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**NOTICE OF A MEETING
SUSTAINABLE2050
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 Liberty Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215**

HYBRID MEETING

May 22, 2025, 9:30 am

AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction

MORPC Program Updates

• **Regional Sustainability Agenda**

Brandi Whetstone discussed the updates to the Regional Sustainability Agenda, including new goals on climate resilience, agriculture, and sustainable business practices. The agenda is updated every four years and is set to be finalized at the August 2025 Commission Meeting.

• **Regional Water Study**

Edwina Teye provided an update on the transition from the Sustaining Scioto Board to the Regional Water Advisory Council, focusing on water quality, reuse, and supply. She also discussed the completion of the Central Ohio Regional Water Study and the upcoming Riverfest event.

• **Energy Forums and Program Updates**

[Energy Competitiveness Study](#)

Brian Filiatraut discussed the Ohio Business Roundtable's Energy Competitiveness Study and the recent passage of House Bill 15, which aims to modernize energy infrastructure and ensure resilient, affordable, and reliable power supply.

[Securing Our Energy Future](#)

Brian also announced the Securing Our Energy Future series, a four-part energy forum focusing on energy resilience, current trends, funding resources, and future technologies.

[Charging Smart Program](#)

Brian introduced the Charging Smart Program, which aims to help communities become EV-ready by providing guidance and support for earning bronze, silver, or gold designations.

• **Government Affairs & Policy**

Kyle Probert provided updates on the state operating budget, including issues related to eminent domain, H2Ohio program cuts, Brownfields Funding, and passenger rail advocacy.

William Murdock, AICP
Executive Director

Chris Amorose Groomes
Chair

Michelle Crandall
Vice Chair

Ben Kessler
Secretary

- **Transportation Innovation Forum**

Brandi announced that the Forum will be held June 4, featuring speakers and a keynote from the former director of the San Francisco Metro Transit Authority. Registration is available online and tickets are still available.

Pollution Prevention Assessments for Sustainable Facilities and Operations

Rachael Dininger, Ohio EPA, presented about the Pollution Prevention Assessments, a free service that helps organizations identify energy efficiency improvements, waste reduction opportunities, and recycling initiatives.

An Introduction to the Environmental and Social Sustainability Lab at Ohio State

Jeremy Brooks and Ellen Eilers, Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources, discussed the Environmental & Social Sustainability Lab, which focuses on interdisciplinary research and partnerships to address environmental and social sustainability issues.

Member Updates

- Dave Celebrezze, City of Westerville, shared updates on the Westerville Green Challenge, rain garden restoration work, and the development of an internal sustainability dashboard.
- Sean Collins, SWACO, announced job openings and the launch of the Community Waste Reduction Grant.

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 Meeting
Will be August 28, 2025, at 9:30 am**

