**Reports for Green Sanctuary Meeting of January 26, 2025**

Save Ohio Parks.

There are two new nominations for fracking under public lands—Egypt Valley & Jockey Hollow; anyone can submit a comment to the Oil & Gas Land Management Commission ([https://saveohioparks.org/parcels/).](https://saveohioparks.org/parcels/).%20%20)  SOP is sponsoring sessions on plastics (derived from ethane, which is a product of methane, i.e. natural gas; the demand for plastics is driving much of the drilling for natural gas in eastern Ohio including under public lands).

Injection Wells.

The focus of our first Hour of Environmental Action on January 9 was brine waste, i.e., production waste from fracking. In a follow up on Sunday, January 19, Dawn Hewitt arranged a postcard writing event at FUUSM Coffee Hour. Several people completed postcards (over a dozen) and gave them to me and Dawn to mail (in a staggered fashion) to various public officials- local, state, and federal.

ReImagine Appalachia:

I attended (virtually) the RA Strategic Summit on January 14-15. There were sessions on federal grant opportunities, the Green Bank (for supporting small businesses on sustainable projects), skill development for green jobs, “green hushing” at the US EPA (pursuing green projects while not talking about them), and circular manufacturing (using products and parts over again—reduce, reuse, repurpose). I incorporated the latter concept in my Climate Corner submission which appeared in the Parkersburg News & Sentinel and their Marietta Times in their January 25 editions.

Citizens Climate Lobby. Due to a chronic budget deficit, CCL has restructured its organization. There has been some discussion in CCL about its priority for the carbon fee and dividend legislation, given the political situation in the Congress and the White House. Our three-chapter (Akron-Canton, Mahoning Valley, Marietta) group, Ohio Congressional District 06, continues its monthly meetings and is preparing for the second lobby meeting with the staff member from Congressman Michael Rulli’s office.

George Banziger, January 23, 2025