NOTICE OF A MEETING
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

REMOTE MEETING

June 16, 2021, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

AGENDA

2:30 – 2:35 pm Welcome – Jim Schimmer, Chair and Ben Kessler, Vice Chair

2:35 – 2:50 pm Policy Update – Joe Garrity, MORPC

2:50 – 3:20 pm Regional Sustainability Agenda Target Setting – Brandi Whetstone, Liz Whelan-Jackson, and Ethan Hug, MORPC

3:20 – 3:35 pm Sustainable2050 Certification – Jennifer Noll and Brandi Whetstone, MORPC
  • City of Hilliard Platinum certification

3:35 – 3:45 pm Summit on Sustainability Update – Brandi Whetstone, MORPC

3:45 – 3:55 pm Working Group/Board Updates
  • Sustaining Scioto Board: Kristin Atha
  • Energy & Air Quality Working Group: Matt Stephens-Rich
  • Central Ohio Greenways Board: Letty Schamp
  • Sustainable2050: Ben Kessler

3:55 – 4:00 pm New Business

4:00 pm Adjourn

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

The next Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting will be on September 15, 2021, 2:30 pm
This will be a remote meeting. Details will follow.
WTS COLUMBUS AWARDS

2020 Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award
Dina López
Strategic Projects Manager
MORPC

2020 Innovative Transportation Solutions Award
Megan O'Callaghan
Deputy City Manager/COO
City of Dublin

2020 Woman of the Year Award
Joanna Pinkerton
President/CEO
COTA
POLICY UPDATE

Joe Garrity, MORPC
REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA TARGET SETTING

Liz Whelan-Jackson
Ethan Hug
RSA Measures to be presented

RSA measures in the MTP

1.1: Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled

3.1: Improve transportation safety for all residents
   a. Reduce the number of fatalities from crashes
   b. Reduce the number of serious injuries from crashes
   c. Reduce the number of non-motorized casualties

3.2: Prioritize infrastructure development which supports multi-modal transportation options for all users
   a. Reduce the percentage of commuters driving alone
   b. Increase the percentage of commuters riding transit, bicycle, or walking

4.2: Maximize infill and redevelopment along existing infrastructure
   a. Percentage of Development within Incorporated Areas

RSA Measure Not in MTP

1.4: Reduce per capita energy consumption across all sectors
   a. Reduce per capita Residential Energy Consumption
   b. Reduce per capita Commercial and Industrial Energy Consumption

4.4: Increase employment in green jobs
1.1: Reduce vehicle miles traveled

**ANNUAL AVERAGE VMT PER CAPITA**

15-COUNTY REGION

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**DATA SOURCE:**
Ohio Department of Transportation

**GOAL 1**

**IMPROVE AIR QUALITY**

*SHARED METRIC IN THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN*
1.4: Reduce per capita energy consumption across all sectors

**PER CAPITA ENERGY CONSUMPTION (MILLION BTUs)**

**15-COUNTY REGION**

**DATA SOURCE:** Various sources compiled by MORPC

**GOAL 1**

**IMPROVE AIR QUALITY**
3.1: Improve transportation safety for all residents

NUMBER OF FATALITIES FROM CRASHES (5-YEAR AVERAGE, PER 100 MILLION VMT)*
MPO AREA

0.69 0.74 0.72
2016 2017 2018

<0.67
7% Reduction by 2025

DATA SOURCE:
Ohio Department of Transportation

*SHARED METRIC IN THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
3.1: Improve transportation safety for all residents

NUMBER OF SERIOUS INJURIES FROM CRASHES (5-YEAR AVERAGE, PER 100 MILLION VMT)*
MPO AREA

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<4.8
7% Reduction by 2025

DATA SOURCE:
Ohio Department of Transportation

*SHARED METRIC IN THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

GOAL 3
IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE
3.1: Improve transportation safety for all residents

NUMBER OF NON-MOTORIZED FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES (5-YEAR AVERAGE)*
MPO AREA

2016: 138  
2017: 145  
2018: 148  

7% Reduction by 2025

DATA SOURCE: Ohio Department of Transportation

*SHARED METRIC IN THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
3.2: Prioritize infrastructure development which supports multi-modal transportation options for all users

