



**McKinney Climate Fellows Program
2022 McKinney Climate Fellow
Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments**

Who We Are

The Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies to improve the quality of life and the economic vitality of the region.

OKI is the greater Cincinnati region's metropolitan planning organization and works collaboratively with stakeholders to solve interstate dilemmas, create far-reaching development plans, break through political bureaucracy, provide services to the public and advocate for federal funding for transportation systems and environmental investment.

POSITION SUMMARY

The McKinney Climate Fellow will be placed within the Regional Planning Department and will be responsible for taking the lead on select initiatives and assist with sustainability, climate, and community resiliency projects. The Fellow will provide support for projects predominantly within the Dearborn County, Indiana portion of OKI's planning area, including:

Countywide EV infrastructure assessment and strategy plan:

- The Fellow will prepare a strategic implementation plan for EV infrastructure deployment. Beginning with an inventory of existing EV infrastructure and through consultation with county and local community leaders, the Fellow will identify potential future EV charging station locations and develop implementation strategies. Part of this work will include a focus on the I-275 and I-74 corridors. FHWA has designated portions of the OKI region's interstate system as Alternative Fuels Corridors including I-75, I-71, and I-275. I-275 is designated but is believed to have capacity for more convenient and accessible EV charging stations. I-74 currently lacks the designation due to a lack of alternative fueling infrastructure. The I-74 segment within Indiana has a pending designation and Ohio segment has no designation. The Fellow will work to re-inventory all segments of I-74 to determine if current designations are valid and identify steps necessary to fully designate this interstate. This work may include working with partners to identify future EV charging station locations, identify signage locations and proceed with permitting required by DOTs to install signage.

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Preparations to inform upcoming **Dearborn County Comprehensive Plan** update:

- Dearborn County Plan Commission expects to begin the process of updating the county comprehensive plan in 2022. The Fellow will review existing plan to identify potential areas for integrating EV strategies and other community resiliency principles. This work will require research, analysis, and preparation of materials for Plan Commission and staff consideration.

Indiana Green City Mapper update/data expansion:

- The Indiana Green City Mapper is a spatial database of urban green infrastructure, stormwater features, parks and trails along with socioeconomic data and climate change related data enabling communities to plan for climate change resilience. Currently, the data in this Mapper is most robust in central Indiana and the region surrounding Bloomington. The Fellow will work with OKI to more fully integrate datasets for Dearborn County and southeast Indiana.

Duties will include:

- Coordination with OKI and Dearborn County officials and staff to advance project deliverables.
- Communication throughout fellowship with OKI and Dearborn County staff on project milestone status.
- Write technical and non-technical reports, summaries and presentations communicating project development and deliverables.
- Create and update EXCEL and/or GIS databases
- Attend the Boot camp May 16 – 20, 2022
- Attend weekly (virtual) “Lunch and Learns”, Wednesdays from 12:00pm-1:30pm
- Submit weekly Canvas reports over the course of the fellowship

Qualifications

- Creativity, self-motivation, and ability to organize tasks and materials
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- GIS, Word, Excel and PowerPoint skills
- Equity mindset/lens and other critical indicators related to DEI in climate work are preferred

Compensation

Compensation will be in the form of a scholarship through the Environmental Resilience Institute. The Fellow will work full time for 10 weeks, beginning on or near June 1, and ending on or near August 12.

Feedback and evaluation

The Fellow will be given regular feedback from staff on progress and performance. Success in the fellowship will be determined by the completion of specified projects in a professional and timely manner. The Fellow should learn how this organization identifies its sustainability priorities, effective principles of communication, and how to develop and maintain professional relationships.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The McKinney Climate Fellows Program supports the continual advancement and development of diverse, inclusive and equitable spaces. Indiana climate change solutions should be equitable in implementation, and projects with equity considerations are encouraged to reduce climate change impacts on marginalized communities in the state.

Application instructions

To apply for this position, complete an application on the Environmental Resilience Institute's website. If you have questions about the program or any of the positions available, email Danni Schaust, MCF Program Manager, at danmcphe@iu.edu, or Sarah Miller, MCF Project and Outreach Coordinator at sjm8@iu.edu. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis (first come, first serve) until Monday, February 14, 2022.