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State, Federal Help Available to Redevelop Blighted Properties in Small Communities
Ohio EPA Workshop to be Held in Maumee March 29

Ohio EPA is offering a workshop to inform small and rural communities of the state and federal resources available to help redevelop blighted properties known as [brownfields](#). The workshop will be held Tuesday, March 29, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., at the Home Builders Association of Greater Toledo office, 1911 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee.

Speakers from Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Development, U.S. EPA, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development office and Kansas State University (which provides assistance to small communities through a U.S. EPA grant) will address the following topics:

- [Clean Ohio Fund](#);
- Ohio EPA's [Voluntary Action Program \(VAP\)](#) and statewide [inventory](#) of brownfield properties;
- Ohio Department of Development's [Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund](#);
- [Ohio Water Development Authority](#) loan programs;
- U.S. EPA [Brownfield Grants](#), [Technical Assistance to Brownfields \(TAB\)](#) program and [Targeted Brownfield Assessments](#);
- [E-tools](#) for [brownfield revitalization](#) and online summary of local [resources for small and rural communities](#); and
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's [Rural Development](#) resources.

In addition to the Maumee workshop, Ohio EPA is hosting similar workshops on March 30 in Shelby County and April 1 in Fairfield County. Workshops can be scheduled for other Ohio communities by contacting [Sydney Poole](#) at (614) 644-3751 or [Amy Yersavich](#) at (614) 644-2285.

In the past 15 years, Ohio EPA has helped revitalize more than 6,000 acres of blighted land at more than 300 sites across the state.

Editor's Note: Reporters should call Dina Pierce at (614) 644-2160 if interested in attending the workshop or covering the story.

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