

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

Attachment 2

Catawba Area

Local Early Action Plans

June 2006



Early Action Compacts June 2006 Progress Summary Table

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JUNE 2006 CHESTER COUNTY Based on stakeholder consultation and taking into consideration resource and political constraints, the following emission reduction strategies remain under consideration. The County will continue to evaluate the air quality within the county and may implement one or more of the following measures under consideration.							
Establish Community Stakeholder Group	CAIR (Chester Air) group to be established which will allow citizens, local business, and local industry to collaborate in efforts to clean and protect the air. The group will focus on the prevention of ground level ozone formation.	Completed/ Devon Beaty	Nov-03	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Establish outreach website	CAIR will establish a web site to provide information about how to join the clean air group, and information on a few things citizens can do to help prevent ground-level ozone.	Completed/ IT Dept.	Nov-03	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Eat- Lunch- In Area	The County will improve a pic-nic area to encourage county employees to Eat-Lunch-In	Completed/ Public Works Dept.	May-05	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Consumer Ozone Reduction Strategies	Develop detailed consumer/citizen actions that will promote the reduction of emissions in Chester County.	Measure under consideration	Oct-04	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Take A Break From The Exhaust	Chester County government will encourage the TABFTE program to encourage its employees to carpool, walk to work, and eat-lunch-in during ozone season	Measure under consideration	May-05	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Reduce Electricity Use	The Chester County Government will sponsor a program to encourage its employees to reduce their electricity use.	Measure under consideration	Aug-03	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Revised Purchasing Policy	The Chester County Government will update its purchasing policy to encourage buying in bulk, buying recycled and recyclable products, and buying energy efficient products including fleet vehicles.	Measure under consideration	May-04	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Ozone Forecast	The ozone forecast during ozone season will be announced over the local radio station along with a tip of the day to reduce the ozone forming pollution.	Completed/ Local Radio Stations	Apr-04	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Nature Based Tourism	The County will encourage a nature based tourism approach to encourage the preservation green spaces.	Measure under consideration	May-04	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Ozone Awareness Booth	The County sponsored an Ozone Awareness Booth in cooperation with SC DHEC at the hilltop festival. Information, two environmentally friendly gas cans, pencils, coloring books, t-shirts, and flowering plants were distributed in return for citizen membership	Completed/ Devon Beaty	October 18 th 2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Clean Air Resolution	Chester County resolved to be in partnership with SEQL (Sustainable Environments for the Quality of Life) by signing a Clean Air Resolution	Measure under consideration	Oct-03	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Energy Audit	Determined areas of waste in terms of energy use	Measure under consideration	Aug-03	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Tree Planting	Chester County will plant an additional 500 hardwood trees on county land to help secure air quality	Measure under consideration	May-05	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Tree Saving	Chester County will make an effort to save trees in the county by providing more protection for all trees that could be 100 years old or older.	Measure under consideration	May-05	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Pilot Transportation Program	Chester Park School will conduct a pilot transportation program and the school district will seek to implement such a program throughout all of its schools encouraging more fuel efficient means of travel (carpooling, biking/walking, and bus riding)	Measure under consideration	May-04	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Revise Purchasing Policy	Prioritize Buying in Bulk and Buying Products with Less Packaging	Measure under consideration	May-05	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Reduce Waste and Energy Use	Seek to incorporate using re-usable cafeteria dining materials where possible in schools that now use paper, plastic, or Styrofoam products.	Measure under consideration	May-05	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
