildings. This district

			was added to the National Register on July 19, 1984.
Historic	Cultural	B&O Railroad Depot (39.988942, -81.173228)	This is the last remaining train station in Belmont County. Built in 1916, it represented a major improvement in transportation. Use was discontinued in 1961.
Cultural		Watt Center for History and the Arts (39.991593, -81.170662)	This building is an artisan center that fosters local talent and offers many classes. The office complex is beautifully preserved with the tin ceilings and original oak woodwork.
Cultural	Historic	Stillwater Meetinghouse (39.987268, -81.150680)	This was built as a house of worship in 1878. It seats roughly between 1,200-1,500 people that relates to the history of Quakerism in the area.
Cultural	Historic	Olney Friends School (39.985447, -81.150388)	Founded in 1837 by the Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, it served as a school for Quaker children. The original infrastructure was burnt down in 1910 and rebuilt. The school still offers a college preparatory education for students of a varied background.
Cultural	Historic	The Plummer House (40.002309, -81.143689)	A two-story farmhouse between Tacoma and Bob's Chevrolet that is owned by the Friends of Olney. It is not open to the public currently.
Historic		Woodside Farm (40.004438, -81.093409)	One of the few remaining farmsteads dedicated to drover use, it consists of 13 rooms with wide chimneys at each end. The upstairs bedrooms were small but comfortable for the droving crew. Visitors can still see the deep trench of the drove road and its history.
Natural	Historical	Epworth Park (40.018169, -81.078842)	Epworth Park consists of more than 60 summer cottages in an 18-acre area. This park has a beautiful, well-maintained lake and the Orrison building, a 1920s building with a working clock tower.
Historic	Cultural	Braido Sinclair Memorial Sales Display (40.025511, -81.066481)	A preservation of an old-time gas station that demonstrates when gas was sixty cents and when attendants would check the oil.
Historic	Cultural	Dr. Schooley Building (40.029253, -81.042049)	The Queen Anne style building, constructed in 1895, is on the National Register of Historic Places based on its architecture and history.
Historic	Cultural	Belmont Village Historic District (40.029064, -81.040015)	Once called Wrightstown, this historic district used to consist of small shops and Victorian and Greek Revival houses that is now listed on the National Register.
Historic		Belmont County Military Veterans Museum (40.030340, -81.038570)	The museum was established to honor all military veterans from Belmont County. The founder of Belmont, Ohio (Joseph Wright) is buried in the cemetery behind the building.

Historic		James Kinney Farm (39.997290, -80.994397)	Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this was once a drove station. This farmstead is on 57 acres, part of Country Mile Farm. The farmhouse was built in 1863 by Commissioner Kinney who was also a well-known livestock dealer and drover.
Natural	Scenic	Dysart Woods (39.982165, -81.001008)	A 51-acre tract of primeval oak forest, this is the largest known remnant of the original forest in southeastern Ohio. It is predominantly white oak and northern red oak forest.
Historic		Foreman House (39.976281, -80.965593)	Once a major drovers' hotel and cattle yards, the "Centerville Whip" has now been replaced by a modern home. The original structure where the hotel and cattle yards still exist.
Historic	Cultural	Gladden Farm and House (39.966602, -80.934797)	This is a farmstead that remains largely unchanged. The farmstead was once active with droving.
Historic	Cultural	Scatterday Barn (39.961049, -80.931872)	The Scatterday barn once served many animals before moving east. It has a unique structure with pegged planks to carry livestock across the Ohio river.
Historic	Cultural	Oakland School (39.963411, -80.931112)	Oakland School, an old one-room school, remains between the Gladden and Scatterday farms. This building is the only single-room school on the byway.
Historic		The R&J Ranch (39.971387, -80.905903)	Built in the early 1800s, the house sits on 88 acres of pasture, hay fields, and woods. With at least 7 springs and a stream on the property, the farm was used as a livestock holding site for animals to be loaded onto the O, R&W Railroad. It is now a therapeutic riding center.
Historic		Stone Wall Farm (39.990484, -80.847984)	A privately-owned 63-acre farm that offers hands-on experience of farm life, hiking trails, horseback riding, and a Dairy Farm Museum.
Cultural	Historic	South Bellaire United Methodist Church (40.007668, -80.745400)	A church that connects Drovers Trail Scenic Byway and the Ohio River Scenic Byway at SR 147 and Belmont St/Mc Cauley St.
Historic		Great Stone Viaduct (40.012540, -80.743120)	Demonstrates the development in transportation and a symbol of the boom of the railroads. It is close in proximity to the Drovers Trail.

