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**WORKSHOP OFFERED ON BEST LOCAL LAND USE PRACTICES  
Ohio Lake Erie Commission Aims to Protect Lake Erie and Tributaries**

TOLEDO, OH – The Ohio Lake Erie Commission will offer four opportunities in January for local government officials, planners, architects, engineers and others to learn about a series of voluntary best practices for managing local land use to support both economic development and protection of the Lake Erie watershed.

The half-day workshops will provide an overview of the Commission's Balanced Growth program and will deal specifically with storm water regulations, development options such as conservation development, and regulations that protect natural resources such as wetlands, meadows and woodlands.

Participants can choose from three morning or one afternoon session. The morning workshops will be held from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm at Lorain County Community College on January 10, the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg on January 17, and in the Erie County Building in Sandusky on January 31. The one afternoon workshop will be from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm on January 25 in the Governance Room at Kent State University.

The workshops are free, but participants are asked to register at least one week in advance by calling the Lake Erie Commission at 419-245-2514, or by emailing [lakeeriecommission@ameritech.net](mailto:lakeeriecommission@ameritech.net).

Additional information is available at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo/bg1/index.html>

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