Indiana Climate Fellows Program
2023 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 Indiana 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:

**OKI SRPP Element Trends and Condition** updates to integrate climate resiliency:
- OKI initiated a process to update their Strategic Regional Policy Plan [www.howdowegrow.org](http://www.howdowegrow.org) in 2022 and will kick off implementation efforts in 2023. The Fellow will research and evaluate the plan’s policy recommendations for incorporating current resiliency understanding and best climate change related data to inform implementation efforts.

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 2023. 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 a weeklong training in May 2023
- 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 18.

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 Indiana 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 the Environmental Resilience Institute at eri@iu.edu. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis (first come, first serve) until Friday, January 13, 2023.