



AIR QUALITY & FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATES

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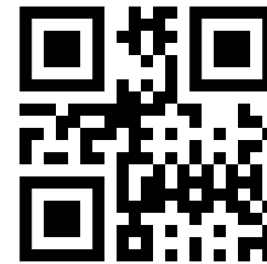
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Ozone Monitoring Season March 1 – Oct 31

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AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK



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Air Quality Awareness Week 2023

Air Quality Awareness Week (AQAW) provides an opportunity for people to learn about what causes poor air quality, and how they can prepare for and respond to events and environments with poor air quality year-round.

May 1-5, 2023

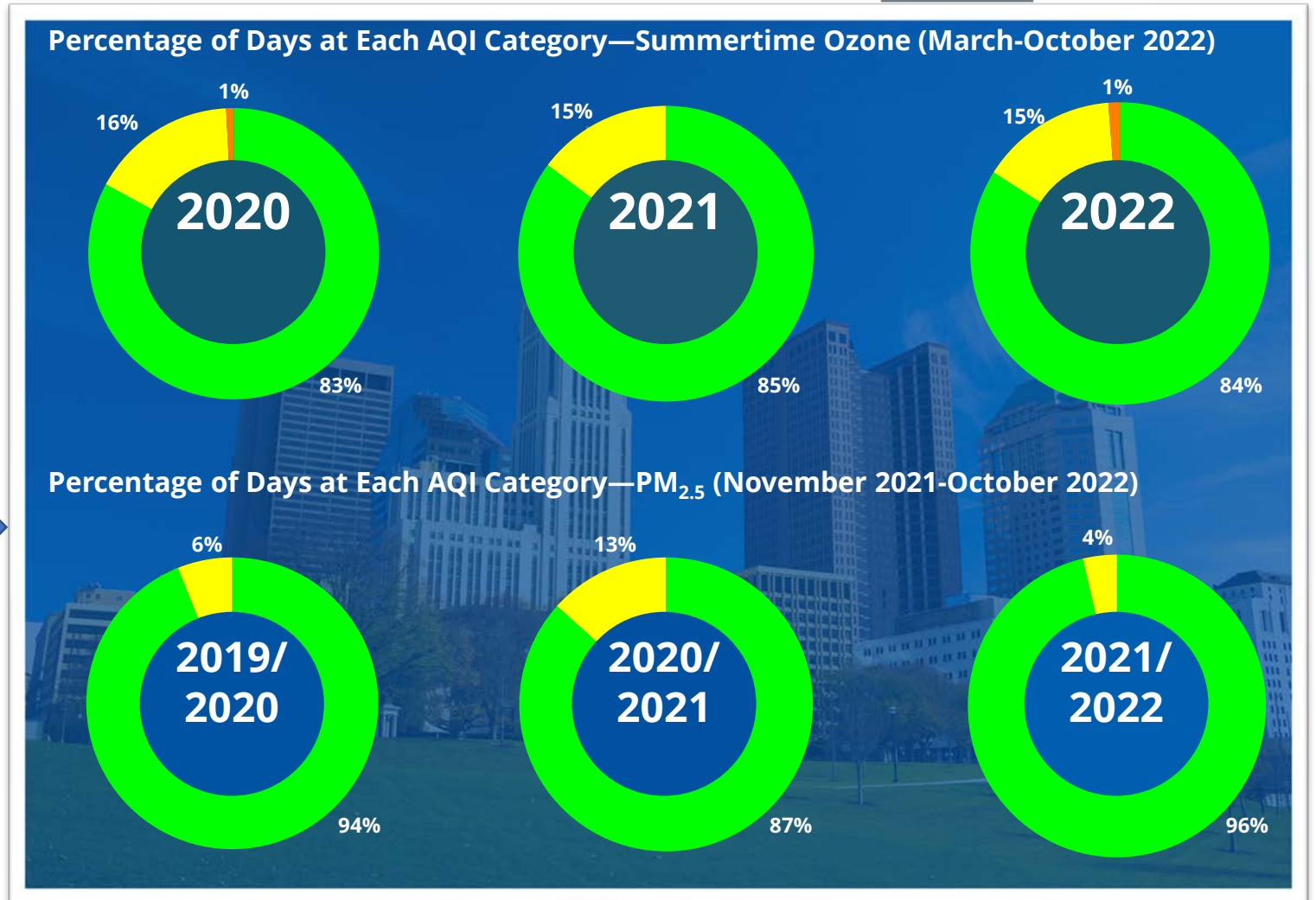
Working Together for Clean Air

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PARTICULATE MATTER POLLUTION (PM2.5)

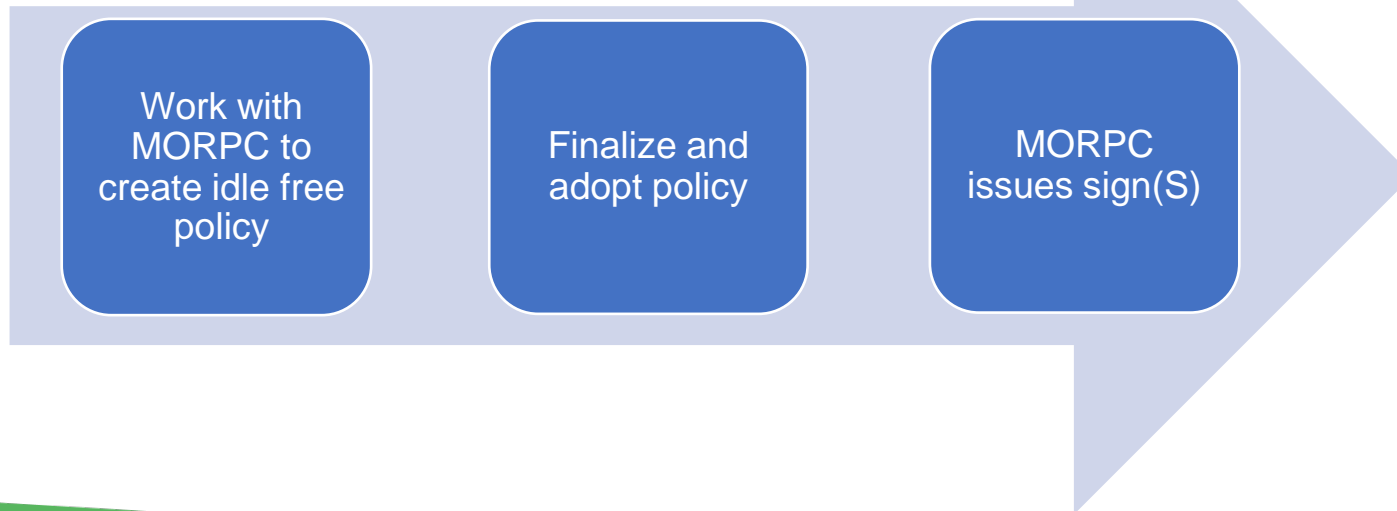


- MORPC submitted comment letter to U.S. EPA regarding strengthening the PM2.5 standards
- Response to IQAir report “Clearing the Air” about Columbus particulate matter pollution.
- 2021/2022 annual report
 - 96% of all days were in the Good AQI category.
 - 12th consecutive year without exceeding the standard.



IDLE FREE PROGRAM

- Goal: Raise awareness about harmful effects of unnecessary idling and to reduce air pollution
- Partnership
 - Local Governments
 - Schools
 - Businesses
 - Hospitals
- Process





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CHARGING & FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE (CFI) DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM

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



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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*
- **Application deadline May 30, 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.

Competitive Funds | US DOE

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



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