

Mark Mallory's Weekly Message, July 30, 2006

Take action in making environmental protection a priority.

This week marks a pivotal time for environmental awareness in Cincinnati. I have been working alongside Councilman David Crowley to create the new Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ). The old Office of Environmental Management was disbanded in 2002. With the help of numerous local environmental organizations, concerned citizens, and community groups, we have proposed the new department that will allow the city to effectively address environmental issues and make Cincinnati a healthier community.

This week the Finance Committee will hold a hearing on the Office of Environmental Quality relative to the 2007-2008 budget. The creation of a fully funded OEQ is a crucial step towards better health and a cleaner environment for our city.

Together we need to better address Cincinnati's relevant environmental concerns – such as air pollution, asthma, water quality, energy conservation and solid waste management. Creating this office will increase public access to information and enhance the city's ability in managing and improving environmental concerns.

Show your support for improving the environment by contacting members of City Council. Let them know that protecting the health of citizens is a priority and the Office of Environmental Quality is important for our future.