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NOTICE OF A MEETING
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 Liberty St., #100
Columbus, OH 43215

June 8, 2022, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

AGENDA

- 2:30 – 2:35 pm** **Welcome and Introductions** – *Ben Kessler, Chair and Laurie Jadwin, Vice Chair*
- 2:35 – 2:45 pm** **MORPC Updates: RAPID 5 and Conferences** – *William Murdock, MORPC*
- 2:45 – 2:55 pm** **Policy Update** – *Joe Garrity, MORPC*
- 2:55 – 3:15 pm** **Energy & Air Quality Working Group Recommendations on MORPC's Approach to Power Siting Issues (Action Item)** – *Matt Stephens Rich, Chair, Energy & Air Quality Working Group and Brian Filiatraut, MORPC*
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm** **Working Group/Board Updates** – *Ben Kessler, Chair*
- Central Ohio Greenways Board: *Mike Andrako*
 - Sustaining Scioto Board: *Glenn Marzluff*
 - Sustainable2050: *Laurie Jadwin*
- 3:30 – 3:45** **Legislative Toolkit and Summit on Sustainability Updates** – *Ben Kessler, Chair and Brandi Whetstone, MORPC*
- 3:45 – 4:00** **Member Updates and Other Business** – *Laurie Jadwin, Vice Chair*
- 4:00 pm** **Adjourn** – *Ben Kessler, Chair*

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or LKaufman@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

**The next Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
will be on September 28, 2022 at 2:30 pm
Details will follow.**

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Erik J. Janas
Chair

Chris Amorose Grooms
Vice Chair

Michelle Crandall
Secretary

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 8, 2022



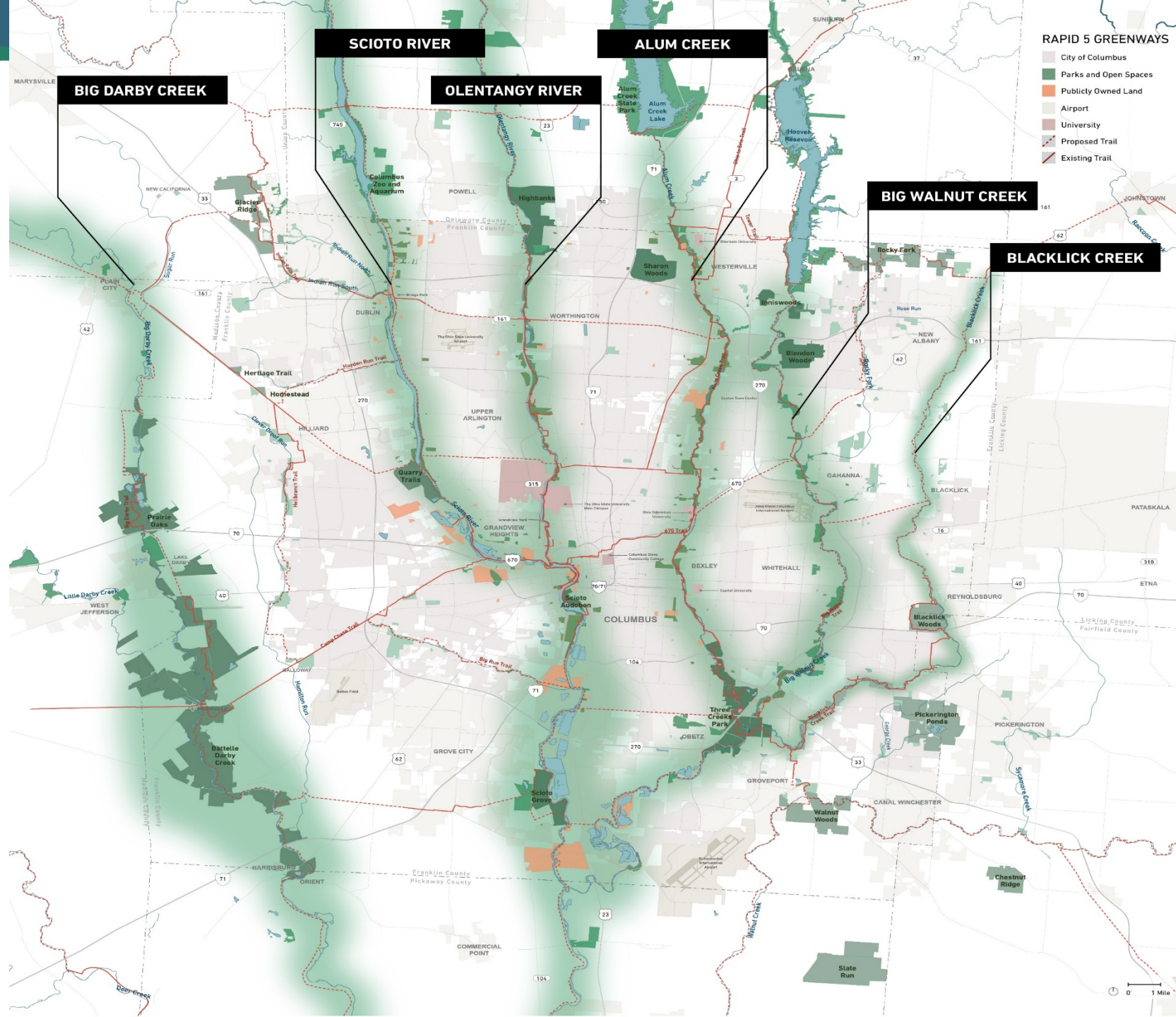
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National Association of Regional Councils 56th Annual Conference & Exhibition

