Ohio Balanced Growth Program

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Balanced Growth in Ohio

- Linking Land Use and Water Resources
- Planning Framework
  - Redevelopment Planning
  - Program Inventory
- Best Local Land Use Practices
  - Practices List
  - Resources
Balanced Growth Watershed Planning

- voluntary
- locally led
- incentive-based
- support through alignment of state policies and programs
Priority Development Area

- Locally designated areas targeted for development or redevelopment
- Maximize development potential and efficient use of infrastructure
- Promote revitalization of existing urban areas

Priority Conservation Area

- Locally designated areas targeted for protection and restoration
- Identify critically important ecological, recreational, heritage, *agricultural*, and public access areas
Endorsed Swan Creek Watershed Priority Areas (12-17-2008)
Special Incentives (January 2014)

These programs contain specific special incentives for Balanced Growth participating communities.

**Red**: extra points on applications  
**Blue**: special consideration in review process  
**Gray**: percentage point discounts  
**Green**: priority technical assistance  
**Underline**: Grant programs

- **Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program**
- **Recreation Harbor Evaluation Program**
- **Water Supply Revolving Loan Account**
- **Water Pollution Control Loan Fund**
- **Ohio Coastal Mgmt Assistance Grants**
- **Land & Water Conservation Fund**
- **Nature Works**
- **Watershed Coordinator Grant Program**
- **Market Development Grant**
- **Lake Erie Protection Fund**
- **Scrap Tire Grant**
- **Section 208 (State Water Qual. Mgmt Plan)**
- **Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) Funds**
- **CWA Section 319 Implementation Grants**
- **Dam Safety Loan Program**
- **Fresh Water Loan Group**
- **Community Assistance Loan Program**
- **National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System**
- **Agricultural Security Area**
- **Streams & Storm Water Program**
- **Statewide Geologic Mapping Program**
- **Dam Safety Technical Assistance**
- **Floodplain Mgmt. Tech Asst. Program**
- **Ohio Development Services Agency Technical Support**
Linking Land Use and Water Resources

Ohio Balanced Growth Strategy
2011

LINKING LAND USE & OHIO’S WATERS:
Best Local Land Use Practices

Planning Framework
Best Local Land Use Practices: Resources

- Web site balancedgrowth.ohio.gov
- Best Local Land Use Practices document – issues, guidance, recommendations
  - Example regulations
- Education and technical workshops
- Ongoing technical assistance
- DVD for elected officials and business interests (see videos: YouTube OhioLakeErie)
- Case studies
Best Local Land Use Practices: Information For Local Communities

- Comprehensive Planning
- Compact Development
- Conservation Development
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Source Water Protection
- Storm Water Management
- Stream, Floodplain, Wetland Protection
- Steep Slope Protection
- Scenic Protection
- Historic Protection
- Agricultural Protection
- Natural Areas Management
- Woodland Protection
- Access Management
Tools: Video

Best Local Land Use Practices Video

Balanced Growth Home
Balanced Growth Strategy
Balanced Growth Planning
Best Local Land Use Practices
Community Technical Assistance
Fact Sheets
Upcoming Events
Ohio Lake Erie Commission
Ohio Water Resources Council
Frequently Asked Questions
News

Username: OhioLakeErie

Now on YouTube!
Tools: Case Studies

Case Studies: Brownfield Redevelopment

FERNWOOD GROWING CENTER
Toledo, Lucas County

Date Completed: Phase 1 was completed in May of 2011.

Description: The Toledo Community Development Corporation (TCDC) transformed a brownfield into a site that features urban agriculture as a new industry, and one designed specifically for community engagement. The TCDC has since hired an urban farm manager to provide oversight of the Fernwood Growing Center.

Project Size: Fernwood Growing Center is on a donated, former parking lot that encompasses 2 acres.

Below: Marigold & Tomato Vertical Hydroponic Garden
(Photo: The Toledo Community Development Corporation)
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