

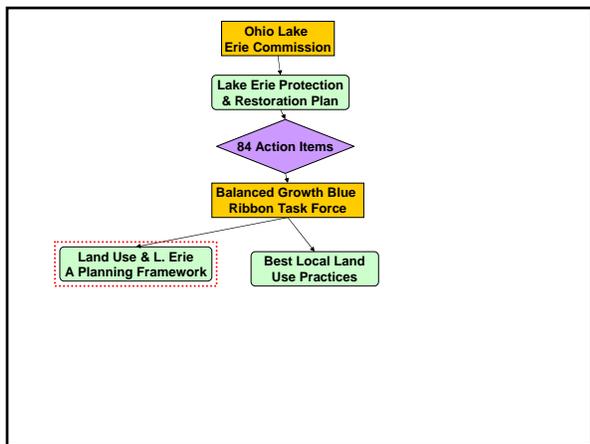
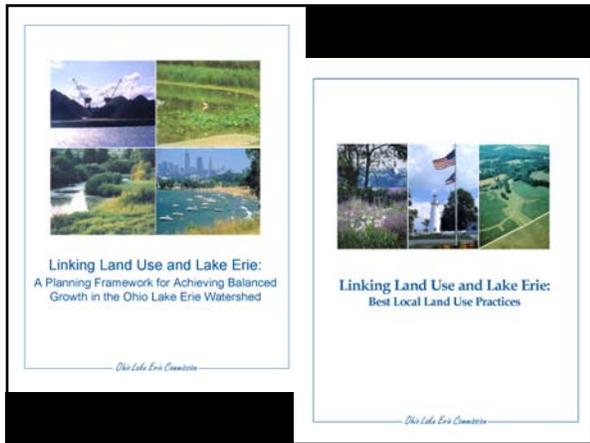
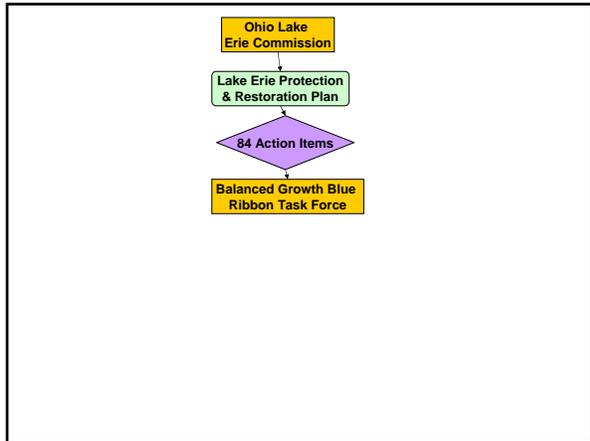


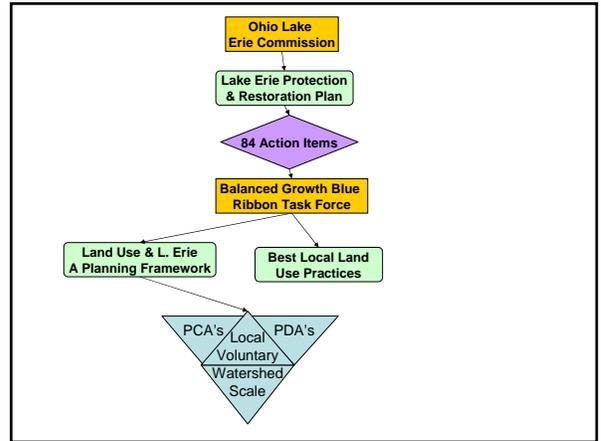
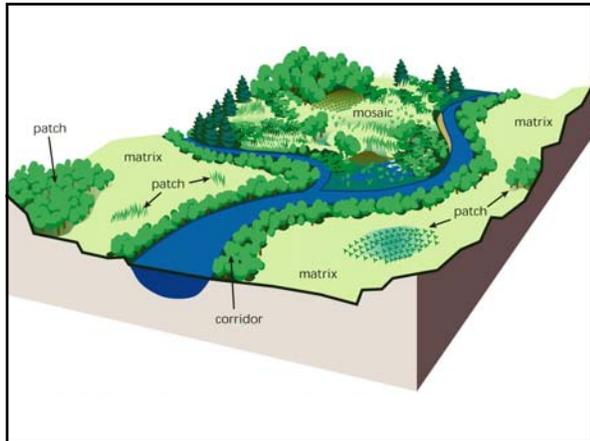
Commission a **Balanced Growth Blue Ribbon Task Force**, comprised of government officials, business leaders, conservationists, academia, agriculture, and other stakeholder groups to be charged with advising the Lake Erie Commission on ways to develop strategies that will **balance the protection of the Lake Erie watershed with continued economic growth.**
 (Action H-8, page 10)

