

# SAC Report to Commission

Ben Kessler, Chair  
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PLANNING COMMISSION

# CITY OF COLUMBUS EARNNS SOLSMART GOLD




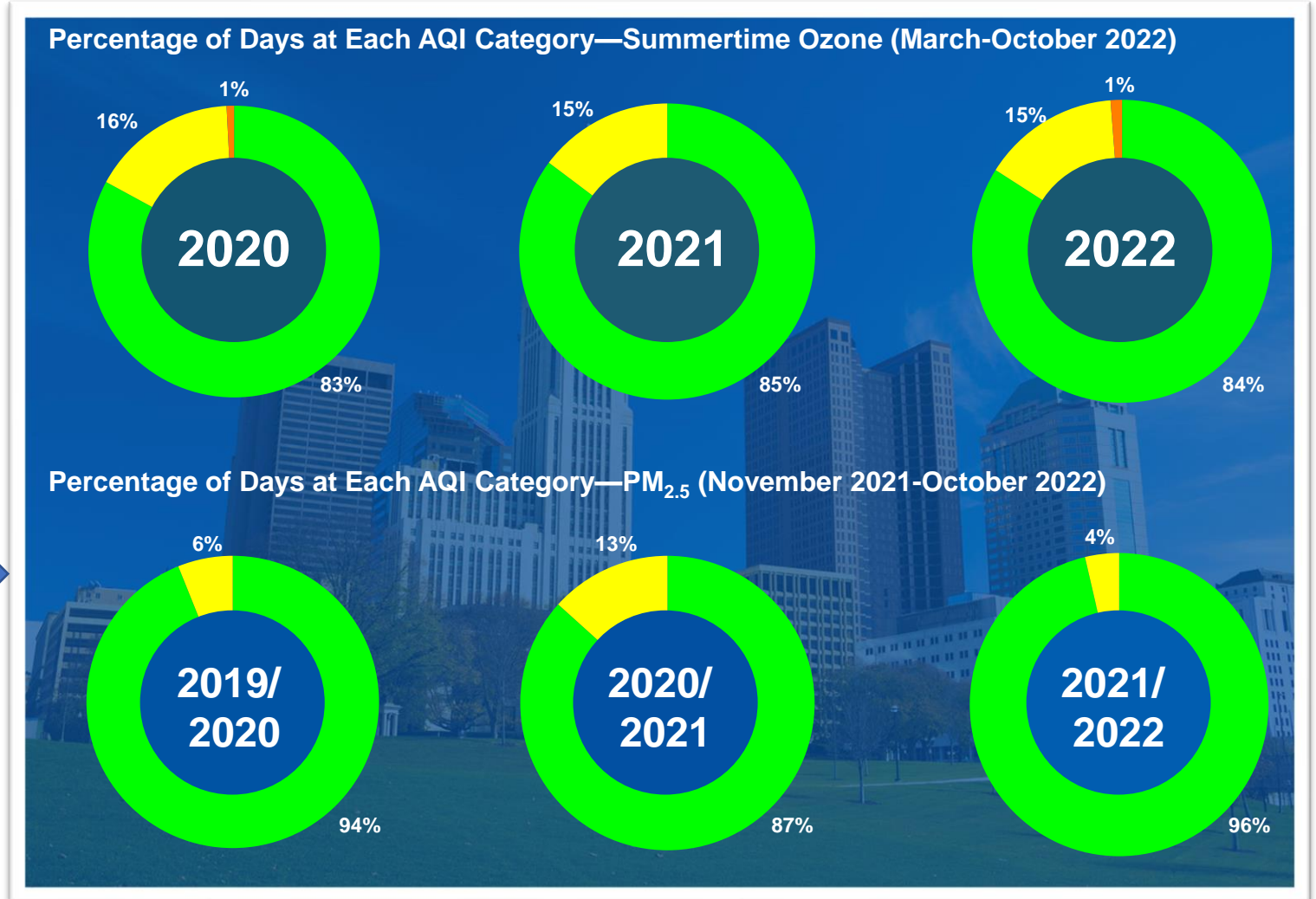
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# AIR QUALITY

- MORPC submitted comment letter to U.S. EPA regarding strengthening the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards (particulate matter)
- Response to IQAir report “Clearing the Air” about Columbus particulate matter pollution.
- 2021/2022 annual report 
  - 96% of all days were in the Good AQI category.
  - 12th consecutive year without exceeding the standard.



# CHARGING & FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE (CFI) DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM



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Competitive grant program designed to strategically deploy publicly accessible EV charging & alternative fueling infrastructures within a community and along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).

- 2 program tracks:
  - Community Program – make chargers more accessible in parking facilities, public buildings, public schools, public parks → \$350M
  - Corridor Program – continuing to build chargers along AFCs → \$350M
- MORPC is leading a regional approach
- **Application deadline May 30, 2023**
- For more information, contact Brian Filiatraut, [bfiliatraut@morpc.org](mailto:bfiliatraut@morpc.org)



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# CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS (CPRG) PROGRAM

Two-staged program providing states and local governments funds to develop and implement plans to mitigate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other harmful air pollution.

- Phase 1: \$1M formula-based planning grant for the Columbus MSA - Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Hocking, Licking, Madison, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, & Union counties
- MORPC co-leading with City of Columbus on a regional approach
- Need to be part of *Phase 1: Planning Grant* to apply for *Phase II: Implementation Grant*
- **Seeking letters of support by April 19; application deadline May 31, 2023**
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# ENERGY EFFICIENCY COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) PROGRAM



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Formula-based and competitive grant opportunities to implement strategies that reduce energy use and emissions and improve energy efficiency.



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## Formula-Eligible Local Government Funds | US DOE

- Eligible in Central Ohio: Columbus, Delaware (city), Dublin, Franklin County, Gahanna, Grove City, Hilliard, Lancaster, Mansfield, Marion, Newark, Reynoldsburg, Upper Arlington, Westerville
- **Pre-award info sheet is due April 28, 2023; full application deadline January 31, 2024**

## Competitive Funds | US DOE

- Eligible: small-medium local governments that are ineligible for formula grant. Collaborative applications are encouraged
- **Concept paper is due June 5, 2023; full application deadline August 7, 2023**

# EARTH DAY 2023

**April 22, 2023:**

Earth Day Columbus  
and Celebrate Trails Day  
Genoa Park, 303 W. Broad St.  
12pm-9pm

**May 1-5, 2023:**

Air Quality Awareness Week:  
*Working Together for Clean Air*

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