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Ohio Lake Erie Commission to Hold March Quarterly Meeting in Columbus

SANDUSKY, OH - The Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC) will hold its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, March 26 at 10 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Assembly Center – east/west conference room located at 2045 Morse Road Bldg. E, in Columbus, Ohio.

During the OLEC meeting, the Ohio Balanced Growth Program will be featured. OLEC members are expected to take action on the Brandywine Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan. The Plan identifies priority development and priority conservation areas for local communities in the watershed. There will be a brief review of this year's winter conditions on Lake Erie and the progress and status of Lake Erie Commission projects.

OLEC oversees Ohio's Lake Erie Protection Fund, which is a source of grant money for projects that benefit the Lake Erie watershed economically and environmentally. This fund is supported by Ohioans who purchase a Lake Erie license plate displaying the Marblehead Lighthouse designed by Ohio artist Ben Richmond, or the Lake Erie life ring.

All OLEC meetings are open to the public and include reports from the member state agencies and advisory committees followed by a public comment period. Organizations and citizens are encouraged to attend.

OLEC was established for the purpose of preserving Lake Erie's natural resources, protecting the quality of its waters and ecosystem and promoting economic development in the region. The director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) serves as the commission's chairman. Additional members include the directors of the state departments of Transportation, Health, Development Services, Agriculture, Natural Resources and five additional members appointed by Governor Kasich.

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