



## Green Pact Meeting Notes

January 12, 2015

**Attendees:** Michelle Crandall (City of Dublin), Kristin Hilson (Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District), Mike Andrako (City of Marysville), Dottie Franey (City of Gahanna), Steve Studenmund (Metro Parks), Randy Bowman (City of Columbus), Linda Rosine (City of Grove City), Kyle Kridler (City of Dublin)

**MORPC Staff:** Amelia Costanzo, Evelyn Ebert, Claire Jennings, Marion Dean

### MORPC Updates

- Air Quality update – Evelyn Ebert
- Sustainability Advisory Committee update – Claire Jennings

### City of Columbus

- Green memo update – Green Memo III released January 9, 2015
- Curbside recycling – free of charge for single family and various multi-family buildings, Green Memo III encourages expansion of program and considerations of waste management. RFP for new marketing outreach for branding tweaks to recycling program.
- Shingle Usage–Working with EPA on a “RAS” pilot program, recycle asphalt singles program, will work with engineers on this, will also let MORPC know about shingle recycling.
- Consider environmental prowess of consultants bidding for work.
- Environmental management systems –Columbus committed to be ISO compliant, EMS audit next year.
- Battery recycling in Public Service –city recycling and city staff; we encourage employees to recycle not only their work-related batteries, but we also welcome them bringing in their battery discards from home

### Marysville

- Looking into methane digester at wastewater facility
- Conversions of street lights to metal-halide
- “Green & Clean” earth week initiatives: battery and tire recycling
- Recycling program continues to grow. Has 96 gallon totes and a weekly pick up.

### Gahanna

- Part of refuse consortium: looked into adjusting rates based on tote size, but did not go with that option, due to administrative issues.
- Bioswale pilot project for storing stormwater in trees and lawns. During the planning phase the actual project morphed from being a bioswale project in the tree lawn to pervious pavers in the street. The runoff is captured in gravel under the pervious pavers.
- Looking to reduce salt use.
- COTA added numerous stops along Hamilton Road
- Diversion rate over 40% up from before
- Started electronic dissemination of EPA consumer report for city’s water
- Evaluating LED Street lights
- Pursuing NISSAN grant to install electric charge station

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of SRTS
- Grant to restore creek – public education component along Sycamore Run

#### **Dublin**

- Dublin Rec. Center completed CHP, looking at geothermal
- LED switch for lights
- Expanding capacity of CNG stations, private use growing, trying to get school board on board and green fleet
- Involved with the PACE program
- 2014 bike friendly community, added bike lanes, sharrows, bike ambassador program
- Bridge Street development hope to incorporate cycle track and stormwater management system

#### **Franklin County Soil & Water**

- Greenspot backyard programs – rebates on rain barrels, compost bins, trees and plants
- Work with landscaping companies to educate on proper lawn care, green practices, and may have a program to recognize companies that follow greener practices
- Water quality partnership with small businesses – voluntary pledge to do certain efforts (similar to Green Spot). This was started in 2014 with Upper Arlington and Canal Winchester, and will have more workshops this year, with the first in Westerville in March

#### **Grove City**

- Changing traffic lights to LED
- Installing more walking and bike paths
- Joined STAR Community initiative
- Installing first blue roof in central Ohio at Police Dep. will be finished in April
- They are thinking about having larger recycling totes, but they are mid contract (up in 2017), and incentivizing recycling has been a hot topic

#### **Upper Arlington**

- The thing we're most proud of is the AEP Energy Savers Program, with over 900 participants and the \$90,000 grant we received from AEP Ohio
- Hoping to do a full energy efficiency project for all City facilities- has anyone worked with The Perfection Group?

**NEXT MEETING: March 26, from 9:30-11 am at Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District.**