

## **Biographical Sketch - Morgan Taggart**

Morgan Taggart has been a Program Specialist in Agriculture and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University Extension (OSUE) in Cuyahoga County since 2005. She is the co-convenor and a founding member of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Food Policy Coalition (FPC). Morgan provides leadership to the FPC, its members and four working groups; Health and Nutrition, Land Use, Local Purchasing and the Food Policy Research Working Group. She works with diverse stakeholders and policy makers to inform municipal, county, and organizational policies that impact the local food system. The FPC has been recognized nationally for its work in developing zoning laws to support urban agriculture, creating municipal policies that support local food purchasing, and supporting Food Assistance Programs at farmers' markets throughout Cuyahoga County. She was a three year member of the Healthy Foods Access Task Force of the Ohio Food Policy Council convened by Governor Strickland at the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Morgan has over 13 years of experience in sustainable agriculture and food systems and has worked for several farms, food processors, and as an educator at agriculture training centers throughout the U.S. She received her undergraduate degree in Biology from Earlham College is currently pursuing her Master's in Urban Planning, Design, and Development at Cleveland State University.