Energy and Empowerment
In Madison County:
Project Overview
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A Coalition approach to Community-Based Research

- Assessing the community energy assets/resources
- Cultivating corresponding CBR Service-Learning projects
- Supporting a loose coalition of groups working on energy issues
Assessing Community Resources

Local Energy Landscape:
The following slides showcase the energy-related work groups in Madison County are doing. Names listed on slides are the contact people for various projects, see “Energy Landscape Brochure” for individual contact information.
League of Women Voters: Brings community residents and government together

- LWV has a white paper recycling depot at the City Council building.
- Elizabeth Crowe
Accessibility of Local Food

- Local Food Initiative
- Food stamps for Berea College Farm at Farmer’s Market
- Jessa Turner
Clean Solutions for Electricity Demand

- EKPC
- Smith 1
- “Portfolio of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Options for EKPC” by Susan M. Zinga and Andy McDonald
Habitat for Humanity Green Build

Layne Hawley
Madison County Greenways & Trails, Inc.

- Working to create non-motorized trail system
- Duncannon Road Trail
- Kris Farrey, secretary
Madison County Home Energy Improvement Program, Inc.

- Low-Income working group from Feb. 2008 E&E Gathering
- Residential Energy Audits and Weatherization
- Improve services
  - Collaboration
  - Greater awareness
  - Additional resources
- Gina Chamberlain
Safe Routes to School

- Promote walking and biking to Berea Community School
  - Trail/sidewalk improvements
  - Bike racks
  - Education
- Becca Perish
Berea Bikes

- Berea College Alumni Building, bottom floor across from Activities Room
- Bike care and repair
- Bike rental
- Community members welcome!
Energy Efficient Enterprises (E3) of Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED)

- Non-residential energy audits
- Actionable recommendations
- Loans
- Solar Water Heaters
- Josh Bills
Church Participation

First Christian Church

Union Church
Supporting the E&E coalition

We support the loose E&E coalition in various ways. We help organize networking gatherings, Tammy Clemmons created a list-serve, and we bring together an E&E Planning Committee to find opportunities for collaboration.
February 2008 Gathering

- Brief introductions
- Self-selected break out groups topics
- Report back to group

New list-serve for more networking opportunities!
Local Leaders on Climate Change: October 15, 2008 Event

• Invited City Council
• Local Energy Landscape
• Berea Planning and Zoning Commission
• Sustainable Berea Transition Town Project
• Lexington/Fayette County
• Amy Malick-ICLEI

Berea joined ICLEI
Madison County Home Energy Expo
March 14, 2009

- Exhibitors (Businesses and non-profits)
- Children’s activities
- Workshops
- Prizes
- 550-600 people attended

We learned that the Extension Agency is great at PR!
We are also considering how this annual event could support E&E groups after the grant.
May 2009 Gathering

- Craig Williams energized the group
- Break out groups: issue and strategy focused
- See “Notes from the May 8, 2009 Energy and Empowerment Gathering: Power Through Collaboration” link for more info

All in attendance found this event useful and we plan to organize another gathering Feb. 2010.
E&E Planning Group

- Members of several active groups in the coalition
- Strategizes about potential collaborations
- Sounding board for coalition events
- Feedback from the community
- Baked goods ☺
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Community-Based Research Projects

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For more information, read project descriptions and visit the links to more detailed presentations.
Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and BC Student Beth Bissmeyer

- Impacts of rising energy costs
- Energy literacy
- Interest in conservation
- Compact florescent light bulbs
HomeGrown HideAways
Code Approved Natural Building
BC Students Phil Hawn and Erin Finsel

- Earthbag home
- Strawbale and Cob Art Studio
- Continued Workshops
Transition Town Berea

- Over 300 members
- Transition Town Project:
  - Peak oil
  - Climate change
  - National economy
- Interdisciplinary Course
- Public Meetings
- Transition Plan
- Re-Skilling Workshops
- Calendar
Grant Writing Course

- January-term course
- Students wrote portions of grants for the following organizations:
  - Sustainable Berea
  - Madison County Home Energy Improvement Project, Inc.
Health in Appalachia

• Developing survey for Health Professionals about coal-fired power plants
• Students hosted a forum for survey participants
• Develop programs to support clean-energy advocates
AmeriCorps: How to host a volunteer

- Find out which type of AmeriCorps volunteer your organization is eligible to host at:
  http://www.americorps.gov/fitfinder/index.html

- For Campus Compact AmeriCorps*VISTA information visit:
  http://www.compact.org/state/list
Thanks for your interest in the Energy & Empowerment Project in Madison County, Kentucky.

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