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## **Local Communities support Actions to Reduce Energy MORPC seeks income-eligible households to Weatherize**

**(Columbus, OH – October 31, 2016)** The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has partnered with local communities to raise awareness on the importance of conserving energy and to better manage energy use. MORPC met with the City of Bexley, City of Grove City, City of Groveport, City of Columbus, City of New Albany, City of Upper Arlington, City of Whitehall, City of Dublin, Clinton Township, Franklin County, and Madison Township to discuss reducing energy consumption and increasing energy efficiency.

The communities acknowledged through a Resolution the need to assist in their pursuit of increasing the safety and comfort of homes while lowering energy costs; their willingness to work with MORPC to help income-eligible households participate in energy efficiency programs that provide weatherization services, heating improvements and education on energy usage to residents; and to recognize the importance of the benefits associated with energy efficiency policies, funding and programs.

“From our work, we know Central Ohio uses more energy per capita than other regions in Ohio,” states Christina O’Keeffe, MORPC Director of Energy and Air Quality. “Communities and residents can reduce energy consumption by simply turning off the light when the room is not in use, insulating their home or business, and having their furnace checked for energy efficiency.”

With cooler temperatures upon us, MORPC’s Residential Energy Program is seeking income-eligible households to weatherize. The energy efficiency services not only keep your house warmer in the winter, but will also assess related health and safety conditions such as gas leaks. Now is the time to call to get technicians out to look at your home before frigid weather hits.

Click [here](#) for more information or call 614-621-1171.

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