



# SIERRA CLUB OHIO *Newsletter*

June 2022



Link To: [Sierra Club Ohio Steering Committee Vision Statement](#)

## Steering Committee Update

The Steering Committee is positioning to move ahead with Strategic Planning. Our Core Planning Team will include Lisa Rooney, Ericka Copeland, Whitney Pearson and Allison Chin. In addition to the Core Team, we will have an Advisory Team to help chart our course forward. In May, Sierra Club Ohio applied for a national Cultural Transformation Initiative grant which, when partnered with Strategic Planning, can help us grow into a new and stronger team in Ohio. Along the way to rebuilding Sierra Club Ohio, always feel free to reach out with your thoughts and ideas.

## One State One Team- Chapter News & Events

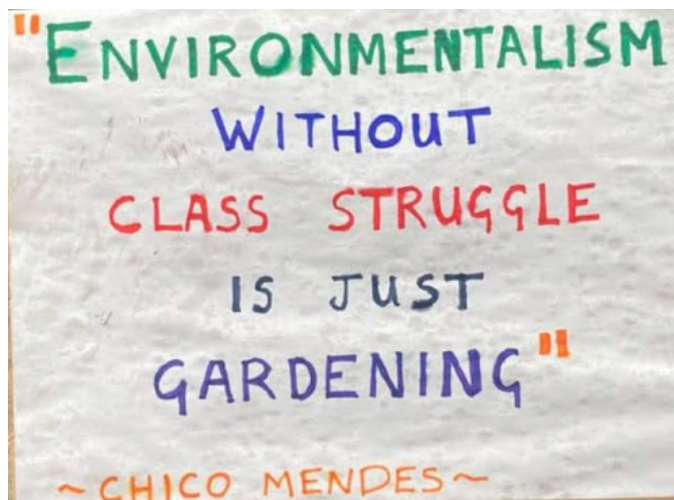
### Upcoming Events

- **Ohio Political Committee Informational Meeting**
  - Jun 2nd at 7:00 PM
  - [Register here for additional information](#)
- **Ocean Plastic Pollution & Solutions**
  - June 6th at 4:00 PM
  - [Register here for additional information](#)
- **The Great Dependence: Plastics & Tobacco**
  - June 9th at 5:00 PM
  - [Register here for additional information](#)



## Equity & Social Justice

This month the ESJ Team met to learn about the importance of creating Community Agreements for our spaces. We shared [this resource from Embracing Equity](#). We also had a discussion around the relationship between environmental and social justice organizing. Next month we will continue creating our community agreements, have a presentation on the Jemez Principles, continue discussions on community centered organizing, and start developing our goals for the team.



## Beyond Coal

Recently, the Wall Street Journal reported Lightstone Generation, which owns the Gavin coal plant in Cheshire, Ohio, is seeking a debt exchange with lenders to extend its \$1.7 billion loan by three years, from 2024 to 2027. Sierra Club has called on Gavin's lenders, all of which have policies that restrict financing for coal-fired power plant generation, to decline any refinancing arrangement that would prolong operation of the plant or make any postponement conditional on Lightstone's commitment to retiring Gavin as soon as practicable.

[Read the full blog here.](#)

## Plastics



Did you know the U.S. generated 40 million tons of plastic waste last year and only 5-6% was recycled?

Sierra Club Ohio and **Athens ReThink Plastics** are co-hosting an informational event covering the environmental and human health impacts of plastic pollution in the ocean. Join us and find out how you can be part of the solution!

**Ocean Plastic Pollution & Solutions. June 6 at 4:00 PM.** [Register here for additional information.](#)

Sierra Club Ohio will be joining the Sierra Club Tobacco Control Project for a webinar that will explore how plastics and tobacco have more in common than you may think! Hear from a diverse range of Sierra Club subject matter experts across the nation about the history and harms of plastic waste, waste incineration, and why ubiquitous cigarette filter litter needs to be part of the conversation.



**THE GREAT DEPENDENCE: Plastics & Tobacco.** June 9th at 5pm. [Register here for additional information.](#)



How can you engage with political work this year in Sierra Club Ohio? What environmental races do we need to be aware of? The Ohio Political Committee is offering a statewide opportunity for our current Ohio base to learn how they can get involved on June 2nd at 7 pm.

This call will review what the endorsement process looks like, ways you can engage, and review our plans for new volunteer engagement! We look forward to you joining us for this special session and please be sure to bring candidates in mind that you want to recommend to the Political Committee to talk to.

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Hello and thank you for being a Sierra Club Ohio supporter! We are currently revising how our [Sierra Club Ohio website](#) is set up so that we can better communicate with our members and the public. There is content that we will be moving or hiding due to inactivity on the pages. If you own any of the content on our website and wish to make sure it stays public, please reach out to Bram Fulk ([bramfulk@gmail.com](mailto:bramfulk@gmail.com)). Bram will direct your messages to our webmaster to strategize with you so that you can keep your information up to date! Lastly, if you would like updates to any of the pages you own on our website, please let Bram know as well.

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