COMMUTERS DRIVING ALONE (5-YEAR ESTIMATES)*
15-COUNTY REGION

82.7%  82.2%

2014  2019

<80%
Drive alone by 2025

DATA SOURCE:
U.S. Census Bureau
American Community Survey

*SHARED METRIC IN THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORATION PLAN
3.2: Prioritize infrastructure development which supports multi-modal transportation options for all users

COMMUTERS WALKING, BIKING, OR USING TRANSIT (5-YEAR ESTIMATES)*
15-COUNTY REGION

- 2014: 4.13%
- 2019: 4.09%

>4.25%
Walk, bike, or transit by 2025

DATA SOURCE:
U.S. Census Bureau
American Community Survey

*SHARED METRIC IN THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORATION PLAN

GOAL 3
IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE
4.2: Maximize infill and redevelopment along existing infrastructure

CUMMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS WITHIN INCORPORATED AREAS*
7-COUNTY REGION

*SHARED METRIC IN THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORATION PLAN

GOAL 4
PROMOTE A ROBUST ECONOMY
4.4: Increase employment in green jobs

Number of Green Jobs
15-county region

- 2019: 22,051
- 2020: 22,356
- Goal: 25,000 by 2025

5% increase by 2025

Data Source:
Clean Jobs Midwest

Goal 4
Promote a Robust Economy
Tier Status Certification
Presented to Sustainability Advisory Committee
June 16, 2021
PURPOSE

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        - Fifth level
Platform to assist, support and recognize MORPC members as they work toward the goals & objectives of the Regional Sustainability Agenda.
34 MEMBERS
Bexley
Blendon Township
Central Ohio Transit Authority
Clinton Township
Columbus
Columbus Metropolitan Library
Delaware
Dublin
Franklin County Commissioners
Franklin County Engineer’s Office
Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District
Gahanna
Grandview Heights
Genoa Township
Grove City
Hilliard
Lockbourne
Marysville
Metro Parks
Mifflin Township
MORPC
New Albany
Pataskala
Powell
Prairie Township
Reynoldsburg
Somerset
SWACO
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<td>GoGo Commute Participation</td>
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<td>3. Increase the percentage of vehicles using alternative fuels.</td>
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<td>4. Increase the number of trail miles traveled annually.</td>
<td>Multi-use Trails Plan™</td>
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<td>5. Increase the number of alternative fuel stations.</td>
<td>Public Alternative Fuel Stations™</td>
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<td>6. Reduce per capita energy consumption across all sectors.</td>
<td>Energy Consumption Reduction™</td>
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<td>7. Increase the number of local renewable energy projects and generating capacity.</td>
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**Goal 1 - ENERGY** | **Goal 2 - NR** | **Goal 3 - ED** | **Goal 4 - SN** | **Goal 5 - Collab**
**Certification Workbook**

**Example Community**

**Primary Staff Contact Info**
- First Name: [Blank]
- Last Name: [Blank]
- Title: [Blank]
- Department: [Blank]
- Phone: [Blank]
- Email: [Blank]
- Mailing Address: [Blank]

**Secondary Contact Info**
- First Name: [Blank]
- Last Name: [Blank]
- Title: [Blank]
- Department: [Blank]
- Phone: [Blank]
- Email: [Blank]
- Mailing Address: [Blank]

**Mandatory Actions**
- Has your community passed a resolution of participation, indicating commitment to the program? Yes
- Has your community designated a local champion to ensure public awareness and active participation? Yes
- Has your community assigned a representative to attend program meetings? Yes

**Tier Status**
- Completed Activities: 17
- Categories: 5
- Total: 20

**Certification Criteria**
- **Mandatory:**
  - Bronze: 3
  - Silver: 3
  - Gold: 3
  - Platinum: 3
- **Categories:**
  - 2 of 5
  - 3 of 5
  - 5 of 5
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- **Activities:**
  - 28 of 62
  - 40 of 62
  - 43 of 65
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**Your Status:** Silver

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FIX IT FIRST
Hilliard’s Infrastructure Preservation Strategy is a systems-driven approach, putting sustainability and “fix-it-first” at the forefront of infrastructure investments.
GREEN PURCHASING POLICY

• Hilliard minimizes environmental impacts by purchasing environmentally preferable products
COMPLETE STREETS & SAFER STREETS

- Hilliard was the first Central Ohio community to adopt a Complete Streets Policy (2012).

