

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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**MIAMI VALLEY**

Regional Planning Commission

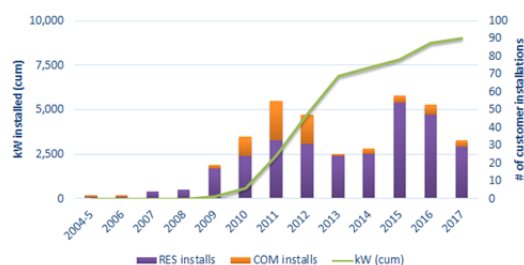
Shaping Our Region's Future Together

**December 6, 2017**

## **MVRPC Hosts "Is Your Community Solar Friendly" Round Table**

MVRPC's Sustainability Roundtable was held on November 9, 2017. Robert Beeler from [DP&L](#)

### **Growing Interest in Renewable Energy**



DP&L

provided [case studies](#) of solar installations completed by entities in the Miami Valley: Kettering Schools, Bradford Schools, and Greene County Public Library.

Miranda Leppla, Esq., energy attorney for [The Ohio Environmental Council](#), described a number of good steps jurisdictions can take to be more "solar friendly." The Ohio Environmental Council is putting the finishing touches on a Local Government Solar Toolkit, which will include sample resolutions, a model ordinance for solar installations, ideas for incentives and resources, and useful data on solar energy. MVRPC will forward the toolkit when it is released. Luke Sulfridge introduced the [Solar United Neighbors of Ohio solar co-op](#) which has launched in the Dayton region. The co-op harnesses the power of buying in bulk to leverage lower bids from solar installers for a large number of residential and business properties in the region. Both Dayton area co-ops (North and South) are still welcoming new co-op members, and Sulfridge is available to speak at community meetings to educate your residents about the co-op and sign up new participants. Please contact Matt Lindsay at (937) 531-6548 or [mlindsay@mvrpc.org](mailto:mlindsay@mvrpc.org) for additional session details and speaker contact information.

## MVRPC hosts ArcGIS Online Basics Training Session



MVRPC's GIS lead Tom Harner explains an important point about using ArcGIS.

MVRPC hosted its third Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training session within a year on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. We shared our data and mapping expertise with 17 attendees; 14 from member organizations.

Intended for people new to ArcGIS Online, the session focused on hands-on learning on how to use web GIS technologies. For more information about MVRPC's GIS program, please visit our website at: [mvrpc.org/data-mapping/gis-mvrpc](http://mvrpc.org/data-mapping/gis-mvrpc).

## MVRPC Hosts Session on Equity During the APA – Miami Valley Workshop

MVRPC hosted the session "Let's Talk about Inequity in the Miami Valley" at the Miami Valley Planning and Zoning Workshop on Friday, December 1, 2017. The session discussed the role planning professionals should play in increasing access to opportunity in the Miami Valley Region.

Following a brief staff summary of the findings, I participated with leaders from four organizations including: Sinclair Community College; Learn to Earn Dayton; United Way of Greater Dayton; and National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton. The panel brought a wealth of information on Equity in the Miami Valley from many aspects. The remainder of the session focused on an in-depth dialogue among small groups discussing barriers to achieving equity and the role of planners. The session was moderated by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at the Ohio State University. Visit [mvrpc.org/regional-profiles](http://mvrpc.org/regional-profiles) for more information about Miami Valley Equity Regional Profile.



Brian Martin with Michael Carter, Dr. Tom Lasley, Tracy Sibbing, and Mary Tyler discuss the importance of Equity for all individuals, neighborhoods, and the Miami Valley's future.

## Grants & Funding Resources

On a monthly basis, MVRPC highlights new funding opportunities on our website at [mvrpc.org/grant-and-funding-opportunities](http://mvrpc.org/grant-and-funding-opportunities). These grant and funding opportunities were found through our use of *Grantfinder* software. A description, contact information and program links are included on these new sources. In addition, the website includes other valuable resources for your funding pursuits. This month we are featuring information on:

- The Dayton Foundation's Del Mar Social Innovation Award for Older Adult Programming. Deadline: letter of intent - January 12, 2018; full application submission - March 2, 2018.
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants. Deadline: February 2, 2018.

If you need assistance with your grant pursuit or need further research, contact Lynn Zuch, Principal Planner, at 937.223.6323 or [lzuch@mvrpc.org](mailto:lzuch@mvrpc.org).

## Upcoming MVRPC Meetings:

1/18/18 9:30 a.m. Technical Advisory Committee – MVRPC - 10 N. Ludlow St., Suite 700  
2/01/18 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee; 9:00 a.m. Board of Directors – 1515 S. Main St.