NOTICE OF A MEETING
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
SCIOTO CONFERENCE ROOM

September 18, 2019
2:30-4:00 p.m.

2:30 - 2:35 pm  Welcome & Introductions
Jim Schimmer, Chair

2:35 – 2:45 pm  New Member Spotlight
Aslyne Rodriguez, EmpowerBus

2:45 – 3:00 pm  Sustainable2050 Tier Status Certification
Jennifer Noll, Planning & Sustainability, MORPC
Brandi Whetstone, Planning & Sustainability, MORPC

3:00 – 3:30 pm  Sustaining Scioto Board Proposal
Rachael Beeman, Planning & Sustainability, MORPC

3:30 – 3:35 pm  Air Quality Program Update
Brooke White, Planning & Sustainability, MORPC

3:35 – 3:45 pm  Working Group Reports
- Central Ohio Greenways Board: Letty Schamp
- Water Resources Working Group: Jennifer Fish
- Sustainability Dashboard Working Group: Justin Milam

3:45 – 3:55 pm  Policy Update
Legislative: Joe Garrity, Government Affairs, MORPC
PUCO: Jon-Paul d’Aversa, Planning & Sustainability, MORPC

3:55 - 4:00 pm  Other Business

4:00 pm  Adjourn
The next SAC Meeting is
Wednesday, December 18, 2:30-4:00 pm
Location: MORPC, 111 Liberty St., #100., Columbus, OH 43215

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PURPOSE

• Certify the **City of Worthington Tier Status**
  (REQUEST COMMITTEE APPROVAL)

• Discuss *modifications to the Tier Status Workbook* for
  Associate Members
  (INFORMATION ONLY)
PRESENTATION OF CITY OF WORTHINGTON TIER STATUS
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CERTIFIED MEMBERS

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**City of Columbus**
**City of Dublin**
**City of Upper Arlington**
**City of Westerville**
Franklin County

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Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks

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**Blendon Township**
**City of Gahanna**
**Genoa Township**
**Village of Lockbourne**
**City of Whitehall**
WORTHINGTON

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Worthington has increased the number of businesses in Central Ohio with established sustainability policies and practices via its Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program.

350 West Wilson Bridge Road
WORTHINGTON

NATURAL RESOURCES

Worthington is among the region’s first communities to offer a residential food scraps recycling program, diverting waste away from Central Ohio landfills.
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SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

Worthington is targeting transit and bikeway infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people, with a newly adopted Complete Streets policy and master plan for bicyclists and pedestrians.
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MODIFICATIONS TO TIER STATUS WORKBOOK (ASSOCIATE MEMBERS)
NO ACTION REQUIRED
• Where associate members would be ineligible to receive points due to the wording of the eligible activity (e.g., land use policies, regulations, codes, etc.)
  • Reword to focus on collaboration, partnerships, education

• MORPC staff met with associate members to gather input on the Tier Status workbook
  • Challenges with existing workbook
  • Opportunities to improve
 Mostly minor language changes to expand *participation in* but not *intent of* activity


- NEW: “Zoning Code/Comprehensive Plan Focusing on Infill Development OR Preserve Green Space with Policies/Practices that Promote Infill Development (Associate Members)”
Occasionally a new eligible activity

• “Prioritize existing and/or future buildings/facilities in locations served by transit or trails”
MODIFIED TIER STATUS WORKBOOK

Next Steps

• Assist associate members to complete the modified workbook for Q4 presentation to SAC

• Members impacted
  • Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)
  • Columbus Metropolitan Libraries (CML)
  • Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)
  • Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO)

• MORPC certification process – request SAC review
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Has your organization passed a resolution of participation, indicating commitment to the program?

Has your organization designated a local champion to ensure public awareness and active participation?

Has your organization assigned a representative to attend program meetings?

(*list staff representative as primary contact and local champion as secondary contact if different*)

**Tier Status**

Completed Actions:
- Mandatory: 0
- Completed Activities: 0
- Categories: 0
- Total: 0

**MUST COMPLETE ALL MANDATORY ACTIONS**

**Certification Criteria:**

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(Primary Staff Contact Info)

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(Secondary Contact Info)

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<td>Increase the percentage of vehicles using alternative fuels.</td>
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<td>Increase the number of local renewable energy projects and generating capacity.</td>
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<td>Increase the number of people receiving air quality information and education.</td>
<td>Subscribed to MORPC Air Quality Forecasts</td>
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<td>Have Operations Plan for Air Quality Alert Days*</td>
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<td>Reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill.</td>
<td>Reduction in Landfill Solid Waste for your Facility or Community by Participating in Reuse/Recycling Programs (including composting, food rescue, and other food waste reduction efforts)*</td>
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<td>Incorporate or Incentivize Green Stormwater Infrastructure*</td>
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<td>Reduce per capita water consumption.</td>
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<td>Monitor and repair water leaks</td>
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<td>Use of WaterSense labeled products, such as low-flow toilets, showerheads, landscape irrigation controllers</td>
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<td>Outreach/Education/Sharing Information</td>
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<td>Improve water quality in the Upper Scioto Watershed (or other watersheds in the region.)</td>
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**Sustainable2050 Community Activities**

