

Agenda

Best Local Land Use Practices Workshop for Design Professionals

- 8:00 – 8:30 Registration / Discussion Group Ice Breaker
- 8:30 – 9:00 Introductions / Objectives
- Overview of Ohio Balanced Growth Program
 - Purpose of Case Studies and Workshop
 - Introduction to Best Local Land Use Practices
- 9:00 – 10:00 Major Considerations Affecting Development Decisions
- Developer’s Perspective
 - Local Government Perspective
 - Commonly-Accepted Development Practice “Mythbusters”
 - Discussion Group Topic #1: “Opportunities and Barriers to Best Practices”
- 10:00—10:15 Break
- 10:15—10:25 “Triple Bottom Line” Site Planning Process
- Introduction to Process / Tools
 - Introduction to Case Study Sites
- 10:25 – 11:15 Step 1: Defining Project Objectives and Performance Standards
- Social (e.g., density, traffic, utilities, “quality of life”)
 - Environmental/Water Resource (e.g., pollution, erosion, flooding, habitat)
 - Financial (e.g., Life Cycle Costs, Sales Prospective)
 - Discussion Group Topic #2: “Selecting and Weighting Project Objectives”
- 11:15 – 12:00 Step 2: Developing a Site Layout Plan
- Assessing Existing Site Conditions (e.g., terrain / drainage, soils, land use, land cover, water resources)
 - Key Considerations for Conservation and Development Areas
 - Imperviousness controls
 - Discussion Group Topic #3: “Site Layout Best Practices”
- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 -- 2:30 Step 3: Siting and Sizing Storm Water Controls
- Identify and Characterize Available Sites and their catchments
 - Delineate Intra-catchment drainage systems
 - Sizing Storm Water Controls for Varying Site Conditions
 - Delineate Inter-catchment drainage systems
 - Discussion Group Topic #4: “Storm Water Control Siting and Sizing”
- 2:30 – 2:45 Break
- 2:45 – 3:45 Step 4: Developing a “Triple Bottom Line” Business Case
- Financial
 - Community
 - Environmental (Water Resource)
 - Discussion Group Topic #5: :”Business Case Evaluation of Best Practices”
- 3:45 – 4:45 Wrap Up
- Discussion Group Reports
 - Summary of Conclusions
- 4:45 Adjourn

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Discussion Group “Ice Breaker” Instructions

As you are finding your table for the workshop, you are encouraged to do the following as the folks at your table will be your team for the full day workshop:

1. Introduce yourself and what you do for a living.
2. Share one interesting fact about you with the team
3. Share what is it you are looking to get out of this workshop
4. What is your role with storm water management, water quality or water resources?
5. One thing you would rather be doing today, if you were not attending the workshop?



Ohio's Lake Erie Balanced Growth Program: An Overview

working together for a better Lake Erie

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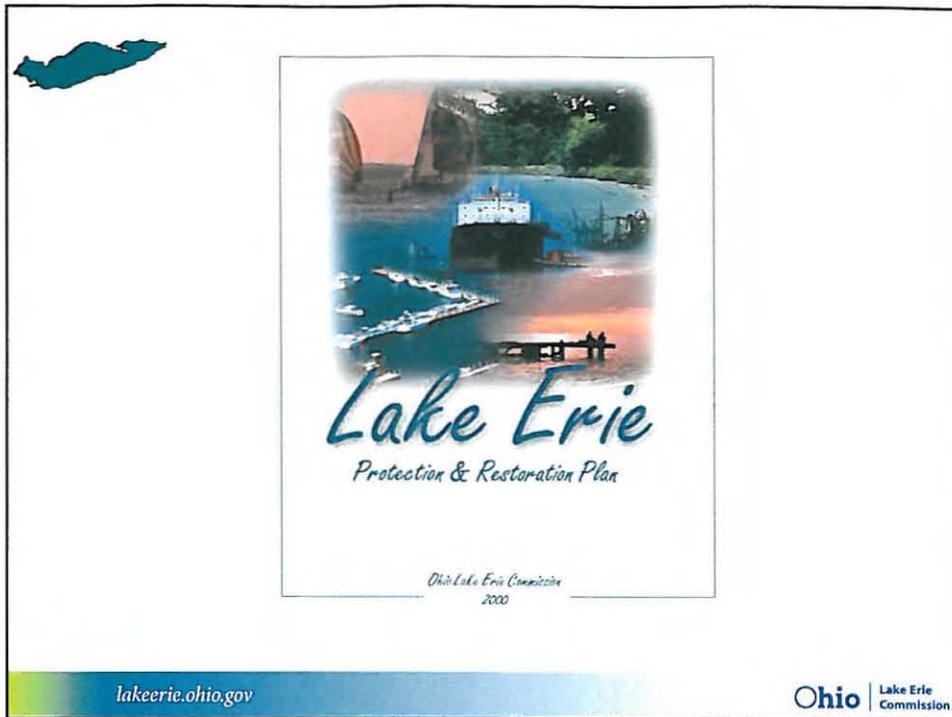
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Mission:
Protect & Restore
Lake Erie



