

DOWNTOWN MANTUA REVITALIZATION CORPORATION (a.k.a. DMRC)

Mission

Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation works with the Village of Mantua to lessen the burdens of government by engaging the citizens, civic organizations, business community and property owners to develop and implement a plan to reverse blight and improve accessibility of the historic Village to promote the health and well being of the community.

Objectives

- Make the Mantua area a welcoming destination
- Encourage residents and visitors to enjoy the Mantua area, including:
 - ~ The Headwaters Hike & Bike Trail
 - ~ Cuyahoga River
 - ~ Shops ~ Eateries ~ Parks ~ Service Providers
 - ~ Historic Architecture
 - ~ Rural Character
- Plan, secure financing, and facilitate capital improvements in the downtown Mantua commercial corridor

Benefits

Higher property values

Stronger tax base to support schools, parks, utilities, community services

More goods and services available locally; more local employment opportunities

Protection of historic assets and infrastructure investment

Considerations

Street lighting

Parking needs

Gateway areas

Utility upgrades

Gathering spaces

Signs & street furnishings

Walkways, curbs, accessibility

Connecting with river, parks, trail

Vehicular and pedestrian patterns

Activities

April – Board Meeting

May – Spring Spruce-up

June – Town Hall Meeting

July – Mantua's Art on the Hill

September – Mantua Potato Festival Participation

October – Walking Through Mantua's Past

November – Town Hall Meeting

Spring Spruce-Up

Each spring, DMRC and community volunteers lighten the load for The Village maintenance department and downtown property owners by spending a Saturday morning sprucing-up public spaces.



Town Hall Meetings

At least once each year, DMRC brings together residents, business owners, community organizations, and public officials to discuss The Village of Mantua's future. Participants have identified assets and critical issues of the area...described the ideal community...refined streetscape plans...organized local events...



Mantua Potato Festival

Every year, supporters represent DMRC in the Potato Festival parade and educate the public about Mantua's history and possible future at a festival booth.



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Scenic Cuyahoga River

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Past



Present



Future?



3rd Annual

Mantua's

July 9, 2011
10am-5pm



Each summer, on the second Saturday of July, downtown Mantua is transformed into a showcase of local talent.

High-quality artisans and craftsmen join local food vendors and musicians to entertain the public with demonstrations, children's activities, and the sale of distinctive creations.

Visitors have the opportunity to win raffle prizes donated by the artists and shop for unique gifts, while learning about local culture and attributes.

In its first year, Mantua's Art on the Hill became the most successful fundraising event for DMRC.



3rd Bi-Annual

Walking Through Mantua's Past

mid-October 2012

Every other year, downtown Mantua steps back in time to show visitors what life was like during the town's early years.

The first Walking Through Mantua's Past drew visitors from near and far to tour historic buildings, typically not open to the public, and hear costumed interpreters tell tales of yester-year.

In 2010, even more history came to life with a Civil-War-era fashion show, an old-time general store, carriage rides, stories from a whiskey peddler, and a visit from Abe Lincoln.



A Vision of Mantua's Future



Working with Akron-based E.G.&G. Inc., DMRC prepared a plan for infrastructure and streetscape improvements in the busiest areas of downtown Mantua. Current conditions were analyzed, community input collected, and concept sketches prepared. DMRC raises funds to retain consulting services and leverage grants in preparation for full-scale construction to begin within 3 years.

