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A Letter from the Chairman

I'm proud of NOPEC's accomplishments during 2012 and I'm excited about our plans for the future. None of our success would be possible without our dedicated volunteer Board of Directors. I want to thank them for their committed and continued leadership.

NOPEC continued to build value with and for our communities and customers in 2012. Most of our communities enjoyed their first full year of savings from our POWERING OUR COMMUNITIES grants. This report contains some highlighted grant profiles to give you a glimpse of the value we provided to Northeast Ohio.

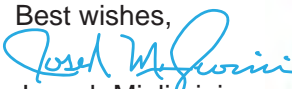
Since 2001, NOPEC has helped our customers realize \$175 million in energy cost savings. NOPEC may well be the most successful and significant example of regional cooperation in Northeast Ohio.

The NOPEC team spent 2012 developing a new and exciting program: **MyEnergyMyWay™**. Launching in summer 2013, I am pleased that we have been able to create this unique, value-added consumer-driven product to help our customers reduce energy expenses while also reducing the demand on the electric grid and lowering the size of our collective carbon footprint.

NOPEC continues to develop new products for our residential, small business and governmental members.

Thank you for taking the time to allow us to share the NOPEC success story. It continues to be an honor to serve on such an impactful and innovative organization. NOPEC will continue to work to create the very best energy opportunities for our residents, small businesses and communities.

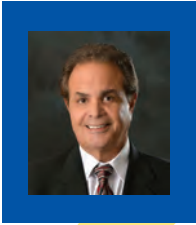
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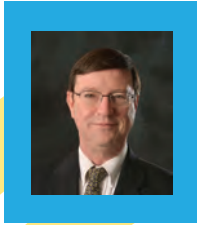
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NOPEC Chairman



NOPEC Board of Directors



Joseph Migliorini
NOPEC Chairman
Summit County



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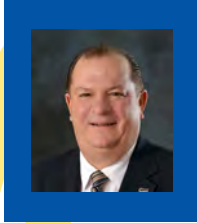
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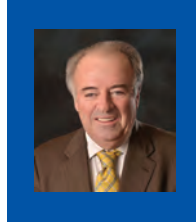
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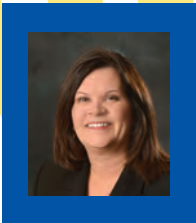
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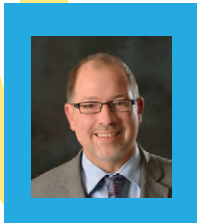
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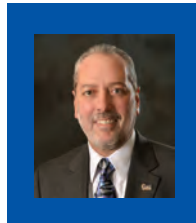
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Mayor
Norwalk
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Charles Keiper II
Executive Director
NOPEC



* Term ended December, 2012



FAQs

Q: What is NOPEC?

A: NOPEC is a non-profit aggregation composed of 134 members serving 174 communities throughout Northeast Ohio. Formed in 2000, NOPEC uses bulk buying to bring discounted electricity and natural gas to residents and businesses in its member communities. NOPEC represents customers in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Summit and Trumbull Counties. NOPEC is the largest such public energy aggregation in the United States.

Q: What is the value in NOPEC?

A: The theory behind public aggregation is simple: By using bulk purchasing power, greater savings can be passed on to individual consumers. By joining together consumers throughout NOPEC's footprint gain the ability to utilize a team of experienced professionals to negotiate for better prices and protections.

NOPEC ensures that communities have a voice determining that future market changes benefit consumers. Large groups of communities such as NOPEC's enjoy substantial leverage in making these determinations. Without an organization like NOPEC, consumers would be left to decide on their own which supplier to choose, and would be at the mercy of the supplier.

**Q: Who is in charge of NOPEC?**

A: Ultimately, the consumers, through the views they express to their local elected officials. NOPEC is governed by a General Assembly, made up of one representative from each member community. From this group, a ten-member Board of Directors is elected, with one representative from each of the ten counties in the NOPEC service area. In addition, the General Assembly elects a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Q: How do I join NOPEC?

A: If you live in a NOPEC community, you are automatically included, unless you choose not to be. Ohio has what is called an "opt-out" procedure. This means that all eligible customers of an aggregated community become part of the buying group unless they take specific action to opt out of the aggregation. Opt-out notices are sent to every eligible natural gas consumer every two years. Under Ohio law (SB 221) electricity customers receive an opt-out notice every three years.



