Access to Opportunities and Equity

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The top 25% of the Region's aggregate income in 1980 is more concentrated in Montgomery County. The bottom 25% of aggregate income is primarily found in the urban core as well as being spread out in more rural areas of the Region.
Since 1980, the top tier of aggregate income has moved outward and further away from the urban core, to surrounding counties along the I-675 and I-75 corridors.
Where do we stand on Equity?

14 out of 102 metro regions on racial segregation

62 out of 150 metro regions on income inequality
1937 Home Owners Loan Incorporation (HOLC) Map

While HOLC was meant to help people keep their homes in the depression era, it also codified racial and class segregation for decades to come.

- A “Best”
- B “Still Desirable”
- C “Definitely Declining”
- D “Hazardous”
Miami Valley Equity Regional Profile communicates the need to address inequity across our Region and identifies important guiding principles of investing in equity.
What is Equity and why is it important?

All people, regardless of where they live, have access to the resources and opportunities that improve their quality of life.

“Studies of America’s metropolitan regions have found similar trends: metros with less income inequality and segregation and greater racial inclusion experience stronger growth, more economic resilience, and greater upward mobility.”

“The Equity Solution: Racial Inclusion Is Key to Growing a Strong New Economy”, by: Sarah Treuhaft, Justin Scoggins, and Jennifer Tran, 2014
What makes a place high in opportunity?

- Effective Transportation
- Living Wage Jobs
- Strong Educational Pathway
- Quality Healthcare
- Stable Housing
2014 Miami Valley Opportunity Map

Access to Opportunity

Higher Access
Moderate Access
Lower Access

Click on the map to view data for each indicator at the Census Tract level.
A high percentage of minorities are noticeably more isolated in the urban core and in areas with less access to opportunity.
The concentration of people in poverty is not limited to areas with limited access to opportunity.
Access to Opportunity by Poverty Status

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Our Region's Future: Guiding principles of investing in Equity

- Invest in all of the Miami Valley's people and communities.

- Promote policies and investments that address the consequences of inequity.

- Use tools and resources that break down remaining barriers to opportunity.
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- Increase the awareness of our pressing matters of racial and economic inequity
- Take collaborative action steps to ensure adequate resources and access to opportunities
Local and National Resources on Equity

MVRPC’s Miami Valley Equity Initiative provides an extensive list of resources and tools on equity. These resources are intended to help planners and policy makers become better informed on how Equity is related to specific planning and policy areas. Click on the topic areas below to view their respective tools and resources

› General
› Data
› Housing
› Transportation
› Health
› Food
› Environmental Justice
› Education
› Criminal Justice
› Neurodiversity
MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL EQUITY INITIATIVE

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) is the backbone organization for the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities.

The role of the Institute is to:

- Convene critical private, public and community partners from all sectors.
- Be the central point of coordination for a long-term, multi-faceted effort.
- Coordinate research and assemble data.
- Lead a robust community engagement process resulting in a high-level strategic plan which identifies assets, needs, resources and potential actions.
- Secure grants and alternative funding.
- Leverage the region’s resources for collective impact.
- Create the opportunities for communities and organizations to implement an ever evolving range of aligned strategies and demonstration projects.
2020 priorities for the Institute are:

• Launch the Equity Leadership Team, comprised of top-level elected officials and executives representing all sectors.

• Create a strategic plan to guide for the initiative which identifies and prioritizes needed actions and resources.

• Finalize the MOU with the Dayton Foundation which provides funding and outlines objectives for the first three years of the Institute.

• Hire a full-time Miami Valley Regional Equity Initiative Manager and a full-time Planner focused on age-friendly work.

• Form both an Age-Friendly Work Group and an Equity Work Group, comprised of representatives from all sectors with aligned interest in each topic.