Goal: Clean Air

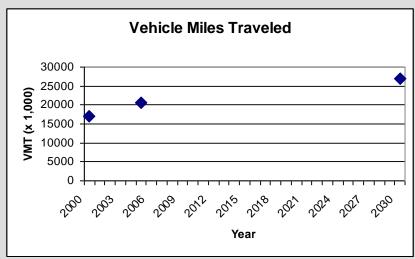
Protect and improve air quality and public health by attaining federal standards, using smart growth land use planning, and supporting environmentally preferable travel alternatives.

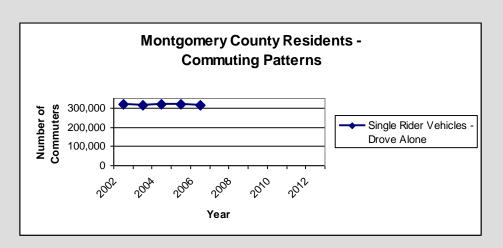
Recommended modification of goal Improve air quality by, at a minimum, attaining federal standards

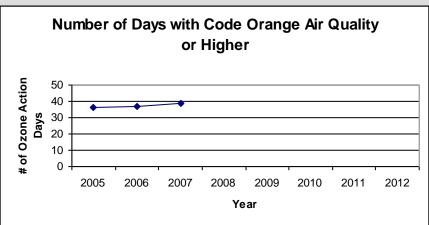
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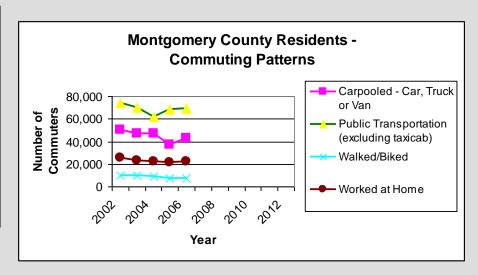


Indicators











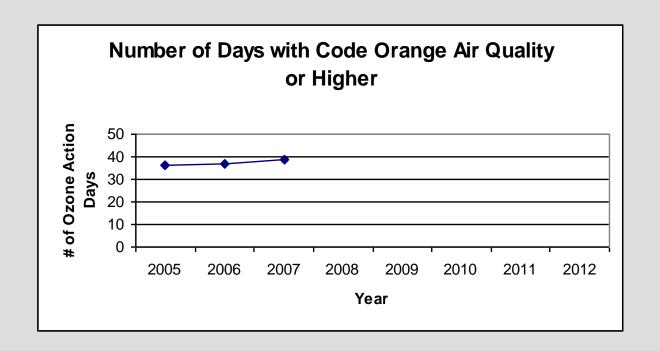


Another Indicator to Consider

Actual Pollutant Levels



Our Group Focus



Story behind the Trend Line

Factor #1: Lack of understanding among citizens about how to improve air quality

Factor #2: Uncontrolled exhaust from power plants

Factor #3: Off road emissions

Factor #4: Area source emissions are growing and are difficult to control



Factor #1: Lack of understanding among citizens about how to improve air quality

Potential Strategies/Actions:

- Increase environmental awareness via the school system
- Public outreach via retailers

- MCPS
- Clean Air Partners
 (www.cleanairpartners.net)
- Local governments
- HOAs
- Non Profits
- Retailers (Lowes, Exxon, Giant)
 - Suppliers
 - employees



Factor #2: Uncontrolled exhaust from power plants

Potential Strategies/Actions:

- Grants for energy producers to reduce emissions
- Regulation (e.g. cap and trade)
- Increasing renewable portfolios

- Congress
- Producers
- Academia
- COG/RPAs



Factor #3: Off road emissions

Potential Strategies/Actions:

- Trade-in/exchange programs (e.g. old
- lawnmowers for more efficient ones)

- Manufacturers
- Retailers



Factor #4: Area source emissions are growing and are difficult to control

Potential Strategies/Actions:

- Education about an individual's actions
- and resulting consequences
- Better hazardous waste drop off accessibility
- Tree planting

- Local media, especially meteorologists
- Local Chambers of Commerce
- Community Groups
- NGOs

