



Green Pact

Meeting Summary

November 3, 2016
9:30 – 11:00 AM

City of Powell
47 Hall Street
Powell, OH 43065

Partners in Attendance:

Dave Celebrezze, City of Columbus
Kristin Hilson, Franklin SWCD
Paul Wise, Genoa Township
Lee Bodnar, Orange Township
Kevin Weaver, City of Westerville
Matthew Holdren, City of Gahanna
Mike Andrako, City of Marysville
Lori Burchett, City of Dublin
J.M. Rayburn, City of Dublin
John Moorhead, City of Powell

MORPC Staff:

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

Welcome & Introductions

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

MORPC Energy & Air Quality Update

At the last Green Pact meeting, Brandi Whetstone shared that MORPC was seeking for communities to recognize October as Energy Action Month. Eleven (11) communities passed resolutions recognizing October as Energy Action Month. Brandi shared updates on additional programming efforts at MORPC: 1) MORPC can help local jurisdictions to develop and implement “No Idling” policies and can additionally supply limited signage free of charge. Contact Evelyn Ebert if interested: eebert@morpc.org; 2) Central Ohio had ten (10) air-quality alerts this season operating under a tighter standard. Central Ohio would still have had three (3) exceedances under the old standard. The general trend shows air quality improvement in the Central Ohio region. 3) Every year MORPC holds a weatherization showcase so community leaders and public officials can better understand the process of weatherizing a home. MORPC held a successful weatherization showcase in October.

Partner Updates

MORPC – Rachael Beeman

- The MORPC [Summit on Sustainability](#) held on Friday, October 21, was a great success. MORPC broke last year’s event record for number of tickets sold to the event. Rachael highlighted that one of Green Pact’s regular attendees, J.M. Rayburn, was presented with The William A. Lewis, Jr Green Mobility



Award, recognizing an individual exemplifying outstanding work towards creating a world-class multi-modal transportation system in Central Ohio.

- Rachael shared some key highlights regarding future changes to the Water Quality Working Group, to be known as the Water Resources Working Group in 2017, as approved by the Sustainability Advisory Committee. Highlights included the new vision and mission, the structure of the group, and the four year action plan to guide the work of the group. Rachael extended the invitation to participate to all Green Pact members.

Columbus – Dave Celebreeze:

- [Branch Out Columbus](#) had a successful tree giveaway event!
- Green Spot has developed a [web app](#) which shows GreenSpot members/ jurisdiction. Check it out!
- SWACO and Columbus launched the [Bring Me Back](#) program, an effort focused on reducing the number of plastic bags that go into the landfill every year. Find promotional materials on the webpage.

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District – Kristin Hilson

- The Community Backyards program re-opens April 1, 2017, encouraging the use of rain barrels and rain gardens to keep rain where it falls. In 2016, over 1300 people participated in the online program, 250 participated in workshops, both of which result in a rebate for rain barrel purchase.
- A contractor storm water training webinar will take place November 16. Contact Kristin (khilson@franklinswcd.org) for more details.

Gahanna – Matthew Holdren

- A second infiltration project, installed along a right-of-way as part of a 319 grant, has been completed.
- The city worked with Nissan to secure a grant to install multiple EV chargers within the city.

Marysville – Mike Andrako

- The city is discussing the addition of an Urban Forestry Division. Look for more details in the future.

Genoa Township – Paul Wise

- It is budget time for townships – Genoa Twp is seeking to add wildflower seed as a line item in the budget and to designate specific areas as No-Mow.
- The city is looking into various solar lighting test programs, including solar lighting on traditional light poles and utilizing solar lighting on the bicentennial logo.

Dublin – JM Rayburn

- Dublin participated in worldwide Park(ing) day on September 16th. Dublin collaborated with community groups to develop a parklet around the theme “sustainable opportunities from home to work.”
- Dublin is developing a mobility plan, in an effort to increase multi-modal solutions

Westerville – Kevin Weaver

- The city is continuing to work with Otterbein University to develop a coordinated sustainability program. A position for a sustainability coordinator may be posted in the future.
- Westerville amended city zoning code to allow solar installations on residential property. 6 residents have taken advantage of this change and have installed solar panels.

Powell – John Moorhead

- Powell is in the early stages of a EV charging station project for city parking lots. The city will be working with Tesla to acquire and install stations.

Dublin Community Recreation Center Tour

John Moorhead, Assistant City Engineer at Powell, provided a presentation on the Murphy Parkway Extension project, which opened at the end of October.



Next Meeting Location and Topics: The next Green Pact meeting is January 12, 2017 at 9:30 am at Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

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