



Environmental Professionals Network

Annual Report July 2021 - June 2022

Launched in 2012, 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, decarbonization, and collaborative approaches to solving emerging water pollution issues. The EPN aligns inspirational speakers with compelling topics aimed to help participants expand their knowledge, 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 encouraged to create and share content such as job postings, reports, and event announcements. After searching through and cleaning its online membership list from bots, expired accounts and more, the EPN features 1,240 active unique members signing in and accessing EPN materials from across Ohio and the U.S. Midwest!

In September 2021, with a program titled *Resilient through Fire*, the EPN began hybrid-style breakfast programs allowing for simultaneous in-person and livestream participation for both attendees and speakers. While adhering to Ohio State safe and healthy protocols throughout the year, in-person EPN breakfast attendees commented on the peers and community members they met during events, with most attendees sharing they met at least five new environmental professionals per event. In June 2022, the EPN hosted its 5,978th unique participant in a monthly breakfast event.



JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022 EVENT ATTENDANCE

- In total, 1,872 unique attendees, including 826 overall in-person attendees, and 1,046 live virtual participants joined for EPN breakfast programs.
- On average, 103 participants joined in-person for the 10 monthly, in-person breakfast programs and 116 participants joined in live via the EPN YouTube livestream.
- Of these attendees, 488 current Ohio State University students (from 57 different academic majors) joined for live programs throughout the year.
- Each EPN hybrid program is posted on the EPN YouTube channel for later viewing. On average, programs during this year were uniquely viewed 873 times as of June 2022.



The EPN connects Ohio's environmental professionals to help them expand their network, grow professionally and be more effective and inspired in their careers. The EPN is a service of the School of Environment and Natural Resources within the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). Co-sponsored events this year included partnerships with various local, state, regional, and national organizations. Students participated at no cost in each of this year's EPN programs. The EPN thanks the organizations that served as event sponsors and partners, and the following individuals who chose to sponsor a student registration.

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EPN HIGHLIGHTS

2021-2022



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As we move into the 2022-2023 Academic Year let us stay connected, be inspired, and grow professionally, together. Please reach out to discuss with us anytime program topics and join the EPN at epn.osu.edu/Join_Today to view and post events, job opportunities and notices on the EPN website.

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