

# REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA 2021-2024



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

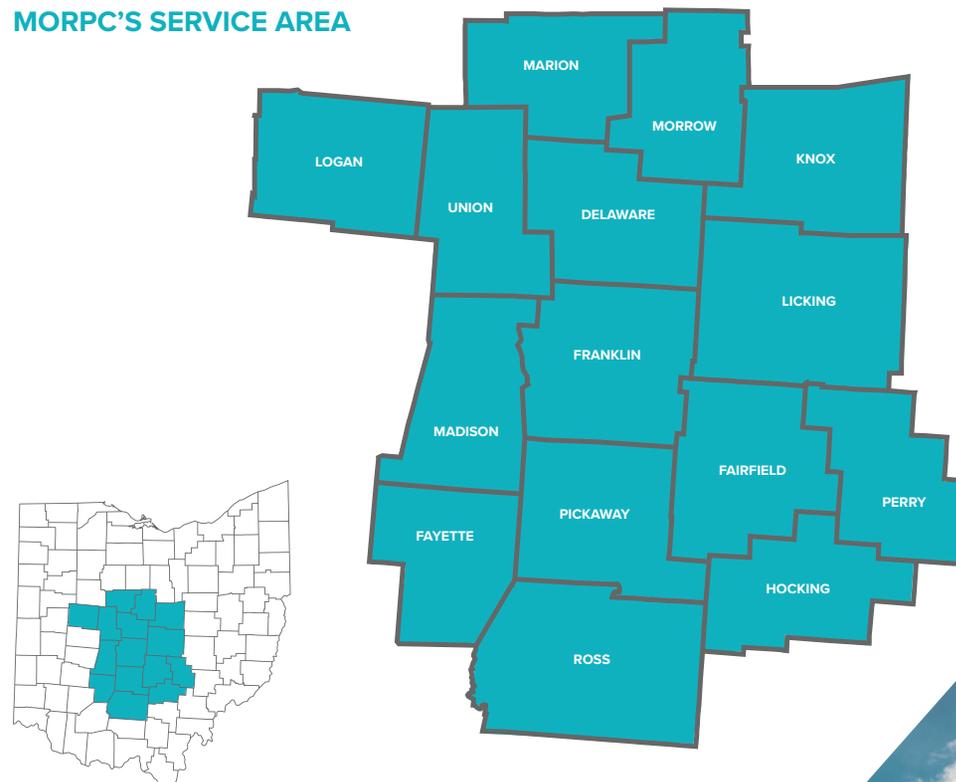
## WHO WE ARE

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is Central Ohio's regional council for more than 70 members comprised of counties, cities, villages, townships, and regional organizations. We take pride in bringing communities of all sizes and interests together to collaborate on best practices and plan for the future of our growing region.

## SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) is a top-level committee of MORPC's board and serves as the voice of sustainability. The SAC weighs in on important sustainability-focused programs and policies that have an impact on air quality, water resources, trails, energy, growth, and planning.

### MORPC'S SERVICE AREA





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# OUR REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

The Regional Sustainability Agenda (RSA) is the guiding document for MORPC's sustainability-focused programming and committees, and it provides the framework for members and regional partners to work toward common goals.

Sustainable2050, a recognition and technical assistance program that supports MORPC members in their sustainability efforts, is directly tied to the goals and objectives of the Regional Sustainability Agenda.

The agenda was developed by a sub-committee of the Sustainability Advisory Committee comprised of a variety of professionals from local government, the business community, non-profit organizations, other regional partners, and members of MORPC's Sustainability Advisory Committee. This collaborative agenda details goals and measurable objectives that make Central Ohio a better place for all of its residents and actions that promote a sustainable and equitable region.

The Regional Sustainability Dashboard is the official tool for tracking regional progress toward the RSA goals, which can be found at [rsd.morpc.org](https://rsd.morpc.org).

# VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The MORPC Regional Sustainability Agenda serves as the region's guidance to help position Central Ohio and its local communities as national leaders in sustainability through creative partnerships, enabling innovative solutions and flexible processes. It aligns MORPC's services to bring value, best practices, and collaboration to local government members.

The main goals in the agenda are for the region to improve air quality and reduce climate change impacts, protect and preserve its natural resources, improve quality of life through sustainable and equitable communities, and promote sustainable growth and development.

Each goal and objective will be data-driven and guided by underlying principles related to resiliency, equity and diversity, public health and well-being, and collaboration, ensuring sustainable impacts reach all communities within our region and providing prosperity for all.

# GOAL ONE



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

## OBJECTIVES

- 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.

# GOAL TWO



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

## OBJECTIVES

- 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.

# GOAL THREE



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

## OBJECTIVES

3.1

Improve transportation and mobility safety for all residents.

3.2

Prioritize infrastructure development that 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.

# GOAL FOUR



Promote robust, inclusive, and sustainable growth and development.

## OBJECTIVES

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.