*June 12-15, 2022
Columbus Hilton Downtown,
401 N High St, Columbus, OH 43215*

*Registration:
narc.org/events/annual-conference-and-exhibition/*





OHIO CONFERENCE ON FREIGHT

June 15-16, 2022

Greater Columbus Convention Center

Tickets and more information:
ohioconferenceonfreight.com

Save the date Riverfest 2022

June 11-12 | Downtown Riverfront | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

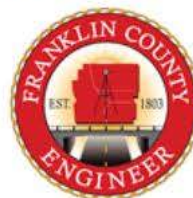
The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) in partnership with Metro Parks and RAPID 5 will celebrate Riverfest at the Columbus Arts Festival, June 11-12.

Enjoy free kayaking, paddle boarding, and canoeing for the entire family on a first come, first served basis from 11 am - 4 pm Saturday and Sunday. Safety vests will be provided.

For more information, visit www.morpc.org/riverfest



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POLICY UPDATE



Joe Garrity, MORPC

ENERGY & AIR QUALITY WORKING GROUP

MORPC's Approach to Power Siting Issues (Action Item)

Matt Stephens-Rich, EAQWG Chair

Brian Filiatraut, MORPC



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SB 52 & THE POWER SITING PROCESS:

Utility-scale Solar & Wind

- Effective as of 10/11/21
- Any Utility-scale Solar or Wind Project
 - Wind > 5 MW
 - Solar > 50 MW
- New Powers of County Commissioners (CC) & Township Trustees (TT)
 - CC can create restricted areas for solar & wind
 - Two ad hoc OPSB voting members for solar & wind projects → 1 CC & 1 TT
- MORPC counties seriously considering and or have already utilized SB 52 powers:
 - Logan, Madison, Pickaway, Union
 - Generally, ALL counties are fact-finding

