



SUSTAINABLE2050 QUARTERLY MEETING

August 15, 2024



MID-OHIO REGIONAL
MORPC
PLANNING COMMISSION

AGENDA



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WESTERVILLE

Let's talk energy

- \$100,000s saved as a community through efficiencies.
- 385.073 MWh reduced
- >\$100,000 invested in clean energy



Programs:

- BusinessWISE
- Commercial Solar Rebate
- Community Energy Savings
- EcoSmart Choice
- PowerUP for Commercial
- PowerUP for Residential
- Nest Rush Hour Rewards



Let's talk energy

- Continue current programs
- Research floating solar for the lime sludge pond.
- More EV charging stations on the way.
- Solar for WED's new office and garage space.

New Sustainability Coordinator



Let's talk water

- 100% of the sludge from water process are used as fertilizer.
- Source Water Protection Plan
- Community Backyards
- Pollinator gardens



Water
Conservation
and
Protection

Let's talk water

- Green infrastructure
 - Pervious pavers
 - Rain gardens
 - Wetlands
- Well locations.
- Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).
- Take a tour!



Save More Than Food Campaign

- Social media posts.
- New food waste drop off signs.
- Piece in Westerville e-newsletter.
- Postcards to every Westerville household.



Let's talk waste reduction



600,000 lbs.
composted



64,003 tons
recycled



339,512 HHW
items



62,802 lbs
battery, bulbs,
holiday lights



7,200 cubic
yards leaf
collection/year



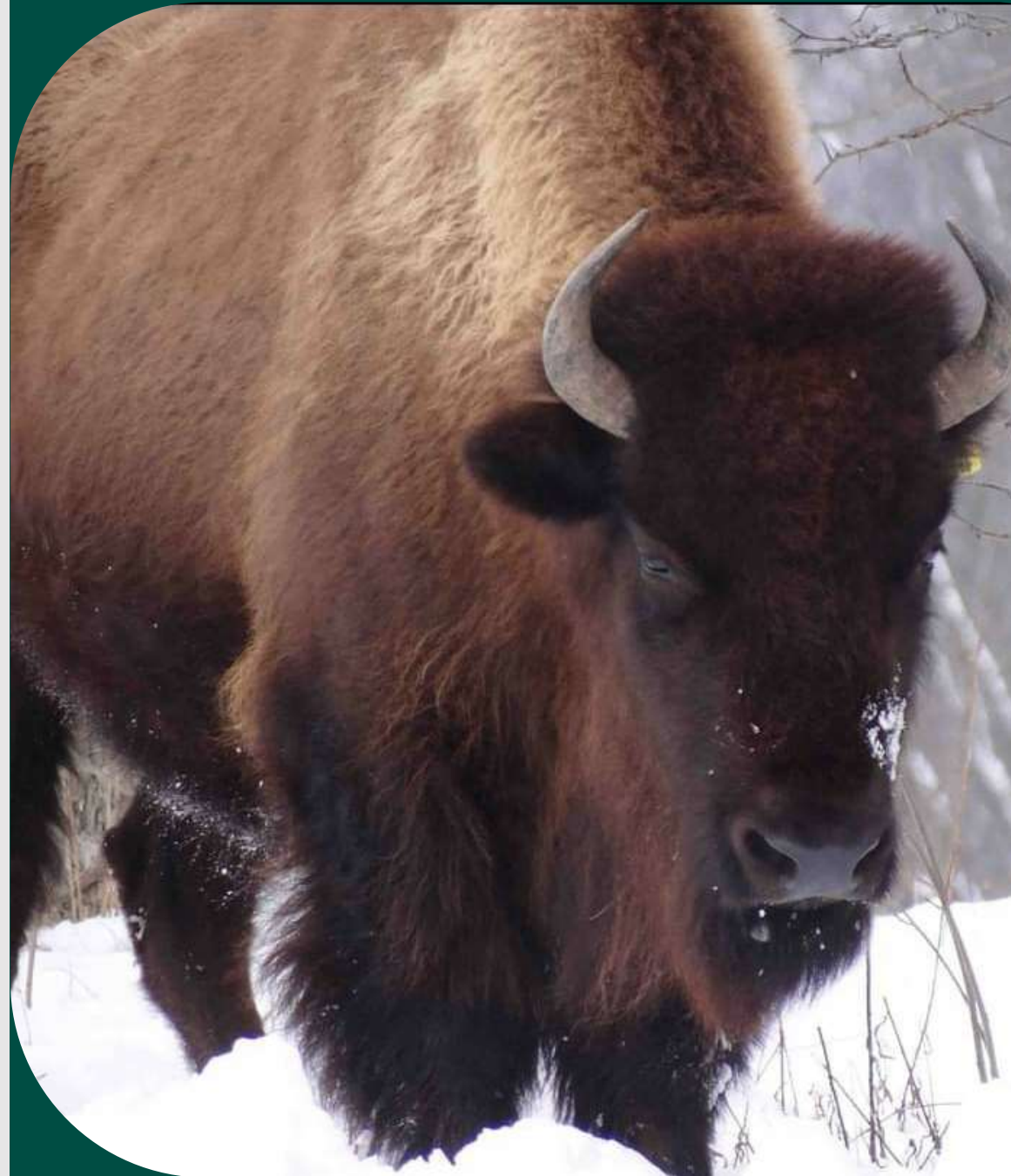
55,400 lbs
pumpkin
composted



29,410 lbs
tires recycled

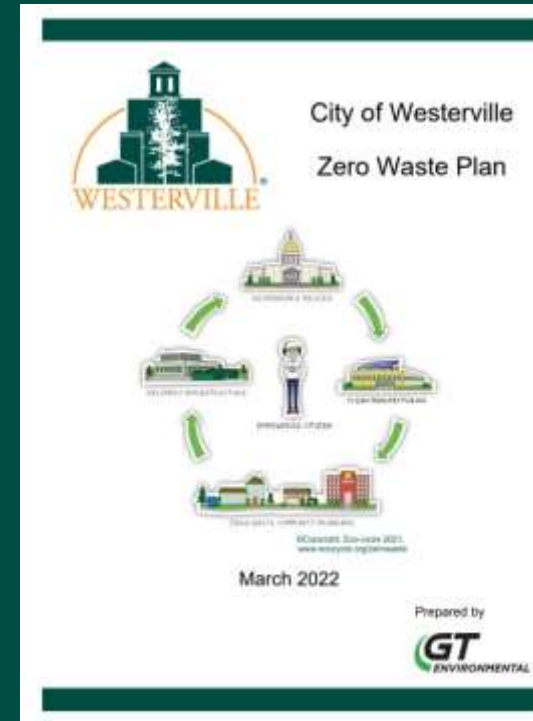


227,858 lbs
eWaste
recycled



Let's talk waste reduction

- Continue current programs
- Zero Waste Plan
 - Engaging businesses on waste reduction actions.
 - Tabling in the community.
