



Sustainability Advisory Committee Fact Sheet

Purpose:

To address important regional issues related to environmental sustainability, including air quality, water quality, local food, trails, energy, materials use, growth, and planning, for Central Ohio's local governments and their communities. These areas of focus are aligned with MORPC's structure and programs.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee is a top level committee which serves as the voice for sustainability on MORPC's Commission and advisors to MORPC's sustainability-focused programming, working groups, and committees. The Committee focuses on supporting the sustainability priorities of the MORPC member governments and its work will be integrated with MORPC's strategic plan, its public policy agenda, and the Green Pact. Flexibility is an important element of the Committee to address our member needs and emerging program areas by establishing new sub-committees as needed.

Role:

- Serve as the voice and key advisors for MORPC's sustainability-focused programming
- Advise and utilize the expertise of various sustainability working groups and committees
- Bring policy and program recommendations to MORPC's Commission
- Provide input and support key objectives of MORPC's Public Policy Agenda and Green Pact
- Establish sub-committees as needed to address emerging issues

Composition:

- 12 member minimum, with flexibility to grow as needed
- Supported by MORPC's Departments of Planning & Environment and Energy & Air Quality
- Appointed Chair and Vice-Chair (both MORPC Commission members)
 - **Chair:** Steve Stolte, Union County Commissioner
 - **Vice-Chair:** Jim Schimmer, Franklin County Director of Economic Development & Planning
- 1 appointed representative from each of the 4 working groups (typically the working group chair)
- 3 appointed representatives from Green Pact communities
- 3 appointed seats to represent diverse stakeholders in the region

Structure:

The Sustainability Advisory Committee is an official top level committee of the full MORPC Commission and is supported by four standing subcommittees (or working groups) as established by the Committee Chair and Executive Director to address key regional issue areas. Those areas include energy, air quality, food, materials use, greenways, water quality, or other working group areas as needed.

