**Reports for Green Sanctuary Meeting – October 15, 2023**

Citizens Climate Lobby

Alexis Smith (of the Mahoning Valley Chapter), Rebecca Phillips, Bob Chase and I met with Sam Hattrup, Congressman Bill Johnson’s Legislative Director on September 28. We shall summarize that meeting at our CCL OH6 meeting scheduled for October 16 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

The Energy Innovation Act was recently introduced in the House. Probably not much chance of its passing in this Congress.

CCL priority is to promote permitting reform.

Marietta CCL chapter and Mahoning Valley chapter are moving toward greater collaboration.

Save Ohio Parks

Major rally at the Ohio Statehouse on October 27, noon.

Bill McKibben’s short video on fracking on Ohio public lands

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=656378749971300>

Keep sending comments on “nominations”

Oil & gas companies are expanding fracking activities nationally.

ReImagine Appalachia – Events

Better Vision for the Ohio River Valley, October 21, 9 am – 4 pm, Wierton WV

Reforestng Mine Lands – Webinar, October 24, 1 pm

Ohio River Valley Institute – Meet & greet, November 9, 4-7 pm at 2571 Neal Ave., Columbus

Organization for Clean Energy & Climate (OCEC)

You may be aware that I have been serving as a volunteer for OCEC, working with Dr. Tao Wu, the Executive Director. This is a non-profit organization that is focused on recycling heat from super computers for various applications. The first application will be to a 5,000 ft2 greenhouse located at the project site on 550 Gravel Bank Road, just off Route 7 south of Marietta. We have submitted two grant applications (Marietta Community Foundation and Parkersburg Area Community Foundation) to support the acquisition of supplies for the greenhouse. Other applications of recycled heat include a fish hatchery, providing hot water to hospitals. We have also prepared a one-page summary of our ideas for seeking a federal grant to acquire solar panels to provide the electricity for the computers, which are conducting Bitcoion mining, and to expand the project to other applications. We have asked Congressman Bill Johnson’s office to shelp us with that grant seeking.

We have received many visitors to the project site including: two of the Washington County Commissioners, ag and CTE teachers from three school districts in Washington county, the OSU extension agent in Washington County, the WVU extension agent in Wood County, board president of Harvest of Hope, principal of the Wood County Technical Center and the Caperton Center. The Superintendent of Wood County Schools will visit on October 17. With teachers and public-school administrators, we have been discussing educational opportunities of the project for local students in Washington County (OH) and in Wood County (WV).

Dr. Tao is also in conversation with representatives of Marietta College and Washington State Community College about research projects associated with OCEC.

Dr. Tao will be in Marietta from October 16-21.

I have descriptive materials and planning strategies on file if anyone is interested.

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