



Lake Erie Commission  
Water Resources Council



## OHIO BALANCED GROWTH PROGRAM - REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### Free Technical Assistance Available:

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission and the Ohio Water Resources Council are sponsoring a program of free technical assistance on the use of the Ohio Balanced Growth Program Best Local Land Use Practices recommendations. This assistance could include such activities as:

- *Meeting to review the models with committees or organizations considering their use.*
- *Training for staff and/or elected/appointed officials on Best Local Land Use Practices.*
- *Training on steps to implementation, such as how to set up a citizens committee, how to set up a comprehensive plan project, critical questions to be answered in implementing riparian setbacks, working with consultants, etc.*
- *Meeting with citizens (small group or public), staff or special groups to present the opportunities for using the recommendations.*
- *Meeting with staff and a developer to discuss options for a specific development project (must be early in the process to be effective).*
- *Other activities of a similar scope and spirit.*

The goal is to provide help to local community officials, developers, citizens, and others in understanding and using the model regulations and recommendations (for more info: <http://www.balancedgrowth.ohio.gov/BestLocalLandUsePractices/ToolkitModelOrdinances.aspx>).

A total of 8 -24 hours of assistance will be provided by Kirby Date, AICP from the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University. It is recommended that interested parties contact Kirby (Tel. 216-687-5477 or e-mail [k.date@csuohio.edu](mailto:k.date@csuohio.edu)) to discuss the proposed project prior to applying.

**Local communities who have passed resolutions of support for a locally developed, state endorsed Watershed Balanced Growth Plan receive priority access to this free technical assistance.**

### Application Instructions:

Please provide a brief, no more than two (2) pages, narrative that describes your interest in receiving technical assistance. Your attachment should include a response to the following three questions:

- **Background of Your Organization:** What are the goals and accomplishments of your community as they relate to land use and comprehensive planning? If applicable, please be sure to note which Watershed Balanced Growth Plan applies to your community.
- **Project Summary:** Briefly outline the scope of work you plan to address with our assistance. Describe how you would like us to help. Be as specific on this point as possible (i.e. meet with you to...; meet with citizens or committee to...; review your draft...; etc.).
- **Intended Project Results:** Outline what you hope to accomplish through this technical assistance and how does it relate to your community land use planning activities.

### **Application Selection Process:**

Applications will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Scope of work is consistent with the time allotted.
- Technical assistance requested fits into a larger, locally driven effort.
- Location and development and conservation opportunities
- Types of practices and/or regulations being considered.
- Intended outcomes of the technical assistance and the larger plan of work.
- Overall quality of the proposal and local commitment to the project.

### **Submission Guidelines:**

Please include the following information in a cover sheet, attached to your proposal:

- Applicant Community
- Project Coordinator
- Coordinator's Title, E-mail Address, Mailing Address, Phone, and Fax.

The project narrative is limited to no more than two (2) pages. If submitting in paper form, mail to: Ohio Lake Erie Commission, 111 East Shoreline Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. Email submissions should be sent as a pdf to: [sandra.kosek-sills@lakeerie.ohio.gov](mailto:sandra.kosek-sills@lakeerie.ohio.gov), with the subject line, *Balanced Growth Technical Assistance Application*.

### **Eligibility:**

This process is open to county, township, municipal and regional government entities. There is no specific due date for applications – all assistance is provided on a first-come-first-served basis to those projects where local commitment and the potential for results make the use of technical assistance feasible. Once the review process is completed, each applicant will receive a written response regarding the status of their application. Questions or comments should be addressed to the Balanced Growth Coordinator, Sandra Kosek-Sills, at the Ohio Lake Erie Commission (419-357-2775).

### **Contact Information:**

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