Dear Members:

Attached are two files which will be presented and discussed at the MOVCA Mtg 1/19. This will be a full/busy meeting, with a Guest Speaker plus the attached being discussed. Thus, to save meeting time I’m offering these files in advance.

I’m posting these also to seek a wider audience than is normal for a group meeting. The files describe the work being done by MOVCA with the City of Marietta in support of the Marietta “City Comprehensive Plan” (the city’s “Long Range Plan”). This is Exciting Work, in that we’ve been INVITED by the City Administration and City Council to provide advice, input and support for implementation of the plan. One Attachment – is a short Power Point Presentation. The Other – is a summary of the goals and recommendations contained within the City Comprehensive Plan.

MOVCA’s connection to this effort, is that The Summary mentions the Twenty-nine Goals within the plan which relate to issues having a connection to CLIMATE CHANGE. I’ve grouped these into the areas of Energy Efficiency, Alternative Transportation, Green Space, etc. The City grouped their goals into Nine Areas. I’ve grouped MOVCA’s into Seven Areas.

I have TWO HOPES for this endeavor. First; I encourage you to review the attached Summary of the Plan, and if you see items in the plan where you feel interested and qualified to help – let me know, and please volunteer to participate on a team related to that area. Second; City of Parkersburg also has a Long Range Plan. I’d like to see our Marietta experience spread to other municipalities’ within our MOV Region. The Jan 2 Facebook Post and the WWF-ICLEI Report which is in our Facebook Files Directory, describes initiatives of a similar nature happening across the Country. I encourage you to revisit that Post and the Report.

Lastly, the WWF-ICLEI Report mentions that the STARTING POINT for most of these initiatives, is to develop a Carbon Emissions Scorecard for the Municipality. I’m pleased to say that this is already being discussed with the City of Marietta (not ready yet, but begun).

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