

AIR

Barriers

Policy

- Agricultural Community vs. Urban Community interests especially in range burning
- National policy regarding no incentives for staying in air quality compliance
- No regional agreement between entities in our MSA for improving air quality (i.e. Mid-America Regional Council in the Kansas City Area).
- No statewide or multistate agreement for improving air quality

Regulations

- Clean Air Act is a moving target
- Lack of any local authority to enact regulations to restrict air pollution sources

Education

- Lack of education about impacts and connections between individual actions and air quality
- Lack of general knowledge about regional air issues
- Lack of specific local air quality emissions data and modeling information – technical aspects

Resources

- Lack of money to move projects forward
- Potential lack of political will at all levels of government to move needed projects forward

Opportunities

Emission Reductions

- Establish a voluntary emissions reduction plan for the MSA
- Rewards for individual, companies, groups to set up conservation practices

Education

- Use neighborhood communication opportunities to push for air quality improvements
- Educate businesses and organizations, along with their employees and stakeholders, about the need for them to participate in initiatives to improve air quality
- Develop a positive working relationship with the media to get more coverage of air quality issues

Public Policy

- Need unified voice for SC Kansas to push for more resources from the state to establish an air alert system similar to the one in the KC area

-Lobby the state to make it legal to enact mandatory compliance measures in order for us to stay in compliance