



# CITY OF GAHANNA SUSTAINABLE2050 RECERTIFICATION

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MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

# CERTIFICATION LEVELS



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**Bronze**

**Silver**

**Gold**

**Platinum**

	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
<b>Mandatory</b>	3	3	3	3
<b>Categories</b>	2 of 4	2 of 4	3 of 4	4 of 4
<b>Strategies</b>	16 of 107	32 of 107	54 of 107	80 of 107
<b>Possible Points</b> (out of 145)	22	44	73	109

# GOAL 1: IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AND REDUCE CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT



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- Gahanna joined SOPEC and created the Community Choice Aggregation Program offering 100% renewable energy for city residents.
- Aggregation impacts approximately 69% of housing units and approximately 1,000 small businesses.
- The City hosted a Community Choice Aggregation Program Town Hall, where residents had a chance to speak with City staff and learn more.



SOPEC

# GOAL 2: PROTECT AND PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT A HEALTHY AND RESILIENT REGION



- The City of Gahanna and SWACO teamed up with The Recycling Partnership to improve the curbside recycling program and bring recycling education to Gahanna.
- Goal to increase the amount of quality recyclables – items that are accepted for recycling that are empty and dry, so they can circulate back into the recycling system to become new products or packaging.
- Additionally, the City was awarded a grant from SWACO to improve and promote recycling.

# GOAL 3: IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL RESIDENTS BY CREATING SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES



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- 2023 Capital Improvement Plan and the Parks Master Plan - both address future projects for park & trail construction, sidewalk improvements, and other sustainability initiatives.
- The Parks Master Plan includes plans to complete the Big Walnut Trail within the next two years, and the creation of the *Link to Literacy* trail connecting with the new library.



Parks and Recreation  
**COMPREHENSIVE  
MASTER PLAN**

Spring 2023



# GOAL 4: PROMOTE ROBUST, INCLUSIVE, AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- The City's new Municipal Complex is being reimagined from an existing building that was previously an office building.
- In 2024, the City received funding from the US Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant for LED lighting.



# CITY OF GAHANNA CERTIFICATION



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