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Early Action Plan Organization Meeting	County officials met with department heads, citizens, education, and corporate officials to begin organizing an Early Action Plan. Attended by 25 individuals.	Completed.	May, 2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Ozone Action Coordinator	County staff person responsible for ozone education/outreach and dissemination of ozone forecast.	Completed. An Air Quality Contact was first designated in 2004. The current Air Quality contacts are J. Chappell Hurst, Jr. and Chris Karres. At a Safety Committee Retreat it was discussed that the ozone forecast could be placed on the county website in the summer months. On code orange or higher days employees would be encouraged to eat in the building or carpool for lunch.	August 1, 2004	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Park and Ride Facilities	County staff will evaluate the number of workers commuting to other counties within South Carolina and work with local businesses willing to allow park and ride opportunities at their place of business. The county has set a goal of 20 percent of the workforce carpooling by the year 2007.	Discussions have taken place about placing park and ride facilities in planned development districts as this is the primary manner by which the northern portion of the county is developing.	July, 2005	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Web Site	Lancaster County is in the process of developing a web site devoted to educating the public about ozone emissions and ways the public can assist in lowering airborne pollutants	At a Safety Committee Retreat it was discussed that the ozone forecast could be placed on the county website in the summer months. On code orange or higher days employees would be encouraged to eat in the building or carpool for lunch.	August 1, 2004	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Public Service Announcements, Learn TV Cable, Education TV	Lancaster County will produce public service announcements that will be shown on local cable television outlets and the County's education TV channel promoting ways the public can improve air quality.		July, 2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Community Meetings	Lancaster County officials will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and other community groups in order to explain the Early Action Plan and steps that can be taken by individuals and companies to improve air quality. Plan also includes creating stakeholder agreements with individuals, companies, and civic groups in order to implement air quality measures that improve the community		June - July 2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Alternate Work Schedule	Policy will be developed for implementing AWS for employees of area business and industry		Apr-04	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Education	Educate the public through web sites, education TV, education TV slides, PSAs, school group meetings, web sites, radio and print ads, etc. about the EAP and ways individuals and businesses can improve air quality (i.e. vehicles, home appliances, boats, heavy machinery, alternative fuels, agriculture, etc.)		2003-2007	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Recycling Programs	Continue to implement and improve education about County's recycling programs	Completed. The county continues to implement and improve education about the County's recycling programs.	2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Car Fleets Using Alternative Energy Sources	Begin planning to implement alternative fuel sources for County fleets and encouraging alternative fuel fleets at local industry.		2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Heavy Machinery	Implement educational efforts and possibly provide tax breaks to companies that utilize emission control systems on heavy machinery		2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Traffic Synchronization	Continue to implement synchronization of all traffic lights in municipal areas to decrease stop and go traffic.	As part of streetscape projects along Main Street in the City of Lancaster, all of the traffic signals, except three have been synchronized.	2004	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
School Buses	Improve routes to decrease stop-and-go. Implement steps to purchase alternative fuel buses for fleets		2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Planning	Continue proper planning of communities to decrease urban sprawl and limit the amount of driving in communities. Density restrictions. Implementation of walking/bike trails in residential areas that connect to shopping and retail centers. Require that a minimum of 20% of the tree canopy on all residential developments be preserved. Improve landscaping, buffering and measures dealing with traffic flow within the planned development district requirements.	Decreased density in the northern portion of the county from 2.5du/acre to 1.5 du/acre as a means to further encourage the use of planned development districts (PDD). These districts require mixture use developments, walking trails and connectivity both within the development and to adjoining properties. Are in the middle of the approval process to require sidewalks on at least one side of all streets in residential areas. Require that a minimum of 20% of the tree canopy on all residential developments be preserved. Within the Planned Development Districts regulations, increase perimeter buffer requirements, established a point system to encourage the preservation of open space, provide sidewalks on more than just one side of the road and to limit the length of cul-de-sacs.	10/1/2005. New standards adopted in May 2006.	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Student Driving	Restrict lower grades in high school from operating and driving cars to school		August, 2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3