Q: What if I did not receive an opt-out notice?

A: There are several reasons why some customers may not have received an opt-out notice:

- Customers may have previously signed a notice from the utility that prohibits them from releasing a customer's information to independent suppliers.
- Customers may be under contract with another supplier and are not eligible.
- Customers may have been inadvertently excluded from the database acquired from the utility. Customers also may be ineligible because they are on a Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) or they are not current in a payment plan with the utility. Customers who did not receive a notice and want to join the program should visit NOPEC: www.NOPECinfo.org.

Q: What does all this cost?

A: NOPEC receives no public funds, and its member communities are not charged any dues or fees. The Chairman and Members of the Board of Directors serve without compensation. NOPEC's administrative expenses, such as the cost of opt-out mailings, are paid by the energy supplier.

Q: What if I change my mind?

A: All consumers who do not opt-out are enrolled for a period of up to two years (gas) or up to three years (electricity), after which they will be given another opportunity to opt-out without having to pay a cancellation fee. Consumers who wish to leave before the end of the gas program may do so without charge. Consumers who wish to leave the electric program before the end of NOPEC's contract period will be subject to a small cancellation fee.

Q: What's the difference between NOPEC & other energy suppliers?

A: Unlike the many private, for-profit energy providers in Ohio, NOPEC is a public aggregation of local governments, with no goal other than delivering both savings and stability to the consumers it represents. To that end, we are concerned with a long-term approach to the energy market as well as short-term savings. NOPEC recognizes that long-term savings for consumers will result from regulatory changes and new laws that must be passed, and is dedicated to representing the interests of our consumers in seeking those changes.

Private, for-profit energy suppliers are focused on short-term offers. Their positions on regulatory changes and laws likely will be aimed at their own bottom lines rather than the interests of consumers.

Q: How can I compare NOPEC to offers from other suppliers?

A: One of the hallmarks of energy deregulation is that each consumer is free to make his or her own decisions and all the factors involved should be carefully weighed. The difference in purpose between NOPEC and private suppliers is certainly one of those factors. In terms of pricing, consumers should be wary of gimmicks and "loss leader" giveaways, in which short-term savings are promised, with no long-range guarantees of continued savings. For natural gas customers, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) publishes an "apples to apples" chart available at www.puco.ohio.gov.



Q: Who will deliver my electricity or gas if I choose a new supplier?

A: If you choose a new supplier, you will continue to receive your bill from your local electric or natural gas utility. In fact, they will continue to be your base supplier. Your retail supplier will, however, change to the supplier you have chosen. Your local utility will also continue to maintain and repair the poles and wires. You should continue to call your local electric utility if your power goes out. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) will still oversee the safety and reliability of your service.



**General Assembly, NOPEC staff and friends
at the 2012 Annual Meeting**

Financials

Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council

Balance Sheets* as of December 31, 2012 (Unaudited)

ASSETS	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Chrt One Municipal Rev Acct	9,410,688	9,410,665
Dollar Bank new cking	4,996,580	1,061,680
Portage Com Bank	<u>1,309</u>	<u>1,368</u>
Total Checking/Savings	14,408,578	10,473,714
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,636,236</u>	<u>2,072,960</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	1,636,236	2,072,960
Other Current Assets		
CDARS Investment Acct	6,484,729	6,464,460
Investment-Star Ohio	179,442	179,305
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,316,549</u>	<u>885,417</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>7,980,719</u>	<u>7,529,182</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>24,025,533</u>	<u>20,075,855</u>
Fixed Assets		
Building	236,229	236,229
Building - new 2012	246,142	0
Equipment	33,797	31,753
Accum Depreciation**	<u>-47,778</u>	<u>-37,676</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>468,390</u>	<u>230,306</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>24,493,923</u>	<u>20,306,161</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	39,854	123,472
Total Accounts Payable	<u>39,854</u>	<u>123,472</u>
Other Current Liabilities		
Accrued liabilities	200,000	0
Payroll withholdings	<u>0</u>	<u>6,992</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>200,000</u>	<u>6,992</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>239,854</u>	<u>130,465</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>239,854</u>	<u>130,465</u>
Equity		
Cash to accrual adjustment	-80,350	-80,350
Fund bal, orig cash basis	1,982,897	1,982,897
Retained Earnings	18,273,149	14,887,491
Net Income	<u>4,078,373</u>	<u>3,385,658</u>
Total Equity	<u>24,254,069</u>	<u>20,175,696</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>24,493,923</u>	<u>20,306,161</u>

