



CECA

Coshocton Environmental and Community Awareness Inc.

March 7, 2019

Warsaw, Ohio

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR DAY

Tuesday, March 19

9:30 AM

The Galbreath Pavillion

Room #1

The Ohio Theater (Side Door)

55 E. State Street

Columbus, Ohio

Ceca is helping to organize a state-wide “Meet Your Legislator Day” to discuss the gas and oil industry’s appropriation of our communities by indiscriminately building toxic heavy industrial infrastructure next to schools, churches, homes, recreational facilities, and water. Coshocton is not the only county that is fighting to protect its people and its natural resources. We urge our local citizens to join with their neighbors around the state in this effort to educate our legislators and tell them about the impacts and concerns their policies are having on the people of Ohio. Seeing how the Statehouse works and learning to engage our legislators is a valuable experience for anyone who is serious about taking on issues like ending toxic oilfield waste injection in our backyards. If you are interested in participating please fill in the form. You print out the form here in the newsletter and mail it to:

CECA
PO Box 295
Warsaw, OH 43844

You can also go to CECAWARE.ORG and fill in the online form.

**Meet Your Legislator Day
Registration Form**

**Required*

Name*	
Street Address*	
City and Zip Code*	
Phone*	
Cell Phone*	
County*	
Ohio State Senator	
Schedule an appointment with your State Senator?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Schedule an appointment with your State Representative?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

This information will not be shared or used for fundraising. It will assist us in setting up meetings with the legislator who represents your district.

Meet Your Legislator Day - Schedule of events:

9:30am: **Doors open/set-up/registration (Coffee and baked goods)**

10:00am: **Early appointments begin**

10:00am - 11:00am: **"What Happens to a Bill" and "Meeting with Your Legislator" (Attorney Rick Sahli will be presenting information.)**

11:00am – Noon: **Overview of SB 33 ('Anti- Free Speech & Right of the People to Peacefully Assemble') and pending legislation attempting to make oilfield waste a commodity for de-icing and dust control.**

12:00pm – 1:00pm: **Lunch (We will provide boxed lunches.)**

10:00am - 3:00pm: **Meetings with legislators in their offices and attending committee meetings.**

3:00pm: **De-brief sharing session at the home base**

Expect Waste and Pollution to Increase in

Ohio

The industries that continue to use our county as a dumping ground for their toxic radioactive chemical wastes are gearing up the demand for fracked gas from the Utica and Marcellus Shales. The oil and gas industries are expanding their infrastructure in order to create a market that would allow them to profit by producing more planet-killing carbon on a grand scale. Two Asian based corporations are partnering to build a 10 billion dollar hydrocarbon processing facility known as a "cracker plant" in Belmont County on the Ohio River. The plant will produce ethylene pellets made from shale gas. These pellets are the basis for plastics production. They plan to increase plastics production in the U.S. by 40%. This type of enterprise was formerly confined to the Gulf Coast refining sites near Baton Rouge, LA. The area is notorious for the poisonous air pollution that is part of the production process. It has earned the counties surrounding the facilities the nick-name "Cancer Alley" due to the high incidence of that disease and the highly elevated levels of cancer-causing chemicals found in the blood of local residents. This is being sold to Ohio with the promise of jobs and assurances that it is safe. (Sound familiar?) CECA is investigating what types of waste might be produced that could wind up being injected into our county. The idea that we need more plastic is ridiculous. Less than 10% is recycled. Over 90% of all plastic winds up as trash along roads or in our landfills. It may make it to the sea and become part of one of the five giant plastic islands swirling in our oceans. The Pacific Great Garbage Patch west of California is bigger than the state of Texas. Plastic is an extremely durable molecule that defies time. We use it once and throw it away. It does not break down chemically and simply fragments into smaller and smaller pieces until they become microscopic. It is then ingested by small organisms that support the entire food chain. It enters our environment and ultimately our bodies through the water and soil that produce our food.



CANCER ALLEY - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Cut greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030

The world's leading climate scientists have warned there is only a dozen years for global warming to be kept to a maximum of 1.5C. The authors of the landmark report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released in Oct. 2018 say urgent and unprecedented changes are needed to reach the Paris Agreement pledge to keep temperatures between 1.5C and 2C, beyond which even half a degree will significantly worsen the risks of drought, floods, extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of millions of people. "It's a line in the sand and what it says to our species is that this is the moment and we must act now," said Debra Roberts, a co-chair of the working group on impacts. "This is the largest clarion bell from the science community and I hope it mobilizes people and dents the mood of complacency."

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<http://www.cecaware.org/join-ceca.php>