Energize Ohio: Building Ohio’s Energy Future

Purpose
Energize Ohio is a multidisciplinary program that addresses a wide range of energy education topics including shale energy, renewable energy, energy policy, on-farm energy, youth education, landowner leasing, and sustainable community planning. The curriculum consists of worksheets, presentation materials, workshop materials, bulletins, fact sheets, marketing templates, and evaluation tools. The ultimate goal of Energize Ohio is to enhance community leaders’ and local residents’ knowledge of energy drivers and development in order to promote informed decision-making and best practices.

Impact
In 2015, OSU Extension taught more than 1,422 Ohioans how to prepare for, attract, evaluate, and develop potential renewable energy projects.

In 2015, OSU Extension delivered 10 programs, reaching 412 people, on shale energy-related topics.

In total, since 2012 the Energize Ohio Signature Program team has delivered 188 programs in 67 of Ohio’s 88 counties, reaching 13,522 participants.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
OSU Office of Energy and Environment
OSUE - Community Development
OSUE - Agriculture and Natural Resources
OSUE - Family & Consumer Sciences
OSUE - 4-H Youth Development
OSUE - Shale Work Group
School of Environment and Natural Resources
Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics
C. William Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy
Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering
OSU Subsurface Energy Resource Center (SERC)
OSU Center of Automotive Research
Ohio Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Team
Ohio Bio-Products Innovation Center (OBIC)
Ohio Sea Grant
OSU Stone Laboratory

Community Partners Involved
Eastgate Regional Council of Governments
Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association
Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District
Guernsey County Planning Committee
Guernsey County Improvement Corporation
Cambridge Chamber of Commerce

Industry Partners Involved
Dovetail Solar and Wind
EDF Renewable Energy
Farm Credit Mid-America
Harvest Energy Solutions
Paradise Energy Solutions
Solar Power and Light
Third Sun Solar
Vaughn Industries

How you can get involved:
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