**Natural Resources**

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<td>Green Purchasing Policy for your organization and/or vendors*</td>
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<td>Promote GreenSpot to Businesses and Residents</td>
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<td>Encourage MORPC member communities to adopt complete streets policies or policies that contain those elements.</td>
<td>Complete Streets Policy*</td>
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<td>Target infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people and jobs, and increase sidewalk coverage of arterials and collectors.</td>
<td>Processes or Policies that Prioritize Removing Pedestrian Network Gaps*</td>
<td>Processes or Policies that Increase the Number of People and Jobs Served by Infrastructure Projects*</td>
<td>Incorporate sidewalks/bus stops/ bike facilities into site designs*</td>
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<td>Reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries from crashes.</td>
<td>Reduction in Number of Fatalities and Serious Injuries from Crashes in your Community*</td>
<td>Reduction in Pedestrian and Bicycle Fatalities and Serious Injuries from Crashes in your Community*</td>
<td>Prioritization of Infrastructure Projects that Improve Safety at High Crash Locations in your Community*</td>
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<td>Target transit and bikeway infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people.</td>
<td>Processes or Policies that Prioritize Transit and bikeway Infrastructure Access*</td>
<td>Prioritization of Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure Projects Aligning with Central Ohio Greenway Connector Routes*</td>
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<td>Increase the annual number of income eligible households receiving free weatherization and safety-related home repairs.</td>
<td>Promote MORPC's Home Weatherization Services or Similar Programs to Residents*</td>
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<td>Increase the number of Central Ohio Greenways trail miles.</td>
<td>Adopt or Promote Countywide COG Trail Plan</td>
<td>Fund or Promote Construction of Segments of the Central Ohio Greenways Trail Network*</td>
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Central Ohio Greenways Board (Chair: Letty Schamp)  
*Next meeting: Oct 23rd, 2019*

The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board will meet on Oct 23rd. The agenda will focus on updates from the four working groups.

The **Trail Development** working group is focused on securing funding and finalizing a scope for a trail prioritization effort that will identify trail and trail connector projects that will have the greatest regional impact. The group also plans to update the “Trail Design Guide” to include best practices for urban greenways.

The **Partnership** working group secured funds the Columbus Foundation’s Green Funds program to support an “Impact of Trails Study.” The group is working to secure additional funds to fully fund the project by applying to grants and reaching out to local partners. The study will estimate the benefits of trails on health, economy, environment, and equity.

The **Operations & Access** working group is continuing to look at best practices for wayfinding on trails. The group is evaluating wayfinding strategies that provide guidance on navigating from the road network to the trails and from trails to destinations such as retail centers and parks.

The **Marketing & Communications** working group continues to support COG advocates through a social media marketing effort. The group is also considering events that could activate trail heads and encourage more people to experience the trails.

Energy & Air Quality Working Group (Chair: Dale Arnold)  
*Next meeting: September 23, 2019*

The Energy and Air Quality Working Group met on July 26, 2019. The Working Group heard a very timely update from Randi Leppla of the Ohio Environmental Council on their energy program portfolio and their work on Ohio House Bill 6. The second half of the meeting included an update from Ohio EPA, MORPC’s Director of Government Affairs, and from MORPC staff on MORPC’s Technical Assistance Program.

The Working Group is also considering formation of one or more project specific subcommittees. These subcommittees seek to achieve Goal 2 of the group’s Action Plan:

**Goal 2: Advocate for and pursue the implementation of air quality and energy related monitoring, data collection, planning, and best practices projects in Central Ohio to achieve the following:**

1. Reduce energy consumption per capita across all sectors
2. Increase number of local renewable energy projects and generating capacity
3. Reduce air pollution to meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
4. Reduce single occupancy vehicle commutes
5. Increase adoption of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling/charging stations
6. Achieve household energy burden of less than 5% of income spent on energy utilities in any Central Ohio zip code

Currently, MORPC staff are proposing two projects for consideration for subcommittee formation:

*Project idea 1*: Create a program for Central Ohio using 20 low cost air quality monitors. The subcommittee will support research, and decisions on audience and desired impact of programming, and communicating program results, as well as facilitating community connections needed to implement program.

*Project idea 2*: Create Solar Toolkit for local governments and organizations. The subcommittee will support research and production of a toolkit with funding, policy, and implementation resources for governments and organizations seeking to develop solar energy projects.

At the September meeting, the Working Group will discuss all project ideas and adopt at least one topic for the working group and subcommittee to move forward.

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**Water Resources Working Group (Chair: Jennifer Fish)**

*Next meeting: September 26, 2019*

The Water Resources Working Group (WRWG) will meet September 29th, where the group will hear an update on the Sustaining Scioto Short Term Implementation Plan. Staff will present on the proposed structure and areas of focus for the 2020 work plan. Attendees will also hear water related policy updates at the state and federal levels.

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**Sustainable2050**

*Next meeting: September 25, 2019*

Congratulations to the City of Worthington, which has completed its Tier Status certification. Worthington’s accomplishments will be highlighted at today’s meeting.

The MORPC team has adjusted the Tier Status workbook based on member feedback to facilitate the certification of associate members. We will be assisting associate members to complete the certification process in 2019.

MORPC encourages members who have not yet certified their Tier Status to consider starting the process now to be certified at the December SAC/January Commission meetings. All members are encouraged to contact Jennifer Noll jnoll@morpc.org for assistance to complete the Tier Status workbook.
The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group’s second meeting was held on September 12. The role of this Working Group is to bring together expertise from the SAC and Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) to provide guidance for development of a dynamically-fed dashboard to track progress toward the goals and objectives of the Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA).

The working group provided input on use cases to help clarify the intention of the dashboard and will be providing feedback on certain RSA metrics that have been difficult in measuring or acquiring the data. Adam Porr from CURA presented a demo of the dashboard for feedback, and MORPC staff presented on data and metric considerations. The Summit on Sustainability on Oct. 11 will also include a session about measuring the impacts of sustainability work, and the dashboard will be featured as one example. The next meeting is on October 8 at MORPC.