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.



Image: State of Mass. - Smart Growth Toolkit





Priority Conservation Areas

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



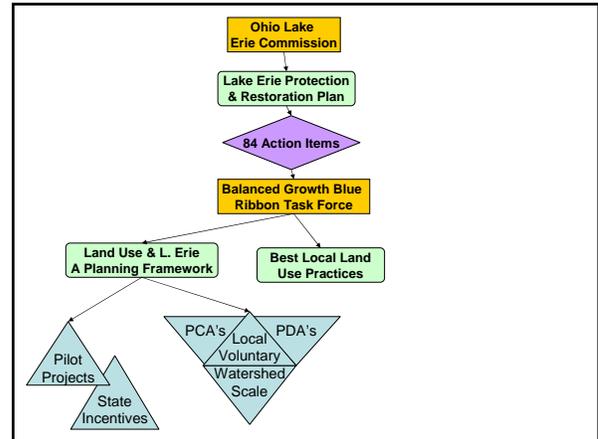

Priority Development Areas

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




A Planning Framework

- Also called for...
 - Creation of Watershed Planning Partnerships
 - Implementing Balanced Growth Watershed Plans
 - Alignment of state policies, incentives, and other resources
 - Promotion of best local land-use practices



Watershed Pilot Projects

75% Local Support Required

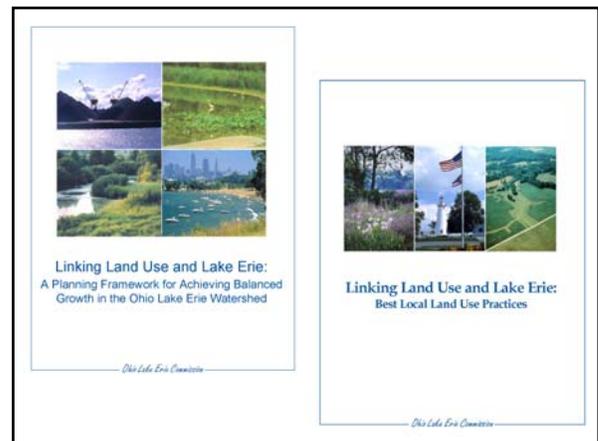
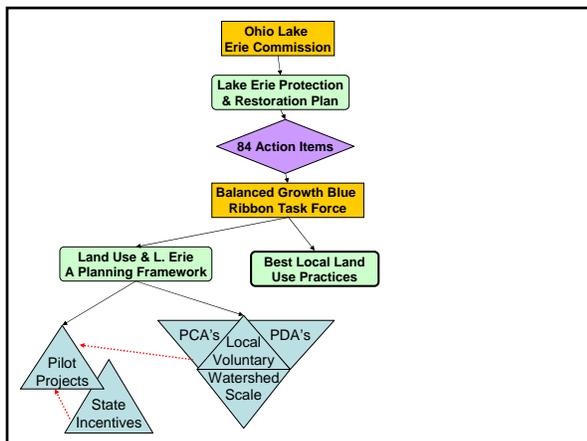


State Incentives

Implement State Incentives Strategy

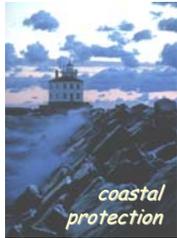
- Complete Inventory of Program
- Accessibility to agencies
- Streamlining/predictability
- Financial incentives

To spur the development of balanced growth plans and the adoption of best land use practices.



