



Dear Friend,

Central Ohio is growing faster than almost anywhere else in the state, expected to become one of the largest urban metro areas in the country with a total of 3,000,000 residents by 2050. This growth will bring opportunities, but it also threatens to strain our water, energy, and natural resources if we don't act now. To meet this moment, the Ohio Environmental Council has launched its first-ever Central Ohio Field Advocacy Program—focused on ensuring that growth is sustainable, equitable, and community-driven.

Through this new program, we'll work with neighbors, local leaders, and advocates to protect clean water, expand access to affordable energy, and guide development that benefits both people and the environment. Together, we can shape a stronger, healthier future for the region.

I'm honored to serve as OEC's first Central Ohio Regional Director and look forward to working alongside you in this important effort.

Yours in the fight,

Annalisa Rocca

Central Ohio Regional Director



Regional Events

October 5, 2025: [Darby Creek Day](#) | 1 PM – 4 PM | Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park Indian Ridge Picnic Area (2795 Darby Creek Dr, Grove City, OH 43119)

October 16, 2025: [The Future of Sustainability Initiatives in Ohio](#) | 6:30 PM – 8 PM | Bexley Library (2411 E Main St, Columbus, OH 43209)

October 25, 2025: [Energy Smart Home Expo](#) | 11 AM – 3 PM | Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center (2201 Fred Taylor Drive Columbus, OH 43210)

Regional & Partner Updates



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**LOCAL ROOTS.
LASTING IMPACTS.**
SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABILITY 2025

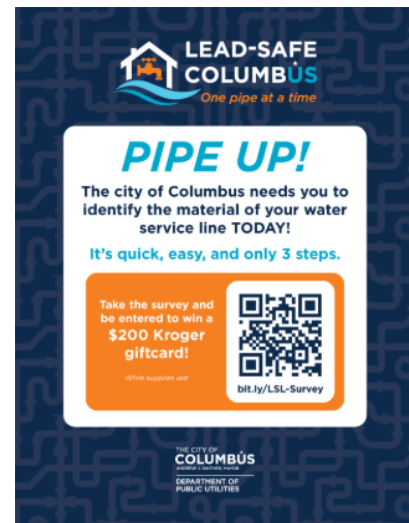
Tuesday, September 30 | 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Hilton Columbus Downtown
(401 North High Street | Columbus, OH 43215)

MORPC Summit on Sustainability

The OEC is excited to support MORPC's Summit of Sustainability on Tuesday, September 30th. This is MORPC's signature environmental conference, bringing hundreds of community leaders together to explore and share sustainable ideas and solutions, and to celebrate individuals and collaborative sustainability efforts with the Regional Sustainability Awards. This year's theme, Local Roots. Local Impacts., explores the vital connections between our communities and the environment. Breakout sessions will focus on energy, air quality, conservation, water, trails, and more. [You can register for the event here!](#)

Water line material survey

Columbus Power and Water is asking residents to help identify their water service line materials as part of its effort to complete a citywide service line inventory. This inventory will help locate any remaining lead service lines so they can be planned for and replaced, ensuring safe, clean drinking water for all. Residents can do a quick, simple test at home and [report their results through this online survey](#). When you complete the survey you will be entered into a drawing for a Kroger giftcard! Your participation is essential to protecting public health and moving Columbus closer to a lead-free future.



Columbus Climate action plan

Four years ago, the City of Columbus introduced the [Columbus Climate Action Plan](#).

Now, the city would like your feedback on how they can improve its climate goals to fit your needs. The City of Columbus, along with community stakeholders and the public, created a Climate Action Plan to ensure environmental justice and serve as a roadmap to meet the city's goal of being carbon neutral by 2050. To help update the Columbus Climate Action Plan, you can [fill out this survey](#) and help the city understand what climate efforts matter most to you.

Ohio Environmental Council Updates



September 26 - Ohio State University

OHIO PUBLIC INTEREST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CONFERENCE

Looking Back and Looking
Forward for Ohio's Environment

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!

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.



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