

# SWAN CREEK

## Development, Agriculture, and Conservation Priority Areas

Ohio Lake Erie Commission Balanced Growth Initiative

### Agenda

Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

Springfield Township Hall — 7617 Angola Rd, Holland Ohio

*The Ohio Lake Erie Commission has commissioned studies of watersheds to recommend priority areas for future development and conversation. The priority areas should reflect local priorities. The Lake Erie Commission is working with Ohio's state agencies to develop incentives to encourage their voluntary use by local governments, agencies, and businesses. The preliminary priority areas have been developed by using computer mapping. The meeting's purpose is to ask for input from the communities of the Swan Creek Watershed.*

#### **6:30 Welcome and Overview**

Commissioner Peter Gerken, Lucas County

Steve Brown, Director, Fulton County Regional Planning Commission

#### **6:35 Presentation and Discussion of Priority Development, Agriculture, and Conservation Area Maps**

Poster session: discussion with Swan Creek committee members — refreshments served

#### **6:55 Criteria for the Priority Areas**

Kurt Erichsen, TMACOG

Matt Horvat, TMACOG

Gregory Lipps

#### **7:20 Zoning and Comprehensive Plans: Comparison with Priority Area maps**

Please bring County, City, Village, and Township zoning and comprehensive plan maps.

#### **8:00 Next Steps**

Commissioner Peter Gerken, Lucas County

Steve Brown, Director, Fulton County Regional Planning Commission

## Welcome and Overview bullet points

- Balanced Growth Initiative's purpose is to identify local priorities for development and conservation in a watershed.
- Swan Creek is one of three watersheds receiving a "Pilot Watershed" grant from Lake Erie Commission. It is the only pilot watershed study along western Lake Erie.
- The study concept is to identify areas "best suited" for development, agriculture, or conservation based on measurable criteria, and of course, your input.
- Tonight's program:
  - Take a look at the preliminary maps, and ask questions. We have Swan Creek committee members by each of the displays.
  - Presentation of what went into the maps and how the preliminary priority areas were developed
  - Outline of potential incentives that may be offered by state agencies
  - Lay your zoning or comprehensive plan map out on a table, and compare with the Priority Area maps, with Swan Creek committee members.

## Next Step bullet points

- Please participate in Swan Creek committee meetings to decide how to address tonight's comments.
- We need to finalize the Priority Areas in 2008, and will ask each political jurisdiction to formally endorse them.
- Thank you for coming and participating.