



## Green Pact

### Meeting Summary

September 1, 2016  
9:30 – 11:00 AM

Dublin Community Recreation Center  
5600 Post Road  
Dublin, OH 43017

#### Partners in Attendance:

Mike Andrako, Marysville  
J.M. Rayburn, Dublin  
Lori Burchett, Dublin  
Nick Plouck, Dublin  
Erin Miller, Columbus

Kevin Weaver, Westerville  
Paul Wise, Genoa Township  
Larry Lester, Hilliard  
Justin Milam, Upper Arlington

#### MORPC Staff:

[Rachael Beeman](#)  
[Brandi Whetstone](#)

#### Welcome & Introductions

Rachael Beeman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Dublin for hosting the meeting. Introductions were made around the room.

#### MORPC Energy Program Update

Energy Action Month:

MORPC is encouraging member governments to pass a proclamation recognizing October as National Energy Action Month, and in the same vein to also recognize the value of energy efficiency programs that encourage residents to make energy-efficient upgrades in their homes. National Energy Action Month was established by a Presidential Proclamation in 2015 “to recognize this month by working together to achieve greater energy security, a more robust economy, and a healthier environment for our children.”

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/09/29/presidential-proclamation-national-energy-action-month-2015>

MORPC has funding from utility companies and the state to administer free home weatherization programs for income-eligible residents of Franklin county. The work improves the safety, comfort and value of the home and reduces energy bills (with an average annual savings of \$400). Services may include repair or replacement of the furnace, gas leak detection and repair, insulation, energy efficient light bulbs, and more. The group discussed the availability of utility programs for those who don't qualify for the free income-eligible programs. Columbia Gas and AEP Ohio offer programs to customers for a small fee, which include an energy audit and rebates and incentives for installing energy-efficient improvements. MORPC is committed to working with our members to deliver services to residents and support local government efforts to lead by example. Contact Brandi Whetstone at [bwhetstone@morpc.org](mailto:bwhetstone@morpc.org) or 614-233-4174 if you are interested in considering a resolution in October.



## Energy Policy:

Consistent with MORPC's position on energy efficiency, MORPC is supporting the continuation of the energy efficiency programs as described in applications filed by Columbia Gas of Ohio and AEP-Ohio to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) along with improvements that may increase the participation of residential and business customers. Further, MORPC is seeking support from the utilities that will establish and advance a local government energy partnership program that involves energy benchmarking, energy audits, community education, and challenge programs and competitions. The intent is to deliver energy services to local governments that help communities meet sustainable energy goals, achieve energy savings and increase participation by community members.

## Partner Updates

### MORPC – Rachael Beeman

- The MORPC [Summit on Sustainability](#) will be held Friday, October 21, 2016 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. This year's theme, *Feeding our Economy*, will focus on sharing best practices that can be applied by local communities, regions, and businesses to enhance the built environment in which we live.
- Everyone is invited to attend the [Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting](#), Thursday, September 15, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Columbus – Erin Miller:

- [Branch Out Columbus](#) has partnered with Kurtz Bros and SWACO to offer 1,000 free trees and compost to Columbus residents to plant on their property. Household are eligible for two trees and must [register](#) ahead of time. The event date is October 22, 2016.
- Green Spot has developed a [web app](#) which shows GreenSpot members/ jurisdiction. Check it out!
- Columbus is working with SWACO to develop a plastic bag education program. Look for a webpage and educational materials at the end of September.

### Marysville – Mike Andrako

- Marysville is currently conducting a tree canopy inventory.

### Genoa Township – Paul Wise

- Genoa Township completed a township wide survey one year ago as a part of the process of updating the Township Comprehensive Plan. The community reported feeling satisfied with the current state of the township, and overall, there is little or no interest in further development in the area. The community would like to keep the number of houses/acre low.
- In coordination with the Delaware Knox Marion Morrow Waste District (DKMMWD), the access road to the recycling facility has been converted to asphalt as a budget item for the Waste District. This is an improvement from the previous gravel road.

### Dublin – Michelle Crandall

- Dublin has joined the [Urban Sustainability Directors Network](#).
- Dublin will be hosting a Parking Day on High Street; the event will focus on sustainable efforts at home.
- Dublin is working with the City of Columbus to expand and improve the ecoDublin program.

### Westerville – Kevin Weaver

- Westerville will be holding a household hazardous waste event this summer. 500 cars were counted at the spring event. Westerville is considering adding shredding to the fall event.



**Dublin Community Recreation Center Tour**

Roy Dotson, Facilities Systems Specialist, treated the Green Pact group to a tour of the facility. Some highlights of the tour include geothermal system which replaced the two large cooling towers; the combined heat and power system, projected to save Dublin over \$200,000 in utility bills over 15 years; and the green roof.

**Next Meeting Location and Topics:** The next Green Pact meeting is November 3, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Details have not been finalized for that meeting, and will be sent at a later time.