Best Local Land Use Practices

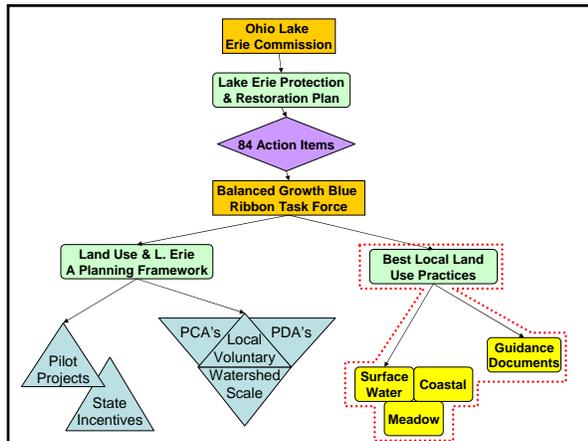
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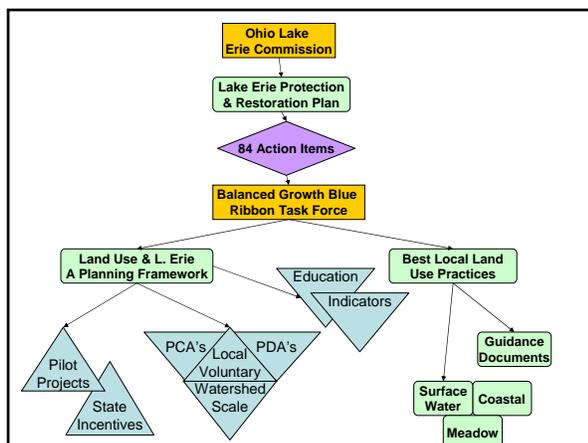
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- Transfer of Development Rights
- Steep Slopes
- Historic Preservation
- Source Water Protection
- Woodland Protection
- Conservation Development
- Access Management
- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Scenic Protection
- Compact Development
- Agricultural Protection



Best Local Land Uses Training Program

- December 2006 – General Awareness Session
- **January & March 2007 – Technical Workshops**
- April & May 2007 – One-on-One Assistance



Public Outreach & Education

Current work activities:

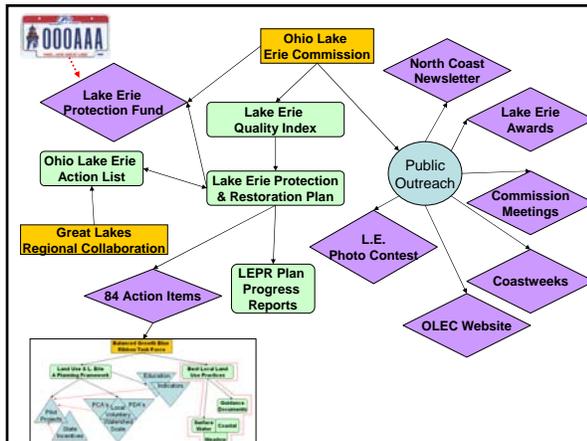
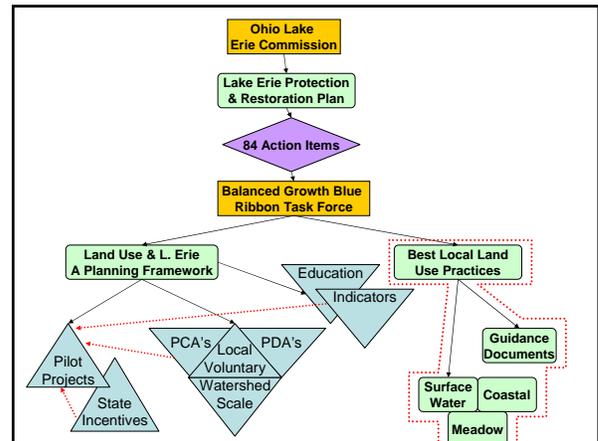
- Work with watershed education programs and develop a training program
- Develop a balanced growth awareness program
- Develop fact sheets and web site
- **Develop a training program on *Best Local Land-Use Practices***



Tracking Indicators

Balanced Growth Indicators:

- Programmatic accomplishments
- Land-use change
- Water quality improvement



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