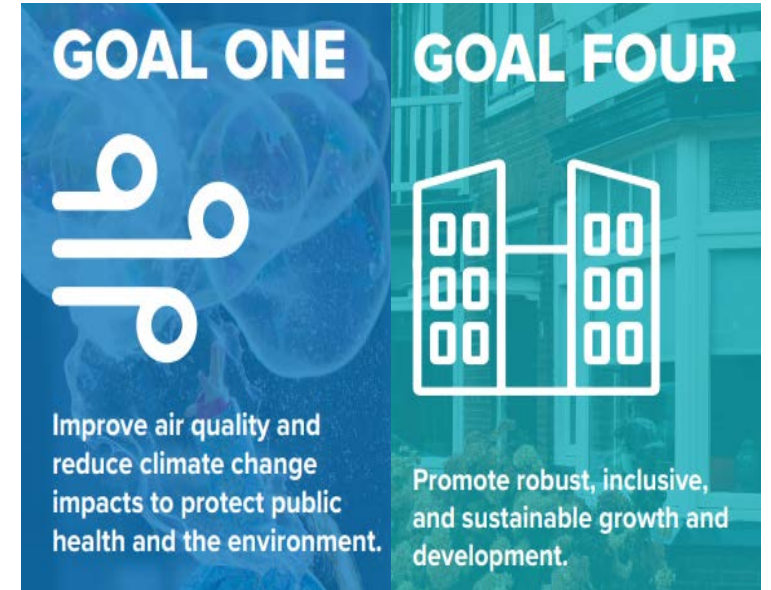


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APPROACH OF EAQWG

- Over Past Two Meetings
 - Discussed SB 52 and drafted, edited, and approved a policy resolution
- Reviewed MORPC's Regional Sustainability Agenda and Public Policy Agenda
- SB 52 Overview & Added Perspectives
 - Steve Tugend, Dale Arnold, & Zach McGuire
- Policy Roundtable Discussion
 - Land use
 - Individual / Land rights
 - Clean energy generation & climate mitigation
 - Economic opportunities

*From MORPC's
Regional Sustainability Agenda*



From MORPC's Public Policy Agenda

GOAL 3: SUSTAINABILITY

Pursue sustainability solutions that protect and conserve our natural resources and promote a diverse supply of clean, affordable, and reliable sources of energy for our growing region.

DRAFT POLICY RESOLUTION:

SB 52 Education, Engagement, & Empowerment Strategy

- **Education:** Provide resources and programs that promote understanding on power siting development at local, state, and interstate levels. Information should include, but is not limited to:
 - Community Stakeholders
 - Local businesses, educators, service organizations, industries, energy service providers, utilities, residents & other community stakeholders
 - Local Governments
 - Understand full scope of SB 52 & newly afforded local powers
 - Understand the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) provisions → school districts, local governments
- **Organization Empowerment:** Provide that MORPC be involved in power siting issues involving member local governments and communities. Participation could include, but is not limited to:
 - Policy development
 - Engagement
 - Intervention / Party of Record

MORPC Education, Engagement, & Empowerment in Power Siting Issues

Education & Engagement: Provide resources and programs that promote understanding on power siting development at local, state, and interstate levels. Information should include, but is not limited to:

Community Stakeholders:

- Providing opportunities where local business leaders, educators, service organizations, industries, energy service providers, utilities, and community stakeholders can engage in collaborative discussion concerning local energy infrastructure development.
- Understanding the variety of issues, needs, and concerns involved with power siting, and encouraging all community stakeholders to advocate their position and be involved in the process.
- Understanding guidelines set in state and federal law detailing how and when local government is given authority to approve/reject power siting proposals, and how local authority can update current planning rules and regulations to reflect the size, scope, and technical capabilities of new technologies within their jurisdiction.

Local Governments:

- Facilitating local education and engagement activities focusing on initial community involvement programs as prescribed in Sections 4906 of the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code.
- Understanding their rights and responsibilities to represent their constituents as a *Party of Record* in Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) proceedings concerning power siting within their jurisdiction. These include, but are not limited to, participation in adjudicational hearings and negotiation of stipulations and agreements establishing the basis for long-term relationships between energy service providers and communities.
- Understanding responsibilities and procedures for establishing Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) provisions, providing economic resources to school districts and county and township governments.
- Understanding guidelines set in state and federal law detailing how and when local government is given authority to approve/reject power siting proposals, and how local authority can update current planning rules and regulations to reflect the size, scope, and technical capabilities of new technologies.

Organization Empowerment: Provide that the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) be involved in power siting issues involving member local governments and communities. Participation could include, but is not limited to:

- *Policy Development:* Continue to develop and share policies and insight with member governments and communities concerning power siting for on-site, community/mercantile, and utility scale applications.
- *Empowerment:* Continue to share organization policy by providing official written comments and/or participating in hearings and regulatory workshops at regional, state, and interstate levels.
- *Intervention/Party of Record:* Explore the implications and/or pursue Intervention and Party of Record status in power siting proceedings at state and federal levels.

Matt Stephens-Rich

Chair

Energy & Air Quality Working Group

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Working Group/Board Updates

- **Central Ohio Greenways Board – Mike Andrako**
- **Sustaining Scioto Board – Glenn Marzluf**
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Central Ohio Greenways Board (Chair: Mike Andrako, P.E.)

Next meeting July 20, 2022

The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board met on May 18, 2022. The Board pushed the formation of a Nomination Committee to the next COG Board Meeting and discussed on-going projects within the working groups.

