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May Workshops Offered on Best Local Land-Use Practices

TOLEDO, OH – The Ohio Lake Erie Commission will offer two free workshops in May for local government officials, planners, architects, engineers and others to learn about a series of voluntary best practices for managing local land use to support both economic development and protection of the Lake Erie watershed.

The workshops will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, at the offices of the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District in Valley View, and from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Northwest District Office in Bowling Green.

Similar sessions were held this past winter and were met with great success. Therefore, two additional workshops are being offered for those who could not attend earlier.

These half-day workshops provide an overview of the commission's Balanced Growth Program and will deal specifically with storm water regulations, development options such as conservation development, and regulations that protect natural resources such as wetlands, meadows and woodlands.

The sessions have been pre-approved for continuing education credits for water/wastewater operators, certified planners, and engineers.

Although the workshops are free, participants are asked to register at least one week in advance by calling 419-245-2514, or by e-mailing the commission at lakeeriecommission@ameritech.net

Additional information is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo/bg1/index.html>

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