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**Energy and Air Quality Working Group Meeting**  
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
*Microsoft Teams Meeting*  
**Tuesday, May 24, 2022**  
**2:00pm**

**AGENDA**

1. **Welcome and Introductions, *Matt Stephens-Rich, Chair (2:00 PM)***
2. **MORPC Staff Updates, *MORPC staff (2:10 PM)***
  - a. **Air Quality Program Update**
  - b. **Energy Program Update**
3. **Policy Roundtable, *Matt Stephens-Rich, Chair (2:20 PM)***
  - a. **Recap of Last Meeting – Education & Engagement Strategy, *Brian Filiatraut, MORPC***
  - b. **Introduction of Draft Policy Resolution, *Dale Arnold, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation***
  - c. **Open Discussion on Policy Resolution, *Matt Stephens-Rich, Chair***  
*Member Schimmer moved to accept the Draft Resolution and to forward the Resolution to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for their review. Motion seconded by Member Foshee, motion carried.*
  - d. **Next Steps in the MORPC Process, *Matt Stephens-Rich, Chair***
4. **Other Group Discussion (3:20 PM)**
5. **Adjourn (3:30 PM)**

Please notify Brian Filiatraut at (614) 233-4137 or [bfiliatraut@morpc.org](mailto:bfiliatraut@morpc.org) to confirm your attendance.

The next Energy and Air Quality Meeting is  
**Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 2:00pm**

**William Murdock, AICP**  
*Executive Director*

**Erik J. Janas**  
*Chair*

**Chris Amorose Grooms**  
*Vice Chair*

**Michelle Crandall**  
*Secretary*

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission  
*Remote Meeting*

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Members Present

Vice-Chair Dale Arnold, Ohio Farm Bureau  
Federation  
Dave Celebrezze, City of Columbus  
Ryan Foshee  
Paul Kennedy, John Glenn Columbus International  
Airport  
Joshua Lloyd, AEP  
Zach McGuire, Columbus Partnership  
Myra Moss, OSU  
David Poole, CTP Sinto America  
Samantha Richie, City of Columbus  
Jim Schimmer, Franklin County

Staff Present

Brian Filiatraut  
James Holley  
Lynn Kaufman  
Bevan Schneck  
Brandi Whetstone

Public Present

Layla Abraham, Franklin County  
Jessica Kuenzli, Ohio EPA  
Jake Kuss, Madison Energy Investments  
Gilbert Michaud, Loyola University  
Kellie Walker