*Accrual Basis

Financials

Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council
Revenues & Expenses* Accrual Basis (Unaudited)

	Jan-Dec 31, 2012	Jan-Dec 31, 2011
Income		
Interest Income	20,429	47,488
Mgmt Fees- Natural Gas	2,167,665	2,010,951
Mgmt Fees - Electric	6,214,330	5,850,724
Other Fees	965,781	545
Total Income	<u>9,368,205</u>	<u>7,909,708</u>
Gross Profit	9,368,205	7,909,708
Expense		
Advertising	7,781	5,153
Annual report	8,445	0
Communication Services	76,937	76,760
Computer Support	1,825	1,920
Consulting, Gas & Electric	37,934	36,000
Contract Labor	14,452	18,031
Depreciation Expense	10,102	10,102
Energy Conservation Grant	0	8,918
Insurance	3,910	3,944
Legal Fees-Elect/Gas Aggreg	389,197	176,369
Media	1,661	2,526
Media - Web site exp	916	1,523
Meetings	27,190	15,866
Membership, assoc. & training	4,100	11,215
Office equipment	1,800	1,198
Office Supplies	26,895	13,800
Postage and Delivery	4,600	2,920
Professional Fees	89,373	52,413
Rent/Maint/RE Tax	0	1,638
Staff fringe benefits/PR tax	72,170	92,762
Staff salaries	233,117	236,271
Support for CRES	0	103,637
Telephone	5,464	7,266
Travel	38,872	20,376
Utilities	3,767	1,626
Total Expense	<u>1,060,506</u>	<u>902,233</u>
Net Ordinary Income	8,307,699	7,007,475
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense		
Electric Program discount	3,312,060	3,621,817
Electric Program disct - Addtl	917,266	0
Total Other Expense	<u>4,229,326</u>	<u>3,621,817</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-4,229,326</u>	<u>-3,621,817</u>
Net Income	4,078,373	3,385,658

*Accrual Basis

NOPEC Electric Communities

ASHTABULA COUNTY

Ashtabula (City)
 Conneaut
 Geneva (Village)
 Geneva-on-the-Lake
 Jefferson Village
 North Kingsville
 Orwell Village
 Roaming Shores
 Rock Creek
 Ashtabula County Townships*
Andover Township
Ashtabula Township
Austinburg Township
Cherry Valley Township
Colebrook Township
Denmark Township
Dorset Township
Geneva Township
Harpersfield Township
Hartsgrove Township
Jefferson Township
Kingsville Township
Lenox Township
Monroe Township
Morgan Township
New Lyme Township
Orwell Township
Pierpont Township
Plymouth Township
Richmond Township
Rome Township
Saybrook Township
Sheffield Township
Trumbull Township
Wayne Township
Williamsfield Township
Windsor Township

CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Beachwood
 Bedford
 Bedford Heights
 Bentleyville
 Berea
 Bratenahl
 Brecksville
 Broadview Heights
 Brook Park
 Brooklyn
 Brooklyn Heights
 Chagrin Falls (City)
 Cleveland
 Cuyahoga Heights
 East Cleveland
 Fairview Park
 Garfield Heights
 Glenwillow
 Highland Heights (City)
 Hunting Valley
 Independence
 Lakewood
 Linndale

Lyndhurst
 Maple Heights
 Mayfield Village
 Middleburg Heights
 Moreland Hills
 Newburgh Heights
 North Olmsted
 North Randall
 North Royalton
 Oakwood
 Olmsted Township
 Olmsted Falls
 Orange
 Parma Heights
 Pepper Pike
 Rocky River
 Shaker Heights
 Solon
 South Euclid
 Strongsville
 University Heights
 Valley View
 Walton Hills
 Warrensville Heights

GEAUGA COUNTY

Auburn Township
 Bainbridge Township
 Burton Village
 Burton Township
 Chardon (City)
 Chardon Township
 Chester Township
 Claridon Township
 Hambden Township
 Huntsburg Township
 Middlefield (Village)
 Middlefield Township
 Montville Township
 Munson Township
 Newbury Township
 Parkman Township
 Russell Township
 South Russell
 Thompson Township
 Troy Township

