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**CEA ATTENDS INAUGURAL SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO CLEAN  
AIR SUMMIT**

*Windsor, ON* – The Citizens Environment Alliance (CEA) attended the Southwestern Ontario Clean Air Summit held in Woodstock on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Summit was organized by the Southwestern Ontario Clean Air Council which is a regional, intergovernmental approach to address air quality issues. Large and small municipalities in the region sent elected officials or staff to the event, coordinated by the Clean Air Partnership.

However, Windsor did not send a representative to the Summit and Essex County representatives were also absent. “It was very disappointing that one of the major municipalities in the region, with some of the worst air quality, ignored the inaugural summit,” stated Derek Coronado, Coordinator of the CEA. “This does not bode well for future collaboration on this issue; all Essex County municipalities have to do more to address poor air quality,” said Coronado.

The Summit included the formal signing of the *Inter-Governmental Declaration on Clean Air* by several municipalities. Included in the list of ten commitments from the declaration were: work to address smog and greenhouse gases, and; advocate for a high-speed rail service linking communities between Toronto and Windsor.

The CEA will monitor the progress of the Clean Air Council and continue to collaborate with jurisdictions attempting to reduce smog and greenhouse gases.

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