Balanced Growth in Ohio

• Linking Land Use and Water Resources

• Planning Framework
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  – Projects
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• Best Local Land Use Practices
Inefficiencies Create Lost Opportunities

Inefficient land use creates a tax burden on communities, limits mobility for the young and old, and has an unnecessary impact on water resources - including sources of drinking water, recreation, and revenues throughout Ohio.
State Partners

Ohio Water Resources Council (Statewide)

Ohio Departments of Agriculture, Health, Nat. Resources, Transportation, Ohio EPA, and Ohio Development Services Agcy.

AND

Public Works Commission
Ohio Water Development Authority
Public Utilities Commission
Office of the Governor

Ohio Lake Erie Commission (Lake Erie Basin)
Linking Land Use and Water Resources

Ohio Balanced Growth Strategy
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Planning Framework

Best Local Land Use Practices

LINKING LAND USE & OHIO’S WATERS:
Best Local Land Use Practices

Ohio Balanced Growth Program
June 2012
Balanced Growth Watershed Planning

• voluntary
• locally led
• incentive-based
• support through alignment of state policies and programs
Planning Project Components

- GIS-based decision support system
- Local government buy-in
- State agency coordination
- Review and endorsement process
  - “significant” local support prior to endorsement: 75% of...
    - population
    - land area
    - number of communities
What does a plan contain?

- Designation of Priority Conservation Areas
- Designation of Priority Development Areas
- Designation of Priority Agricultural Areas (where applicable)
- Local and state participation and approval
- Process for maintaining and updating the plan
  - Full Table of Contents available online
**Priority Development Area**

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

**Priority Conservation Area**

- Locally designated areas targeted for protection and restoration
- Identify critically important ecological, recreational, heritage, agricultural, and public access areas
Priority Agricultural Area

• Locally designated areas targeted for agriculture
• Protect critical farmland and efficiently use infrastructure
• Optional designation based on local desire
# Watershed Planning Statistics

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Welcome to the inventory of State Programs

This inventory of State Programs is a resource for local communities to help identify existing state programs that will support local conservation and development or redevelopment activities. The inventory of State Programs is organized by programs supporting Priority Agricultural Areas, Priority Conservation Areas, or programs supporting Priority Development Areas. The online inventory sorts the programs by project type and allows users to identify potentially relevant programs based on land use type. Click on one of the links below to get started:

- Programs Supporting Priority Agricultural Areas (PAA)
- Programs Supporting Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)
- Programs Supporting Priority Development Areas (PDAs)

The Balanced Growth Inventory of State Programs is in Appendix C of the Balanced Growth Strategy. Click on Balanced Growth Strategy in the left hand column to access the full document.

Programs which provide a special incentive to local communities participating in state endorsed Balanced Growth Plans are marked with the tag SPECIAL INCENTIVE. For details, see the Special Incentives document.

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Planning Framework

Best Local Land Use Practices

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Best Local Land Use Practices:
Information For Local Communities

- Comprehensive Planning
- Compact Development
- Conservation Development
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Source Water Protection
- Storm Water Management
- Stream, Floodplain, Wetland Protection
- Steep Slope Protection
- Scenic Protection
- Historic Protection
- Agricultural Protection
- Natural Areas Management
- Woodland Protection
- Access Management
Special Incentives (October 2012)

These programs contain specific special incentives for Balanced Growth participating communities.

**Red**: extra points on applications  
**Blue**: special consideration in review process  
**Gray**: percentage point discounts  
**Green**: priority technical assistance  
**Underline**: Grant programs

- [Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program](#)  
- [Recreation Harbor Evaluation Program](#)  
- [CWA Section 319 Implementation Grants](#)  
- [Water Supply Revolving Loan Account](#)  
- [Water Pollution Control Loan Fund](#)  
- [Ohio Coastal Mgmt Assistance Grants](#)  
- [Land & Water Conservation Fund](#)  
- [Nature Works](#)  
- [Watershed Coordinator Grant Program](#)  
- [Market Development Grant](#)  
- [Lake Erie Protection Fund](#)  
- [Scrap Tire Grant](#)  
- [Section 208 (State Water Qual. Mgmt Plan)](#)  
- [Ohio Lake Erie Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and Scioto River Watershed CREP](#)  
- [Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) Funds](#)  
- [Dam Safety Loan Program](#)  
- [Fresh Water Loan Group](#)  
- [Community Assistance Loan Program](#)  
- [National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System](#)  
- [Redevelopment Technical Assistance](#)  
- [Agricultural Security Area](#)  
- [Streams & Storm Water Program](#)  
- [Statewide Geologic Mapping Program](#)  
- [Dam Safety Technical Assistance](#)  
- [Floodplain Mgmt. Tech Asst. Program](#)  
- [Ohio Development Services Agency Technical Support](#)