C. Changes in Intrinsic Qualities/Resources since last CMP

- New gas and oil pads have been added along Drovers Trail at various sites.
- The Braido Memorials and Sinclair Gas Station Display added to Drovers Trail and the ODOT Story Map.

- 2018: SR147 is closed on the west side of Bellaire for a culvert replacement. Traffic is detoured onto SR149.
- 2018: After Harland and Kim toured Drovers Trail this month, they would like to note that the one room schoolhouse is in very bad condition and owned by a private owner. We do wish for it to remain on the Story Map and the CMP because it is an important feature of the byway, and still very beautiful to view from 147.
- 2018: Egypt Valley Wildlife Area was added to the Drovers Trail ODOT Story Map and CMP.
- 2018: During the driving tour of Drovers Trail we note that new construction of homes along this highway due to gas and oil. Overall good appearance of the trail. Some trees need trimmed near the west section of the trail near the culvert construction site.

D. Accessibility to Intrinsic Quality/Resources: Pull-Offs, Parking, Rest Areas, Visitor Amenities, etc.

All interpretation, Pull-Offs, and visitor amenities along with associated parking, public restrooms and amenities are to be accessible per the Americans with Disability Act. This includes accessibility for persons with mobility, hearing, sight, and cognitive impairments. The 2010 US Census revealed that at least 56.7 million or 20 percent of the US population have some level of disability, about 20 million of which are mobility impaired Americans. Therefore, for the story of the byway to be told to all, new programs and improvements need to be accessible while existing sites should have transition plans in place by those who own and maintain them.

The byway organization will have a hand improving accessibility by raising awareness about the need to remove barriers to access and by installing all interpretive signs or other improvements according to the United States Civil Rights ADA laws. For free information and guidance, please contact the Great Lakes ADA Center at 800-949-4232 (V/TTY).

V. VISITOR EXPERIENCE: INTERPRETATION, STORIES, AND PRESERVATION

A. Interpretation since Designation

The Drovers Trail Scenic Byway is unique with history and archeology from this simple era. The simple yet beautiful landscape of this area makes it attractive and successful to bring visitors in. With historic farmsteads to beautiful parks, there is a reason visitor come to this area. The area has been successful in attracting new residents for various reasons.

B. Byway Story

After approval of the "Grade Road" in 1801, the road became a favorable route for droving to Baltimore, Maryland. Hundreds of thousands of animals passed through this historical area where State Route 147 and State Route 800. Herders would drive pigs, sheep, horses, mules, hogs, and cattle. During the time of droving, the herders would stop on this trail in various spots, or drovers' stations. Droving was a dangerous task that included theft, murder, and loss of livestock to predators. This was halted in 1875 when the railroad industry became competitive and took over the area. Many historical places are contained on these state routes and was designated as a scenic byway on September 19th, 2003 and was the 16th scenic byway in Ohio. This scenic byway has a rich history in transportation and connects two other scenic highways together, being the Historic National Road and the Ohio River Scenic Byway. There are prominent intrinsic qualities of this byway. Belmont Lake is home to sandstone hills and valleys with some of the earliest settlement areas of Ohio. Belmont, Barnesville, and Bellaire were homes to some of the most unique museums and former companies of Ohio history. The Joseph Watt and Son Foundry and the Belmont County Museum all reside on this beautiful trek. All these towns and cities are home to individualistic festivals that other areas may not have. To the communities, this is a preservation of small historic events that should not be overlooked. The area of Belmont County was a popular place for immigrants to settle from Europe. The Ohio Valley was home to many Polish, German, and Scotch-Irish settlers that many families have roots with to this day.

C. Future Interpretation

The one theme of the byway is the history of the drovers. While there are many natural, scenic, and recreational intrinsic qualities, this one is the most important. Preserving the memory and evidence of what once was is crucial for the byway while still being able to share with the community. There is hoping to add more interpretive signs to the way for clarification and more information for visitors. The historic and natural qualities are the most important to preserve as they make up the byway.

