



**GREEN PACT
MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, June 17, 2015
9:30 - 11:00 AM

Grove City, City Hall
4035 Broadway
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Participants:

Linda Rosine, Grove City
Willie Overmann, Columbus
Charlie Hottel, Franklin County
Dave Celebreeze, Columbus
Katie Wears, FSWCD
Mike Andrako, Marysville
Paul Wise, Genoa Township

Ike Stage, Grove City
Randy Bowman, Columbus
Dottie Franey, Gahanna
Albert Iosue, SWACO
Kristin Hilson, FSWCS
Clyde Seidle, Hilliard

MORPC Staff:

Claire Jennings
Amelia Costanzo
Evelyn Ebert
Sandy Sechang
Maggie Walsh

Marion Dean
David Rutter
Brandi Whetstone
Rachael Beeman

Welcome and Introductions:

Claire Jennings started the meeting by thanking Grove City for hosting the Green Pact meeting. Introductions went around the room.

SWACO'S New E-Waste Consortium Program: Albert Iosue, SWACO

SWACO will be rolling out an Electronic Waste Diversion Program that will be offered to all communities in the district. The purpose of this plan is to have a way for unwanted appliances and electronic devices to be disposed of properly without sitting in a landfill. This type of waste is the fastest growing component with more homes and businesses updating electronics ever few years, this type of waste makes up at least 5% and in the past customers had to pay to have their e-waste removed from their homes and businesses.

The comprehensive program to offer an e-waste service is set to roll out to all 41 communities. The program will offer an array of different services to choose from, enhanced reporting to the Ohio EPA, and extensive security measures.

SWACO has found that citizens want convenience in getting rid of their e-waste, whether it is direct pick-up or convenient locations to drop off their waste. SWACO has 3 different RFPs open for 3 different ways for e-waste to be picked up, SWACO wants the communities that sign up for this service to have the ability to choose the best way to serve their citizens. The first RFP is for special events, if you community wants to be able to hold an e-waste drop off site at a park for the day. The second is for a permanent centralized drop-off location. The third is for e-waste that is generated specifically by that community or business, for direct pick-up. The first two RFPs would be for services available are for the residents of the communities with the third being for the government/business entity.

This e-waste program will be rolling out in the next few months with SWACO offering the services of their attorney to assist in writing a contract that would be suitable for each individual community.

Grove City's Blue Roof: Linda Rosine, Grove City

The Grove City Safety Complex blue roof should be completed in the next month. It received funding from an Ohio EPA 2014 SWIF Grant, which was prepared in conjunction with the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District (FSWCD).

The purposes of this project were to reduce the water flow coming off the roof of the Grove City Safety Complex building and to create a rain garden as part of a patio to honor retired fire fighters. The project was to demonstrate an option of retrofitting a roof that could not handle a traditional green roof. The building has a very high pitched roof coupled with flat sections above windows, which turned out to be perfect for this blue roof solution.

Grove City reached out to Jonathan Meier of Rain Brothers, LLC to design the system. There were 3 goals of the blue roof: to slow storm water and lessen the load on the storm sewer system during a weather event; to help filter the water that is captured, and to reduce the total amount of water that makes its way into the storm sewer system.

The blue roof catches rain water in bins on the roof. This water either evaporates or slowly drains through lines running into a catch basin beneath the patio. The bins are filled with layers of stone and fabric, including expandable shale, which help filter the water before it gets to the basin. The tanks that are installed in ground can hold between 4-500 gallons of water, which can then slowly seep into the ground through perforated pipes.

The blue roof is a simple cost effective way for best management practice of storm water. No additional structural support was needed to accommodate the system. In fact, it has helped with a leakage problem that the building had prior to this project. FSWCD can also monitor how much water is being captured. There is no electricity involved in the project, no pump, and will require very little maintenance.

For any questions about the Blue Roof, please contact Jonathan Meier at Rain Brothers, LLC, either at 614-725-4663 or by email jonathan@rainbrothers.com.

