

Your News!

October 2023



Updates, News, Events and Highlights..

Sharing the exciting work that sustainability professionals and residents are doing to advocate for a more sustainable Miami Valley.

All Are Invited, Send Us Your Updates!

SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS' UPDATES

CITY OF DAYTON

The City of Dayton released its [solar RFP](#) to procure 4-6 MW of solar adjacent to its Water Treatment Facility on Chuck Wagner. Interested vendors have until October 13th to bid on the project.

The City will approve its Renewable Natural Gas project on October 4th which will reduce 50% of all City facilities emissions by capturing methane gas that was traditionally flared. This project will also improve air quality and bring additional revenue to the City. [Click here](#) to learn more about the project.

MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) received, on August 1, 2023, a Notice of Award from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG). This \$1 million planning assistance award from the Inflation Reduction Act will fund work over the next four years to develop plans for the Dayton Region to inventory emissions, set local goals for emission reductions, select strategies to meet those goals and measure the benefits to residents and disadvantaged populations.

Projects and programs included in the final Climate Action Plans developed will be eligible to apply for competitive implementation funding through the US EPA in 2024 and beyond. MVRPC will use the award to fund staff time and consultant assistance to develop all the required elements of the Climate Action Plans.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Join Miami Valley Businesses & Nonprofits Solar Co-Op!

Montgomery County and the City of Dayton are working to help local businesses and nonprofits go solar and partnered up to hire Solar United Neighbors to manage the co-op.

The co-op will help members navigate the solar panel purchasing process and educate them on various incentives available. Those who join select a single company to complete all the installations. Members then purchase panels individually but at the installer's group rate, allowing them to buy in bulk and save money. Those interested in joining the Miami Valley Businesses and Nonprofits Solar Co-Op can sign up at SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/MVSolar. It's free, and members are not committed to purchasing solar panels. The deadline to join is October 16.

Bring Your Green Walk and Talk at Canyon Run Ranch

Sustainability and healthy living go hand in hand! Bring Your Green's latest walk and talk event at @Canyon Run Ranch is proof of that.

Attendees toured the property, learned how its owner turned her sustainability goals into reality and connected with nature. See video below for some event highlights - sound on please!

Stay current on all [Bring Your Green events](#) and join the online sustainability challenge at [BringYourGreen.com!](#)



HallZOOween

We're going green this Halloween!

Bring Your Green (BYG) will be at the @CincinattiZoo's HallZOOween on Oct. 15. Stop by BYG's trick-or-treat station between noon and 5 p.m. for sustainability swag, games and educational material! Be sure to bring your treat bag and join the Bring Your Green Challenge! America's favorite hippo, Fiona, wants you on her team!

Visit bit.ly/cincyhallzooween for more HallZOOween details.

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, the greenest Zoo in America, is taking the *Bring Your Green Challenge* and we invite you to **JOIN** us!



BRING YOUR GREEN!

Learn how to make small, greener choices at bringyourgreen.com

Random Thoughts 5 of 9 Is Now Released - Animal Factory Farming!

“Every day there is a new confirmation of how destructive, inefficient, wasteful, cruel and unhealthy the industrial agriculture machine is. We need a total rethink of our food and farming systems before it’s too late.”

Learn more by clicking link below. Scroll down to the **Commit to It** section, read the topic and claim your points! Feel free to take the quiz as well.

SEE MORE



ENERGY OPTIMIZERS USA



In June 2023, Green Energy Ohio (GEO), honored Energy Optimizers, USA with the Green Achievement Award for Business!

Energy Optimizers USA has been a long-time member of GEO and partnered with them on programming and advocacy efforts.

ACCESS TO EXCESS

Access to Excess is a Dayton food rescue operation that recovers and redistributes wholesome vegetables and other surplus foods.

This summer they held over twenty-five free produce stands at their new permanent location in Trotwood. ATE redistributes an average of six thousand pounds of wholesome food per week and plans to continue throughout the year weather permitting.

WALNUT HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

With resources and cheerleading from Meg Maloney of the City of Dayton Sustainability Department, Walnut Hills Neighborhood Association has established a Sustainability and Resilience Team.