Trail Development and Partnership Working Groups: Meetings with Central Ohio communities regarding current and future trail projects are on-going. The meetings have been very informative and have assisted in identifying potential projects that may be able to be prioritized in the future. Next steps include compiling the information into a workable database that can be referenced to avoid overlapping efforts and be used to track on-going trails projects.

Marketing & Communications and Operations & Access Working Groups: The Celebrate Trails Day on April 23rd, 2022, was a big success. It was the largest Celebrate Trails Day event in the United States and experienced a lot of success by crossover efforts with Green Columbus.

The Outdoor Trails Passport in partnership with Experience Columbus was also relaunched on April 23rd. Trail pass usage spiked due to the Celebrate Trails Day event, though more ongoing promotion will be needed. Watch for media campaigns advertising the passport and the unique locations along the trails.

Part I of the Trail Town Framework project is near completion with steering committee comments submitted on May 20th. MORPC Staff have also reviewed and submitted Part II, which will be distributed to the steering committee for additional comments. The project remains on schedule to wrap up in July 2022.

Finally, the MORPC/COG proposal to complete a regional trail wayfinding strategy is still awaiting FHWA approval. This project will assist communities to plan for and implement a cohesive wayfinding strategy that unifies the COG trail network and celebrates the uniqueness of Central Ohio's communities.



Energy & Air Quality Working Group (Chair: Matt Stephens-Rich)

Next meeting: May 24, 2022

Next meeting: July 26, 2022

The Energy and Air Quality Working Group had its third meeting on May 24 introducing a draft resolution on an education, engagement, and empowerment strategy centered on SB 52 and utility-scale solar. The resolution was presented, discussed, and approved by the group. Chair Matt Stephens-Rich will present the recommendation to the Sustainability Advisory Committee on June 8 for review and approval.

In energy-related programming, MORPC is working on two solar co-ops that will be made available to its members:

- The Columbus Area Residential Solar Co-op will be open to all homeowners who live in a community located in Franklin County. The program will kick off mid-July, and more information will be available at the next Resident-based Environmental Sustainability Forum on June 22.
- The Regional Schools Energy Strategy (ReSES) will be an opportunity for schools, school districts, and local governments to purchase solar power through a power purchase agreement co-op. MORPC is in discussions with interested entities. If any local government or school leader is interested, please contact Brian Filiatraut (bfiliatraut@morpc.org).

In air quality related programming, MORPC celebrated Air Quality Awareness Week May 2-6 with daily social media posts and a video to increase awareness about MORPC's air quality forecasting and monitoring program, and solutions for improving air quality and equity. Staff made a presentation at the Air Sensors International Conference about the neighborhood level air monitoring project in partnership with Franklin County Public Health. The team is working to install PurpleAir monitors in the 43219-zip code in coordination with the North Central Area Commission and NAACP. All available monitors are committed at this time, and we will be purchasing more with additional funding from the Thriving Earth Exchange.



Sustainable2050

Next meeting: Friday, June 17, 2022

The next meeting will be on June 17, 9:30 – 11:00am at the Battelle Darby Nature Center. Metro Parks volunteered to host this meeting, and will feature the Nature Center and RAPID 5, with the theme of preserving and connecting to green space. Following the discussion will be half-mile round-trip guided walk to Big Darby Creek.

Sustainability Advisory Committee members are invited to join us.

Congratulations to the City of Lancaster for joining as the newest Sustainable2050 member. The Village of Shawnee Hills is also considering a resolution to join. MORPC encourages all members and associate members to join by passing a resolution of commitment.

Members have been encouraged to contribute examples of local sustainability-focused policies for the Local Government Legislative Toolkit. We are seeking additional support from the Sustainability Advisory Committee to provide guidance and assist with compiling model policies from communities at the local and across the country.

If your community or agency is interested in participating in Sustainable2050 or earning its Tier Status, please contact Brandi for more information at bwhetstone@morpc.org.



