**Reports for May 15 2022, Green Sanctuary Meeting**

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Injection Wells. We have won one battle in this struggle. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Division of Oil & Gas Resources Management) has announced a public meeting for June 2 (6 p.m.) at St. Ambrose RC Church in Porterfield on the application from Arrowhead Road Services of Virginia for an injection well in Little Hocking. Under separate cover I have submitted a list of questions that we might allocate to GSC members to ask at this meeting. Several groups throughout the region have agreed to join us in organizing attendance and joining us. These include Fair Shakes-els ( an environmental justice group), Protect PT (a safe-water group based in western PA), and some people from Athens County.

Washington County is the number-one county for volume of brine waste in the state—5 million barrels in 2021!

ReImagine Appalachia. In his visit to Marietta last month Governor DeWine presented some news that could impact objectives that Reimagine Appalachia has proposed. The governor announced his proposal to provide funding of approximately $500 million for projects in Ohio's 32 Appalachian Counties. Although it is subject to approval by the Ohio State Legislature, at this point in time there does not seem to be any substantial opposition. Of the $500m, $50m will be set aside for planning work and studies which will guide the types of projects and amounts to be funded. Categories of projects that Gov. DeWine offered, in this order:

1. "Main Street" revitalization

2. Trails, Tourism, Arts, Humanities, and Outdoor Recreation

3. Broadband

4. Education and Workforce Development

5. School / Community Based Services for Children

6. Substance Abuse/SUDS

7. Telehealth / Rural Clinics

ReImagine Appalachia is sponsoring a session on manufacturing, “Making it n Appalachia,” scheduled for June 2 at 3 p.m.

Citizens Climate Lobby. We held a tabling event (in collaboration with MOVCA, Green Sanctuary, and other organizations) at Earth Day on April 23. I distributed handouts on the Stand with Ukraine initiative. Our social media person had developed a QR code that people could photograph and access our CCL chapter on social media.

Members of our chapter have contacted Congressman Bill Johnson about: Stand with Ukraine initiative, injection wells, and the lack of jobs in fossil-fuel industries in the district.

CCL National Conference is June 11-13 in D.C. Most events are in-person.

My son, Dean Banziger, who resides in Williamstown WV, submitted a letter to the Charleston Gazette urging Senator Manchin to support climate provisions in a new Reconciliation Bill.

The Biden Administration is conducting “quiet” discussions with Senator Manchin on a revised Reconciliation Bill.