Happy March, ESAC!

At our February meeting, we had the pleasure of hosting Kyle O'Keefe to discuss the variety of programs and resources available through SWACO. Kyle, like Taylor from Rumpke, encourages us to focus on recycling acceptable items, as opposed to worrying about items that cannot be recycled. SWACO has a variety of resources at [www.swaco.org](http://www.swaco.org/), and a wonderful teaching tool at <https://recycleright.org/>.

Additionally, our new member Victoria has volunteered to write blog entries for our website. She would like to write a blog about AEP Advantage Program and/or Energy Choice Ohio, and is wondering if anyone familiar with either would be able to assist. She would like to highlight the monetary aspects of the programs, in particular. Feel free to get in touch with her if you would like to contribute any posts! Likewise, Kathy wrote an incredible article for the April issue of *Bexley Living* and we will be working on content for *This Week*. We also highlighted city-wide composting and discussed offering a counter top composting receptacle as a prize.

We are working to put on a screening of the film *Wasted* at the Drexel, in conjunction with a panel consisting of Ray Leard and others. Please let me know if you're interested in working on this. I intend to discuss more community outreach events at our meeting this month; please think about ideas.

Mayor Kessler and I will be discussing ESAC membership and I will update everyone once we come to a decision.

We've been invited to hold upcoming meetings at a few different locations around town. Please let me know if you'd be willing to attend an ESAC meeting Downtown or at another location in Bexley.

I want to share a few recent successes:

* [Dispatch article on composting](https://www.dispatch.com/news/20190209/if-it-grows-it-goes-bexley-rolling-out-citywide-composting-program)
* Kathy and Rebecca (another new member) responding to Bexley Buzz threads
* City-wide composting!
* [NBC4 clip on composting](https://www.nbc4i.com/news/local-news/bexley-food-waste-recycling-program-expands-city-wide/1812403700)

Finally, you may find the following resources interesting (another is attached). Thanks Carol and Steve for bringing them to my attention:

[Sustainability Conference on April 17th](https://epa.ohio.gov/sustainability_conference)

[Consumers are Key: Engaging End Consumers to Mitigate Climate](https://www.climatecollaborative.com/videos)

It is a pleasure working with each of you, and thanks for all you do! I'm looking forward to seeing you later this month, but please be in touch in the meantime!