Walnut Hills is exploring a variety of topics, to provide information to neighborhood residents on weatherization, recycling, solar installations, gardening, and any other requested topic. They are also working on a neighborhood emergency response plan to increase their ability to meet future challenges, whether it be an extreme weather event, an extended power

outage, or some other emergency. Walnut Hills is recruiting caring neighborhood contacts at the block level.

So far, the team has hosted CPR training and presented on the topic of food preservation. Next up, are presentations on home weatherization techniques and recycling. Additionally, Walnut Hills plans to lead a book discussion, about Palaces for the People by Eric Klinenberg.

PARTNERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Partners for the Environment is an alliance of environmental organizations, government, and civic organizations; and public and private educational institutions within an 18-county region in southwest Ohio. On September 20th Partners held their annual awards ceremony. BW Greenway Community Land Trust, located in Clark and Greene counties, was honored as Partner of the Year for their success in protecting sensitive lands and water resources and implementing programs and events focused on environmental issues.

The Partner of the Year Award celebrates organizations and people who work to protect, preserve, and restore the environmental and agricultural resources of the Great Miami River and Little Miami River watersheds. Four other awards were presented in addition to Partner of the Year including:

Ellis Jacobs, attorney, with a Lifetime Achievement Award for commitment to environmental protection and dedication to serving marginalized communities; Jean Ryan and Sally Keyes, founders of the Learning Tree Farm in Montgomery County, with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their passionate dedication to creating a place where children could experience hands-on learning in a traditional farm setting and Gayle Covington Fowler, community leader, as the Individual of the Year in addressing the legacy of environmental injustice on vulnerable communities including the threats of lead and other toxins, food deserts, homelessness, and effects of poverty.

MARIANIST ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

On June 9, 2023, Mount Saint John began to turn the electric meter backward as their solar array came online!

The array will produce 100% of the electricity needed on an annual basis at Mount Saint John. It occupies 3 acres and includes 1,920 445-watt panels manufactured locally by Toledo-based First Solar. Within its first 13 days, the system produced over 35,000 kWh of electricity -about 3 times the amount of electricity used annually in an electric-only family home!

Visit <https://meec.center/calendar> to learn more.



WASTE FREE DAYTON

Waste-Free Dayton published a new resources page on their website called [Tips for Going Waste-Free](#)

The page contains resources for several areas, such as cooking and baking, cleaning, composting, arts and crafts, and more.

In the 3rd quarter, Waste-Free Dayton conducted two litter cleanups, one with the Huffman Neighborhood Association and another near Hamilton Ave. At the 9 cleanups year to date, Waste Free Dayton has collected approximately 25,000 pounds of litter and debris.

WFD also provides monthly coffee chats on sustainability. These meetups are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, with the location and the time-varying each month. [Learn more here.](#)

PINK MOON GOODS

Kathleen Hotmer spoke about her shop Pink Moon Goods at the recent Launch Dayton event about Living Your Values in Business. Pink Moon Goods is a retail shop in the Historic Huffman District that specializes in products that are beautiful, practical, and sustainable. Hotmer specifically discussed the difficulties of running an environmentally friendly business.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Waste Free Dayton

Waste Free Dayton participated in the EcoFEST in Kettering for the first time, managing one of the event's two waste stations. Coming up in October, the organization will be doing the same thing at the [Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience](#) on October 7 and 8.

[Email Waste-Free Dayton](#) if you would like to volunteer at their booth

Marianist Environmental Education Center

Land Manager, Michele Banker and volunteers are collecting seeds for the 2024 plant sale and restoration projects throughout Southwest Ohio. Volunteers will have the opportunity to learn about native plant propagation.

There are two remaining Land Steward Saturdays before the holidays - October 7 and November 4, 1-4 p.m. Bring your gloves or borrow ours, all tools and training provided. Dress for the weather; long pants are recommended and close-toed shoes are a must. Meet at the picnic tables on the East side of St. Joseph Hall. RSVP to bankerm1@udayton.edu by Thursday before.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DRG Sustainability Luncheon

October 12

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sinclair Conference Center

[See More and RSVP](#)

B-W Greenway- Storm Water Management

October 26

7:00 p.m.

Bath Township Building

Ohio Energy Conference

Nov 8th & 9th

Hilton Columbus of Easton

[See More and RSVP](#)

And that's a wrap! From all of us here, stay green and remember to send us your updates!

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