

Ohio Balanced Growth Program

Fact Sheet: Incentives

What is the fundamental principle to guide state agencies under the Balanced Growth Program?

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, and conversely will not utilize state programs to violate those locally based decisions.

What are the objectives of the state incentives package?

- Promote economically and environmentally sound watershed-based planning by local governments
- Provide incentives for development in PDAs
- Promote redevelopment in PDAs
- Provide incentives to promote conservation activities in PCAs (including agricultural protection in PAAs)

What is included in the state incentive package for local governments?

- Opportunity to work with state agencies through the **State Assistance Work Group** – this group is charged with assisting the participating local governments in identifying and obtaining technical and financial resources that can be used to support PCAs and PDAs.
- **Streamlining and Predictability** – the State Assistance Work Group will develop methods to provide more advance predictability and streamlining for site related decisions in PCAs and PDAs.
- **State Program Inventory** – a list of all state programs and funding sources that could be used to support conservation in the PCAs and development or redevelopment in the PDAs.
- **Financial and Technical Special Incentives** – The special incentives are a subset of the state programs inventory and include specific grant and technical assistance programs that offer added consideration for projects that are within PCAs and PDAs within participating local government jurisdictions. A list of these special incentives is provided in the Ohio Balanced Growth Strategy.