HURON COUNTY

Norwalk
LAKE COUNTY
 Eastlake
 Fairport Harbor
 Grand River
 Kirtland
 Kirtland Hills
 Lakeline
 Madison (Village)
 Mentor
 Mentor-on-the-Lake
 North Perry Village
 Perry Village
 Timberlake
 Waite Hill
 Wickliffe

Willoughby
 Willoughby Hills
 Willowick
 Lake County Townships*
Concord Township
Leroy Township
Madison Township
Painesville Township
Perry Township

LORAIN COUNTY

Avon
 Avon Lake
 Elyria
 Lorain
 Lorain County Townships*
Amherst Township
Columbia Township
Elyria Township
 North Ridgeville
 South Amherst
 Sheffield Lake
 Sheffield Village

MEDINA COUNTY

Brunswick
PORTAGE COUNTY
 Garrettsville
 Hiram Village
 Kent
 Portage County Townships*
Atwater Township
Brimfield Township
Charlestown Township
Deerfield Township
Edinburg Township
Franklin Township
Freedom Township
Hiram Township
Mantua Township
Nelson Township
Palymra Township
Paris Township
Randolph Township
Ravenna Township
Rootstown Township
Shalersville Township
Suffield Township
Windham Township

SUMMIT COUNTY

Clinton
 Coventry Township
 Lakemore
 Macedonia
 Northfield
 Peninsula
 Reminderville
 Richfield
 Sagamore Hills Township
 Springfield Township
TRUMBULL COUNTY
 McDonald Village
 Warren
 Liberty Township

* County joined NOPEC on behalf of its unincorporated areas (i.e., the townships listed in italics, which are not counted as individual members)

NOPEC Gas Communities

ASHTABULA COUNTY

Ashtabula (City)
Ashtabula Township
Conneaut
Geneva (Village)
Geneva-on-the-Lake
Harpersfield Township
Jefferson Village
Kingsville Township
North Kingsville
Saybrook Township-

CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Bedford
Bedford Heights
Bentleyville
Berea
Bratenahl
Brecksville
Brook Park
Brooklyn
Brooklyn Heights
Chagrin Falls
Cleveland
Cuyahoga Heights
Fairview Park
Garfield Heights
Glenwillow
Highland Heights
Hunting Valley
Independence
Lakewood
Lyndhurst
Maple Heights
Mayfield Village
Middleburg Heights
Moreland Hills
Newburg Heights
North Olmsted
North Randall
North Royalton
Oakwood
Olmsted Falls
Olmsted Township
Orange
Parma
Parma Heights
Pepper Pike
Rocky River
Seven Hills
Solon
South Euclid
Strongsville
University Heights
Valley View
Walton Hills
Warrensville Heights

GEAUGA COUNTY

Auburn Township
Bainbridge Township
Burton (Village)
Burton Township
Chardon (City)
Chester Township
Claridon Township
Hamdbden Township
Middlefield Township
Munson Township
Newbury Township
Russell Township
South Russell
Troy Township

LAKE COUNTY

Concord Township
Eastlake
Fairport Harbor
Grand River
Kirtland
Kirtland Hills
Leroy Township
Mentor
Mentor-on-the-Lake
North Perry Village
Painesville Township
Perry Township
Timberlake
Waite Hill
Wickliffe
Willoughby
Willoughby Hills
Willowick
LORAIN COUNTY
Avon
Elyria
Lorain
North Ridgeville
Sheffield Lake
Sheffield Village
South Amherst

MEDINA COUNTY

Brunswick
PORTAGE COUNTY
Brady Lake
Garrettsville
Hiram Village
Kent
Sugar Bush Knolls
Portage County Townships*

*Atwater Township
Brimfield Township
Charlestown Township
Deerfield Township
Edinburg Township
Franklin Township
Freedom Township
Hiram Township
Mantua Township
Nelson Township
Palmyra Township
Paris Township
Randolph Township
Ravenna Township
Rootstown Township
Shalersville Township
Suffield Township
Windham Township*

SUMMIT COUNTY

Clinton
Macedonia
Northfield
Reminderville
Sagamore Hills Township
Trumbull County
Liberty Township
Newton Falls
Warren

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You're in Control

NOPEC has been developing a new energy-saving program that is a standalone, non-utility based, value-added service to our customers. The program called MyEnergyMyWay™ is the flagship program of NOPEC set to launch in the summer of 2013.

