

OHIO LAKE ERIE CONFERENCE

Lake Erie Protection & Restoration: Our Achievements - Our Challenges

SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ELYRIA, OHIO
JOHN A. SPITZER CONFERENCE CENTER

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission will hold a conference titled, *Lake Erie Protection & Restoration: Our Achievements - Our Challenges* on Thursday, September 7, 2006 at the Lorain County Community College, Elyria, Ohio.

This day-long conference will feature highlights from the *Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan*, which was unveiled by Governor Taft in the Fall of 2000. A new *Lake Erie Action List* will be presented and concurrent sessions will be held throughout the day that will feature topics included in the LEPR. Luncheon includes presentation of the 2006 Lake Erie Awards.

Everyone will gather together to hear an update from project leaders regarding the Lake Erie Balanced Growth program. The Chagrin River, Rocky River Upper West Branch and Swan Creek watersheds were selected as pilot projects in September 2005 for the purpose of promoting voluntary, orderly growth and conservation at the local level as a means of protecting water quality and other resources in the Lake Erie basin. Best local land use practices for all local governments will be discussed.

Poster sessions will feature Lake Erie Protection Fund projects and several organizations will have table displays outlining their programs and projects.

In conjunction with this conference, the Ohio Lake Erie Commission will hold its quarterly meeting the afternoon *before* the conference on Wednesday, September 6th, 2:00 PM, at the Lorain CCC. The Commission meeting is a public forum in which citizens and groups interested in Lake Erie issues are welcome to attend.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$30.00. This entitles attendee to a continental breakfast, luncheon, refreshments at breaks, conference materials and free parking.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Area hotels include:

Holiday Inn, 1825 Lorain Blvd., 440-324-5411
Country Inns & Suites, 645 Griswold Rd., 440-324-0099
Courtyard, 25050 Sperry Dr., 440-871-3756

Each individual is responsible for their own reservations.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

The Lorain County Community College is conveniently located at 1005 Abbe Road North in Elyria Ohio, is easily accessible by automobile through the rapidly expanding network of major interstate highways (I-90, I-480), including the Ohio Turnpike. Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is nearby. Greater Cleveland is approximately 25 miles east of the college.



FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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- 8:30 - 9:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
~ Poster sessions available throughout the day
- 9:00 AM **Welcome**
~ Dr. Samuel W. Speck, Chairman, Ohio Lake Erie Commission and
Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
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~ The Honorable Bob Taft, Governor; State of Ohio (*invited*)
- 9:30 - 9:45 AM Break
- 9:45 - 10:30 AM **First Concurrent Session:**
- ☉ Water Quality ~ Anoxia and Toxic Algae: Open Lake and Tributary Delivery to the Lake
Moderator: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
~ Dr. Jeffrey M. Reutter, Executive Director; Ohio Sea Grant College Program
~ Dr. David B. Baker, Director Emeritus; Heidelberg College Water Quality Lab.
 - ☉ Biological Challenges ~ Invasive Species: Aquatic and Plants
Moderator: Ohio Department of Agriculture
~ Gary Isbell, Administrator; Ohio DNR - Fish Management
~ Jim Bissell, Director; Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- 10:30 - 10:45 AM Break
- 10:45 - 11:30 AM **Second Concurrent Session:**
- ☉ Pollution Sources ~ Ashtabula Dredging Issues and New Home Sewage Rules
Moderator: Ohio Department of Health
~ Rick Brewer, President; Ashtabula River Partnership
~ Rebecca Fugitt, Adm. - Residential Water & Sewage Program; Ohio Department of Health
 - ☉ Fishing and Beaches - Fisheries and Beach Issues
Moderator: Ohio Department of Natural Resources
~ Roger Knight, Lake Erie Fisheries Program Administrator; Ohio DNR-Division of Wildlife
~ Donna S. Franczy, Hydrologist; U.S. Geological Survey
- 11:30 - 12:45 PM Luncheon
~ Presentation of the 2006 Ohio Lake Erie Awards
- 12:45 - 1:00 PM Break
- 1:00 - 1:45 PM **Third Concurrent Session:**
- ☉ Biological Challenges - Habitat Protection and Restoration
Moderator: Ohio Department of Transportation
~ Steven C. Barry, Ohio DNR - Division of Wildlife
~ Gildo Tori, Director of Public Policy; Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
~ Steve Tuckerman, Environmental Specialist; Ohio EPA - Northeast District Office
 - ☉ Economic Benefit of Lake Erie - Coastal Recreation (Boating), Tourism & Shipping
Moderator: Ohio Department of Natural Resources
~ Ken Alvey, Executive Director; Lake Erie Marine Trades Association (*invited*)
~ Melinda Huntley, Executive Director; Lake Erie Coastal Ohio, Inc.
~ James Weakley, President; Lake Carriers Association
- 1:45 - 2:00 PM Break
- 2:00 - 3:15 PM **Lake Erie Balanced Growth Pilot Projects and Best Local Land Use Practices**
Moderator: Edwin J. Hammett; Executive Director; Ohio Lake Erie Commission
~ Amy Holtshouse, Assoc. Director; Chagrin River Partners presenting Chagrin River Watershed
~ Gary Norcia, Storm Water Specialist; Medina County SWCD presenting Rocky River Upper West Branch
~ Kurt Erichsen, VP of Environmental Planning; TMACOG presenting Swan Creek Watershed
~ Kirby Date, Coordinator; The Countryside Program/CSU presenting Best Local Land Use Practices
- 3:30 PM Adjourn

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Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Special dietary needs: _____

Registration fee: \$30.00. Registration deadline is August 31, 2006. Make check payable to: **"Treasurer, State of Ohio"**
Send check and registration form to: Ohio Lake Erie Commission, One Maritime Plaza, 4th Floor, Toledo, OH 43604-1866