

Great seeing many of you on Tuesday! Below are the notes.

NOTES 092022:

Welcome new attendees

Natalie Cohen- new member, working on company to address battery recycling; Also present Lori Ann Feibel, Rachael Rice, Alina Lackey, Addison Helon, Elizabeth Ellman, John Eikenberry, Drew Bergman, Corey Baker, Steve and Jo Anne Grossman, Lisa Goldsand, Kathy Hayden

Updates:

CSG - (Corey Baker) - main program focus at CSG was to expand composting throughout the school dining rooms; Corey began as auditor of process during lunch hour. Has observed increased compliance from students; School has evaluated a shift from SWACO to Rumpke for recycling support. Rumpke offers greater support and recycles a wider range of items. Final decision likely SWACO but Corey will cfm. Student representative likely to attend Bexley ESAC going forward. Clothing exchange took place this month - combined effort of fashion and sustainability clubs - evaluated EPR of clothing production and committed to avoid adding X quantity of textiles to landfills. Plan is to repeat the program this year.

Capital - (Update from Rachel Rice): Food Rescue program activated at Capital (date TBD but soon). Will also be present at Taste of Bexley.

Bexley City Schools - School trips to resume to SWACO; Also plans for visits to Stratford Ecological Center in Delaware; Elizabeth has begun her programming - was at Montrose this month (30 minute sustainability education in 4th grade classrooms). Elizabeth exploring interest from other educators/grade levels to increase engagement (discussed possibility of additional school engagement with Stratford Ecological Center). Discussion of Bexley schools resuming partnership with Food Rescue. Lori Ann suggests exploration of city wide use of service hours requirements among students to make food exchange more regular throughout.

Chamber of Commerce - Taste of Bexley Thursday, 9/22 at Jeffrey Mansion near pool. Waste management plans - two waste stations and 0 other means to dispose of waste. Alina and Addison have also confirmed volunteer support. Restaurants will be providing their own cutlery this year. Opportunity to centralize operations among vendors next year for waste.

ESAC Initiatives (Rebecca/Addison/Steve and Joanne):

- Addison - successful litter pick up on 9/17; Lots of student involvement including from St. Charles students/staff. Rapid 5 event was successful - upwards of 100 participants from Columbus. October 8th litter pick up planned for 4pm.
- MORPC - mid ohio regional planning commission - air, water quality, planning of transportation, sustainability forum; Resident based environmental sustainability forum being convened to engage formally with MORPC. Different CMH neighborhoods have different forums but are generally resident run; Next event takes place downtown at the Hilton, 10/14 9 - 4:30. Action item - determine if Bexley can obtain a reduced rate or obtain funding from the city to procure a table. Steve will pretend to be a student to secure the discount=)

City of Bexley (Elizabeth, Lori Ann Feibel)

- Legislation
 - Single Use Plastic Phase 2 – Looking for people to assist with business outreach; unsure yet of what this will look like
 - Idle Free – Lori Ann shared her ideas for an Idle Free ordinance; there was discussion about mandating as an ordinance or simply encouragement and promotional campaign
 - Universal Recycling – first read of ordinance was last week; likely this will take time to enact
- BCS
 - 4th Grade – Elizabeth began half an hour of monthly sustainability education at Montrose this week
 - HS project – L&F // Coat collection
- Climate Action Plan
 - An OSU Capstone class is taking on the Climate Action Plan. As of now, there will likely be focus on engagement. Students will likely be looking for feedback from the ESAC and also asking the ESAC to reach out to residents so we can hear from them. If anyone is interested in being more involved, and I don't know what that would look like yet, please let me know.
- [Feet on the Street](#) – the initial mailers have been sent out with the second to go out soon.
- [Alley of the Future](#) - (from Rebecca) Ask an Expert Panel and Q&A is scheduled for Sept 28 at 6:30. Meeting at BPL. Please invite neighbors and residents who may be interested in this initiative. This is a great opportunity to bring more sustainability to Bexley. Permeable pavers? Rain gardens? Addressing storm water? Solar? Env. Lighting?
 - There's a link to the Alley of the Future Launch workshop at Bexley.org/future to learn about the history of Alleys from Keith Myer and learn what the competition is all about.
- [EcoChallenge](#) – There is another Ecochallenge coming up. If we can get a commitment from 25+ people to actively participate (takes about 3 minutes daily), I'd be happy to host. Anyone else is welcome to host if you'd like. If you'd like to participate, please let Elizabeth know by Sept 30. Maybe the various Enviro Club groups want to participate?
- [Event ideas](#) – This link was shared with me by a resident and is something I'll look into in the coming months. We implemented only one, attended waste station at all events and overall it went well. Next year, it will be very helpful to have more assistance during events.
- [Networking tool](#) – This was presented at a recent OSU event for Sustainability Professionals. Both the ESAC and myself are reflected, which aims to connect local organizations working on projects addressing the same topics. More information will be added, including contact information.
- I've received a \$3,500 grant for the Green Bexley Fair. I'd very much like to convene a team to work on this. Please let Elizabeth know if you're interested in helping. The Montrose 4th graders will likely hold a fair of their own; maybe this is part of the collaboration.
- Survey – I've received [63 Responses](#). It would be great to have a group of people take a look at this data.
- Sustainable September – the next event is a screening of 2040 at 2 PM at Capital's Mees Hall. Promotion would be much appreciated; [here](#) is the Facebook event and there is more information at greenbexley.org/sustainableseptember.
- [Save More than Food](#) – Looking to run this campaign

