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**NOTICE OF A MEETING**  
**AGRICULTURAL & RURAL COMMUNITIES OUTREACH TEAM**  
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

***REMOTE MEETING***

**July 20, 2023, 10:00 am**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Guest Presentation – *Broc Sehen, Madison Soil and Water Conservation District***

Broc Sehen discussed the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District's objectives, partnerships, and various programs addressing water quality and conservation. He gave details on filter strips, riparian buffers, grass waterways, wetland restorations, and stream studies, highlighting their impact on erosion and sediment control. Broc also discussed challenges such as engineering backlogs, communication issues between partners, development, and solar plant arrays disturbing field tiles, emphasizing the need for collaboration and regulation.

Chair Brandt and Broc discussed ways to engage the Agricultural community, including attending Farm Bureau meetings and working with extension offices to address water quality concerns and land use conflicts.

**3. Other Business**

- **Compost Exchange Introduction**  
Darren Blackwell introduced The Compost Exchange, explaining the food scrap recycling service, partnerships with local farmers and correctional facilities, and efforts to expand connections and promote composting. Darren also discussed the need for new farmer partnerships to handle the increasing volume of food scrap. Member Stephens suggested reaching out to Price Farms Organics in Delaware County.
- **City of Columbus Engagement**  
Chair Brandt suggested that he or Edwina Teye invite the City of Columbus watershed management team to present their strategies for engaging with the agricultural and rural communities. Members expressed enthusiasm.

**4. Member updates**

**5. Adjourn**

**William Murdock, AICP**  
Executive Director

**Erik J. Janas**  
Chair

**Chris Amorose Groomes**  
Vice Chair

**Michelle Crandall**  
Secretary

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or [LKaufman@morpc.org](mailto:LKaufman@morpc.org) to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

**The next meeting of the  
Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team will be on September 21, 2023,  
10:00 am.  
Location to be determined**



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
*Remote Meeting*

Agricultural & Rural Communities Outreach Team Meeting

July 20, 2023

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Members Present

- Larry Antosch, Ohio Farm Bureau
- Chair Brian Brandt, American Farmland Trust
- Scott Stephens, Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District
- Aaron Wilson, OSU, Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center

Staff Present

- Lynn Kaufman
- Edwina Teye

Public Present

- Darien Blackwell, The Compote Exchange
- Laura Fay, Friends of the Lower Oletangy Watershed
- Broc Sehen, Madison Soil and Water Conservation District