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Improvement to S.C. Highway 160	Approved plans for widening this heavily traveled road to help alleviate congestion and to handle anticipated growth.	Plans to widen this road have been approved. The plans call for a landscaped median and limited traffic signals and cross cuts. Construction will begin in 2007 and be completed by 2008.	November 1, 2005	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	
Greenway Plan	To develop and approve a greenway plan for the northern portion (Panhandle) of the county. This greenway will connect developments and reduce traffic.	A draft map of the greenway system has been developed. We are working with Mecklenburg County, North Carolina and York County, South Carolina on a greenway across one property which will connect all three counties.	September 27, 2005	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Transportation Plan	Develop a transportation plan to help restrict traffic signals and curb cuts on major roads, limit crossovers and require commercial development in minimum 5 acre tracts of land. Additionally, this plan indicates where new roads need to be planned, especially to help move traffic east to west within the county.	The Chamber of Commerce helped develop a draft document that the County can use as a basis for developing a more detailed transportation plan. The Chamber, Planning Dept., an official with the local credit union and the organizer of the Kataba Valley Land Trust worked on this draft document. County Council has adopted ordinances that require a connectivity index of 1.4 be followed within subdivisions containing a density of over 1.5, du/acre, that corner lots on two of the major highways in the northern portion of the county only be allowed access from the lower classified street, unless the lot has at least 1000 feet of frontage on the higher classified street, add req. in commercial and industrial developments to req. acceleration and deceleration lanes, limit spacing between driveways and estab. property line offsets for driveways, to increase block lengths along arterials and collectors and requiring subbed out streets from all developments to adjacent parcels that contain at least 5 acres.	9/27/2005 and new measures adopted prior to June 1, 2006	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Energy Conservation Measures	Install tracking system (GPS) on county vehicles to help reduce the use of gasoline in county vehicles by evaluating routes used to determine if more efficient routes could be developed.	GPS systems have been installed on many county vehicles, particularly in the Public Works Department.	January 1, 2006	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	
Stream Buffer/Landscaping Requirements	Develop regulations to limit the cutting of natural vegetation along creeks, streams and rivers. Increase minimum caliper of the trees that are allowed to be used in a required landscaped buffer between land uses and to increase and more evenly distribute landscaping within parking lots.	Have developed regulations establishing buffers along creeks, streams and rivers. Look to implement in 2006. Increase minimum caliper of the trees that are allowed to be used in a required landscaped buffer between land uses from 1.5 inches to 2.0 inches. Require a landscaped island for every 10 parking spaces.	August, 2005. Landscaping standards adopted in January 2006	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
Legislation	Implement legislation to control outdoor burning and educate the public about hazards	Completed. On June 25, 2004 the county supported SCDHEC in the promulgation of the following regulations: SC61-62.2 "Prohibition of Open Burning" & SC61-62.5 Std. 5.2 "Control of Oxides of Nitrogen.	August, 2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
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1. Air Quality Contact	One person will be identified as the Air Quality Contact. At a minimum, this contact will be responsible for ozone education/outreach and dissemination of ozone forecast.	Completed. The current Air Quality Contact is Donnie Betenbaugh.	2003	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
2. Support Statewide efforts	The county will support the efforts of SCDHEC regarding statewide reduction strategies.	Completed. The county supported SCDHEC in the promulgation of the following regulations: SC61-62.2 "Prohibition of Open Burning" & SC61-62.5 Std. 5.2 "Control of Oxides of Nitrogen.	June 25, 2004	n/a directionally sound	n/a directionally sound	n/a	See Comment #3
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ORIGINAL COMMITMENTS							
Local Option Sales Tax Road Improvements	\$174 million sales tax referendum approved by York County voters in November 2003. Projects emphasize intersection improvements, paved shoulders, sidewalks, and improving traffic choke points.	Design & engineering are underway on over half the projects. Construction on several projects shall begin in 2006. Information regarding the 1997 and 2003 one-cent sales tax road projects are listed at www.yorkcountygov.com. This site is updated as projects progress.	2004-2012	Directionally Sound	Directionally Sound	\$173 final funds scheduled for program.	See Comment #1 and Comment #2
Peak hour bus service to Charlotte	Current Rock Hill Express (82X) bus service to Charlotte CBD from four Park-and-Ride facilities in York County.	Rock Hill renewed the contract with CATS and ridership continues to increase steadily.	Current	Directionally Sound	Directionally Sound	No local funding	See Comment #1
Update Development Regulations	York County staff is presently updating zoning and subdivision regulations to require sidewalks and lower thresholds for requiring deceleration and left-hand turn lanes into developments.	Traffic studies are performed when warranted by a development, which usually result in the addition of turn and deceleration lanes. Sidewalks are encouraged in all developments and required as part of PD submittals.	Current	Directionally Sound	Directionally Sound	est. \$100,000	See Comment #1
Ban open burning	York County currently prohibits all open burning during high ozone days.	Measure still in effect.	Current	Directionally Sound	Directionally Sound	na	See Comment #1
MPO activities	Adoption of Long Range Transportation Plan with 30 percent of revenue targeted for congestion management projects, Major Investment Study ongoing to study feasibility of extending transit from Charlotte into York County, and ongoing Congestion Management Study to manage transportation network in urban areas.	Vehicle options and routes for the Major Investment Study (MIS) are being finalized. RFATS is selecting projects to apply for CMAQ funding.	2003-2025	Directionally Sound	Directionally Sound	No local funding	See Comment #1, #7, #18
SEQL Resolution	York County will work with local Council of Government (COG) to identify practical measures to address air quality in accordance with the Sustainable Environment for Quality Life (SEQL) project administered by the Catawba COG.	SEQL celebrated Earth Day Birthday at the Museum of York County in April 2006	April 22, 2006	Directionally Sound	Directionally Sound	na	See Comment #1
NEW COMMITMENTS							
Dial-a-Ride Service	York County started an on-demand bus service. Residents living outside the MPO boundary can call in advance to arrange a ride to necessary locations (employment, doctor appointments, etc.) anywhere in the county for a minimal fare.	Program began in May.	May 1, 2006	Directionally Sound	Directionally Sound	20% local match and FTA 5310 grant	
Competitive Grant	York County applied for a Competitive Grant offered by the Budget and Control Board for the purchase and installation of ethanol fueling equipment at each of the county's two fueling stations.	Waiting to hear of award.	April 10, 2006	Directionally Sound	Directionally Sound	\$181,600 requested	
Town of Clover Adoption of Smartcode	The Town of Clover has attended workshops on the benefits of adopting the Smartcode development regulations promoted by the firm Duany Plater-Zyberk and company. This smart code addresses transit-oriented and pedestrian-oriented design and promotes walkable developments built to the human scale.	Beginning this fall, SmartCode will be calibrated to establish a sector plan based on Clover's future land use plan in coordination with York County's 2025 Land Use Plan.	Fall 2006	Directionally Sound	Directionally Sound	na	
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