

Ohio Balanced Growth Program

BEST LOCAL LAND USE PRACTICES

JOIN US FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE WORKSHOPS IN MAY AND JUNE!



The Ohio Balanced Growth Program, and its Best Local Land Use Practices component, continue to work with watershed partnerships and local governments around the state on implementation of their state endorsed Watershed Balanced Growth Plans and recommended land use practices.

As more communities develop green infrastructure practices as part of balanced MS4 storm water management programs, we have an opportunity to look at lessons learned.

This early summer, the Ohio Balanced Growth Program is partnering with regional organizations and the Ohio EPA to present two workshops on May 26 and June 14.

Join us as we look at green infrastructure practices addressing Post-Construction Best Management Practices (Minimum Control Measure 5), what makes them successful over time, and how we can implement more GI in our communities!

NWO Green Infrastructure Bus Tour

Toledo, Ohio: May 26, 2016 8:30 am-3:30 pm, box lunch provided

Partners: Toledo Area Metropolitan Council of Governments Stormwater Coalition, American Rivers, City of Toledo, Ohio EPA

Once again we are taking our bus on the road, this time to Northwest Ohio. We will spend the day looking at innovative practices in downtown Toledo, on the lakeshore, and in public, natural and private areas. Learn how these practices help to manage storm water, foster revitalization, and create more attractive and sustainable places.

Seven sites include:

Toledo Mudhens Hensville Green Space:

Green infrastructure incorporated in a highly urbanized area

Toledo Botanical Garden: Dam removal and hydrologic restoration in a large project managed by TMACOG

Cullen Park: A large wetland restoration at the mouth of the Maumee River on Lake Erie

Other examples will include street, park, and parking lot retrofits including the Toledo Zoo, Toledo Environmental Center, Maywood Avenue, Uptown Park, and the Zepf Center.

Each visit will feature explanation from the designers and engineers for the stormwater management practices, plus expert engineering, landscape architect, and Ohio EPA commentary. Speakers/leaders include representatives from DGL Consulting Engineers, The Edge Group, Tetra Tech, the City of Toledo, Mannik & Smith Group, and Ohio EPA.

The tour is tailored to the concerns of local officials, consulting engineers working with municipalities and developers, and the development/real estate business. Join us for a box lunch and a relaxing day learning from projects in the ground!

For more information and registration, go to http://www.tmacog.org/WQ/Storc/2016_Bus_Tour.pdf

Green Infrastructure Implementation Incentives Workshop

Richfield, Ohio: June 14, 2016 9:00 am-4:00 pm, box lunch provided

Partners: Northeast Ohio Stormwater Training Council, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Ohio EPA

What makes green infrastructure a successful strategy for client, community, and developer – from a financial, sustainability, development review, and public legacy standpoint? What questions need to be answered – and what are the conditions in Northeast Ohio that support green infrastructure implementation?

We have invited national green infrastructure expert, Juli Beth Hinds, partner with Orion Planning and Design to lead us through a cost-benefit evaluation of typical development projects in Northeast Ohio. Cost, regulatory

and other implementation incentives will be explored, and commentary will be provided by local experts and developers. Additional speakers include:

Heather Elmer, Executive Director, Chagrin River Watershed Partners

Dan Bogoevski, Northeast Ohio District Office, Ohio EPA

Carmella Shale, Geauga Co. Soil & Water District

Jan Rybka, Cuyahoga Co. Soil & Water District
Kirby Date, Cleveland State University

Brian Uhlenbrock, Neff and Associates Engineers

Matt Weber, Weber Engineering

For more information and registration, see the Northeast Ohio Stormwater Training Council Web site <http://www.nehiostormwater.com>.

<http://balancedgrowth.ohio.gov/BestLocalLandUsePractices/>

The Best Local Land Use Practices (BLLUP) part of the Ohio Balanced Growth Program encourages implementation of a set of Best Practices, on a voluntary basis, to improve environmental quality and economic development opportunities in local governments across the state.

Top Priority Best Practices Include:

- * Comprehensive Planning
- * Compact Development
- * Conservation Development
- * Stream, Floodplain, and Wetland Protection
- * Storm Water Management/Erosion and Sediment Control
- * Natural Areas Establishment and Management
- * Source Water Protection

Additional Best Practices Include:

- * Woodland Protection
- * Steep Slope Protection
- * Brownfield Redevelopment
- * Agricultural Protection
- * Transfer of Development Rights
- * Historic Protection
- * Scenic Protection
- * Access Management

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