

# Your sustainability goals, simplified.

The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC), the nation's largest governmental energy aggregator, has been a leading innovator in coalitions solving problems in the energy economy for over 20 years. As a non-profit council of governments, we currently serve 242 member communities in 20 Ohio counties and source energy for over a million electric utility and small business utility accounts. We also provide member communities a variety of benefit programs to enhance the life of their residents and the vitality of their businesses by providing resources for small commercial entities and municipalities to reduce their overall carbon footprint and lower their energy costs.

since 2017, our energy supplier, NextEra, has contributed over \$55.4 million from NOPEC's aggregation program into the EarthEra Trust!

# Community Programming & Energy Efficiency Initiatives



#### 100% Renewable Products

NOPEC offers residents, small businesses, and communities products that can reduce carbon emissions and generate future renewable energy solutions nationwide.



#### **Preferred Pricing Program**

Our Preferred Pricing Program is an opportunity for NOPEC communities to buy 100% green and renewable electricity, via 100% renewable energy credits, for their municipal loads at cost.



#### Green Ribbon Award

Recognizes the outstanding achievements of NOPEC member communities that have completed projects to reduce their municipality's energy footprint.



## **Energized Community Grant**

A funding opportunity available to all NOPEC communities to help them increase energy efficiency and upgrade energy infrastructure.



## **Ohio Energy Project**

We sponsor programming developed by the Ohio Energy Project to inspire leadership and energy innovation amongst students and teachers in NOPEC communities.



## **Energy Advocacy**

We actively advocate for consumer-friendly legislation and utility regulatory policies at the PUCO and Ohio Statehouse.



#### **Energy Savings Center**

We help residents reduce their energy consumption with our monthly Energy Connection newsletter, maintenance reminders, and cost-saving energy tips.



### **Energy Efficiency Financing**

Fixed-rate financing options for energy-efficiency projects allows commercial property owners to use the savings generated by improvements to help pay back the loan.



### **Energy Savers Roadmap**

A step-by-step guide for government officials to jumpstart new energy efficiency and sustainability policies in their communities.



# How can sustainability help your community?

Developing a sustainability plan can be a challenge. That's why at NOPEC, we make the process easy by aligning sustainability initiatives to your community's most critical needs. From attracting job growth to improving security, check out these examples of how we've helped local governments use sustainability as a tool to achieve community goals.



## Safety & Security

**GOAL:** Keep streets and public walkways safe to protect residents and reduce theft and violent crime.

**SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION:** Replace outdated outdoor lighting with energy efficient LEDs to improve visual acuity and save energy.

HOW WE CAN HELP: Fund up to 100% of the eligible lighting upgrade with NOPEC's Energized Community Grant.

Avon Lake used its NOPEC
Energized Community Grant
to purchase and install two
solar-powered LED crosswalks
in high-traffic areas. With these
new additions, the community can better
protect its residents while saving money on
energy costs.



## **Parks & Recreation**

**GOAL:** Provide unrestricted access to public outdoor spaces for recreational activity and resident livelihood.

**SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION:** Preserve green space through park cleanups and improving waste disposal and stormwater management.

**HOW WE CAN HELP:** Host community cleanup events through NOPEC's Event Sponsorship Program.

New Russia Township used its
NOPEC Event Sponsorship
funds to promote a
community-wide cleanup
and flower planting event. This
effort improved the community's
look and beautified the area's green spaces.



## **Economic Development**

**GOAL:** Stimulate job growth and lower infrastructure costs for small business success.

**SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION:** Fund energy-efficiency improvements for commercial properties to reduce energy consumption and realize cost savings.

**HOW WE CAN HELP:** NOPEC offers low-interest financing options for commercial properties to complete energy-efficiency improvement projects.

Mantaline Corporation in Portage County secured financing of \$119,000 at a 3% interest rate to replace old light fixtures and occupy sensors. The upgrades will save them \$19,000 a year, equating to a six year payback on their investment.