Climate Preparedness and Resilience

Brief Remarks
Understanding Climate Change Risks and Identifying Opportunities for Mitigation & Adaptation in Ohio
Byrd Polar Research Center
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Sustainability = Economic Resilience

2006: Franklin County commits to the mutually compatible goals of Environmental Sustainability and Economic Growth (Resolution 683-06).

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Only LEED Gold Courthouse in Midwest
314 Jobs Created or Retained | Opened June 2011

Sustainability = Economic Resilience (cont’d)

2012: Franklin County becomes the fastest growing county in Ohio.

2014: Franklin County, Ohio, ranked No. 28 nationally for counties with the most ENERGY STAR-certified buildings.

Sustainability = Economic Resilience

• Franklin County Building Retrofit - $27 million yields $55 million return on investment.

• Small businesses face great challenges when recovering from natural disasters

• 2014: US National Climate Assessment:
  - 2011: Great Plains drought caused $10 billion loss to US agriculture
  - $18-33 billion: estimated annual cost to US economy from storm related power outages (AEP and Storm Resiliency 2014)

Climate Preparedness and Resilience is Key ... Now.
Presidential Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience

- Remove federal barriers
- Modernize Federal programs to encourage investments, incentives, practices, and partnerships that facilitate increased resilience to climate impacts.
- Without more tax dollars!

3rd Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa on 5/14/14 at the historic World Food Prize LEED Platinum building

New Federal Action and Tools

- Climate Data Initiative (2014)
  - Collaboration between NASA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and nation’s top private-sector innovators
  - Visit Climate.Data.Gov

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Climatic Data Center
  - Provides public access to data on the Nation’s historical weather and climate information.
  - Visit ncdr.noaa.gov

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Task Force Subgroups

- Built Systems:
  - Leader for energy
- Natural Resources and Agriculture
  - Leader for food security
- Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Communities: Human Health and Community Development

Near-term Action Discussion

- Launch climate resilience toolkit
- Incentivize green storm-water infrastructure
- Align disaster preparedness and recovery
- Protect vulnerable populations
- Make federal government climate smart
- Climate literacy initiative from children to adults
Task Force Next Steps

- Final meeting in July
- My focus for Ohio will be food security, international collaboration, and refining energy policy recommendations

Commissioner Brooks discusses Task Force with Mayor Brainard, Mayor Zimmer, and Gov. Quinn (IL)

Help me get our young people involved!

Coming Soon as your Task Force member:
Climate Hackathon/Ideathon
Sustainable Artistry Presents: The Ecology of Poetry

November 2014: Final Report Delivered to President
If you want to help, contact paula.brooks@franklincountyohio.gov
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Questions?

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