MyEnergyMyWay is a public service program enabling residents across Northeast Ohio to take ownership of their energy use by understanding and controlling their energy consumption. The program offers excellent potential for energy cost-savings for NOPEC members. To participate, an individual can join the online community at www.myenergymyway.org.

While anyone in Ohio can participate in the online community, it is the members of NOPEC who enjoy the premium benefits. For example, everyone in Ohio has access to information about how to control their energy use and the online store for ordering energy-saving devices; however, only NOPEC members will be able to enjoy the website's advanced functionality of tracking and comparing their energy usage with neighbors, communities and larger geographic areas.



Powering Our Communities

NOPEC issued nearly \$16 million in grants aimed at conserving energy in Northeast Ohio

In 2009, NOPEC negotiated an agreement with FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. that resulted in the founding of the Powering Our Communities (POC) grant program.

NOPEC distributed nearly \$16 million through more than 330 POC grants to its member communities in Northeast Ohio. The grants were geared toward financing energy-efficiency projects ranging from insulation to solar panels.

Today, NOPEC communities are reaping substantial savings – often in the form of lower utility bills in public buildings – as a result of the POC grants. Those savings will continue for many years. What follows are descriptions of some of the projects that were paid for with the POC grants.



Ashtabula County City of Ashtabula Justice Center HVAC Upgrade

The City of Ashtabula utilized the POC grant to become more cost efficient in every aspect of its operations.

The grant was used to pay for a much needed upgrade to the HVAC system in the City Hall Annex that houses the police, court offices and the law director. The work included a retrofit of the boiler control panel and the replacement of all sensors.

It's estimated that energy savings for both units will be \$6,650 per year. An additional \$1,500 in savings per year for maintenance costs and repairs add up to an annual energy and maintenance savings of approximately \$8,100. City employees will also benefit from an improved work environment.



Cuyahoga County City of Strongsville Energy Efficient Lighting

Strongsville's POC grant from NOPEC is generating big savings.

The city used the \$355,800 grant to install new, energy-efficient lighting throughout Strongsville's 157,000 square feet Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center.

The more efficient lighting – combined with lower utility rates – saved the city \$111,000 in lower electric bills during a recent 12 month period according to Brent Painter, Strongsville's Economic Development Director. The savings for ten years will equate to more than a million dollars for the city.

The new lighting fixtures also last longer, which means city workers will spend less time replacing burned out bulbs. The new lighting also causes less glare. "This has benefitted the city so much," Painter said. "It's safer and it's saving us energy costs."



Geauga County Village of Burton Wastewater Treatment Facilities

Burton used its \$54,420 POC grant to upgrade the village's wastewater treatment facilities. The village updated their 40-year-old, inefficient blowers that power the wastewater treatment plant's diffusers.

The village is already seeing a nearly \$2,000 per month savings in electric consumption as a result of the NOPEC-financed improvements.

A 20% gain or better in energy savings is expected over the long-term at the wastewater treatment plant because of the upgrades. The village processes about 120 million gallons of wastewater annually.





Lake County City of Willowick New, Energy Efficient HVAC

The windows were so old in the Willowick municipal building that workers could feel the cold wind blowing in off of Lake Erie. Thanks to \$142,800 in POC grants from NOPEC, Willowick replaced the old windows and installed a brand new HVAC system for the municipal building.

The building was still using its original HVAC system, which was more than 30 years old. “The system was on its last leg,” said Willowick Mayor Richard Bonde. “It was constantly being repaired.” The city would have eventually had to pay for the new system with municipal funds. The grant allowed them savings on the initial investment and an additional \$22,000 (approximate) annual savings on their utility costs.





Lorain County City of Avon New Life to an Old Building

The City of Avon used NOPEC's POC grant of \$170,610 to bring the Avon Isle back to life. Once a choice facility for events hosted by the City, residents and local businesses, the Avon Isle was in need of repair.

The funds were used to purchase and install a new roof, insulated vinyl siding, energy efficient windows, a new heating system and up-to-date electrical wiring with timers to conserve energy.

Energy related savings to the Avon Isle resulted in approximately a 25% to 33% reduction in gas and electricity bills, which amounts to an estimated \$3,000 to \$5,000 in annual savings. Avon Isle has booked 40 rentals since the renovations, which are expected to last for a minimum of 20 years. The City of Avon expects this building to serve the community for many years.



