



Ohio Environmental Council

CLIMATE CHANGE IS HERE. IT'S ALREADY IMPACTING OHIO.

It is now clear that climate change threatens public health on multiple fronts, harms industries that Ohioans rely on to feed our families, and alters the landscapes that make our state special and unique. Climate change will affect us all, no matter the color of our skin or where we live. As the dangerous impacts grow, communities that have been systematically left out will continue to suffer the most.

KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD IS NO LONGER AN OPTION.

We can no longer accommodate doubters, tolerate big polluters, or shy away from bold action. Climate change is here and we already know the solutions that will help us avoid its worst impacts.

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUE OF OUR TIME.

The majority of Ohio's most pressing environmental concerns are impacted by climate change. We cannot succeed in our mission to protect air, land, water, and democracy for all who call Ohio home without addressing climate change.

ENERGY

COMMON SENSE CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Climate change is increasing risks to those with serious health conditions. Weather that contributes to poor air quality and the growing number of days with extreme temperatures threaten Ohioans' health and safety. We can fight back by eliminating the most harmful climate-change-causing air pollutants. In doing so, we will lessen Ohio's contribution to the causes of climate change while also decreasing health risks to our children and grandchildren.

Clean up our power

Ohioans agree: our state needs more clean energy. We can reduce carbon and other pollutants that threaten our communities by increasing investments in energy efficiency and renewables by utilities, local governments, businesses, and citizens.

Reduce methane pollution

Cutting methane, a potent greenhouse gas, is good for Ohio's communities and our climate. We are working with impacted communities to advocate for strong state and federal standards for methane pollution coming from oil and gas operations.

Grow adoption of electric vehicles

We can reduce climate changing emissions and make the air in our cities healthier and cleaner for our families by encouraging electric vehicle (EV) usage. We are working with communities to help them invest in a robust EV charging infrastructure for the future.

WATER

SAFE DRINKING WATER OHIOANS CAN RELY ON

From toxic algae to aging infrastructure, the challenges to our water systems keep growing. Climate change is threatening water from source to tap.

Reduce the pollution feeding toxic algae

Pollution, warmer temperatures, and heavy rain contribute to toxic algae and threaten Ohio's waterways. We are fighting back by advocating for water infrastructure upgrades for our cities and for resources to help farmers implement practices to keep pollutants out of our waterways.

Protect access to affordable, clean water

A changing climate increases pressure on chronically underfunded water systems and aging infrastructure. This increases costs and burdens people with low incomes. We're working with state policymakers and local communities to craft creative financing solutions to ensure our water systems can deliver safe and affordable drinking water to people everywhere.

Restore lakes, rivers, and wetlands

Healthy lakes, rivers, and wetlands act as natural filters for drinking water before it reaches our treatment facilities, saving time and money. We are working with leaders at all levels of government to protect and restore these critical waterways.



ENLIST THE HELP OF OHIO'S LAND

Climate change is already devastating forests across the Midwest and Ohio. Warmer temperatures and increased precipitation will mean more pests, like ticks, and invasive species threatening public health and ravaging critical wildlife habitats. Our forests and parks – especially our publicly owned lands – are our best natural weapons in the fight against climate change.

Manage Ohio's public lands for carbon storage

If protected and allowed to reach their full potential, our public parks, wildlife areas, and forests will absorb excess carbon dioxide pollution from the atmosphere. That is why we are working with federal and state leaders to craft management plans that put the health of our climate, lands, and people first.

Preserve vital habitats in Appalachian Ohio

In the coming years, heavily forested places like Southeastern Ohio will become a refuge for wildlife fleeing increasingly inhospitable southern climates. It's up to us to preserve Ohio's forests and keep public areas free from harmful practices such as mining, so wildlife can thrive.

Reforest Ohio's cities and expand local parks

Trees help provide shade and relief from the growing number of extreme heat waves threatening our communities. Together, we will push for local, state, and federal investments in the lush tree canopy cover and high quality greenspaces Ohioans need to protect our families from the heat and provide more opportunities to enjoy nature.

CLEARING A PATH TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

If we are going to take the action required to fight the causes and impacts of climate change, we must also fight for the protection and health of our democracy.

Tackling climate change will take all of us and demands that environmental protection be a foundation for our leaders, no matter their political party, and not a polarizing issue.

Fair districts for all

When politicians create legislative districts that place their interests over their constituents' interests, they perpetuate environmental injustice and continue to stall real, meaningful action on climate change. Accurate and fair districts will enable Ohioans to make their voices heard on the critical environmental challenges facing our state.

Protect and expand voting rights and access

It should be quick and simple for Ohioans to make their voices heard. We can make that a reality by supporting policies like automatic voter registration that expand, not restrict, access to the voting booth.

THIS FIGHT WILL TAKE ALL OF US.

**WILL YOU
JOIN US?**

EFFECTIVE TOOLS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE ON ALL FRONTS

The OEC and our thousands of statewide members are leveraging all of our skills and tools to make a positive impact on the issues that matter most to Ohioans. We are mobilizing our members and activists, engaging excluded communities, deploying legal actions, and bringing together partners and leaders. Together we can address climate change and its most significant consequences for our state.



CONFRONT CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE COURTS

Fighting entrenched special interests seeking to handcuff Ohio to decades more of fossil fuels, degrade the water we drink, and scar our public lands.

Partnering with local governments and community groups to address pollution at the local level, especially in underrepresented communities.

Promoting and defending energy efficiency and renewable energy projects before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Ohio Supreme Court.

GET MORE OHIOANS IN THE FIGHT

Building true champions across the political spectrum for environmental issues that matter most to Ohioans.

Using proven tactics and messages to reach a wide range of Ohioans to build a bigger, more inclusive, and more diverse environmental movement in our state.

Empowering citizens to take action in their own neighborhoods to find equitable solutions to climate change.



GO LOCAL

Passing policies at the local level that reduce carbon pollution and bolster safeguards against climate impacts.

Supporting and cultivating relationships with new and existing local environmental champions and community leaders.

Building strategic networks across Ohio capable of pushing for action by leaders at all levels of government.



THERE IS HOPE.

If we make climate action a priority, we can put Ohio on the right path.

THIS SHOULD BE THE OHIO THAT OUR CHILDREN KNOW.



Parks and Land to Explore



Renewable Energy



Healthy Waterways



Clean Air



Safe Water



Clean Energy Jobs

With your support, we are confronting climate change head-on so that we can all look our children and grandchildren in the eyes and honestly say we did **EVERYTHING** in our power to ensure a healthy Ohio.


LET'S GET TO WORK.

WHO WILL?

If people like you and organizations like the OEC don't take action,

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You can learn more about the Ohio Environmental Council at www.theOEC.org.

If not now, when?

If we don't act, who will?

What will Ohio look like for our children?

It's time to answer some important questions:

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