- Hilliard has 14 roundabouts. These proven safety countermeasures help to reduce the number of fatal and serious crashes involving cyclists and pedestrians.
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<td>(pending approval) Hilliard recognized at Commission meeting</td>
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City of Hilliard

Primary Staff Contact Info
First Name: Lany
Last Name: Lester
Title: Deputy Director of Public Services
Phone: 614-334-2667
Email: lester@hildard.org
Mailing Address: 3800 Municipal Way
Hilliard, OH 43026

Secondary Contact Info
First Name: Kristen
Last Name: Host
Title: Chairperson
Department: Environmental Sustainability Commission
Phone: 614-323-2805
Email: khost@hildard.org
Mailing Address: 3800 Municipal Way
Hilliard, OH 43026

Mandatory Actions:
- Has your community passed a resolution of participation, including commitment to the program? Yes
- Has your community designated a lead champion of sustainability and active participation? Yes

Tier Status
Completed Actions:
- Mandatory: 3
- Completed Activities: 41
- Categories: 5
- Total: 44

Tier: platinum

Certification Criteria:
- bronze: 3
- silver: 3
- gold: 3
- platinum: 3

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Activities: 6 of 52 30 of 52 25 of 52 40 of 52
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<td>Reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill.</td>
<td>Complete</td>
<td>See social media posts</td>
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<td>Minimize greenfield development and promote infill and redevelopment.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Improve water quality in the Upper Scituate Watershed (or other watersheds in the region.)</td>
<td>Complete</td>
<td>Big Darby Accord, stream restoration projects, etc.</td>
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<td>Increase the number of businesses in Central Ohio with established sustainability policies and practices.</td>
<td>Green Purchasing Policy*</td>
<td>Complete</td>
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<td>Promote Green Spot to Businesses and Residents.</td>
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<td>Promote Green Spot in media and social media channels.</td>
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<td>Encourage MORPC member communities to adopt complete streets policies or policies that contain these elements.</td>
<td>Complete Streets Policy* The City of Hilliard was the first central Ohio community to adopt a Complete Streets Policy in 2012.</td>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>Yes*</td>
<td>Latify Schampa</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Target infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people and jobs, and increases sidewalk coverage of a facilities and additional.</td>
<td>Processes of the grants that match federal and state funds to infrastructure and road filling. Examples OP 1-138 Franklin St, OP 1-300 Grady Road, OP 2-113-208 Stone Darby Road &amp; Lapper Road, OP 2-115 Stone Darby Road &amp; Wadhurst Road OP 2-133 Stone Darby Road filling at Darby Creek,</td>
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<td>Reduction in number of fatalities and serious injuries from crashes.</td>
<td>Reduction in Number of Fatalities and Serious Injuries from Crashes in your Community*</td>
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<td>Yes*</td>
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<td>Target transit and bike/way infrastructure development to serve a higher number of people.</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 healers*</td>
<td>completed</td>
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<td>muzzle Schampa</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Increase the number of Central Ohio Greenways trail miles.</td>
<td>Adoption of the Cog Trail Plan. City of Hilliard was the first central Ohio community to adopt the 2018 Cog Trail Plan Plan. Hilliard is a supporter of Cog Trail participation in the regional trail network.</td>
<td>completed</td>
<td>Yes*</td>
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*Note: Link in documentation for access to all Sustainable Neighborhoods Plan.

