



Environmental Professionals Network

Annual Report 2019-2020

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SUMMARY

The Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) connects Ohio's environmental professionals and others passionate about our natural resources through in-person and online activities. EPN hosts monthly breakfast programs and virtual events focused on innovative and pressing environmental topics, such as: bipartisan approaches for wildlife conservation, inclusive strategies for land management, and collaborative approaches to solving emerging water pollution issues. The EPN aligns inspirational speakers with compelling topics aimed to help participants build their network and grow professionally.

Through this network, participants also have free access to many online networking capabilities, such as marketing, querying, information sharing, and more. Participants are also encouraged to create and share content such as job postings, reports, and event announcements. In its eight-year history, over 3,000 unique individuals have participated in an EPN breakfast program and this year the EPN surpassed 2,200 online participants.



2019-2020 EVENT ATTENDANCE

- 1,309 unique attendees, including 365 current Ohio State students (from 61 different majors) and 137 Ohio State Alumni participants
- 145 participant average at monthly, in-person breakfast events
- 211 participant average at monthly, online virtual events



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MOVEMENT TO VIRTUAL EVENTS

Since September 2012, the EPN has consistently held monthly face-to-face, in-person events featuring breakfast and conversation alongside our educational speakers. In March 2020, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the EPN transitioned from its traditional event format to online-only programming. This transition, which will be in place for the remainder of 2020, has fundamentally shifted the nature in which we interact with one another, share information and build relationships. While our global community seeks to address this virus, our challenge and opportunity as environmental professionals and enthusiasts to improve ecological systems as well as social and economic conditions remain. Here in Ohio, nationally and globally it can be challenging to get different views together to work out real solutions, however the EPN recognizes these challenges and are very committed to working diligently to help achieve a broadly healthy and regenerative society and planet. As we move into the 2020-2021 Academic Year let us stay connected, be inspired, and grow professionally, together.

Co-sponsored events this year included partnerships with various local, state, regional, and national organizations. Thank you to the following organizations that served as event sponsors and to the individuals who chose to help sponsor a student during their registration.



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