Sustaining Scioto Board (Chair: Glenn Marzluf)

Next Meeting: June 22, 2022

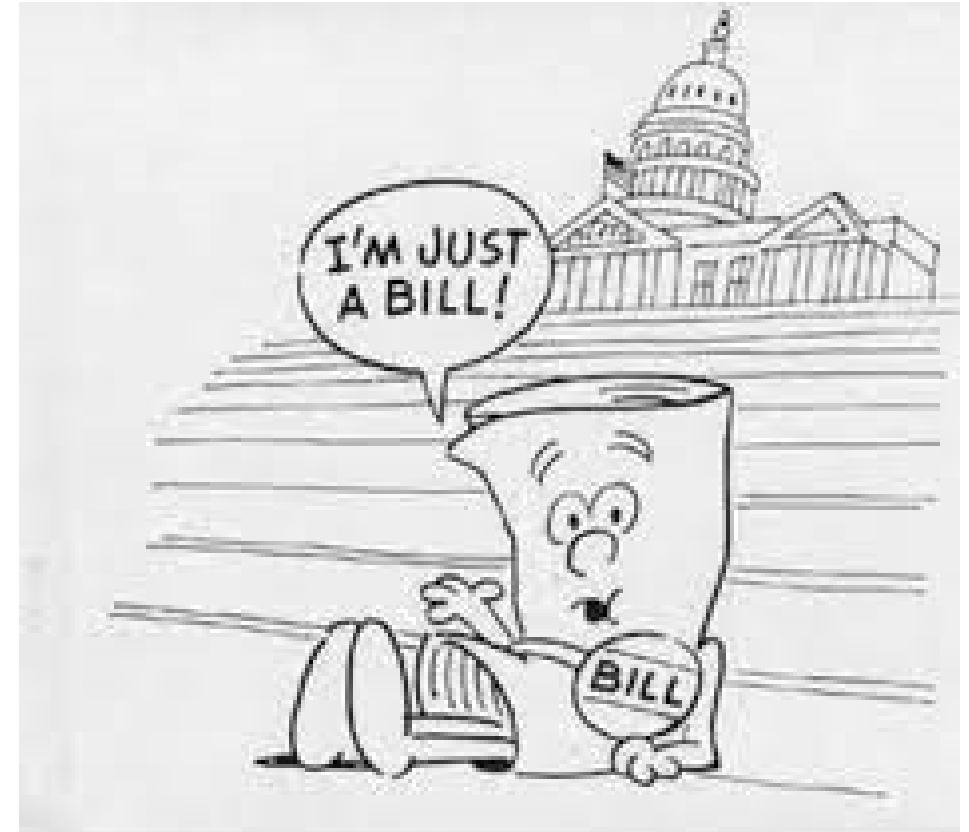
The Board met on April 27 with a featured presentation by Max Herzog of Cleveland Water Alliance on the topic of “The Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network: Organizing Communities for Credible Water Monitoring”. Mr. Herzog talked about the need for regional collaboration without losing the local impact.

Board Member Dr. Aaron Wilson, with the Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center, also presented to the group an NSF Civic Innovation & Engagement Challenge Opportunity. Dr. Wilson and his team submitted a proposal with support from MORPC, City of Columbus and other cities in the region to update precipitation guidance in Central Ohio. The Board will meet again on June 22.

Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team: The Team met on May 19. Kori Gasaway with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District presented an overview of the “Be the Change for Clean Water” program. This is a consortium of eleven soil and water conservation districts in Central Ohio with support from stakeholders focused on communication of different water quality issues with emphasis on non-point sources. Chair Brandt led discussions on farmer and non-farmer outreach programming in July and August, which will consist of a webinar and an indoor event with a focus on cover crops, incentives, and nutrient reduction, among others.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE TOOLKIT

- Compilation of sample policies to advance sustainable practices
- Local, statewide, and across the country
- Interested in supporting?
- Activities may include-
 - Monthly meeting for 2-3 months
 - Compiling examples relevant to your areas of expertise
 - Offering guidance on the organization and format



SAVE THE DATE 2022

SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABILITY *Transforming Our Region*

October 14, 2022
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Hilton Columbus Downtown



REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

Nominations Open Next Week



LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY



COLLABORATIVE ACHIEVEMENT



LEADERSHIP IN MOBILITY



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HOW CAN YOU HELP US

- Nominate and vote on Regional Sustainability Award winners
- Work with us on securing session speakers and sponsorships
- Attend and encourage your networks to attend the Summit on Sustainability



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2022 MEETING SCHEDULE



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All meetings are 2:30pm

- Wednesday, September 28
- Wednesday, December 14

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