D. Plans for Improving Visitor Experience

There are hopes for kiosks along the byway that provide information. This may be complicated due to the influx of traffic from hydraulic fracturing.

E. Preservation

The James Kinney Farmstead has gone through extensive improvements to keep the structural integrity while still being historic. Hydraulic fracturing can compromise some of the preservation goals of this area with the influx of large trucks and intensive use of the resources. In the future, there is hoping to further preserve the history of the byway with outside help and resources.

VI. MARKETING: PROMOTION, FEATURED ATTRACTIONS AND FUTURE PLANS

A. Current and Future Planned Marketing Activities

- March 1, 2017: Rev. Snyder asked Tom and Michael ODOT to add a National Historic Register and Ohio History Connection sign to the ODOT Story Map for each area that qualifies for this request to enhance our Story Map for the traveling public.
- 2017: The Great Stone Viaduct Society was a featured site on the Belmont County Tourism Rubberneck Tour. This may be a yearly event.
- 2018-2019: The Great Stone Viaduct Society seventh year Winter Lecture Series, partnering with the Bellaire Public Library. Lectures are free to the public. The series can be viewed online.
- 2017: The Great Stone Viaduct Society was the recipient of an "Award for Education and Public Awareness" from the Ohio History Connection.
- October 2017: The Olney school in Barnesville held their 180th homecoming celebration to celebrate its history. The school hosted a "Harvest Festival" free to the public with activities and music.
- August 26, 2017: The Belmont County Military Veterans Museum had an open house with refreshments in coordination with the Bellaire Legion Riders Post 52 during a Poker Run fundraiser along portions of Drovers Trail. \$800. was raised and donated to the museum by the Legion Riders. – Update this entry with a newer item related to 2019 promotional activities the Museum. Dedication ceremony was held for the new flagpoles representing each military branch in the Fall of 2018.
- July 8-9, 2017: The Bethesda Epworth Park Chautauqua Days Festival. The festival is scheduled this year on July 13-14, 2018.
- September 20-24, 2017: The Barnesville Pumpkin Festival held on the state routes in the historic district of Barnesville. The 2017 record King Pumpkin grown by Todd and Donna Skinner weighed in at 2,150 pounds. The Skinners set additional Ohio records in Columbus at the Ohio State Fair with a pumpkin weighing in at 1,621.5 pounds, and the Oakland Nursery in Dublin Ohio weighing 2,112 pounds. The 2018 Pumpkin Festival is September 27-30.
- November 25 through December 17, 2017: The Barnesville Victorian Mansion Museum yearly "Magic of Christmas" tour. The museum website can be viewed for other yearly events.
- 2018: The passage of House Bill 529, the Capital Appropriation Budget for 2018-2019, includes several projects in Belmont County along Drovers Trail. \$100,000 has been planned for the GSV Historic Park in Bellaire. \$20,000 has been planned for the Bethesda Epworth Park Walking Trail Project.
- April 8, 2018: The Military Veterans Museum kicks off a fundraiser to raise money to landscape the front of the museum with the centerpiece to be commercial flag poles to display all branches of the military flags.
- The BCTC created a brochure titled "Guide to Historic Landmarks of Belmont County Ohio."

B. Recommended Products or Attachments for Media and Public Relations

i. Short description of byway for use in publications.

Belmont County Tourism Council, Inc. (BCTC) plays a central role in marketing our area. Not only does BCTC maintains necessary tourist information related to the county’s locations, attraction and events. We manage a website and are very active on social media, we prepare, print and distribute brochures, pamphlets and booklets promoting our communities’ assets and their attractions and events. Several of our attractions and events are located along the Drovers Trail.

ii. Seasonal digital photographs (at least 300 dpi).

See appendix.

iii. Brief description of the top 5-10 unique/authentic attractions on the byway.

