Energy and Air Quality Working Group Meeting
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020
2:00pm

AGENDA

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Please Notify Brooke White 614-233-4168 or bwhite@morpc.org to confirm your attendance.

The next Energy and Air Quality Meeting is
November 24th, 2020 2:00pm

The meeting will be held virtually using the Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. Please contact Brooke White for assistance.
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Policy Update

Joe Garrity

Director of Government Affairs
MORPC
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Ohio EPA Update

Erica Fetty-Davis
Environmental Specialist
Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control
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Social Ads

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)

Poor air quality leads to increased COVID-19 risk.

Take a Deep Breath: The Connection between Air Quality & COVID-19

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Signup For Air Quality Alerts
Protect Your Health

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Harvard University study links COVID-19 deaths to air quality.

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Being air aware is critical, especially for those with breathing-related illnesses. According to a Harvard nationwide study, short term exposure to moderate to hazardous air quality increases the death rate in COVID-19 patients by at least 6%.

Reduce your risk of developing serious complications and sign up for daily air quality alerts today.

Protect Your Health
Sign up for Air Quality Alerts

- Email Address
- First Name
- Last Name
- Phone Number
- Zip Code

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TAKING ACTION

Share this page with your friends and family to help grow our community of Air Advocates.
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Central Ohio Solar Toolkit for Local Governments is published and updated as needs are identified.

MORPC’s Commission approved MORPC pursuit of a SolSmart designation as a regional organization.

Will require the completion of a workbook with supporting documentation, as well as identifying and implementing additional activities as needed for designation.

Asking the EAQ Working Group to:

- Change the name of the working group to the “Solar Working Group”
- Direct the subcommittee to:
  - Complete the requirements of the SolSmart designation
  - Identify and propose recommendations addressing regional solar needs
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Equity Subcommittee Update

• Previous EAQ Working Group identified the need for a focus on equity and supported the development of an Equity Subcommittee to:
  • Identify energy and air quality equity issues
  • Propose solutions that include recommendations to MORPC’s internal structures, as well as how the community is engaged for regional activities

• Building equity into the development of the subcommittee and a work plan:
  • Know What We Know: current EAQ Working Group
  • Know What We Don’t Know: current EAQ Working Group can seek out answers that we know we need
  • Don’t Know What We Don’t Know: need to build the diversity and inclusiveness in perspectives to ensure this equity component
    • How are energy and air quality issues affecting typically excluded communities? Is it different between communities? What is their solution process like?
    • How is the inclusion of those voices into our processes ensured?
    • How are inclusive, successful, lasting solutions encouraged and implemented?
• Current concept for developing the subcommittee:
  • Conduct outreach to increase the diversity and inclusiveness of perspectives on the EAQWG prior to convening the subcommittee (Q4 2020)
    • Increasing the perspectives prior will help us form the subcommittee in a manner that is more likely to be successful. Equity requires opening space, ceding power, etc.
  • Develop an initial roster of Equity Subcommittee members that can provide representation of traditionally underserved communities and perspectives typically excluded in planning processes and policy development (Q1 2021)
    • Initial roster will vote on a chair, vice chair and develop work plan
  • Propose recommendations that internalize diversity and community inclusion in MORPC’s energy and air quality activities (Q2 2021)
    • This may include policy recommendations and other suggestions made by the Equity Subcommittee

• PROCESS GOAL: What we don’t know that we don’t know → what we know and what we can defend, support, encourage, etc.
DISCUSSION

• Are we headed in the right direction?
• Volunteers to assist in outreach?
• Other thoughts, questions, suggestions?