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A Quick Word

Since the Office of Environmental Quality (OEO) was established by City Council in January 2007, OEO has hit the ground running. OEO staff has met with local business groups, environmental groups, community organizations, and local utility companies to discuss important environmental issues facing Cincinnati and to open communications with these organizations in order to work toward a more collaborative effort. OEO has also met with each city agency to explore ways in which each department can conserve energy at city owned facilities; other topics of discussion have included water conservation, recycling, air quality and environmental justice.

Since our last newsletter in July 2007, OEO has led the charge in several exciting projects including implementation of an energy conservation pilot project at the City of Cincinnati’s “All-In-One” Permit Center located on Central Parkway and assisting in funding a new “Clean Burn” furnace system which was installed in the City’s Municipal Garage. In addition, OEO also played an important key role in the City receiving a \$3 million Clean Ohio revitalization fund (brownfields) grant for the remediation of the MetroWest Commerce Park, formerly occupied by the Queen City Barrel Company site located in Lower Price Hill.

The “Green Cincinnati” initiative implemented by Mayor Mark Mallory in September will highlight environmental opportunities. OEO will be working with each City department in developing energy management plans (EMPs). Each department will begin to implement their EMP by January 1, 2008 with hopes of meeting the Mayor’s energy reduction goals at all non-utility facilities of 4% in 2008 and 10% by 2011. Training sessions were held on October 8, 2007 to assist departments in developing their EMPs. OEO is also looking forward to working with community leaders and local business organizations to address the recommended climate protection actions outlined in the Mayor’s Green Cincinnati initiative.

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