



2021-2025 REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

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AGENDA



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REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA (RSA)







GOAL 1	Reduce per capita ENERGY CONSUMPTION and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.	GOAL 3	Position Central Ohio to attract and retain ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY to prosper as a region and compete globally through sustainable practices and solutions.
OBJECTIVE	2020 TARGET	OBJECTIVE	2020 TARGET
1.1	Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)	3.1	Increase the number of businesses in Central Ohio with established sustainability policies and practices.
1.2	Increase the percentage of commuters driving alone and increase the percentage of commuters taking transit, biking, or walking	3.2	Increase the number of adopted institutional purchasing policies that support the purchase of sustainable products (e.g. green and multiphase water development)
1.3	Increase the percentage of vehicles using alternative fuels	GOAL 4	
1.4	Increase the number of fuel miles traveled annually	Create SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS to improve residents' quality of life.	
1.5	Increase the number of alternative fuel stations	OBJECTIVE	
1.6	Reduce per capita energy consumption across all markets	4.1	Encourage MORPC member communities to adopt complete streets policies or policies that contain these elements.
1.7	Increase the number of local renewable energy projects and generating capacity	4.2	Target infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people and jobs, and increase network coverage of activities and activities.
GOAL 2			
Protect NATURAL RESOURCES and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.			
OBJECTIVE			
2020 TARGET			
2.1	Reduce emissions to meet federal air quality standards.	4.3	Reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries from roadway.
2.2	Increase the number of people receiving air quality information and education.	4.4	Target transit and mobility infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people.
2.3	Reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed to the landfill	4.5	Increase the annual number of income eligible households receiving food, medication and safety-related home visits.
2.4	Minimize sprawled development and promote infill and redevelopment.	4.6	Increase the number of Central Ohio Government local offices.
2.5	Reduce per capita water consumption.	GOAL 5	
2.6	Improve water quality in the Upper Basin Reservoirs	Increase regional COLLABORATION and educational opportunities to advance innovative sustainability solutions.	
OBJECTIVE			
2020 TARGET			
5.1			
5.2			

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RSA SUB-COMMITTEE



Chair: Justin Milam, City of Upper Arlington
 Vice-Chair: Alex Slaymaker, Smart Columbus

Membership:

- Emerald Hernandez, City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods
- Kyle O'Keefe, SWACO
- Nick Plouck, City of Dublin
- James Mako, Fairfield Regional Planning Commission
- Jennie McAdams, Franklin County Public Health
- Basar Ozbilen, Ohio State University
- Dan Sowry, Ohio EPA
- Eric Walli, Honda North America



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PROCESS



- Vision and principles
- Sustainable2050 member survey & interviews
- Workshop focused on equity considerations
- Propose and vet goals, objectives, strategies
- Regional stakeholder survey
- Regional stakeholder presentation
- Sub-committee and SAC approval



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PUBLIC INPUT



Survey

- 59 responses
- Between 80-90% agreed that the goals and the objectives would benefit all communities
- 52% provide services or programming for low-income or minority populations.
- Several comments about equity and inclusion

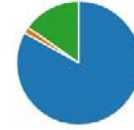
Virtual Lunch and Learn

- Over 80 in attendance
- Diverse partners

3. Do you feel that this goal will benefit all communities in central Ohio?

[More Details](#) [Insights](#)

• Yes	49
• No	1
• Maybe	9



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RSA SURVEY QUOTES



"I am a social worker and many of my clients have asthma, COPD, and other respiratory illnesses. This has made them more vulnerable during COVID, prevents them from engaging in outdoor activities during poor air quality alerts in the summer, and creates further financial inequities due to our costly healthcare system. The more we improve the air the better physical, mental, and economic health my clients on the South Side of Columbus will have."



"Our county has a strong presence in agriculture, and we would like to see the land conversion rate decreased by creative housing strategies and other development efforts. We also know that our residents want natural amenities like clean rivers for kayaking, etc."



"It is really important to consider lower income and communities of color when planning new infrastructure. Especially in terms of transportation, these people are most exposed to poor quality as a result of living near highways, etc., and have the least access to reliable public transportation. I would like to see new transportation infrastructure before anything else, because people will benefit from this endeavor the most."



"Given our diverse geography (rural, urban, suburban) - this goal ensures the future of the region is mindful of the diverse needs of our diverse communities. Additionally, housing is not just an urban or Columbus problem - it needs to be addressed throughout all our jurisdictions, including those communities that have been exclusive thus far."

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EQUITY RESOURCE DOCUMENT COMPONENTS



EXAMPLES OF PEER (BEST PRACTICE) DATA TOOLS TO ANALYZE EQUITY ELEMENTS



STRATEGIES AND BEST PRACTICES TO FOSTER ROBUST ENGAGEMENT WITH EQUITY COMMUNITIES



EXAMPLES OF BEST PRACTICES (IN PLANNING AND POLICY TO SUPPORT EQUITY IN SUSTAINABILITY)



INVENTORY OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCE TOOLS (DATA, BEST PRACTICES)

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GOAL 1



Goal 1: Improve air quality and reduce climate change impacts to protect public health and the environment.

- 1.1 Reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled.
- 1.2 Increase alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure.
- 1.3 Reduce per capita energy consumption across all sectors.
- 1.4 increase local renewable energy generating capacity.
- 1.5 Reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions.
- 1.6 Increase the number of days with good air quality.

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GOAL 2



Goal 2: Protect and preserve natural resources to support a healthy and resilient region.

- 2.1 Reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill.
- 2.2 Reduce per capita water consumption.
- 2.3 Improve water quality in central Ohio watersheds.
- 2.4 Increase the amount of land devoted to natural areas and ecosystem services.
- 2.5 Reduce the conversion rate of farmland.

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GOAL 3



Goal 3: Improve quality of life for all residents by creating sustainable and equitable communities.

- 3.1 Improve transportation and mobility safety for all residents.
- 3.2 Prioritize infrastructure development which supports multi-modal transportation options for all users.
- 3.3 Increase access to parks and regional trails.
- 3.4 Reduce household energy cost burden.
- 3.5 Reduce the rate of elevated blood lead levels among children.

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GOAL 4



Goal 4: Promote robust, inclusive, and sustainable growth and development.

4.1 Increase the number of businesses with established sustainability policies and practices.

4.2 Maximize infill and redevelopment along existing infrastructure.

4.3 Increase availability of affordable housing options near transit or job centers.

4.4 Increase employment in green jobs.

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NEXT STEPS



- Commission review and adoption in May
- Design/format for website
- Create new Sustainable2050 certification workbook
- Update Regional Sustainability Dashboard to track progress

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Questions?

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