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Ohio EPA Awards Environmental Education Grant To Promote Sustainability Concepts to Teachers

Mahoning and Trumbull County educators will have the opportunity to learn more about environmental sustainability thanks to an \$18,014 grant from [Ohio EPA's Environmental Education Fund](#) (OEEF). The grant was awarded to Youngstown State University – one of nine Ohio communities and organizations to receive a total of \$300,000 to support environmental education programs.

The university's [Center for Environmental Sustainability](#) will use the grant to offer the region's first professional development institute to science and social studies teachers in grades 7-12. The teachers will be immersed in the latest natural and social sustainability concepts and will be encouraged to apply the experience in their classrooms.

The OEEF is administered by Ohio EPA. Grants up to \$50,000 are funded from one-half of the civil penalties collected by the Agency for air and water pollution control violations. Eligible grant recipients include environmental groups, public and private schools, colleges and universities, trade or professional organizations, businesses and state and local governments. Approximately \$1 million is given each year.

The next OEEF grant application deadline is July 15, 2011. An electronic letter of intent to apply is due by July 8. Additional information is available [online](#) or by calling (614) 644-2873.

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