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Annual Report 2020-2021

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. 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 nine-year history, over 3,000 unique individuals have participated in an EPN breakfast program in-person, with over 2,300 online participants currently.

2020-2021 EVENT ATTENDANCE

- 1,865 unique attendees, including 394 current Ohio State students (from 66 different majors) and 90 Ohio State Alumni participants
- 212 participant average at monthly, online virtual events

Our environment, our communities, and our lives are dynamic. They evolve and they change. We want to thank all who participated live during one of our virtual events this past Academic Year. Connecting virtually and remotely has affirmed we are stronger together. Your continued participation and engagement inspire us to grow our community of environmental professionals amidst many things unknown.

Co-sponsored events this year included partnerships with the many local, state, regional, and national organizations featured on the next page.





Featured above is a selection of very notable and inspiring speakers over the past Academic Year. From left to right: Katharine Hayhoe, James Edward Mills, Matthew Stanfield, Ziigwanikwe (Katy Bresette), Gidigaa bizhiw (Jerry Jondreau), Walt Bonham, Sara Smith, Rob Croll, Daniel Christian Wahl, Doug Tallamy, Jane Breckinridge, Trevor Dunlap, Matthew Broda, and Nicole Jackson.

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