

# ***REGIONAL PLANNING ACTIVITIES***



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### GOAL

To provide support for sustainable development through planning services, data resources, and other information useful to the government, business, and civic sectors in the OKI region. When deemed advantageous to the region, to provide contributed services to leverage additional funding for programs that advance regional planning objectives of the OKI Strategic Regional Policy Plan or Long Range Transportation Plan.

### METHODOLOGIES

- 1) Assist local governments, businesses, citizens and other parties, by providing information about the region, including maps, census data, traffic information and OKI reports for nominal reproduction and handling fees.
- 2) Address development issues through research and technical assistance strategies, including working with the public, private, and civic sectors. The beneficiaries of this effort will be government agencies, taxpayers, and local businesses as each improves its capacity to evaluate and direct sustainable growth and development.
- 3) Provide support for the OKI Regional Planning Forum, a forum for planners in the region from multiple disciplines including land use, environmental, transportation, health, energy and education organized to encourage regional cross disciplinary collaboration and inform planners on current trends and regional initiatives.
- 4) Provide support for the OKI Planning Directors' Network, a network for planning directors at county, township and municipal levels in the OKI region organized to enable efficient sharing of best practices, information on departmental and professional development and increase likelihood for multijurisdictional collaboration.
- 5) Continue technical assistance to local communities interested in advancing products from the Solar Ready II project completed in FY 16.

### PRODUCTS

- 1) Provision of various products and information. (as appropriate)
- 2) Analyses of national and regional land development trends, conditions, and issues; and technical assistance on issues including land use, zoning, economic development, housing, water and sewer infrastructure, intergovernmental coordination, capital budgeting, and natural systems. (ongoing)
- 3) Support services for the Regional Planning Forum activities. (as appropriate)
- 4) Meeting agendas and related correspondence regarding Planning Directors' Network activities. (biannually)
- 5) Meeting materials and memos summarizing any technical assistance provided. (as appropriate)

## 850.5 – ENERGY PLANNING (DUKE)

### GOAL

To advance strategies consistent with the OKI Strategic Regional Policy Plan improving the ability of local communities to more effectively impact efficient use of energy and plan for their future energy needs as described in an award received from the Duke Class Benefit Fund Board in FY17.

### PREVIOUS WORK

OKI received a funding award and entered into agreement with the Duke Class Benefit Fund Board in FY17 to fund 'A More Efficient and Secure Energy Future Through Planning' Program for the Ohio portion of the OKI region. This Program was launched in FY17 and is funded through FY19. OKI partnered with the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance (GCEA) to prepare the community energy plans. In FY17, OKI solicited and selected 8 Ohio local governments. OKI will work with no more than 3 communities at a time to prepare 8 plans over the program period.

### METHODOLOGIES

- 1) Lead a planning process in each selected local community to prepare a strategic energy plan with input from community leaders, stakeholders, and the public.
- 2) Delegate and administer activities performed by the GCEA for each community plan. Activities will include the GCEA preparation of community wide energy audits; set-up and training for local government representatives on the use of US Department of Energy Portfolio Manager software to monitor community owned and operated facilities.
- 3) Work with community representatives and GCEA to gauge the local energy burden (percent of household income spent on energy).
- 4) Benchmark community-wide energy use by land use, economic sector, and by energy type.
- 5) Evaluate the resiliency of local energy infrastructure in the selected communities.
- 6) Evaluate urban heat island effects in the selected communities.
- 7) Analyze the capacity of energy infrastructure to accommodate planned growth in the selected communities.
- 8) Assist to develop locally generated goals and strategies with meaningful public input in the selected communities.
- 9) Identify existing programs that support the local goals developed by the selected communities.

### PRODUCTS

- 1) Provision of various products and information. (as appropriate)
- 2) Meeting agendas, meeting materials for local community project planning meetings. (as appropriate)
- 3) Bi-annual progress reports prepared for the Duke Class Benefit Fund Board. (as appropriate)
- 4) Community Energy Plan for each selected community (2-3 in FY18)