

Educational Purpose and Radio Station Programming Plans

The Central Ohio Green Education Fund has been active in Columbus since 1993. The organization conducts and promotes educational, charitable, and scientific activities, working within a core of values: ecological wisdom, grassroots democracy, decentralization, community-based economics, personal and global responsibility, and future sustainability.

Examples of our charitable work include awarding grant money to Four Seasons city farms, supporting the video and radio labs as part of Columbus Indymedia, and grant support for Columbus Community Radio.

Since entering the 21st century, a shift in public awareness has manifest—that humanity must take responsibility for stewardship of a planet with finite natural resources; that civilization’s unsustainable energy use has measurable consequences on the physical and biological systems on earth.

By means of a radio station, COGEF wishes to provide an ongoing, daily opportunity to engage the Columbus community in learning to think and live “Green.” Columbus has a wealth of resources to draw on and organizations to pull together into the studio to make the radio station a “Green Catalyst” for the community. COGEF staff has been making personal connections with these regional individuals/organizations in seeking radio station content:

- Humanist Society of Columbus
- Simply Living of Columbus
- Ohio State University Byrd Polar Research Center
- Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources
- The Ohio State Center for Automotive Research (hybrid, all-electric, energy efficiency improvements)
- Ohio State University Extension (food safety, *Energize Ohio*—opportunities for renewable energy production)
- Columbus Public Health (community presentations and research project on climate change awareness)
- Transition Columbus (transitioning to a more local and sustainable economy)
- Clintonville Energy COOP (cost-effective solar PV for Columbus-Clintonville homeowners sharing the installation labor)
- Stratford Ecological Center (educating children/adults in understanding relationships between living things & their environment)
- Green Energy Ohio (dedicated to promoting environmentally and economically sustainable energy policies. Sponsor of yearly Ohio Solar Tour)
- American Electric Power (AEP): homeowner solar PV gridtie program
- Local Matters (increasing access to local foods, partnerships with growers, nutritional education)
- The Green Grocer
- Blue Rock Station (ecological homebuilding and farming)
- Sierra Club Central Ohio
- City of Columbus Land Bank Community Garden Program
- Keller Chiropractic (holistic health)
- Harvey Wasserman (local journalist covering nuclear power issues)
- Bicycling advocacy groups (Columbus Outdoor Pursuits, Yay Bikes, Consider Biking)
- The Outspoken Cyclist (radio program from Cleveland, OH)
- Care and Share Timebank (labor and services sharing)

In addition, there are several nationally syndicated radio programs, shorts, and internet broadcasts that would fit well with COGEF’s environmental mission. For those programs indicated with *, we have already contacted the producers about securing broadcast rights for the Columbus area:

- Living on Earth (Public Radio International), Radio Ecoshock*, If You Love This Planet* (Helen Caldicott), Sierra Club Radio*, The Bioneers* (via the WFMT radio network), Restoration Radio Network, The Coal Report*, Pulse of the Planet, the Environmental Minute, TUC Radio* (corporate responsibility for environmentally sustainable practices), Sea Change Radio* (covering the shift to social, environmental, and economic sustainability).