Sustainable2050 Meeting Summary
October 5, 2017

The Columbus Foundation
1234 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43205

Attendees:

Dottie Franey, *City of Gahanna*
Grant Crawford, *City of Gahanna*
Linda Rosine, *City of Grove City*
Shannon Sorrell, *City of Whitehall*
Tim Moloney, *Metro Parks*
Kevin Weaver, *City of Westerville*
Matt Greeson, *City of Worthington*
Charlie Hottel, *Franklin County*
Justin Milam, *City of Upper Arlington*
Clyde Seidle, *City of Hilliard*
Dan Havener, *City of Reynoldsburg*
Tom Gooney, *ESC of Central Ohio*

Tracy Hatmaker, *Prarie Township*
J.M. Rayburn, *City of Dublin*
Zack Cowan, *City of Pataskala*
Hon. Christie Ward, *Village of Lockbourne*
Patrik Bowman, *Grandview Heights*
Kaitlin King, *City of Whitehall*
Kristin Hilson, *Franklin SWCD*
Alana Shockey, *City of Columbus*
David Celebrezze, *City of Columbus*
Wiliam Dorman, *City of Bexley*
Jim Schimmer, *Franklin County*

MORPC:
Rachael Beeman, Kerstin Carr, Amelia Costanzo, William Murdock, Christina O'Keeffe, Brandi Whetstone

Welcome & Introductions
William Murdock welcomed everyone to the first **sustainable2050** meeting! He additionally thanked the Columbus Foundation for graciously hosting us, and for providing a funding opportunity to help establish and implement this new program.

Sustainable2050 – The Basics

Amelia Costanzo provided a brief presentation on the program requirements and benefits of participation. Amelia reminded attendees that in order to be a **Sustainable2050** member, and to be featured at this year's Summit on Sustainability, communities must pass a resolution of commitment by **October 31st**. MORPC team members are available to present at council/trustee/board meetings, and/or can field questions related to the program. A resolution template and additional details can be found on the Sustainable2050 website. Direct questions to Rachael Beeman and Amelia Costanzo.

Summit on Sustainability – Celebration of Green Pact & sustainable2050 members

Kerstin Carr and Christina O'Keeffe provided a brief presentation highlighting keynote speakers and the format of this year's Summit on Sustainability, to occur November 14. The morning plenary will feature Julie Sweetland, a sociolinguist and Vice President of Strategy & Innovation with Frameworks Institute. Frameworks Institute provides strategic guidance rooted in empirical research, for reframing key issues in social and scientific topics. The morning plenary will additionally feature an expert legislative panel to provide insight on what's happening at Capitol Hill, and how the region may be impacted. The lunch plenary will feature six leaders from across the region, presenting in a Pecha Kucha format, speaking on how their communities are creating a more sustainable Central Ohio. The lunch plenary will also feature a video on the ten years of success of the Green Pact program, and will debut the sustainable2050 program, and the members committed to the program. For additional details, and to register for the Summit, please visit www.morpc.org/summit.

We will be filming people's responses to the question "What does sustainability mean to you?" to be featured in a video that will debut at the Summit. As Sustainable2050 members (or prospective members), we invite you to participate. We are looking for brief 3-5 second footage with answers as simple as "recycling", "saving money", "building multi-use trails", etc. **Stop by MORPC's offices to be filmed on October 12 between 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM.**

Pilot Communities

Christina O'Keeffe started by announcing the Local Government Energy Program which is an initiative that was launched in 2017 with support from Columbia Gas of Ohio and AEP-Ohio, and an ENERGY STAR partnership. It is a comprehensive energy resource for local communities. MORPC is looking to launch a series of technical assistance or tools to its members. The first program to be offered to MORPC members and local governments is Energy Benchmarking to automate data collection of energy bills so that an analysis can be conducted on how to reduce energy consumption and costs. The tool will also collect other metrics related to sustainability, such as water, waste, recycling, fleets and air quality. The Sustainable2050 pilot communities will help to determine these other metrics that will then be made available to other Sustainable2050 members and MORPC partners.

Rachael Beeman followed by describing the Sustainable2050 pilot period. Between Fall 2017 and Spring 2018, the MORPC team work with approximately 5 communities of varying scale (population and fiscal resources), membership type, and geographic area with as "pilot communities". MORPC staff will be working with the pilot communities' staff to test processes for certification and data collection; evaluate and develop tools and resources to help in communities' implementation of the goals and objectives of the program; and measure the costs and benefits of the Program for both MORPC and member communities.

Identifying Your Tier Status

MORPC team provided a certification checklist to attendees and walked the group through the components of the checklist. The group then participated in a brief working session. MORPC staff were available to answer questions and provide guidance through this process. MORPC staff collected feedback on a few components of the checklist and certification process, and will be making additions to the documentation for clarity. Look for updated documents on the website in the coming weeks. Members were assigned with "homework" for the next sustainable2050 forum: to work through the certification checklist and gain an understanding of the information necessary to complete the checklist. Please direct questions to Rachael (rbeeman@morpc.org) and Amelia (acostanzo@morpc.org).