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Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan:

Recommendation H-8: Commission a Balanced Growth Blue Ribbon Task Force, comprised of property owners, government officials, business leaders, conservationists, academia, agriculture and other stakeholder groups to be charged with advising the Lake Erie Commission on ways to:

- Develop strategies that will balance the protection of the Lake Erie watershed with continued economic growth.





What is Balanced Growth?

Balanced Growth is a strategy to protect and restore Lake Erie and its watersheds to assure long-term economic competitiveness and quality of life.

Key Aspects of Balanced Growth

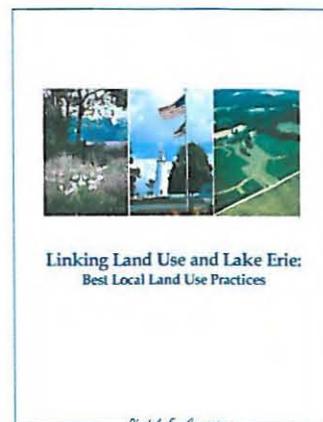
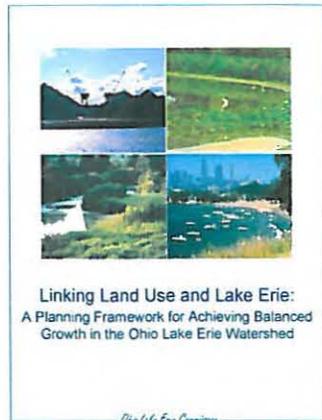
- Minimizes new appropriations and legislation
 - Only one legislative recommendation
- Maximizes incentive based initiatives
- Honors Ohio's Home Rule tradition
- Focuses on ecological protection/restoration

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Linking Land Use and Lake Erie



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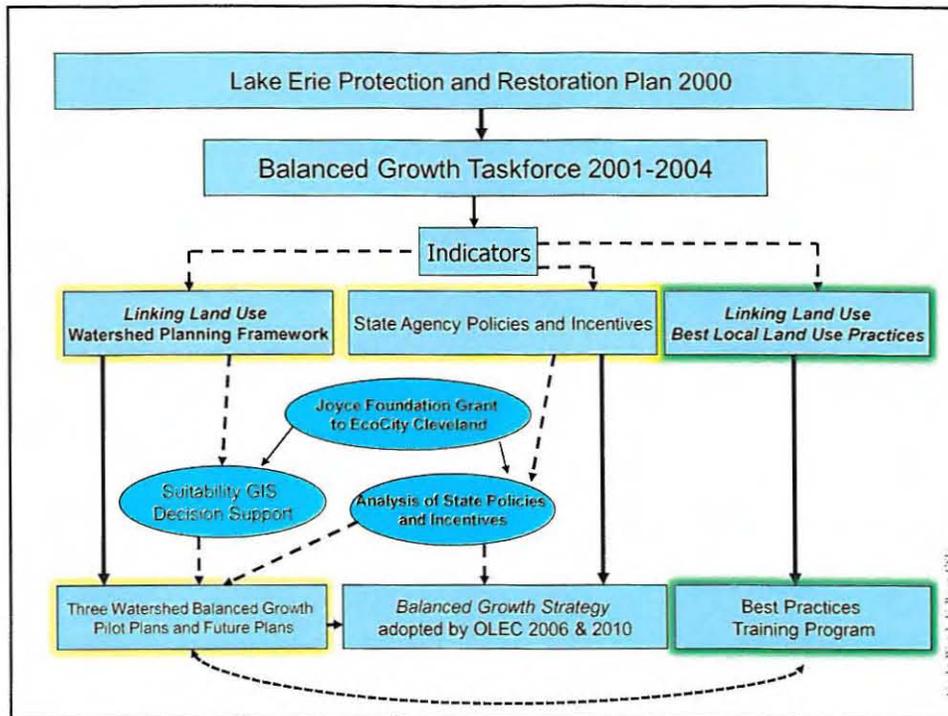
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“...the development of northern Ohio often occurred without fully understanding or anticipating the impact this development would have on the natural and social environment. Thousands of individual decisions by communities accumulated to create this situation. There has been no framework for individuals and communities to come together to plan for their future and consider the cumulative impact of their development decisions on the health of watersheds.”

