



# Our Right to Clean Air

A Resident-Led Town Hall • Virtual Meeting



## Town Hall Resident Toolkit

Use this toolkit to educate your elected leaders in-person, by phone, and by social media

### SWPA Residents Demand #CleanAirNow!

*We Ask Elected Leaders To Listen to the Lived Experience SWPA Residents Harmed by Pollution and Take Decisive Action*

1. Click [this link](#), to find your elected officials, their contact information, and social media sites.
2. Contact them, set up meetings with them, and send the following messages to them:

#### Hashtags:

**#CleanAirNow**  
**#NoRailPollution**

#### Messages:

We Ask all SWPA Elected Leaders To Listen to the Lived Experience of SWPA Residents Harmed or Threatened by Pollution and Take Decisive Action #CleanAirNow

Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution states that, "The people have a right to clean air..." We demand the fulfillment of that right. #CleanAirNow

U.S. Steel is a horrible neighbor, failing to even meet its own commitments to clean up its act by replacing their 70-year-old coke ovens in Clairton. #CleanAirNow

The County must adopt strong new coke oven regulations to increase the pressure on the company to do so. #CleanAirNow

Fracking must not be allowed in areas where people reside, especially in our public parks. #ProtectOurParks #FrackFreeParks

We cannot allow polluters to pay to pollute. Our world-class universities have innovative approaches to measure pollution. Allegheny County uses outmoded techniques and inadequate fines. Allegheny County must adopt 21st Century monitoring and enforcement. #CleanAirNow

Shell's Plastics Plant opening in 2022 will pose an added threat to all of us. Surrounding that plant and other polluters with real-time air monitors is urgent. Urge our officials to install monitors at their homes, and let's join them by doing so ourselves. #CleanAirNow

Mobile sources of pollution such as trains account for up to 20% of our air pollution. Technologies to make locomotives less polluting can help to ease the pollution burden. #NoRailPollution

There can be no victory laps on #airquality achievement, particularly in Southwestern Pennsylvania, until residents are breathing clean air. #CleanAirNow

**[The SWPA Town Halls](#) is a resident-led, grassroots organization which, through a series of virtual town halls, have coalesced a racially, economically and geographically diverse constituency of more than 1,000 people who seek to transform the region from one of the worst places to live in America for exposure to deadly air pollution into one with a healthier future for all.**