Medina County City of Brunswick Big Savings on Gas and Electricity

The City of Brunswick’s Police Department, Recreation Center and the Brunswick Area Television studio were operating with old, inefficient equipment that were creating huge gas and electricity bills.

NOPEC’s POC grant of \$234,870 was used to replace the aging roof of the Police Department with new “green” technology that has a lifetime warranty as well as reflective properties to reduce roof temperatures by 100 degrees.

New, high efficiency tube heaters were purchased for the Service Garage saving approximately \$4,000 a year. The Brunswick Area Television studio replaced old lighting in its video production center with new LED dimmable lighting panels that are estimated to last 10 years, helping to reduce energy consumption by about 27 percent. Gas and electric bills were reduced by approximately \$11,220 per year by replacing 10 outdated HVAC units in the Police Department and Recreation Center. New light bulbs in the Recreation Center reduced energy consumption by 52% per fixture, saving about \$1,500 per month.



Portage County City of Kent Technical Improvements

NOPEC's \$244,600 POC grant is providing a lifetime of energy saving benefits to the citizens and City of Kent. Outdated electric lighting, blower motors, water meter radio read equipment as well as old HVAC equipment in municipal buildings were replaced with new, energy efficient units from the POC grant.

The City will also use grant money toward installation of supporting infrastructure for a solar hot water tank project. These upgrades are saving Kent between \$2,000 and \$3,000 per month.





Summit County Village of Richfield Historical Building - Historic Improvements

Richfield residents will have more access to the village's 19th century Masonic Hall after it is made much more energy efficient thanks to a \$50,000 POC NOPEC grant.

Melanie Baker, Service Director, said the grant was used to install a new HVAC system. The building did not previously have air conditioning, which made events held in the summer uncomfortable due to the heat. No Longer!

The POC grant was also used for a much-needed upgrade of the building's electric system, including low-energy lighting on the structure's exterior and in the adjacent parking lot. Baker said the improvements have made the building much more energy efficient and should result in increased rentals by residents.





Trumbull County City of Warren Energy Efficient Lighting

The City of Warren received a \$350,340 POC Grant for energy conservation projects. The Municipal Justice Building used \$250,000 to modernize its HVAC equipment, resulting in the reduction of utility costs.

The City of Warren's electricity and natural gas bills have been nearly cut in half since the installation of the energy efficient HVAC equipment in the Municipal Justice Building.

The remaining funds from NOPEC's POC Grant were used toward an energy conservation project in downtown Warren.




About NOPEC

The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) is the largest governmental aggregation in the nation. Our mission is to bring the lowest-cost energy we can to the residents and businesses of Northeast Ohio. NOPEC currently serves more than 750,000 electric and gas consumers in 174 communities in 10 counties. We negotiate money-saving contracts and provide administrative support for electric generation and natural gas services for the communities and the customers that we serve.

The concept of public aggregation is a simple one. Aggregation allows consumers to pool together their usage into one large buying group offering consumers choice and the opportunity to lower the cost of the generation portion of their utility bill. NOPEC members enjoy the advantage of bulk buying power, professional expertise and consumer advocacy on their behalf. With more than 500,000 electricity members and 250,000 natural gas members, NOPEC is the largest public energy aggregator in the nation. NOPEC has helped our members realize more than \$175 million in savings since 2001.

NOPEC is governed by a General Assembly, consisting of one representative from each member community. The representatives for each county elect one person to serve on the 10-member NOPEC Board of Directors, each of whom serve without compensation.

NOPEC is a council of governments formed under Ohio law by the communities that make up its membership. Although it operates much as a private energy company, negotiating with suppliers on behalf of its members, NOPEC has a no profit motive and is in fact a political subdivision of the state of Ohio, subject to audits by the State Auditor and other state laws governing public entities. NOPEC charges no fees to either the member communities or individual consumers it serves, and receives no tax dollars.

A close-up photograph of a white thermostat control panel. The panel features a digital display at the bottom left showing "20°" and a small triangle icon. Above the display, the words "ROOM" and "SET" are printed. To the right of the display, there is a sliding switch with two positions: "FAN ON" and "AUTO". The "FAN ON" position is currently selected. The background is a solid green color with several yellow curved lines that sweep across the upper portion of the image.

FAN ON

AUTO

ROOM

SET



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