#	Name	Description	GIS
1	Victorian Mansion Museum	The Belmont County Victorian Mansion Museum is in Barnesville, Ohio, east of Bellaire. The construction began in 1888 and completed by 1893. Sitting vacant for many years, the house was then purchased by John Bradfield and Everett Hanlon. The beautiful mansion contains 26 rooms of authentic Victorian craft. The house is unique and has an individualistic touch to it. From an oak stairway, a hand-carved griffin, and original kitchen installments, it is a gem of eastern Ohio full of culture. They host many tours and have lifetime memberships that go towards the preservation of the mansion. Events are also held and includes decorating for Christmas. This occurs through Thanksgiving weekend to the third weekend in December.	GIS: 39.991166, -81.170342
2	Belmont County Military Veterans Museum	The Belmont County Military Veterans Museum honors veterans of the county and the Ohio Valley and to demonstrate their history during their service. The museum reminds the future generations that freedom is not free, at that it came at a price for those who have served us. The museum consists of a Heroes Wall Project to honor those from Belmont County and the Ohio Valley area. All the proceeds go to keeping their memories alive. They also host events for the community to promote the preservation of the museum and its artifacts even further.	GIS: 40.030340, -81.038570
3	Dysart Woods	This is a 51-acre tract of primeval oak forest, the largest known remnant of the original forest of southeastern Ohio. Mixed oak forests were predominant in this part of Ohio before extensive farming, mining, and lumbering changed the natural composition. Dysart Woods has retained the original composition of predominantly white and red oak trees that are 300-400 years old.	GIS: 39.982165, -81.001008

4	James Kinney Farmstead (Country Mile Farm)	The James Kinney Farmstead listed on the National Register of Historic Places was once a drove station. The National Register listing of 57 acres is a part of the larger tract called Country Mile Farm. The two-story brick farmhouse was built in 1863 by Belmont County Commissioner Kinney who was also a well-known livestock dealer and drover. The house features a Greek Revival style portico with Doric columns in antis. A brick summer kitchen is near the house and can be seen by appointment.	GIS: 39.997290, -80.994397
5	Watt Center for History & the Arts	Established in 1862, the Joseph Watt and Son foundry started as molding small cast irons and stoves to the creation of the self-oiling coal car wheel. It started as a small operation of the four-Watt brothers to 135 employees by 1901. In 1966, the foundry was sold to a German duo named Alfred and Arno Pass. They then began manufacturing equipment used for longwall mining. The company then moved to Washington, Pennsylvania, just Northeast of Bellaire and closed in Barnesville. It has a unique and historical mark on Ohio as well as a contributor to the Ohio Memory Project.	GIS: 39.991593, -81.170662
6	Epworth Park	Epworth Park is in Bethesda, Ohio. It is referred to as "Garden of Oaks" as well. Established in 1870, it became a spiritual fellowship, instruction, and renewable location. Beloved by many, the Camp Meeting took off and began to build the cottages between 1870 and 1900. It was so successful that individuals from all over would arrive on trains and horse-drawn carriages. By the 1900s, the Camp was taken over by the Chautauqua movement. This movement dominated rural America. This was a Methodist movement that ruled up until the 1950s, being replaced by modern movements. The park is now a place for Chautauqua Homecoming celebration in the second week of July.	GIS: 40.018169, -81.078842

iv. Provide website/URL (if available) and local website/URL that manages byway.

<http://www.belmontcountytourism.info/>

<http://www.droverstrailbyway.com>

v. Marketing contact information:

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VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: COMMUNITY PARTNERS, PUBLIC FORUMS, AND CRITICAL ISSUES

A. Ongoing Communication and Cooperation with Community Partners

The committee communicates regularly with the associate members and Belmont Tourism Council for community engagement purposes.

B. Public Meeting and Public Participation Opportunities

- August 8, 2017: Ron Simpson, Harland Snyder, and Rev. Kimberly Snyder (Barb BCTC follow up by telephone) meeting at the Red Lobster in St. Clairsville, OH.
- August 26, 2017: Harland and Rev. Kim Snyder representing Drovers Trail participated in a fundraiser motorcycle event hosted by the Bellaire Post 52 Legion Riders to benefit the Belmont Veterans Military Museum. The prior arrangements were discussed with the Drovers Trail committee in advance.
- September 19, 2017: Rev. Kim met with Tom and the GSV Society Tom ODOT guest speaker to celebrate their TAP grant.
- October 20, 2017: Rev. Kim met with Tom and Ron at the James Kinney Farmstead (Country Mile Farm) for a tour of the and visited a portion of Drovers Trail, National 40 and SR331 region of Belmont county. May also include the Piedmont Lake Rest Area.
- March 22, 2018 and March 26, 2018: Networking with Barb BCTC and the Drovers Trail committee regarding the 2018 yearly report for ODOT and other areas of interest regarding Drovers Trail.
- March 18th, 2019: Meeting with Barb Ballint regarding marketing opportunities for the Drovers Trail Scenic Byway.

