

News Release  
For Immediate Release  
October 22, 2012

**Linking Land Use and Ohio's Waters:  
Best Local Land Use Practices document now available for public comment**

Sandusky, Ohio - The Ohio Lake Erie Commission announces the release of the draft document **Linking Land Use and Ohio's Waters: Best Local Land Use Practices**, now available for public comment. This document contains recommendations and resources for local governments wishing to implement better design and planning practices to enhance environmental quality, economic prosperity, and quality of life. The Commission proposes to adopt the document at their December meeting.

The thoughtful balance of development opportunities and environmentally friendly practices positively influences the quality of life in our communities. The health of Ohio's citizens and the robustness of the economy depend upon the quality of our streams, rivers, lakes, and ground water. Local governments can help businesses and residents make smart decisions that will have a positive impact on the waters and the community, as well as reduce their own costs.

The public comment period will run until Noon, **December 12, 2012**. Written comments should be sent to the attention of Sandra Kosek-Sills, Balanced Growth Coordinator at the Ohio Lake Erie Commission 111 East Shoreline Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

Interested parties are invited to attend the next meeting of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission. This meeting will be held on December 12, 2012 at **Ohio EPA Central Office, 50 W. Town Street, Columbus, Ohio in the Center for Excellence from 10am to noon**. A portion of every Commission meeting is set aside for public comment. To facilitate scheduling of oral comments, persons intending to speak at the meeting should notify the Ohio Lake Erie Commission, 111 East Shoreline Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870, (419) 621-2040, or email [lakeeriecommission@lakeerie.ohio.gov](mailto:lakeeriecommission@lakeerie.ohio.gov).

Questions regarding this document should be directed to Sandra Kosek-Sills at the Ohio Lake Erie Commission (419) 357-2775 or [sandra.kosek-sills@lakeerie.ohio.gov](mailto:sandra.kosek-sills@lakeerie.ohio.gov).

The document is available on the Ohio Balanced Growth Program web page at [www.balancedgrowth.ohio.gov](http://www.balancedgrowth.ohio.gov).

For additional information, contact:  
Gail Hesse, Ohio Lake Erie Commission  
419-621-2040

Bethany McCorkle, ODNR Office of Communications  
614-265-6873