

ANNOUNCING the NEW

Greater Dayton Environmental Leaders Program

The Greater Dayton Environmental Leaders is an 18-month cohort-based training program to recruit, educate, and engage early-career community members to become leaders who will understand natural resources and regional assets and take action to advocate for and to improve and protect the environment.

The program is limited to ten (10) leaders who want to learn about local, state, and federal environmental issues, challenges and opportunities to develop leadership and collaboration skills, and build strong networks.

Anyone who is interested in natural resources in the Miami Valley who will commit to participating in the program and to making a difference in their community and the region may apply to the program.

Each leader will be partnered with a mentor. Mentors are experienced professionals who will work alongside each leader throughout the program and beyond. Mentors are leaders from organizations working on local environmental issues.

Interested individuals can apply to the program by submitting a completed program application by April 15, 2018 to Caitlin Botschner, Program Assistant; Admin@gdpartners.org

Leaders will:

1. Commit to fully participate in the program.
2. Attend the two (2) day Environmental Leaders Institute on May 10 and 23.
3. Participate in at least six (6) meetings of the Greater Dayton Environmental Leaders and interact with their mentor.
4. Attend the 2018 and 2019 Partners for the Environment Fall Awards Event.

PROGRAM DETAILS

1. Commit to participate in the program.

Leaders are expected to fully participate in regular meetings, and seek out opportunities to engage with a local organization that is focused on environmental issues. Leaders will schedule time to meet with, or talk to, their mentor no less than six times between June 2018 and July 2019.

2. Attend the two-day Environmental Leaders Institute.

The institute consists of two interactive sessions held on May 10 and May 23 conducted by experts from The Ohio State University. Content includes local environmental issues, leadership development, and problem-solving skills. Topics of local interest include urban environmental challenges, safe drinking water, environmental justice and climate adaptation.

3. Participate in no fewer than six (6) meetings of the Greater Dayton Environmental Leaders.

Meetings of the entire cohort are held seven times between June 2018 and July 2019. Each meeting will cover topics including leader and leadership development, environmental issues, and organizational management. Leaders must commit to attend no less than six.

4. Attend the Partners for the Environment Fall Awards Event to be recognized as a Greater Dayton Environmental Leader.

New program participants (Leaders) will be introduced at the September 26, 2018 Fall Awards Event. Leaders who complete the necessary requirements will be recognized as graduates of the program at the September 2019 Fall Awards Event.

COSTS

\$300 With Tuition Assistance available. Participants are encouraged to seek sponsorship from their employer.

PURPOSE

The quality of life in our community depends on clean air and water, places to live, work, and play, and a mix of land for urban development and productive farmland. Making wise choices to ensure these things are here for the future is critical to a thriving economy. If our local leaders and influencers understand the importance of the environment to health and safety and economic development, they will take action to protect our natural resources.

QUESTIONS?

Send your questions to Caitlin Botschner, Program Assistant; Admin@gdpartners.org

SCHEDULE

2018

March 1 – Apply to Program - Open

April 15 – Application Deadline

April 30 – Leaders selected and notified.

May - **Ohio Environmental Leader Institute
(Dates: May 10 and May 23)**

June – **Meeting of Leaders Cohort**

August - **Meeting of Leaders Cohort**

September 26 - **2018 Fall Awards Event**

November - **Meeting of Leaders Cohort**

2019

January - **Meeting of Leaders Cohort**

March – **Meeting of Leaders Cohort**

May - **Meeting of Leaders Cohort**

July - **Meeting of Leaders Cohort**

September – **Graduate at 2019 Fall Awards
Event**

ORGANIZERS



The Greater Dayton Conservation Fund of The Dayton Foundation