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# MORPC STAFF UPDATES



**Air Quality Program**  
Brandi Whetstone

**Energy Program**  
Brian Filiatraut

# AIR QUALITY PROGRAM UPDATE

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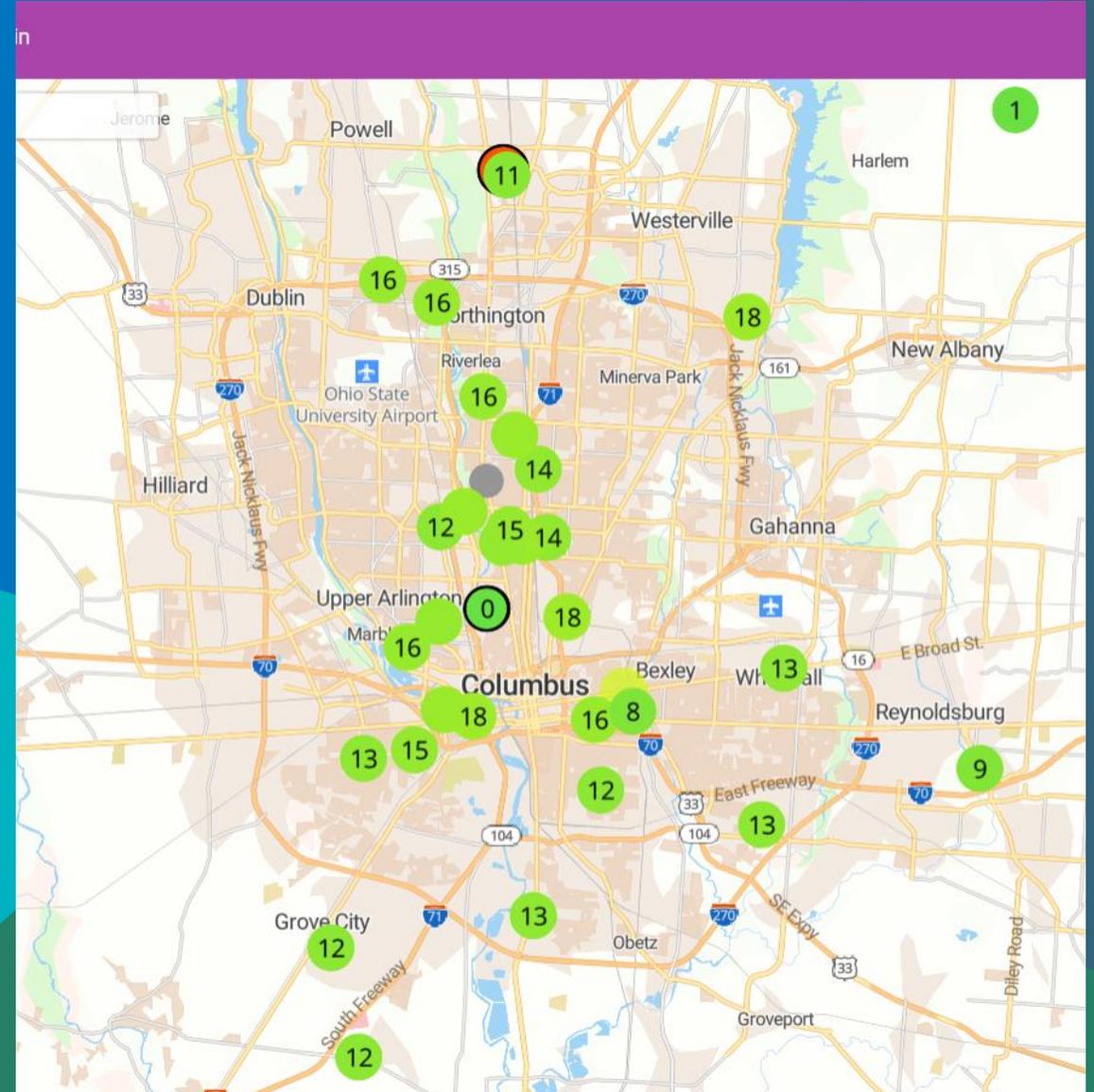
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# AIR QUALITY UPDATES

- Regional air quality overview
- Neighborhood air monitoring
- Hiring



# SAVE THE DATE 2022

## SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABILITY *Transforming Our Region*

October 14, 2022  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Hilton Columbus Downtown

Submit nominations for Regional  
Sustainability Awards [www.morpc.org](http://www.morpc.org)



# RIVERFEST IS BACK



## Save the Date for Riverfest June 11-12, 2022 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Columbus Arts Festival

MORPC in partnership with Metro Parks and RAPID 5 will celebrate Riverfest at the Columbus Arts Festival from June 11-12.

Enjoy free kayaking, paddle boarding, and canoeing for the entire family.



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# ENERGY PROGRAM UPDATE

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# COLUMBUS AREA RESIDENTIAL SOLAR CO-OP

- Led by City of Columbus, Solar Unity Neighbors, MORPC, IMPACT CA, Simply Living
- Two Solar Co-op Rounds
  - Round 1: July – October, 2022 → kick-off target = mid-July
  - Round 2: January – April, 2023
- **No Cost** to MORPC Members, In-kind Services:
  - Marketing, outreach, lead / point of contact

Months 1-3

**1 LEARN**  
Attend a free solar co-op info session.

**2 SIGN UP ONLINE**  
Become a co-op member! It's free to sign up.

**3 SPREAD THE WORD**  
Invite neighbors & friends to join!

Month 2

**4 SELECT INSTALLER**  
Once the co-op has 30 members, they choose the solar installer.

Solar United Neighbors issues a competitive RFP for solar installers on behalf of the solar co-op. We review bids & check references.

Then volunteer co-op members review bids & select one installer.

