



SAC REPORT TO COMMISSION

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March 14, 2024



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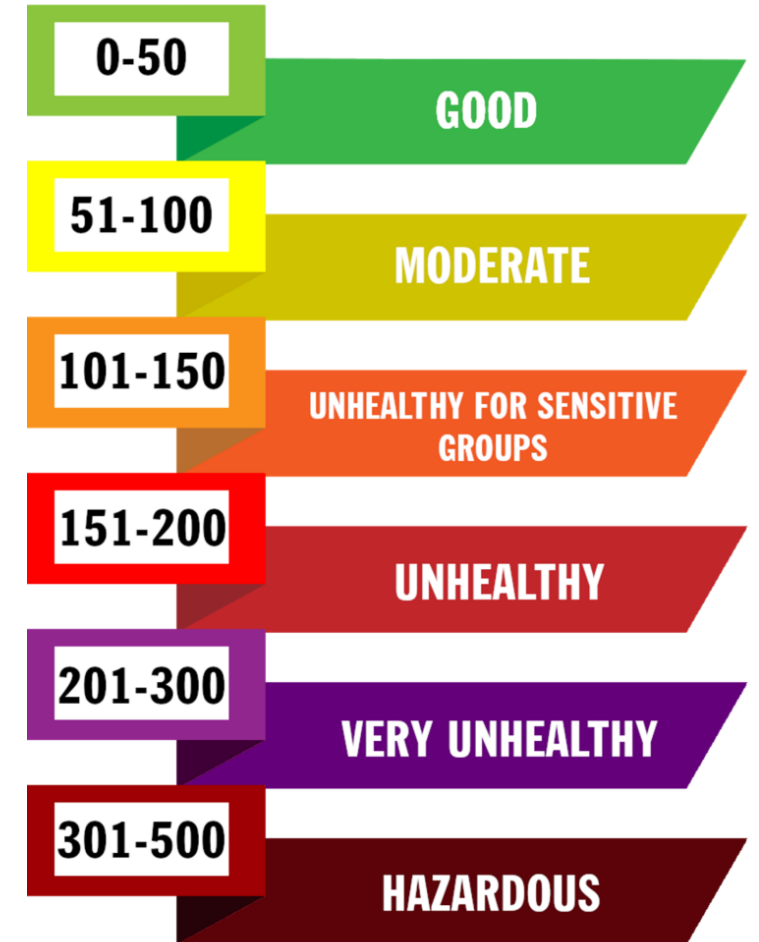
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2023 AIR QUALITY REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



- 11 Air Quality Alerts issued
- **Ozone:** Four days with Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups Air Quality Index (AQI) levels observed during ozone season – the most recorded since 2016.
- **PM2.5:** Two days with Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups AQI levels and three days with Unhealthy AQI levels – it's been 12 years we've seen this category in the Columbus Region.
- **Long-range look at air quality:** continued improvement despite year-to-year variation.

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AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK



“Knowing Your Air” May 6-10, 2024

- Please like and share MORPC social media posts
- Adopt Air Quality Awareness Week Proclamation

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CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT (CPRG)



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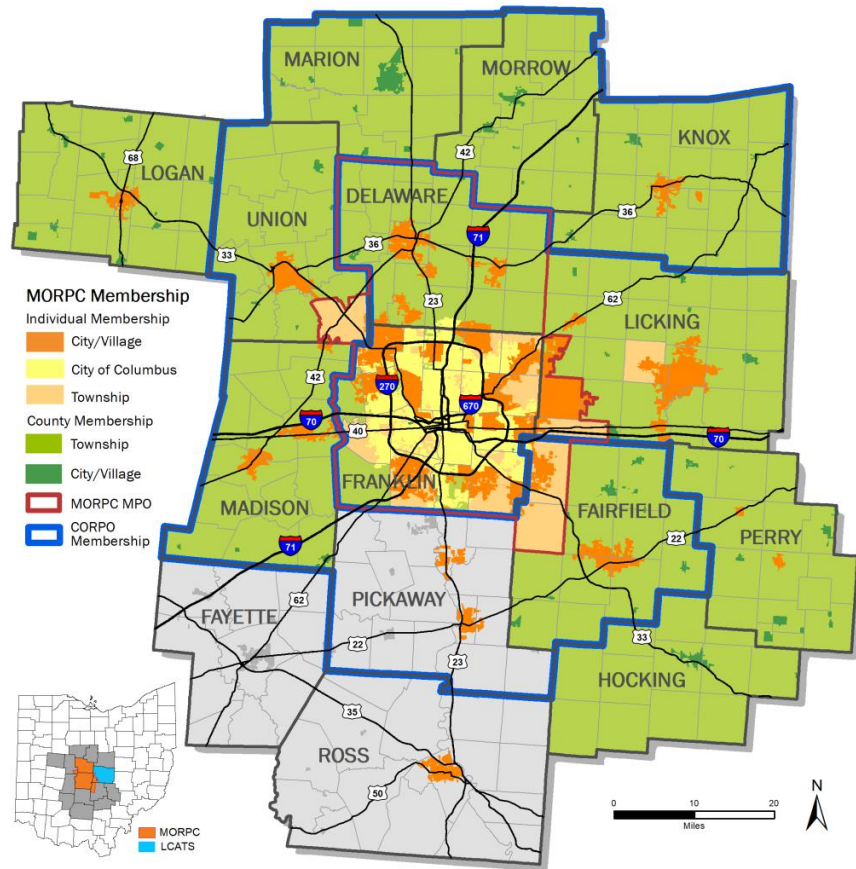
PHASE 1 – PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (PCAP) IDENTIFIED REGIONAL PRIORITIES:

- Increase transit use
- Increase energy efficiency in homes and businesses
- Incentivize net-zero for new homes
- Increase solar + storage on public buildings, businesses, and homes
- Increase mixed use development
- Increase wastewater treatment efficiency
- Reduce landfilled organic waste



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REGIONAL WATER STUDY



A regional water study will help guide decision making around development and infrastructure planning and support growth while balancing the region's water needs.

- Funded by Ohio Water Development Authority
- Key partners:
 - Ohio EPA, ODNR, ODOD, and MORPC
 - Consultant - Hazen and Sawyer
- Anticipated timeline:
 - April 2024 - December 2024
- Contact Dr. Edwina Teye, eteye@morpc.org, to receive meeting invites or to include others.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



Sustainability Advisory Committee

2024 schedule

Meetings begin at 2:30 p.m.

- March 20
- June 5
- September 18
- December 18



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