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Planning Framework

A Balanced Growth Program must be...

- Voluntary
- Incentive Based
- Watershed as the “regional scale”

A Balanced Growth Program must identify...

- Identify Priority Conservation Areas
- Identify Priority Development Areas
- *Identify Priority Agricultural Areas*

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Priority Conservation Areas

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



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Priority Development Areas

- 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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Testing the Framework

- Pilot Watershed Projects
 - Funded 3 pilots to test the planning framework principles.
 - Implementing Balanced Growth Watershed Plans
 - Alignment of state policies, incentives, and other resources



Watershed Planning Partnerships

- **Lake Erie Basin**
 - Brandywine Creek Watershed - Cuyahoga River
 - Chagrin River Watershed*
 - Chippewa Creek Watershed - Cuyahoga River*
 - Eastern Lake County Coastal Tributaries
 - Furnace Run Watershed - Cuyahoga River
 - Swan Creek Watershed - Maumee River*
 - Upper West Branch Rocky River Watershed*
- **Ohio River Basin**
 - East Fork, Little Miami River Watershed
 - Lower Mosquito Creek - Mahoning River
 - Olentangy River Watershed
 - Upper Chippewa Creek - Tuscarawas River Watershed

*endorsed plans

State Support

- Fundamental Principle:
 - If local governments can agree on areas within a watershed where development is to be encouraged (PDAs) and areas where conservation activities are to be promoted (PCAs), the State of Ohio will support those decisions by aligning state programs to support those decisions.

State Support Through Endorsement

- 75% local support before state endorsement
- Open and inclusive process – locally led.
- State Assistance Work Group interaction
- Financial and Technical Incentives
- Provides motivation for regional planning at the local level.

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Ohio River Basin

- Ohio Water Resources Council
- Evaluation by Smart Growth Leadership Institute
- Future for Pilot Planning Partnerships
- Expansion of BLLUP training program

Integrating water resources management with local planning and decision making.

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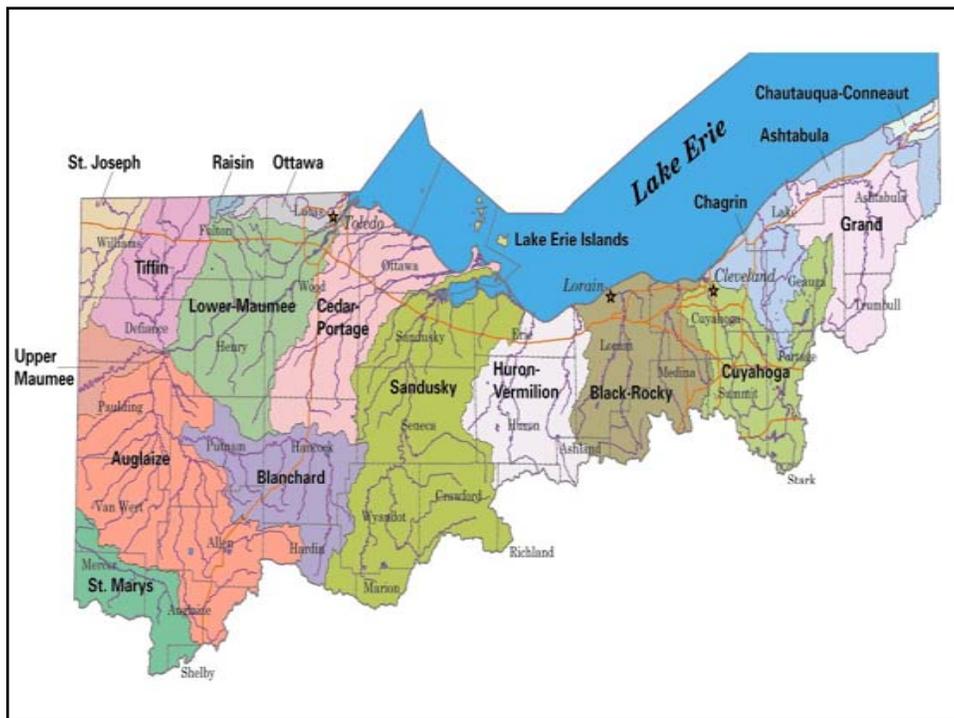
Linking Land Use and Lake Erie:
A Planning Framework for Achieving Balanced Growth in the Ohio Lake Erie Watershed

