



Background: In 2007, 13 Central Ohio jurisdictions joined in developing and signing the Central Ohio Green Pact. The Pact represents a multi-jurisdictional commitment to make our region more sustainable starting with policies that enhance and protect the quality of life, environment and economic vitality. The Pact outlines ten general principles Green Pact members should hold to preserve natural resources, to increase green space, reduce our consumption of raw materials and increase recycling.

Local governments and organizations are welcome to join the Green Pact. They confirm their membership by signing the Pact document at the annual Summit on Sustainability.

Green Pact members meet quarterly to share best practices and information on efforts and programs relevant to the ten principles of the Green Pact.

Proposal: MORPC is proposing to reorganize (and rename) the future program ("Program") in an effort to establish a stronger connection to the Regional Sustainability Agenda, support local government members to improve their sustainability, and acknowledge members' successes in doing so. This effort will be achieved through the following changes:

Timeline: If adopted by MORPC Commission, the Program is anticipated to be effective starting spring 2017. Participating members will be publicly recognized at the 2017 Summit on Sustainability. In the first year, MORPC staff will conduct outreach to existing Green Pact members, evaluate the successes and opportunities of the new program, and may propose changes as necessary.

Relationship to Regional Sustainability Agenda: The Program will be driven by the goals and objectives outlined in the Regional Sustainability Agenda instead of the 10 Principles. Emphasis is placed on implementation of programs and policies as a means of progress toward the goals of the Agenda.

Membership Eligibility: MORPC members and associate members; Non-members will be directed to participate in the GreenSpot program, if eligible, and promote GreenSpot to businesses and residents.

Membership Requirements:

- Green Pact members, who are also MORPC members or associate members, will be asked to sign on to the new format via a resolution. New members will sign a resolution to join. New members will be accepted quarterly at each Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting.
- Members will designate a local champion, preferably employed by &/or in a decision-making role of the local community, to ensure public awareness of the Program, and active participation in the Program.
- Members will assign a representative to participate in Program meetings. The representative and local champion may be the same person.
- Members will share data with MORPC, as related to the goals and objectives of the Agenda.

Benefits of Membership: Program members will enjoy a number of benefits.

- Recognition at the annual Summit on Sustainability through
 - acknowledgement of tier status (see below)
 - special sticker or banner on name tag/lanyard
 - discounted table price
- Opportunity to showcase their efforts through speaker opportunities at MORPC events and workshops.
- MORPC staff may assist with collecting data for benchmarking and tracking of progress toward achieving goals and objectives.
- Program members will be recognized in MORPC social media streams, at events, and through other MORPC outreach efforts.
- Increased opportunities to access funding, tools, resources, etc.

Member Meetings: Program members will be expected to participate in quarterly meetings where they will share best practices, and experience additional educational components, such as special guest speakers and tours.

Tier System: Program members will receive a tier ranking based on their ability and performance on working toward the Regional Sustainability Agenda goals. Prior to signing onto this new effort, MORPC staff will work with prospective members to identify the goals and objectives on which they want to focus, and will establish their baseline related to each objective. On each subsequent annual anniversary of signing onto the Program, staff will work with the members to track their progress toward achieving the objectives and possibly elevating them to the next tier level.

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Progress toward 1 objective from two goals	Progress toward 2 objectives from 4 or more goals	Progress toward 2 or more objectives from all goals*	Progress toward all objectives from all goals
Minimum 2 objectives	Minimum 8 objectives	*Minimum 15 objectives	23 objectives

Branding: A new name and logo will be developed by the MORPC team and confirmed by the Sustainability Advisory Committee before or by July 19th.