Green Pact Updates:**Genoa Township**

The Township recently met with the Village Manager of Granville, who spoke about an energy buyback program with which the Village is involved. The company that runs the program will ask you to run your generator for a certain amount of time and they will pay you a monthly fee. The company will look at your generators and give you an analysis as to what your generator can do and your peak time. Anyone interested can contact Scott McMullen with Energy Curtailment Specialists out of Buffalo, New York, his number is 1-877-711-5453 ext. 291 and his email is Scott.McMullen@NRG.com

City of Marysville

The City held its first e-waste and document shredding event on April 1. They used Accurate IT, as the company based in Marysville could not accommodate the date of the event. Holding special events for e-waste and shredding works well for the City.

City of Columbus

The City is updating all its break rooms and will install dishwashers to reduce the use of plastic & paper ware. The City is has an RFP out to get a 1 megawatt solar purchase power agreement.

The City's Green Spot program is looking at the 100 top water users in the city. The top two, Ohio State and Anheuser-Busch, are already doing a lot towards greater water efficiency. They are approaching apartments and restaurants to start using more efficient spray nozzles.

The City is updating its spill prevention control countermeasure and stormwater collection plans for all facilities to be in compliance with permits. The City has a new refuse administrator, Jim Felton. The City received a grant from the Ohio EPA to conduct a test/demonstrate the use of recycled asphalt shingles and pavement. Since the City's last Green Memo was published, it received two different awards.

Franklin County

The County is working with property management and trying to install wildflower/pollinator gardens. The County is partnering with FSWCD and Beekeeper associations to put some of these gardens on roofs.

Last year the County found a lot of success through composting organic materials at their correctional facilities. The County had been using Eartha, but they have since closed and the County has nowhere to send their compost. MORPC has been facilitating a group regarding the lack of facilities to compost organic waste. The group will be wrapping up shortly and interested parties should contact Brandi Whetstone at 614.233.4174 or bwhetstone@morpc.org.

FSWCD

FSWCD will be holding its annual meeting on September 17th, and they will be celebrating backyards. The invites will be out shortly.

FSWCD's Water Quality Partnership program targets small businesses and restaurants in participating municipalities. Currently, there are 9 municipalities involved: Bexley, Canal Winchester, Franklin County, Gahanna, Hilliard, Obetz, Reynoldsburg, Upper Arlington, Westerville, and Worthington. Once a working agreement is in place, we send out a letter, pledge, and brochure with information regarding small businesses and preventing stormwater to businesses within each municipality. Businesses who make the pledge and return it to the Franklin SWCD office will then receive a letter of acknowledgement and window cling. Businesses who participate are also recognized on our website. The purpose of this program is to educate and actively engage small businesses to help prevent damage to local water sources via stormwater pollution by runoff (i.e. not allowing used, dirty water enter storm drains, using a broom instead of a hose to clean mats and sidewalks, creating a spill plan, etc.)

FSWCD's new Marketing Coordinator and Program Assistant is Katie Wears. She will also be assisting with Backyard Conservation and Water Quality Programs. You can contact her at KWears@franklinswcd.org or 614-486-9613, ext. 113.

City of Hilliard

The city has been looking for opportunities to upgrade all lights to LED lighting, have been researching ways to get some sort of rebate program to do larger scale updates.

MORPC

MORPC's [Sustaining Scioto](#) Climate Adaptation study is complete. The report will be printed and distributed to water utilities and communities across the study area.

Riverfest is currently underway. Dates for future paddles can be found [online](#).

The MORPC Air Quality team has partnered with ABC6 to create some really good PSA's on ABC 6 for Ozone and Air Quality (a few can be seen [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)). MORPC is also looking for communities and other agencies to take the [Take Five for Clean Air](#) pledge. This is a voluntary pledge that businesses, organizations and government entities can make to reduce air pollution.

The [ME3 program](#) has concluded at the end of March with 9 out of 14 facilities implementing 42 recommended improvements. The cost savings from the program was a total of 800K, with about 91K per facility. The program was customized to each facility's individual needs. Even though the program has concluded we are still looking for ideas for tools and resources to implement.

If you have any nominations for the Green Awards please email them to either Amanda McEldowney at amceldowney@morpc.org or Claire at cjennings@morpc.org. If anyone would like to host the next Green Pact or have anything they would like to highlight at the next meeting please let us know.