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<td>Complete</td>
<td>Published social media post. See documentation.</td>
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<td>Have at least one staff member attend the Summit on Sustainability annually</td>
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<td>Promote the Summit through MultiMedia Networks*</td>
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<td>Increase number of local governments committed to sustainability.</td>
<td>Complete</td>
<td>Participated in MOPRC/Office BAC Forum on 2/25/2021. See agenda documentation.</td>
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<td>Sustainable2050 Community</td>
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SIGNATURE EVENTS

Summit On Sustainability
Fall TBA
Jim Schimmer  
*Chair*  
Sustainability Advisory Committee  
jrschimmer@franklincountyohio.gov

Ben Kessler  
*Vice-Chair*  
Sustainability Advisory Committee  
bkessler@bexley.org

Brandi Whetstone  
*Sustainability Officer*  
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
bwhetstone@morpc.org
Central Ohio Greenways Board (Chair: Letty Schamp)  
*Next meeting July 21, 2021*

The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board met on May 12, 2021 and discussed new funding through the RAISE grant that could potentially be used for trails. MORPC and trail partners are discussing potential project ideas that could be supported by the grant. Board also heard updates from the four Working Groups.

**Trail Development Working Group:** The Group is exploring new trail count equipment and has developed a pilot program to test new Eco Counter equipment with the City of Columbus. Two new counters will be installed this summer and evaluated over the course of 6 months. Additionally, MORPC will work with partners to develop a working agreement for COG trail count partners that addresses data management, equipment installation, and ongoing maintenance.

**Marketing & Communications Working Group:** The group is developing a trail passport toolkit and is considering purchasing a digital application to support the development.

**Operations & Access Working Group:** The Group is focused on developing winter maintenance guidelines and scheduling a regional discussion on the topic.

**Partnership Working Group:** The Working Group is working with Econsult Solutions Inc. to complete an Impact of Trails Study due at the end of June.

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Energy & Air Quality Working Group (Chair: Matt Stephens-Rich)  
*Next meeting: July 27, 2021*


**Air Quality Monitoring Subcommittee:** Offers to site air quality monitors were received in six out of 10 targeted zip codes. Opportunities to site monitors with individuals, businesses, or organizations are still needed in the zip codes 43204, 43123, 43207, and 43212.

**Solar Subcommittee:** The application for MORPC to become a SolSmart Silver Regional Organization was approved and the region has successfully received its SolSmart designation. This designation has also garnered national attention through the National Association of Regional Councils, where they highlighted it in their newsletter and asked MORPC’s Executive Director to speak about it at a virtual event.
Sustainable2050
Next meeting: Friday, September 17, 2021

At the Q2 membership meeting (June 11), Sustainable2050 members received updates from the MORPC team on the newly adopted Regional Sustainability Agenda along with some programming highlights, including energy and MORPC’s recent SolSmart designation. The spotlight topic for this meeting was Air Quality, with a presentation on the MORPC Air Quality Monitoring Partnership with Franklin County Public Health followed by a roundtable discussion.

Program Note: Beginning July 1, Sustainable2050 will be nested under the sustainability team led by Sustainability Officer Brandi Whetstone. If your community or agency is interested in participating in Sustainable2050 or earning its Tier Status, please contact Brandi for more information at bwhetstone@morpc.org.

Sustaining Scioto Board
Next Meeting: June 23, 2021

The Board met in April with a featured presentation from Paul Gledhill of the Ohio EPA. The Board also discussed opportunities for supporting creation of updated precipitation frequency data for water infrastructure planning in the face of changing precipitation trends under climate change. The Board held a forum on May 11th to educate and consider multiple solutions to obtaining this data. This forum included presentations from the City of Columbus, the State Climate Office of Ohio, the US EPA, and the NOAA Northeast Regional Climate Center.

Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team: The Working Team met on May 20, with Dr. Aaron Wilson presenting on climate adaptation and mitigation strategies within the context of agricultural farms and forest. Member Laura Fay also gave a presentation of case studies of projects in the Scioto watershed. The Team reviewed the social science survey draft intended for County Soil and Water District Supervisors of HUC 8 counties with significant portion in the Scioto Watershed. This draft is currently under final review. Additionally, discussion on a similar survey drafted for elected officials, including commissioners and trustees was done. The Team will meet again on July 15.