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An All – American Road National Scenic Byway



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Ohio National Road Association Presents Design Handbook Workshops

In order to assist Ohio National Road communities in enhancing the special scenic and historic qualities of the All-American Road National Scenic Byway, the Ohio National Road Association (ONRA) published their award-winning *Ohio Historic National Road Design Handbook* in 2006. In an effort to reacquaint the National Road community with the *Handbook*, four workshops have been planned in locations across the state. These Design Handbook Workshops were made possible, in part, through funding from a National Scenic Byways grant, and are being presented by Judith Williams and Tedd Hardesty, two of the *Handbook's* creators. The first event was Nov. 2011 in Columbus and the second was June 2012 in Englewood. The third workshop will take place from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon on July 19, 2012 at 627 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, OH and will be hosted by Debbie Robinson, Executive Director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitor & Convention Bureau. The final workshop will be held on August 9, 2012 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon at 205 North 5th Street in Zanesville, OH and hosted by the Zanesville/Muskingum County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The *Ohio Historic National Road Design Handbook* provides guidance for the protection, enhancement and promotion of the Historic National Road Scenic Byway in Ohio. It is written as an aid for regional planners, local government decision-makers, community activists, property owners and developers, among others, who have an interest in the National Road/U.S. 40 across the state. Whether your interest lies in promoting the byway's history, protecting its character, developing private property, or making roadway improvements, this *Handbook* provides information and resources that you can use to help guide decision-making. The *Handbook* contains architectural design guidelines, site planning, roadway and landscape guidelines and development and signage guidelines. The guidelines address such issues as building setbacks, parking areas, using landscaping and fencing to define public and private spaces, establishing buffers for incompatible development, defining local character, preserving scenic views, creating community gateways, building cluster or conservation subdivisions to preserve green space and context sensitive road and bridge construction. The *Handbook* also contains design guidelines tailored to the architectural characteristics of the numerous National Road "pike towns", and the tools, techniques and potential sources of funding to implement many of the design recommendations.

For more information about the *Handbook*, go to the ONRA web site www.ohionationalroad.org and click on the "Resources" tab on the Home page. Questions regarding the *Handbook* workshops should be addressed to Byway Coordinator Melanie Runkel, c/o Clark County-Springfield TCC, 3130 E. National Road, Springfield, OH 45505. Phone: 937.521.2129, Email mrunkel@clarkcountyohio.gov.