

## Green Bexley (ESAC) Monthly Meeting 11/19/24

Attending - Luke Helon, Jo Anne Grossman, Mike Warner, Matthew King, Rhys Gruebel, Steve Grossman, Lisa Goldsand, Elizabeth Ellman, Ella Hughes, Natalie Cohen, Mell Mejia

City of Bexley Update (Elizabeth Ellman)

EcoChallenge 2024: Top 10% of 175 teams, 22 participants.

Addressing disposables at school lunches..

Setting up an audit with a central Ohio climate action firm

Upcoming recycling opportunities for holiday lights and styrofoam.

Susan from the tree commission is working on Arbor Day plans.

This Sunday the city hall will host a repair cafe.

There is a hullabaloo on the Bexley Buzz regarding recycling black plastic clam shells.

Elizabeth wants to research before responding.

It is not feasible to change the time of the ESAC meetings.

Working on a home weatherization program for home audits. The utilities don't do it anymore. MORPC may be able to help for some. About 80% have AMI meters.

Rhys Gruebel gave an update on reusable to-go coffee cups. Trying a pilot program at Swonderful Times Cafe in Chambers Music Studio. They are using the Okapi Reusables app with a dashboard. Mell suggested getting points for using reusables.

The Grossmans discussed SWACO's efforts to collect food waste. Their food waste recycling is either profitable or break even. This is for back-of-the-house kitchen scraps. We should invite Dominique Hadad to discuss, she won a \$50k grant four years ago. We should also think about recruiting some Bexley residents that work at OSU sustainability, as well as Costco and Kroger.

Lisa Goldsand discussed the 5.2 tons, 22k units of non-wearable textile waste. She would like to have a specialty waste day for landfill diversion. Advance Drainage System is the largest plastic recycler in the country.

Mike Warner discussed an institutional energy audit by the Ohio Dept. of Development. St. Charles has been using real silverware for two years. Jo Anne Grossman mentioned biodegradable plates in Boston.

Mell discussed the community gardens and rain garden and habitat at Capital. She would like to add resources and awareness to get ready for spring semester. She

would like to rebuild them completely and add gazebos, hammocks and an edible garden including herbs, cherry tomatoes and a pawpaw tree. Could Bexley retirees help? Jeffrey Mansion has Bexley Bloomers.

Next Meeting: December 17th