



Dear Friend,

As the season shifts, so does the rhythm of our region. In this fall issue, you'll find a fresh lineup of partner events, opportunities to get involved in civic and environmental initiatives, and ways to stay engaged with the people and places that make our community thrive.

Let's keep the momentum going—read on to connect, collaborate, and stay informed. Thank you for your continued support!

Yours in the fight,

**Kylie Johnson**

*Managing Director of Field Advocacy*



## Regional Events

**September 10, 2025:** [2025 Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment Fall Awards Celebration](#) | 6-8 PM | Brukner Nature Center, 5995 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Troy, OH 45373

**September 11, 2025:** [Clean Energy Funding Webinar](#) | 12:00 PM | Virtual

**September 18, 2025:** [Mill Creek Alliance 30th Anniversary Celebration](#) | 5:30 PM -8:30 PM | Madtree Parks & Rec (4321 Glendale Milford Rd, Blue Ash, OH 45242)

**September 19, 2025:** [Meet a Greenspace Hike at Landen-Deerfield Park](#) | 3:00 PM | Landen-Deerfield Park, 2258 US-22 in Maineville, OH 45039

**October 9, 2025:** [Energy Management 101 - Benchmarking Webinar](#) | 10:00 AM EST | Virtual

**October 15, 2025:** [Reclaiming the Native Landscape: Understanding and Protecting Southwest Ohio's Natural Heritage. A Field-Based Workshop featuring Dave Nolin](#) | 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM | Beavercreek Township Community Room + Field Sites 2195 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beavercreek, OH

**October 16, 2025:** [Fundamentals of Climate Budgeting Webinar](#) | 12:00 PM | Virtual

**October 16-18, 2025:** [Ohio River Basin Confluence](#) | Kentucky International Convention Center (221 S 4th St, Louisville, KY 40202)

**October 29, 2025:** [Wasted Food Summit](#) | 9:00 AM | Memorial Hall at 1225 Elm St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Regional & Partner Updates

## EV Tax Credits Expiring Soon

Time is running out to claim federal EV tax credits—buyers must purchase and take delivery of a qualifying new or used electric vehicle by **September 30, 2025**. Eligible consumers can save up to 30% at the point of sale. Used EVs must cost under \$25,000, be at least two years old, and come from a licensed dealer. Only certain models qualify, so be sure to check the approved vehicle lists before making your move. To learn more, visit the Cincinnati Office of Environment & Sustainability [website](#).

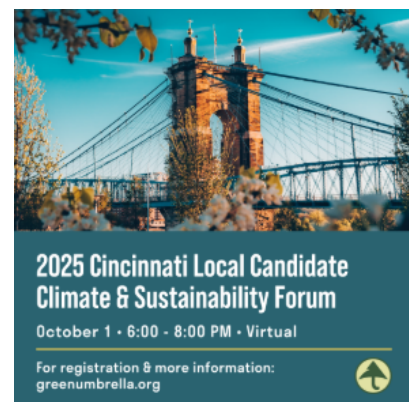
## Conservation Civics Event: Birding to Change the World

Join Trish O'Kane, author of *Birding to Change the World: A Memoir*, and Connie O'Connor, Director of Applied Learning at Cincinnati Nature Center, as they discuss the importance of connecting with others to protect what we love. In this age of isolation, what if the most radical form of activism is to find common ground? How might this save our environment and, ultimately, ourselves? Attend on October 7 for a Civics lesson wrapped in feathers! For more information and to register, [click here](#).



## 2025 Cincinnati Local Candidate Climate & Sustainability Forum

Green Umbrella invites you to join a virtual candidate forum on October 1 about climate action and policy in Cincinnati for City Council candidates running for local office. Twenty-seven candidates have filed for Cincinnati City Council, the most since the 2021 race. All candidates will be invited to share their positions and plans on issues related to climate, environmental justice, and resilience. To register and learn more, visit Green Umbrella's [website](#).



## 2025 Climate Action Fellowship Closes with Local Government Showcase

The 2025 [Climate Action Fellowship](#) ended with a public showcase on August 20. The Fellows and participating local governments presented their projects, progress, and next steps, as well as how other communities can move forward in resilience planning and sustainability. This year's participating communities were Fairfield, Hamilton County, Milford, and Oxford in Ohio and Newport in Kentucky.



## Now accepting applications for Climate Research Incubator Cohort

Green Umbrella's [Climate Research Incubator \(CRI\)](#) invites researchers (and grad students) to join their upcoming cohort. Participants will attend training workshops on science communication, interdisciplinary collaboration, and aligning research with community needs. Applications are

due September 5. Visit the link [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

## Dayton Spotlight

### Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment Fall Awards Celebration

Enjoy local wines, craft beer, and delicious food, spot wildlife at the nature center, and mingle with fellow partners. The program will feature the Partners of the Year Awards, a featured speaker (Julie Kramer, publisher of *Edible Ohio Valley* magazine), and the announcement of the newest Environmental Leader Development cohort. More information and tickets [here](#).



### Reclaiming the Native Landscape

Join this one-day, immersive workshop inspired by Dave Nolin's powerful new book that explores what our region's landscapes looked like in 1800—and what remains of them today. Receive a complimentary book, visit rare native landscapes, and learn from regional experts! Lunch is provided. Register [here](#).



## City of Cincinnati Updates

During Cincinnati City Council's recess, Councilmember Meeka Owens adopted a community spot through Keep Cincinnati Beautiful—a citywide program that organizes cleanups across all 52 neighborhoods. She chose the corner of Washington Ave and Forest Ave in Avondale, the neighborhood where she grew up, as her designated location. Keep Cincinnati Beautiful is always looking for new partners to join the effort. If you're interested in adopting a spot, feel free to contact Councilmember Owens' office—they'll be happy to point you in the right direction.



### Building Performance Standard Stakeholder Engagement

The City of Cincinnati is exploring strategies that improve health and energy efficiency in existing buildings, including implementing and providing technical support for a Building Performance Standards (BPS). Already in use across the U.S., BPS aim to improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings—a major source of greenhouse gas emissions both locally and nationally.





In late August, the City's BPS Working Group convened for a third community engagement meeting, bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders from across sectors. The discussion focused on financial mechanisms and small groups explored how incentives and compliance could be shaped successfully in Cincinnati while remaining practical and equitable for building owners and residents.

Community involvement is encouraged - residents, building owners, and professionals interested in learning more about Building Performance Standards, visit the City's [OES website](#). The final of four Working Group meetings will take place on Tuesday, September 30. To RSVP and stay engaged, contact Chris Heckman at [chris.heckman@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:chris.heckman@cincinnati-oh.gov).

## Ohio Environmental Council Updates



September 26 - Ohio State University

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## 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, a tough situation that is impacting our region heavily right now.



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