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Linking Land Use and Lake Erie:
Best Local Land Use Practices

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Developers and Local Governments Affect Watershed / Community Quality

- ◆ Location of development for minimum impact
- ◆ Management and control of storm water and erosion
- ◆ Protection of stream and wetland areas so they can do their job as storm water infrastructure
- ◆ Protection of scenic, historic and natural resources to help retain our “great place”

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Top Priority Best Local Land Use Practices

1. Comprehensive Planning	← Enables Implementation
2. Storm Water Management	
3. Stream and Wetland Setbacks	← Project Focus
4. Conservation Development	
5. Meadow Protection	← Provides Means of Implementation
6. Compact Development	

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Other Best Local Land Use Practices

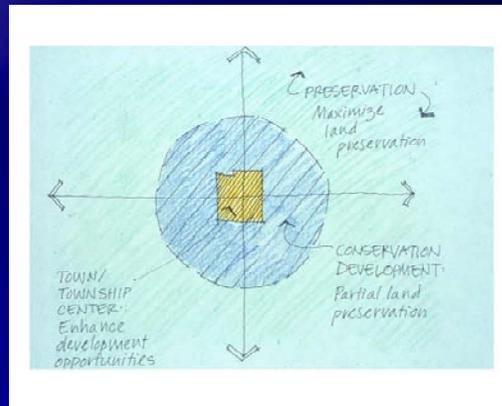
1. Steep Slope Protection
2. Woodland Protection
3. Agricultural Land Protection
4. Historic Preservation
5. Scenic Protection
6. Transfer of Development Rights

7. Source Water Protection
8. Access Management
9. Brownfields Redevelopment



Balancing Conservation and Development

- ◆ Up front community vision and planning
- ◆ Landowner planning and assistance
- ◆ Effective zoning implementation
- ◆ Good development projects



Project Description

- ◆ Develop case studies that illustrate and increase understanding of the land development implications of implementing OLEC Best Local Land Use Practices
- ◆ Engage stakeholders in land development in identifying key opportunities and barriers to use of best practices
- ◆ Use case studies in training workshops

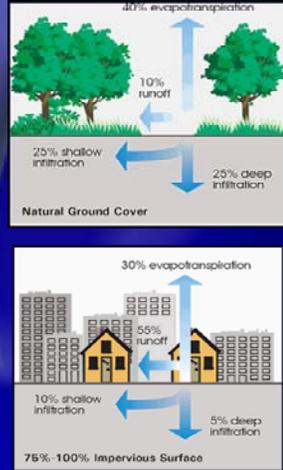


Project Objectives

- ◆ Resolve real and perceived barriers to acceptance of best practices by:
 - ◆ Developers
 - ◆ Local Governments
 - ◆ Buyers / tenants
- ◆ Illustrate how properly-applied best practices can reduce costs and enhance property values
- ◆ Provide adequate detail to support cost-effective implementation
- ◆ Be repeatable for on-going education
- ◆ Others? (as an outcome of today's meeting)