Months 3 - 5

**SIGN UP DEADLINE**  
Last chance – TBD

**5 PROPOSAL**  
Co-op pricing, customized for you.

**6 SIGN CONTRACT**  
with the installer

**7 INSTALLATION**

**8 PARTY!**  
Celebrate & meet your solar neighbors.



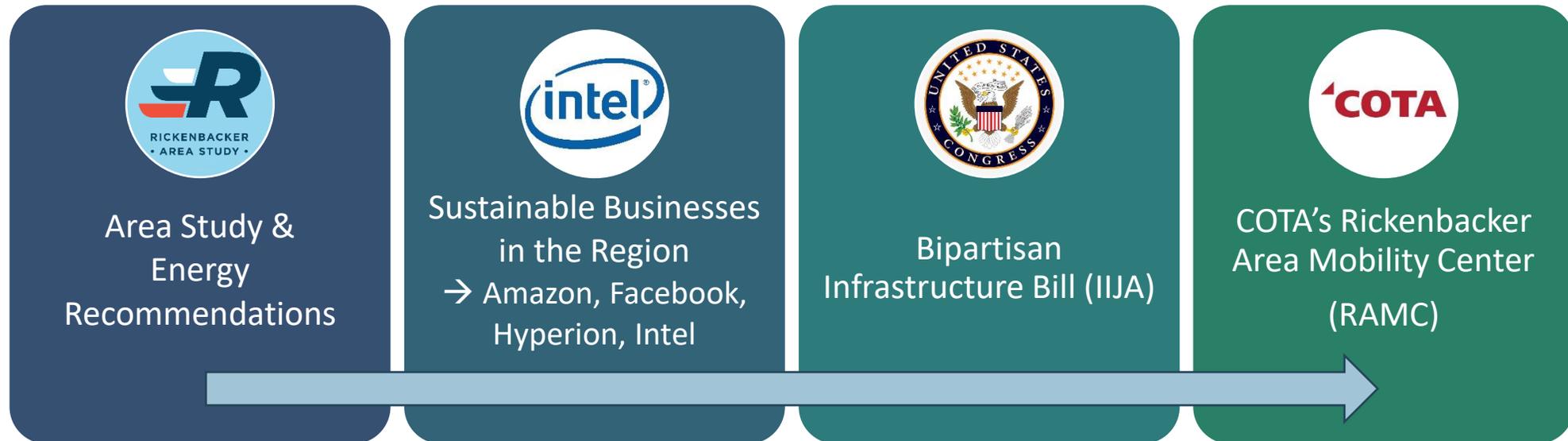
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# RICKENBACKER ENERGY CONSORTIUM



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- Focus: Re-engage Conversation on Clean Energy Solutions for Rickenbacker Area
- Held Two REC Meetings
  - March → Reconvening, introductions, COTA's RAMC
  - May → IIJA opportunities, Buckeye Power / South Central Power's existing building case studies for potential solar + storage
- Upcoming July Meeting → Duke Realty's new building case study for potential solar + storage



