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## **Clean Air Subcommittee for Dane County Established**

*Subject Matter Experts, Supervisors to Address Local Pollution*

**Madison, WI** - While Dane County's air pollution problems are becoming more and more obvious on hot summer days, a committee of the County Board has formed a subcommittee to focus on solutions to the growing air quality problems.

County Supervisor Kyle Richmond Monday appointed a 14-member Clean Air Subcommittee of citizens and County Supervisors to help prevent Dane County from being identified as a "non-attainment area" by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Local people need to start proposing solutions, said Richmond, chairman of the Board's Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

"It's time for us to take this problem seriously," Supervisor Richmond said. "Dane County may continue to add people, but we need not ruin our quality of life with an equal amount of lawnmowers and SUVs."

Sup. Jeff Kostelic - a member of the County Board of Health and the new subcommittee - agreed.

"This is vitally important," Kostelic said. "Dane County cannot become Wisconsin's newest non-attainment area. Adjusting our habits now will be far better than being forced into compliance later."

The subcommittee will study ways in which County government itself can lessen negative impacts on local air quality, and educate and encourage other local institutions and residents to do the same.

An experienced array of citizen members will lead the Clean Air Subcommittee. They are **Rich Bogovich**, Wisconsin Interfaith Climate & Energy Campaign; **Jenny Carney**, Leonardo Academy; **Marney Hoefler**, State Bureau of Air Management; **Angela James**, Madison Gas & Electric; **Rob Kennedy**, University of Wisconsin; **Eden Schaefer**, State Asthma Program; **Maria Redmond**, State Bureau of Energy Efficiency; and **Julian Zelazny**, Defenders of Wildlife.

Other County Board members appointed to the subcommittee include Sup. Chuck Erickson, Sup. Brett Hulsey, Sup. Scott McDonnell, Sup. Echnaton Vedder and Sup. Dorothy Wheeler.

Sup. Wheeler has been asked to call the first subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee will report to the EANR Committee in February, which will then make recommendations to the County Board.

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