Managing Storm Water Quantity



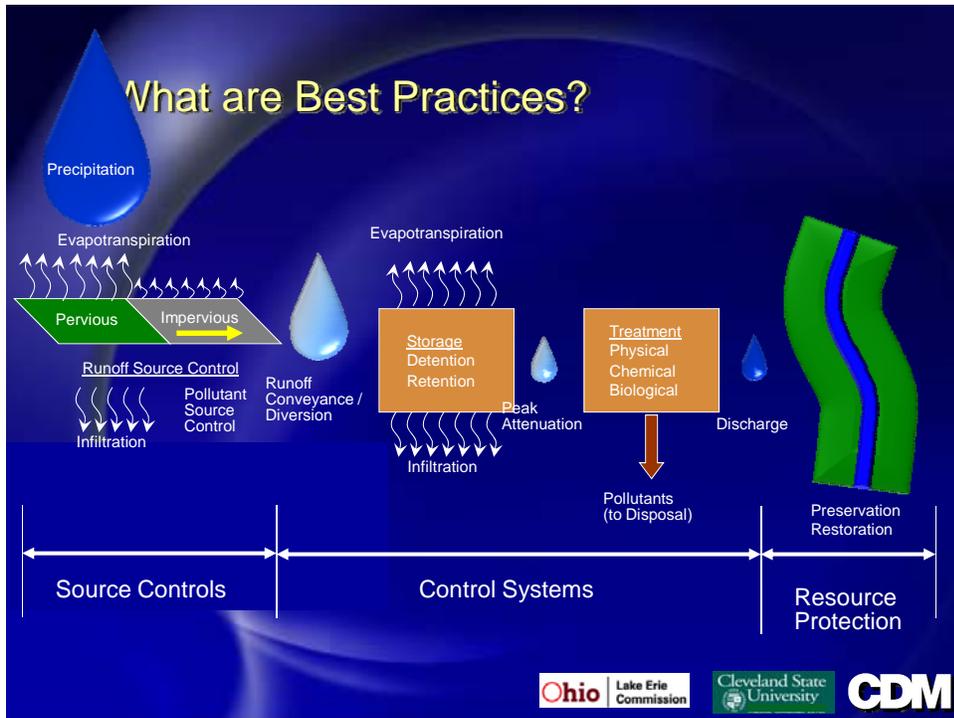
- ◆ Impervious Surface: surface with minimal infiltration
- ◆ Impervious surface model: 5 to 8 % change triggers degradation of watercourses

Urban Stormwater Management in the United States

This report calls for an entirely new permitting structure that would put authority and accountability for stormwater discharges at the municipal level. A number of additional actions, such as conserving natural areas, reducing hard surface cover (e.g., roads and parking lots), and retrofitting urban areas with features that hold and treat stormwater, are recommended.

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What are Best Practices?

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What are Best Practices?

Remember, you're not just fertilizing your lawn

Education

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Best Local Land Use Practice Case Studies

Approach to Case Studies

Objective

The objective of the Best Local Land Use Case Studies being developed for the Ohio Lake Erie Commission is to *illustrate a “triple bottom line” (i.e., financial, social, and environmental) decision-making process for developing site plans for multi-objective land development projects*. These case studies will be assembled in a format that can be distributed as well as used in case study workshops with developers, local governments, and their design and/or review professionals.

Case Study Content

Two case studies are being developed to help illustrate the proposed decision-making process: one a typical medium-density single-family residential development and the other a high-density retail commercial development. Both developments will be typical of development within the Lake Erie watershed. Case studies will focus on existing developments that were built without use of best local land use practices, and used to illustrate how such best practices could be integrated into these sites while meeting other development objectives.

Best practices to be illustrated through these case studies were drawn from those recommended by OLEC’s balanced growth initiative and recommended for inclusion by a focus group of development industry representatives that was convened on October 28, 2009:

- Imperviousness control (e.g., reduce, disconnect, permeable materials)
- Enhanced inlets / manholes
- Vegetated Filter Strips and Swales
- Infiltration practices (e.g., “rain gardens”, trenches, dry wells)
- Filters / underdrains (bioretention, soil amendments, sand, other)
- Basins (dry, wet, wetland, vaults)
- Stream, floodplain and wetland setbacks and enhancements

The case studies are expected to include the following materials:

- An overview stating the objectives of best local land use practices and how to use the case studies and supporting material.
- Three versions of the development site plan for each site: predevelopment, existing development, existing development with best local land use practices.

- A documented, step-by-step decision-making process for site planning, supported by flow charts, work sheets, assessment forms, and cost-estimating tools, with annotated examples of its application to the two case study sites.
- “Fact sheets” for the best local land use practices relevant to these case studies, providing selection criteria (i.e., opportunities, barriers) sizing criteria, maintenance requirements, and typical costs, supported by photographs, design drawings, costs, and other pertinent information about previously-installed best practices within or near the Lake Erie basin.
- Summary of pertinent state and national regulations, along with typical local regulations, relevant to the use of best practices for land development.
- A “mythbusters” fact sheet about current development and local land use practices that present real and/or perceived barriers to the use of “best” practices.

Case Study Workshops

The case study workshops are intended to inform developers, local governments, and their design and/or review professionals about the best local land use practices and the site planning decision-making process, as illustrated through the case studies. Materials should be adaptable for use with design professionals and other stakeholders in land development. The attached agenda, oriented toward a design professional audience, is envisioned.