



Ohio Environmental Council



Hi, all!

As summer starts winding down, I have been thinking about how much we have packed into these past few months. From neighborhood cookouts to community meetings, Cleveland has been alive with energy, and so has our work. We have been advocating for cleaner air, building stronger coalitions, and making sure our local policies reflect the voices of the people most impacted. The changing seasons do not slow us down—and as we head into fall, I am excited to share some of the work we have been doing in Cleveland and what is ahead.

Yours in the Fight,

Brian Siggers

*Cleveland Metro Advocacy Director*



**Saturday, September 13, 2025:** [Fresh Fest](#) | Riddall Urban Farm, 8129 Otter Ave, Cleveland, OH 44104

**Saturday, September 20, 2025:** [Clean Water Festival](#) | 4747 East 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025:** Fall Guided Bird Walks | Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44120 | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

## Regional & Partner Updates

### Cleveland Environmental Advocacy Coalition Meeting

Last month, we brought together partners for our Cleveland Environmental Advocacy Coalition meeting. It was an energizing space to reconnect, lift up community priorities, and strengthen collaboration. The ideas and momentum from that meeting are helping guide how we move forward together into the months ahead.

### Advancing the 2025 Policy Platform

We are also finalizing the 2025 Cleveland Environmental Policy Platform. The updated draft builds on the Climate Action Plan. It introduces new focus areas such as land use and vacant land reuse, innovation and industrial symbiosis, and workforce and economic inclusion, alongside long-standing commitments to water justice, energy equity, transportation, and environmental justice. This platform reflects the priorities of our coalition partners and community members, offering a roadmap for how Cleveland can pursue environmental progress with equity at the center.

## Ohio Environmental Council Updates



## Education & Advocacy

Stay up to date by checking the [blog section](#) of the website for more updates.

**Redistricting Process:** Learn more about [Ohio's redistricting process](#) and how you can be involved by reading blogs from our Director of Climate and Democracy Organizing, Franklin Davis.

**Darby Accord:** The OEC is working to keep up to date on the Darby Accord and ensure members are aware of [how they can make their voice heard](#) to help protect Ohio's biologically diverse streams.

**Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) & Deer:** EHD is on the rise in Ohio, especially in the Southeastern region. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is asking folks to [help report instances](#) (or possible instances) of the disease. EHD is not transferable to humans, and Deer can develop more resistance to the disease over time. Still, this is a tough situation with significant implications.

## Upcoming Events

We have a variety of exciting events happening all the time, so we encourage you to keep up to date with our [events page](#). Keep your eye out for our two quarterly series, Civic Engagement and Law Webinars, coming later this fall.

**September 21, 2025** | SunDay | All Over Ohio | FREE! | [Find an event near you](#)

**September 26, 2025** | [2025 Ohio Public Interest Environmental Law Conference](#) | Ohio State University | Attorney, Advocate, & Student Tickets Available

**October 3, 2025** | [Energy Champions Series: Smart Choices for Your Home](#) | Virtual | FREE!

**October 15, 2025** | Civic Engagement Series: Civic Engagement: Organizing Mobilizing (Details coming soon) | Free for members or a onetime \$35 donation

**November 6, 2025** | [Energy Champions Series: Neighborhood Power Virtual](#) | FREE!



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