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## What does a plan contain?

- Designation of Priority Conservation Areas
- Designation of Priority Development Areas
- Designation of Priority Agricultural Areas (where applicable)
- Local and state participation and approval
- Process for maintaining and updating the plan
  - Full Table of Contents available online

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## Priority Conservation Area

- Locally designated areas targeted for protection and restoration
- Critically important ecological, recreational, heritage, agricultural, and public access areas





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### 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



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### Watershed Planning Partnerships

- Locally organization formed to develop and implement a Balanced Growth Plan
  - Local governments
  - Planning agencies
  - Councils of Government
  - Special purpose authorities (i.e. park districts)
  - Non-government organizations



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## Project Components

- Project Coordination
- GIS-based decision support system
  - State supplied system and data
  - Locally developed system and data
- Local government buy-in
- Review and endorsement process



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## Approval Process

- Iterative process originating from GIS data
- Significant time required to get local support
- 75% of governments must accept the plan
- State endorsement requires:
  - Address BG strategy goals
  - Identify PCA and PDA
  - Open & inclusive process with local leadership
  - State agency coordination and local consensus

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## Important Documents

- **Balanced Growth Strategy**
  - Draft updated August 2009
  - Most current guidance on Balanced Growth
- **Planning Framework**
  - Static document, provided the initial guidance for the Balanced Growth Program
- **Best Local Land Use Practices**
  - Series of tools available to all communities to assist with managing land use change



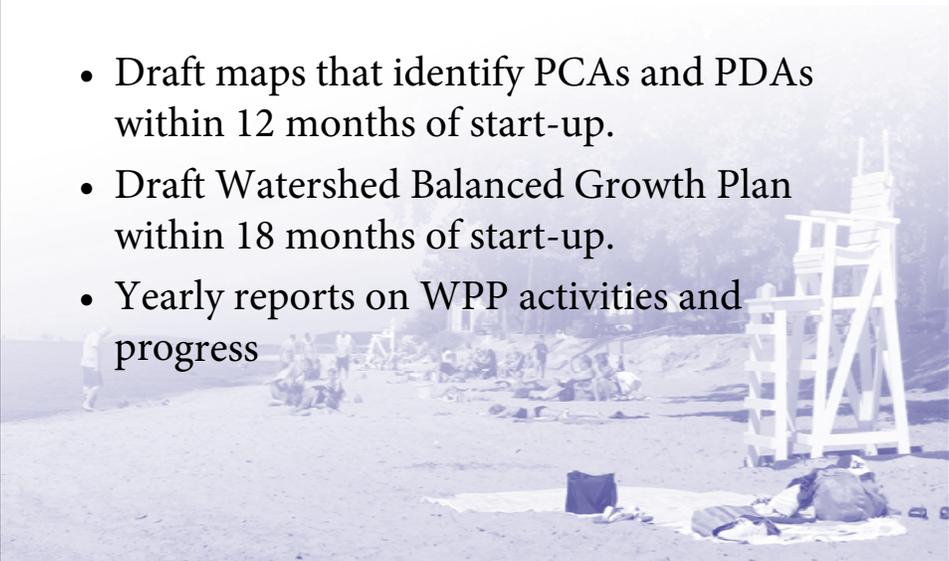
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## Deliverables

- Draft maps that identify PCAs and PDAs within 12 months of start-up.
- Draft Watershed Balanced Growth Plan within 18 months of start-up.
- Yearly reports on WPP activities and progress



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## State Support

- Access to endorsed BG Plans
- State GIS data and decision support system
- Staff guidance and assistance with plan development and process
- Meetings with other planning partnerships to discuss planning process, strategy, and problem-solving
- Incentives for endorsed plans

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## Eligibility

- WPP in Ohio
- No set structure - must be locally organized on a watershed basis.
- No size limit, but must include multiple political jurisdictions (5-20 recommended).
- Must be legally organized and able to receive and administer the grant funds.
- Must have up-front support from 75% of the local jurisdictions.

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## Funding

- Lake Erie Basin
  - \$200,000 for two projects
  - Lake Erie Protection Fund
- Statewide
  - \$600,000 for six projects
  - Ohio River or Lake Erie basin
  - Ohio Water Development Authority funding



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## Request for Proposals

- RFP Released – Aug 19, 2009
- General RFP Info Session – Sept 1, 2009
- Initial Proposals Due – Oct 16, 2009
- Resolutions of Support – Nov 30, 2009
- Selection of Projects – Dec 16, 2009
- Projects Start – Jan 1, 2010
- Projects End – Dec 31, 2011



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