

## Q&A #1- NOACA RFP Air Quality Strategic Plan

Q: Although NOACA primarily serves counties in Northeast Ohio, we saw that Ashtabula, Portage, and Summit counties are also included in the proposal. How great should the focus be on these three counties, compared to the other five? Should the same emphasis be placed on all eight counties, or should the closer five receive a greater amount of focus?

**A: Place emphasis on the five counties of NOACA, but realize our air quality responsibility extends to the other three counties as well.**

Q: Would the members of NOACA's board be able to assist in recruiting or providing the contact information of individuals who would be willing and interested in participating in our research as a starting point? Since the board is a broad representation of the general public, any help with assisting us with recruitment (indicate who we should work with on a county level) would be helpful.

**A: The Air Quality subcommittee can be used to provide input.**

Q: Has NOACA conducted any public interest based research in the past in regards to air quality programming and education? If so, would this data be able to be accessed by the researcher chosen to work on the project?

**A: There were a couple of efforts during early program years (late 90s early 2000s). Where we can find the results, we can certainly share them, although none have been done in recent history.**

· For projects concerned with public engagement, we believe it would be beneficial to develop interactive information gathering methods with the local communities. Would NOACA be able to assist in providing incentives (in the form of small giveaway items) to encourage participant interaction?

**A: NOACA will work with selected vendor on ways to best incentivize participants. Proposals should include "small giveaway items" as a menu option if funding becomes available.**