The byway committee meetings are not open to the public.

C. Steps Taken to Update Byway Mission and Vision

The scenic byway of Drovers' Trail is a historic and beautiful part of Eastern Ohio. This exists to honor history and the legacy of the drovers. The committee would also like to go deeper into topics and areas that exist already such as the buildings and the history, not adding more that goes outside the area. The committee intends to explore the stories and the actual history as much as possible for the benefit of history. The byway mission is to showcase our rich history of the old Drover's Trail and the scenic beauty that is unique to our hill country. It is also to guide future development of the area in such a way as to preserve the natural features of the area both public and private in such a way that will protect the natural view shed.

D. Narrative on Critical Issues and How They Will Be Addressed

None to report.

VIII. APPENDIX

A. Ohio Byway sign inventory (Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet, GIS information formatted as latitude, longitude as per ODOT guidelines)

Existing byway signs:

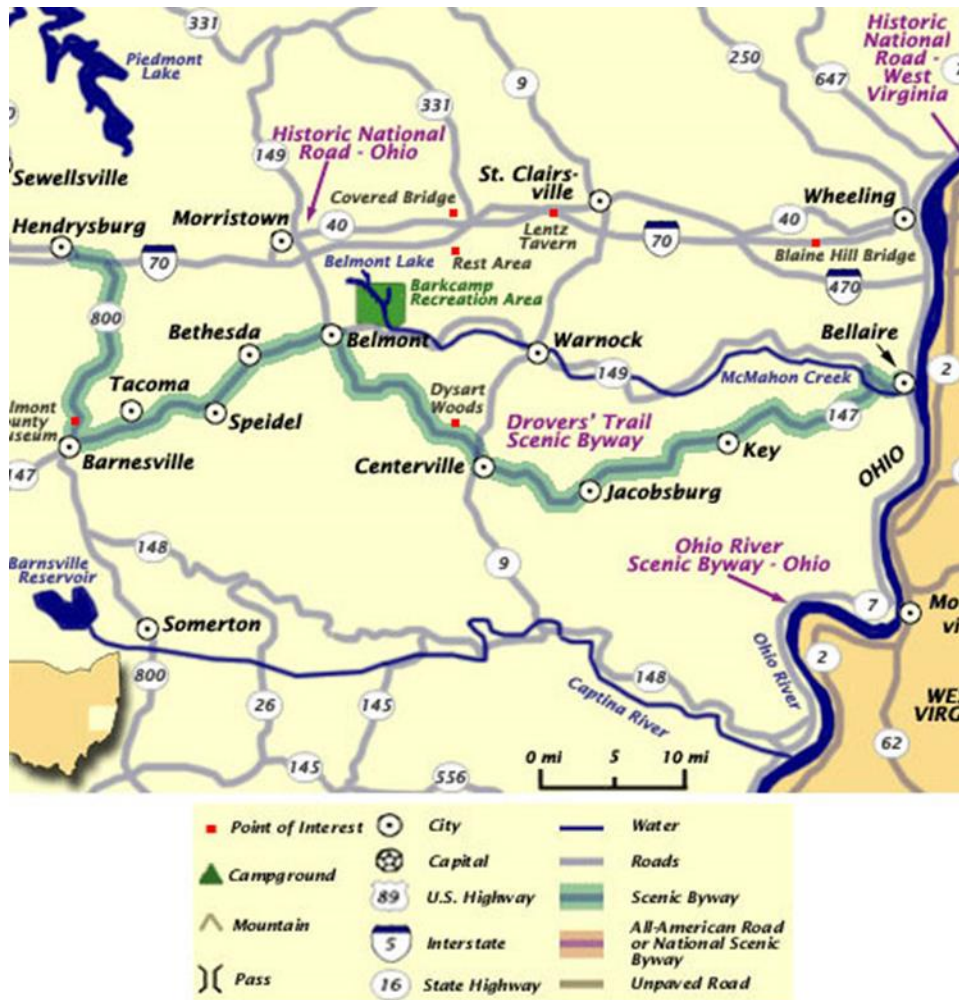
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3	DTB	Good	Barnesville	39.991677	-81.154834
4	DTB	Good	West 147	39.996921	-81.146321
5	DTB	Good	West 147 #2	40.026997	-81.049169
6	DTB	Good	East 147	40.027137	-81.047619
7	DTB	Good	East 147 Bel-Cent Road	40.020885	-81.035719
8	DTB	Good	West 147 Drovers trail	39.991163	-80.989794
9	DTB	Good	West 147 at Route 9	39.986239	-80.971339
10	DTB	Good	East 147 at Route 9	39.97562	-80.96489
11	DTB	Good	East 147 at Route 5	39.967491	-80.908019
12	DTB	Good	South Bellaire Church	40.00797	-80.745324

