



**Administration**

- Attended the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) Board of Trustees Annual Retreat. Major projects for 2022 include pursuing two major infrastructure projects through public-private partnerships: a new recyclable processing facility (material recovery facility) and a new organics composting facility. The [Solar Park Project](#) and improvements to the Morse Rd. Transfer Facility are also on the horizon.
- Applied for an Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) grant and was awarded ~\$25K for purchase of equipment and development of food safety manuals in multiple languages: Somali, Nepalese, French, Ethiopian, and Arabic. This funding will help to address language barriers in food safety education.
- Attended the 2021 Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Retail Food Protection Seminar.
- Represented FCPH as a Subject Matter Expert at the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) Food Fraud Program Development Group, Food Defense Program Development Group, Food Safety Assessment, Audit, and Inspection Program Development Group, and Food Safety Education Program Development Group.
- Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net) Cooperative Agreement
  - Working actively with the Ohio State University on research to evaluate the relationship between food safety education and the presence of the five primary risk factors for foodborne illness.
  - Working actively with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and other participating state/local health departments across the country as part of the Restaurant Inspection/Sick Worker Work Group for the EHS-Net multi-state research project.
- Attended a group meeting for part 2 of the FDA FoodShield Program. This secure system allows public health and food regulatory officials at the local, state, and federal levels across the nation to work together.

**Community Environmental Health Section**

- Met with the Auditor's Office to gain access to the county dog licensing database to assist with animal bite investigations in the rabies control program.
- The mosquito program finished the season with over 138,000 mosquitoes trapped, 331 West Nile Virus positive pools, and 5,884 miles sprayed by truck.
- Staff from the vector program helped with the mosquito contractor's volunteer event, Clarke's Day of Caring. Multiple bags of trash were pulled from Big Darby Creek in Pleasant Township.



### **Food Safety & School Health Section**

- Conducted 327 inspections, 86 follow-ups, 37 consultations and 12 temporary events; issued 5 warning letters and 11 new sets of plans were reviewed.
- Investigated 4 diagnosed foodborne illnesses and 20 other complaints. Thirteen schools were inspected, and 2 new facilities were opened.
- Met with the Plumbing section to integrate plumbing and food for enhanced cohesion and collaboration.
- Several team members attended a virtual 3-day FDA conference on Retail Food Standards.
- Mike Hils conducted 6 food safety classes at Olentangy Orange High School for their consumer food education students.
- Staff are finishing the CDC EATS course, FDA prerequisite courses and the requisite ServSafe Courses to become Food Safety Education Certified Instructor/Proctors.
- Staff received additional training from the Ohio Department of Health on inspection completion techniques.

### **Plumbing and Medical Gas Section**

- Working to overcome staff shortage by the hiring of a strong inspection candidate and entering into a contract with a certified inspection sub-contractor. This contract is intended for short-term relief until recruitment efforts can secure other qualified plumbing inspection candidates.
- Working with City of Dublin on plan review services electronically on a system maintained by City of Dublin. This effort will better serve our clients' needs and streamline FCPH's plan review process.
- Working with Food Safety leadership to determine how Plumbing Inspection can assist with commercial kitchen operations and approval.
- Staff have been trained and are operating remotely. Efficiency has increased in field operations and the employee safety goals of Public Health are being met.
- Building Department inspection software is being analyzed to increase labor efficiency and better serve the construction industry. This technology solution will allow for customer interaction and staff access to information critical for professional and financially beneficial operation of service.
- New Ohio Board of Building Standards certification and regulation requirements for plumbing inspectors have been implemented through Ohio budget bill HB 110. Legal counsel has been consulted to determine how the governance of plumbing inspectors and plumbing plans reviewers will impact FCPH legislated authority to provide plumbing inspection services for local jurisdictions.

### **Sustainability Section**

- Awarded a \$2 million grant through ODH Lead-Safe Housing Fund: Community Primary Prevention, in partnership with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). This two-year grant will result in the identification and remediation of homes with lead-based paint in priority zip codes.
- Applied for HUD Healthy Homes Production Grant with MORPC. This opportunity would result in another partnership with MORPC to conduct Healthy Homes assessments and rehab homes in priority zip codes
- Welcome to Lloyd Glover, EHSIT.
- Continue to share information regarding the ramifications of SB22 and work collaboratively throughout the county to find partners to assist residents.

**Water Quality Section**

- Continuing to make joint presentations with FSWCD at Township meetings to discuss importance of Storm Water monitoring and impact of new OEPA Stormwater Permit under which Franklin County will be operating.
- Staff finished assisting FSWCD with HSTS GIS mapping as part of large, proposed drainage improvement project that Franklin County Engineers Office (FCEO) is looking to undertake in Brown Township known as Mando Ditch. Nathan Ralph will be presenting at the public meeting that FCEO will be having on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

<b>October</b>	
<a href="#"><u>Children's Environmental Health Day (Oct. 14)</u></a>	Increase awareness of children's environmental health; promote education and action.
<a href="#"><u>National Energy Awareness Month</u></a>	Promote the importance of energy for sustainability and environmental well-being.
<a href="#"><u>National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (Oct. 24-30)</u></a>	Increase lead poisoning prevention awareness in an effort to reduce childhood exposure to lead.
<a href="#"><u>Stormwater Awareness Week (Oct. 18-24)</u></a>	Encourages communities (and the groups that care about them) to raise stormwater awareness.
<a href="#"><u>National Health Education Week (Oct. 19-23)</u></a>	Increase awareness on major public health issues and promoting a better understanding of the role of health education.
<a href="#"><u>Global Handwashing Day (Oct. 15)</u></a>	Increase awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

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