Partner Updates

Westerville, Kevin Weaver
- Recently completed a SWACO-supported household hazardous waste collection event where 1,100 cars dropped off hazardous waste; 30% increase in participation over the spring event

Columbus, Dave Celebrezze
- Green Purge, October 21 – one-stop-shop for hard to dispose of household items; in need of volunteers

Upper Arlington, Justin Milam
- Working with Bexley, Columbus, and Gahanna on expanding COGO Bike Share service
- Two more LEED-eligible projects are coming on Lane Avenue; all new commercial buildings since 2006 have been LEED eligible.
- Recently completed a successful e-waste drop-off event in partnership with Goodwill.
- Working with Hull & Associates on solar power evaluations on municipal facilities
- Working with Upper Arlington High Schools students to update City ordinances to be more pollinator- and beekeeping-friendly
- Started a sidewalk connection program to fill in sidewalk gaps across the city per the Safe Routes to School plan

Bexley, Bill Dorman
- Adopted a zero-waste management plan (funded by SWACO)
- Creating a food waste diversion pilot program that will include curbside pickup
- Goal to install solar panels on City Hall by end of Winter 2018
- Working with Columbus, Gahanna, and Upper Arlington on expanding COGO Bike Share service

Franklin County, Charlie Hottel
- Looking to food waste diversion at institutional facilities such as the new jail that is under design; considering using a machine called EcoVin that takes whole food waste and produces a by-product that can be used as a soil supplement, among other things

Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District, Kristin Hilson
- BeTheChangeForCleanWater.org was recently launched as a web platform for Central Ohio residents, community leaders, educators, students, and businesses interested in finding and sharing information about protecting Ohio's water resources; contact Kristin if you want your website added to BeTheChangeForCleanWAter.org

Hilliard, Clyde "Butch" Seidle
- Utilizing solar-powered gateway signage and some traffic-related signals
- Environmental Sustainability Commission is working on a community garden with composting capabilities
- Working on plans to ensure that City's trails connect to other local and regional trails; requiring all new multi-family development to build connections; some trails are gravel, and therefore don't add impervious surface area
- Continuing to work on acquiring green space in the Big Darby Accord area

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Christina O'Keeffe
- Franklin County Energy Study: Webinar to learn more on October 18, 2017; Register here. Comments will be accepted until 5PM on October 25, 2017
- Columbus, Dublin

Additional remarks, Jim Schimmer
- Columbus, Dublin, Whitehall, and Worthington are involved in the Property Assessed Clean Energy program (PACE). PACE allows property owners to finance building energy improvements through a voluntary assessment on their property tax bill and eliminates the need for upfront capital. Owners can spread the repayment costs over the life of the energy improvements, so that the savings generated from the project are greater than the annual PACE loan repayment. The loan is tied to the property bill rather than the borrower's credit which means it does not count as debt. The Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority can leverage PACE in concert with their Columbus Region Energy Fund to finance eligible building energy upgrades. Contact Christina if you are interested in joining the regional PACE district.

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Central Ohio Communities
Working Toward a Better Future

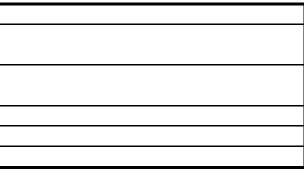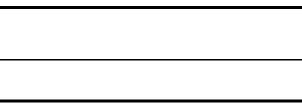|			check box if you are working on this or want to work on it	explain
Required Actions	1	Sign resolution indicating commitment to program		
	2	Designate local champion to ensure public awareness and active participation		
	3	Assign representative to attend program meetings		
		Total Required Actions:		
Energy	1	Reduce vehicle miles traveled.		
	2	Reduce the percentage of commuters driving alone and increase the percentage of commuters riding transit, bicycle or walking.		
	3	Increase the percentage of vehicles using alternative fuels.		
	4	Increase the number of trail miles traveled annually.		
	5	Increase the number of alternative fuel stations.		
	6	Reduce per capita energy consumption across all sectors.		
	7	Increase the number of local renewable energy projects and generating capacity.		
		Total Energy Actions:		
Natural Resources	8	Reduce emissions to meet federal air quality standards.		
	9	Increase the number of people receiving Air Quality information and education.		
	10	Reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill.		
	11	Minimize greenfield development and promote infill and redevelopment.		
	12	Reduce per capita water consumption.		
	13	Improve water quality in the Upper Scioto Watershed.		
		Total Natural Resources Actions:		
Economic Opportunity	14	Increase the number of businesses in Central Ohio with established sustainability policies and practices.		
	15	Increase the number of adopted institutional purchasing policies that support the purchase of local food.		
		Total Economic Opportunity Actions:		

Sustainable Neighborhoods	16	Encourage MORPC member communities to adopt complete streets policies or policies that contain those elements.		
	17	Target infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people and jobs and increase sidewalk coverage of arterials and collectors.		
	18	Reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries from crashes.		
	19	Target transit and bikeway infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people.		
	20	Increase the annual number of income eligible households receiving free weatherization and safety-related home repairs.		
	21	Increase the number of Central Ohio Greenways trail miles.		

Total Sustainable Neighborhoods Actions:	

Collaboration	22	Establish the annual Summit on Sustainability as a premiere environmental conference through high participation and visibility.
	23	Increase number of local governments committed to sustainability.

Total Collaboration Actions:	

Do you or do you plan to participate in any of the following working groups or committees?*	
Central Ohio Greenways Forum	
Central Ohio Greenways Board	
Water Resources Working Group	
Energy & Air Quality Working Group	

*participation in one of the working groups or committees counts as a subsitute for one objective

All 3 Required Actions Complete	
Total Categories	
Total Actions	
Tier Status**	

**Tier Status Key

Bronze: show progress toward achieving 1 objective from 2 or more goals

Silver: show progress toward achieving 2 objectives from 4 or more goals

Gold: show progress toward achieving 2 or more objectives fro mall goals, miniumum of 15 objectives

Platinum: show progress twoard achieving all objectives from all goals

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