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Public Invited to City's Sustainability Meeting

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Powell, OH: The City of Powell, in conjunction with City and Regional Planning graduate school program at The Ohio State University, is seeking public input concerning sustainability. A meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22 in Council Chambers (47 Hall St.) during which attendees will be invited to provide their insights and suggestions regarding key elements of the sustainability planning process.

The focus of the meeting will be to get input regarding sustainability definitions and study parameters for the City. The community-based sustainability project is led by a graduate student class from the City and Regional Planning program at OSU. The goal of the class is to devise an action plan for a sustainable Powell.

Issues that will be examined in detail over the course of the 10-week student project include:

- Land use and urban ecology (What incentives are there for “green” buildings? What sorts of protection exists for the environmental assets?)
- Energy and waste reduction (How much waste does Powell generate? What can be done to reduce waste? What alternatives exist for diversification of energy sources into nontraditional areas such as solar, wind or geothermal in the community?)
- Economic development and social equity (Is there a market for “sustainable” industries? How physically accessible is the community to all of its members? What are the primary economic drivers of the community?)

Students will benefit from direct input from residents as the project gets under way; thus, resident participation at the meeting is encouraged. Light refreshments will be served.

The meeting is taking place in conjunction with the City's Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

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