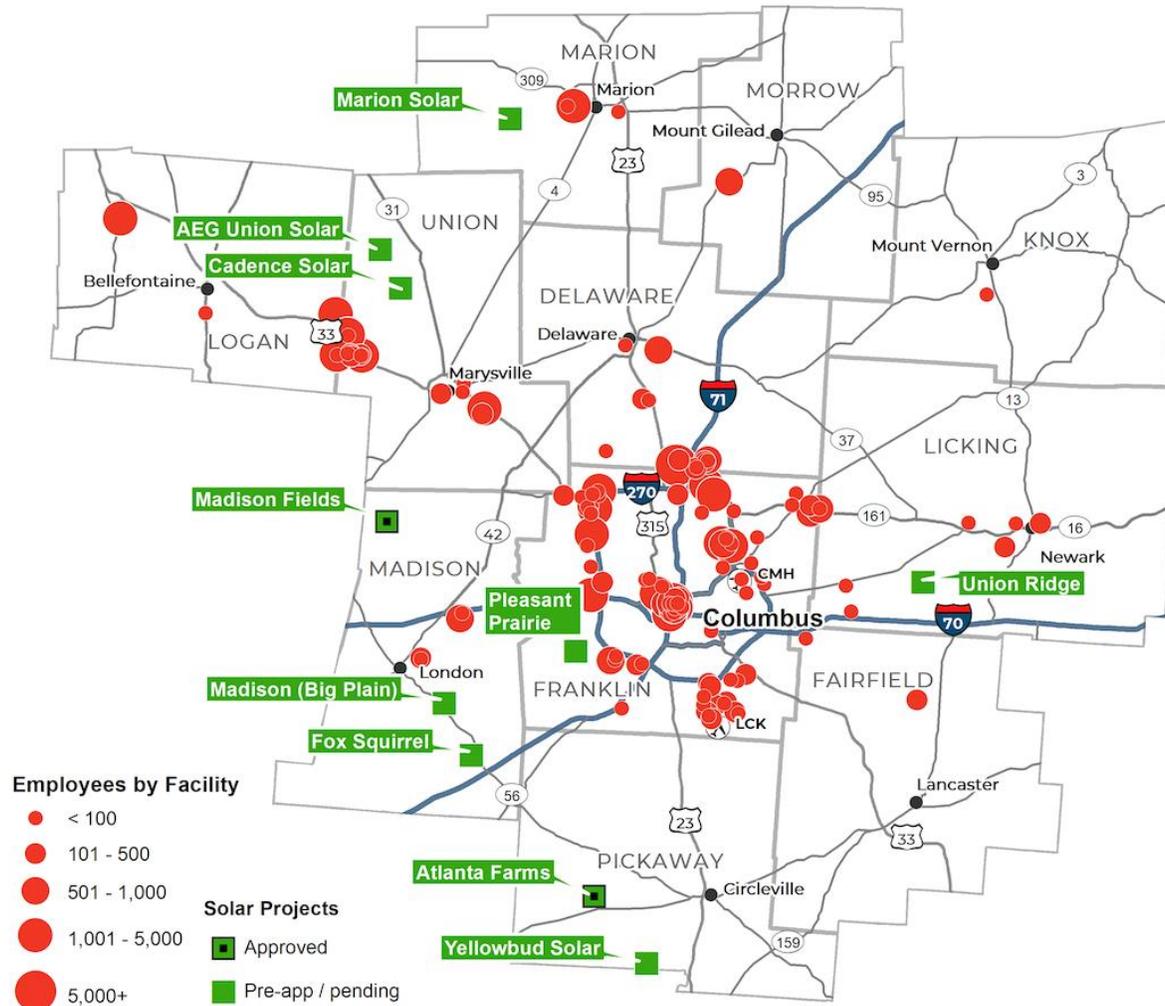
# 3/22/22 EAQWG MEETING RECAP

## *SB 52 Education & Engagement Strategy*

- Reviewed MORPC's Regional Sustainability Agenda and Public Policy Agenda
- SB 52 Overview & Added Perspectives
  - Steve Tugend, Dale Arnold, & Zach McGuire
- Policy Roundtable Discussion
  - Land use
  - Individual / Land rights
  - Clean energy generation & Climate mitigation
  - Economic opportunities



# Central Ohio Businesses Want Solar: Renewable Energy Goals & Employment Opportunities



County	Total Clean Energy Jobs
Delaware	1,360
Fairfield	1,468
Knox	501
Licking	1,174
Logan	650
Madison	886
Marion	393
Morrow	409
Pickaway	363
Union	965
Franklin	13,368
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,537</b>
Non-Franklin County	8,169
% outside Franklin County	38%

# DRAFT POLICY RESOLUTION

## Draft Policy - MORPC Education, Outreach & Advocacy in Power Siting Issues

- **Education:** Provide resources and programs that promote understanding on power siting development at local, state and interstate levels. Information should include, but is not limited to:
  - Community Stakeholders
  - Local Governments
- **Organization Advocacy:** Provide that the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) be involved in power siting issues involving member local governments and communities. Participation could include, but is not limited to:
  - Policy Development
  - Advocacy
  - Intervention / Party of Record

## MORPC Education, Engagement, & Empowerment in Power Siting Issues

**Education & Engagement:** Provide resources and programs that promote understanding on power siting development at local, state, and interstate levels. Information should include, but is not limited to:

Community Stakeholders:

- Providing opportunities where local business leaders, educators, service organizations, industries, energy service providers, utilities, and community stakeholders can engage in collaborative discussion concerning local energy infrastructure development.
- Understanding the variety of issues, needs, and concerns involved with power siting, and encouraging all community stakeholders to advocate their position and be involved in the process.
- Understanding guidelines set in state and federal law detailing how and when local government is given authority to approve/reject power siting proposals, and how local authority can update current planning rules and regulations to reflect the size, scope, and technical capabilities of new technologies within their jurisdiction.

Local Governments:

- Facilitating local education and engagement activities focusing on initial community involvement programs as prescribed in Sections 4906 of the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code.
- Understanding their rights and responsibilities to represent their constituents as a *Party of Record* in Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) proceedings concerning power siting within their jurisdiction. These include, but are not limited to, participation in adjudicational hearings and negotiation of stipulations and agreements establishing the basis for long-term relationships between energy service providers and communities.
- Understanding responsibilities and procedures for establishing Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) provisions, providing economic resources to school districts and county and township governments.
- Understanding guidelines set in state and federal law detailing how and when local government is given authority to approve/reject power siting proposals, and how local authority can update current planning rules and regulations to reflect the size, scope, and technical capabilities of new technologies.

**Organization Empowerment:** Provide that the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) be involved in power siting issues involving member local governments and communities. Participation could include, but is not limited to:

- *Policy Development:* Continue to develop and share policies and insight with member governments and communities concerning power siting for on-site, community/mercantile, and utility scale applications.
- *Empowerment:* Continue to share organization policy by providing official written comments and/or participating in hearings and regulatory workshops at regional, state, and interstate levels.
- *Intervention/Party of Record:* Explore the implications and/or pursue Intervention and Party of Record status in power siting proceedings at state and federal levels.

**Thank you!**