Interpretive signs:

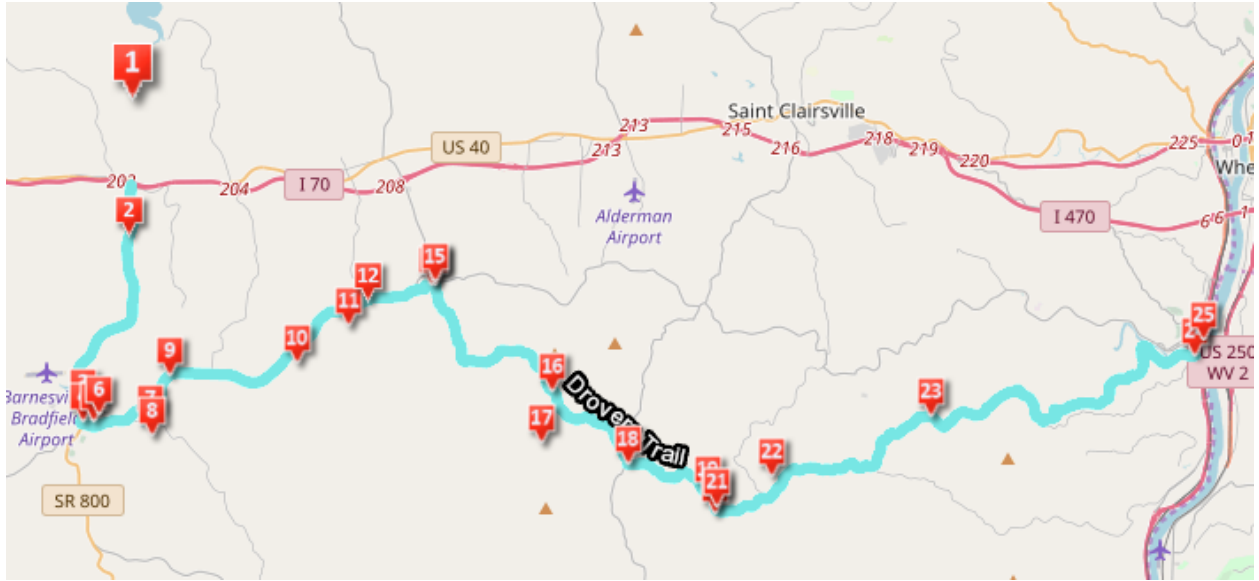
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Governor Wilson Shannon 1802-1877	39.9925890	-81.1768040
Captina African Methodist Episcopal Cemetery	39.9387960	-81.1466700

Imperial Glass – Gem of “The Glass City”	40.0140850	-80.7430310
Watt Car and Wheel Company	39.9909991	-81.1704724
The Great Stone Viaduct	40.0128140	-80.7424760
Union Square and Its Uses	40.0169450	-80.7421090
Bellaire High School Clock Tower	40.0172290	-80.7425790
Cornelius D. Battelle, Methodist Circuit Rider	40.0168320	-80.7433670

B. Most Current Byway Map



C. Maps Identifying Primary Intrinsic Quality/Resource Locations



D. *Byway Photographs- Include several images of your byway, at least one from each season.*





















Taken: February 2004





E. Marketing Materials- If applicable.

N/A