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#### **Energy and Air Quality Working Group Meeting**

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Microsoft Teams Meeting

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 2:00pm

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome. Dale Arnold, Chair (2:00 pm)
- 2. Policy Update, Joe Garrity, MORPC (2:05 pm)
- 3. Ohio EPA Update, Erica Fetty-Davis, Ohio EPA (2:15pm)
- 4. MORPC staff updates, MORPC staff (2:20pm)
- 5. Solar Subcommittee, Craig Foster, Energility (2:35pm)
- **6. Diversity and Environmental Justice Subcommittee update**, *Nolan Rutschilling, Ohio Hospital Association* **(2:55pm)**
- 7. Adjourn (3:30pm)

Please Notify Brooke White 614-233-4168 or bwhite@morpc.org to confirm your attendance.

The next Energy and Air Quality Meeting is November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 2:00pm

The meeting will be held virtually using the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. Please contact Brooke White for assistance.



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## **Policy Update**



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Joe Garrity

Director of Government Affairs MORPC



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## **Ohio EPA Update**



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Erica Fetty-Davis

Environmental Specialist
Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control



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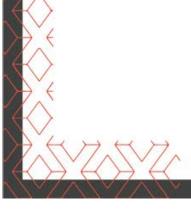
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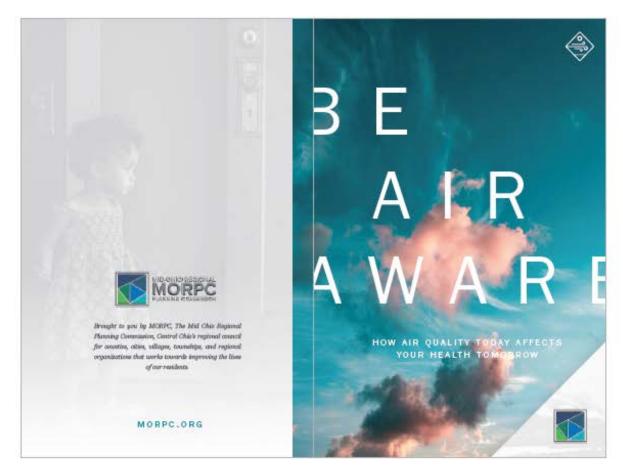


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# Solar Toolkit Subcommittee

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#### **Solar Toolkit Subcommittee**





- Central Ohio Solar Toolkit for Local Governments is published and updated as needs are identified
- MORPC's Commission approved MORPC pursuit of a SolSmart designation as a regional organization
- Will require the completion of a workbook with supporting documentation, as well as identifying and implementing additional activities as needed for designation
- Asking the EAQ Working Group to:
  - Change the name of the working group to the "Solar Working Group"
  - Direct the subcommittee to:
    - Complete the requirements of the SolSmart designation
    - Identify and propose recommendations addressing regional solar needs

#### **Craig Foster**

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**Equity Subcommittee Update** 

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## **Equity Subcommittee Update**



- Previous EAQ Working Group identified the need for a focus on equity and supported the development of an Equity Subcommittee to:
  - Identify energy and air quality equity issues
  - Propose solutions that include recommendations to MORPC's internal structures, as well as how the community is engaged for regional activities
- Building equity into the development of the subcommittee and a work plan:
  - Know What We Know: current EAQ Working Group
  - Know What We Don't Know: current EAQ Working Group can seek out answers that we know we need
  - Don't Know What We Don't Know: need to build the diversity and inclusiveness in perspectives to
    ensure this equity component
    - How are energy and air quality issues affecting typically excluded communities? Is it different between communities? What is their solution process like?
    - How is the inclusion of those voices into our processes ensured?
    - How are inclusive, successful, lasting solutions encouraged and implemented?

## **Equity Subcommittee Update**



- Current concept for developing the subcommittee:
  - Conduct outreach to increase the diversity and inclusiveness of perspectives on the EAQWG prior to convening the subcommittee (Q4 2020)
    - Increasing the perspectives prior will help us form the subcommittee in a manner that is more likely to be successful. Equity requires opening space, ceding power, etc.
  - Develop an initial roster of Equity Subcommittee members that can provide representation of traditionally underserved communities and perspectives typically excluded in planning processes and policy development (Q1 2021)
    - Initial roster will vote on a chair, vice chair and develop work plan
  - Propose recommendations that internalize diversity and community inclusion in MORPC's energy and air quality activities (Q2 2021)
    - This may include policy recommendations and other suggestions made by the Equity Subcommittee
- PROCESS GOAL: What we don't know that we don't know → what we know and what we can
  defend, support, encourage, etc.

## **Equity Subcommittee Update**



# DISCUSSION

- Are we headed in the right direction?
- Volunteers to assist in outreach?
- Other thoughts, questions, suggestions?

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