 - Increase food waste recovery efforts
 - HHW collection days



Reduce
Reuse
Recycle



Rural Action

Thriving Communities, Healthy Environments

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Resilient Communities
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“Rural Action's mission is to build a more just economy by developing the region's assets in environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable ways.”

Program areas:

- Watershed restoration
- Environmental Education
- Sustainable Agriculture/Forestry
- Sustainable Energy
- Social Enterprise
- Zero Waste
- Workforce Development... and more!

WHERE WE WORK





Rural Action

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Our 2023 Annual Report ⇒



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GROWING BETTER TOGETHER

SAVE THE DATE

SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABILITY

October 29, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Hilton Columbus Downtown
401 North High Street | Columbus, OH 43215

REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA



Sub-committee members:

- Erin Beck, Columbus
- Elizabeth Ellman, Bexley
- Emily Goliver, Dublin
- Mike Shelton, OSU Sustainability Institute
- Scott Perry, SWACO
- Tom Johnson, Village of Somerset
- Linda Nicodemus, Licking Soil and Water Conservation District
- Quentin Platt, City of Mount Vernon

Proposed Timeline:

- **August:** Sub-committee meeting 1
- **September:** Present to SAC for input (Sept. 18)
- **October:** Sub-committee meeting 2
- **November:** Sub-committee meeting 3
- **December:** Present to SAC for input (Dec. 18)
- **January 2025:** Subcommittee meeting 4
- **February 2025:** Introduce RSA to MORPC board for input.
- **March 2025:** Present RSA to MORPC Board for adoption.



