

Energy and Air Quality Working Group

Action Plan

Vision: Healthy air and access to affordable, efficient, clean energy for all

Mission: To drive vitality in Central Ohio through the wise use of energy, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and improved air quality

Goal 1: Be a forum on energy and air quality issues for regional collaboration, planning, and assessment of the impact of state and federal policies on Central Ohio

Action Items:

- Expand and diversify Energy and Air Quality Working Group membership
- Provide opportunities for partners to share information about policy and partners' air quality and energy related projects and programs to support regional planning and foster collaboration
- Identify air quality and energy related policy issues for inclusion in MORPC's annual Public Policy Agenda
- Serve as experts to advise the Sustainability Advisory Committee and Regional Policy Roundtable on policy issues

Goal 2: Advocate for, and pursue, the implementation of air quality and energy related monitoring, data collection, planning, and best practices implementation projects in Central Ohio to achieve the following:

1. Reduce energy consumption per capita across all sectors
2. Increase number of local renewable energy projects and generating capacity
3. Reduce air pollution to meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
4. Reduce single occupancy vehicle commutes
5. Increase adoption of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling/charging stations
6. Achieve household energy burden of less than 5% of income spent on energy utilities in any Central Ohio zip code

Action Items:

- Support achievement of the above and all energy and air quality related goals in the Regional Sustainability Agenda, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and Franklin County Energy Study Recommendations
- Identify research project needs that MORPC and/or other partner entities can pursue and encourage collaboration
- Encourage collaboration on related projects

- Serve as an advisory body to regional energy and air quality related projects
- Enable MORPC partners in adopting energy and air quality related policies and implementing beneficial projects through Sustainable2050 and other programs

Goal 3: Coordinate outreach and messaging for energy and air quality issues

Action Items:

- Develop a method for sharing marketing and educational information and campaigns with partners
- Encourage expansion of marketing and educational information and campaigns to reach a broader audience
- Support MORPC events including the Summit on Sustainability

Subcommittees may be formed to help reach the goals outlined in this Action Plan. Each subcommittee will have a chair and co-chair. The subcommittees will meet based on a schedule agreed upon by its members. The subcommittees will exist for a project duration or until the chair and co-chair deem necessary, whichever comes first.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Energy and Air Quality Working Group will be elected every two years beginning in 2019 with the leadership recognized during the first meeting of the year. The Chair is expected to sit as representative of the Working Group on the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC). The SAC meets quarterly.