SUSTAINABLE2050 CERTIFICATION



2024 Deadlines

~~May 3~~

Contact Brandi

Whetstone at

bwhetstone@morpc.org

to initiate the process.

~~August 14~~


November 15

CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS SUMMER FORUM:

Opening Access to Central Ohio's Blue and Greenways

Join us for an engaging forum where leaders will discuss recreational and active transportation projects followed by an optional lunch and kayaking adventure sponsored by Metro Parks.

Date and time

 Tuesday, August 27
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. EDT

Location

 2829 Minerva Lake Rd
Columbus, OH 43231

Scan the QR code
to register!



CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT (CPRG)



MORPC

COCAP – Central Ohio Climate Action Plan

- Developing the 1st regional greenhouse gas inventory (R-GHGI) for the 10-county Columbus MSA
- Leading outreach, feedback, & communications with 9 counties outside of Franklin County
 - Utilizing CPRG Strategy Subcommittee with representatives from all 10 counties
 - Currently, need input on **COCAP survey**



COCAP Survey - Scan Me!



[Central Ohio Climate Action Plan Website](#)

EV CHARGING

CFI & EVCRAA | USDOT-FHWA



EVCRAA Grant Administration

Charger Reliability & Accessibility Accelerator

- Won \$2M to repair and or replace 204 nonoperational ports to NEVI standards

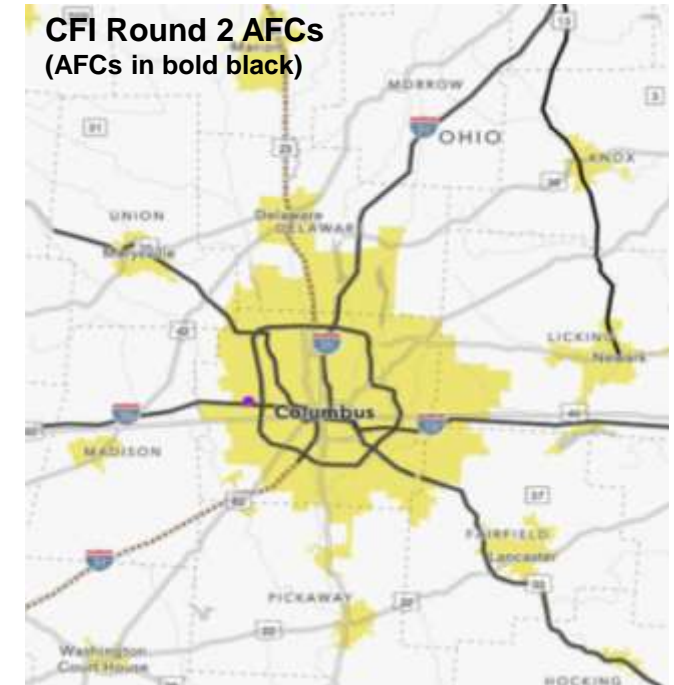
CFI Round 1 Resubmitted: MORE EVS

Mid-Ohio Regional Equity for Electric Vehicle Stations

- \$15M for **community** track of 62 confirmed sites across 13 counties
- Mobility hub locations, urban underserved communities, rural underserved communities
- Resubmitted under CFI R2

CFI Round 2 Application

- Application Deadline August 28
- Developing scope for **corridor** track along the Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC)
- Key partners: Local Governments, Industrial Partner – Prologis
- Workforce development: Train workers who specialize EV charger installation & ongoing O&M



REGIONAL WATER STUDY



- Covers MORPC's 15 counties
- Will examine existing and future water supply, and identify strategies to capture, conserve, and reuse water.
- Will result in a data-driven scenario planning tool.
- Virtual stakeholder update Aug. 28, 3:15 p.m.
- Contact Edwina Teye, eteye@morpc.org, to sign up for updates.



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