

## **CD Developments**

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- **Occasional updates about OSU Extension Community Development activities sent out in electronic format**
- **Some items are in-service opportunities, some items will be of interest to your clientele and may be added to your newsletter, and other items are just for FYI**

### **Public Issues Education about School Funding**

Does the issue of "funding Ohio schools" interest you professionally? A group of your Extension colleagues are just beginning to put together a public issues education (PIE) presentation and some related educational information to help citizens in Ohio: a) understand the present way Ohio schools are funded and b) know what other options there might be.

We are looking at questions similar to these: a) what constitutes a quality education? b) What is the cost of that education? And c) How should that money be provided?

The exploratory meeting consisted of: Chet Bowling, John Conglose, Don Lacy, Gwen Wolford, Dave Patton, and Joe Konen. Others who have indicated an interest are Bill Grunkemeyer, Jeff Shaner, and Nancy Kukay.

The working group would be pleased to have you join us. We will have a phone conference on the morning of June 13 and a longer work session June 30<sup>th</sup>. Email Joe Konen: [konen.2@osu.edu](mailto:konen.2@osu.edu) if you are interested in joining our list-serve and/or our project group.

### **Economic Impact Studies Added to Local Economic Analysis Programs**

So, you want to provide some hard numbers pertaining to how expansion of the controversial XYZ facility will impact the local and regional economies? Want to cite research-based information when you get that call from the local media asking if you think that Wal-Mart has been a boon for the local economy? Not real sure where to start? Think about an in-depth economic impact study. The program is now being offered through Extension & AEDE's Community Economics and Business Program. Contact Greg Davis at 614-292-6356 [davis.1081@osu.edu](mailto:davis.1081@osu.edu) to learn more or to find out if you have a project that would qualify as a "pilot".

### **Jennifer McSweeney Land Use Conference Set for Friday March 31, 2006**

**Mark your calendars and get the word out!** The Jennifer McSweeney Land Use Conference will be held on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> next year. The sub-committee of the OSU Extension Land Use Team that is working on the conference has decided to continue the conference as a one day conference. The conference will be held in Wooster in 2006. The sub-committee will start working on developing the program for the event starting at its monthly conference call which will start in July. If you would like to serve on this sub-committee please contact John Conglose

at (330)-263-3799, [congllose.1@osu.edu](mailto:congllose.1@osu.edu). The subcommittee will be conducting regular monthly conference calls starting on July 21, 2005

### **Regional Sustainability Roundtable**

The second of three forums on **Opportunities for Regional Sustainability** will be held on June 24, 2005 at the Fisher Auditorium, OARDC, Wooster, OH. The forums are intended for community leaders, farmers, business and land owners, planners, researchers and educators, and will address issues that promote success for regions that lie across the rural urban interface.

The June 24<sup>th</sup> forum will continue to focus on **“Opportunities for Regional Sustainability.”** Northeast Ohio will be used as a model but the content will be applicable to any region. **Ed Morrison of Case Western Reserve University’s Center for Regional Economic Issues will share his views on "Building Sustainable Development Strategies in Northeast Ohio"**

A significant portion of the morning will be allocated to networking in order to enhance the effectiveness of existing groups and projects and to build infrastructures for new, complementary ones. Networking groups are planned for several topics and new groups on other topics may be formed that day. These groups are presently planned: a) Land use, water quality, and management in our Natural landscapes, b) Entrepreneurship, business planning, and family business sustainability, c) Green industry and public-private landscapes, d) Farms, market gardens, local foods, and food security and e) Family Sustainability (policy and support networks; jobs, etc.)

For more information and to receive an agenda and registration forum for June 24, contact: Joe Konen, Urban Programs Specialist OSU Center at Wooster, [konen.2@osu.edu](mailto:konen.2@osu.edu).

### **OPC Legislative Forum – June 25, 2005**

On Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, OPC, The Ohio Planning Conference, will hold a legislative Forum in part to respond to the work of the Ohio House Subcommittee on Growth and Land Use, chaired by Rep. Larry Wolpert (R-Hilliard). The Legislative event will be a hands-on workshop open to all OPC members. Registration is required as space is limited and a complementary lunch will be provided. The registration deadline is Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Registration can be completed on line at [opc@kent.edu](mailto:opc@kent.edu)

### **Next S.T.E.P. Team Off and Running**

The Next S.T.E.P. team has started to meet on a regular basis at the OSU Extension Center at Wooster and has established an action agenda. Next S.T.E.P. is the title given to the Next Street Tree Evaluation Project. Leadership for this effort is being provided by Jim Chatfield, Center Specialist, Horticulture and Crop Science and John Conglose Center Specialist, Economic Development and Land Use at the Center at Wooster. A team of Extension Educators, Extension Specialists and OARDC faculty along with faculty from the School of Natural Resources and

other non OSU partners has identified a set of subcommittees that will work on the project. Subcommittees include 1)Community Impact,2)Resources & Study Tour, 3)Funding Sources, 4)Plant Evaluations, 5)Targeted Communities and 5)Educational Outreach. OSU E CD participants in this project so far include John Conglose, Dave Civitollo, Sharon Strouse, and Deb Carney.

One of the first products or outcomes from this effort will be an update to the OSU Extension Street Tree Evaluation Project Bulletin # 877. But this time we will be expanding the scope of the project to include environmental, community and economic impacts.

The Next S.T.E.P. is a project related to the Scientific Literacy Initiative established at the OSU Extension Center at Wooster. If anyone would like to participate in this project please contact John Conglose at (330)-263-3799 [congllose.1@osu.edu](mailto:congllose.1@osu.edu) or Jim Chatfield (same number) [chatfield.1@osu.edu](mailto:chatfield.1@osu.edu).

### **Existing Land Use Tools Education Programs Available on Request**

If anyone is interested in putting on a Land Use Education Program on Comprehensive Land Use Planning, Zoning Basics, Subdivision Regulations or Land Use Planning Organizations please contact the Existing Land Use Tools Subcommittee of the OSU Extension Land Use Team. Subcommittee members include Don Lacey, John Conglose, Nancy Kukay, Dave Civitollo, and Greg Davis.

The Existing Land Use Tools Subcommittee has taught over 18 programs over the past three years related to this subject matter. Curriculum is presented in Power Point presentation format. A curriculum binder including a CD Rom and Handouts can be provided to each participant. The Curriculum is presented in modules related to each subject area. An additional module entitled “When is it Time to Update Your Zoning Resolution” has recently been completed.

### **NACDEP Update**

The 2006 National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas from February 12<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> At the Crowne Plaza Hotel. For updates please refer to the NACDEP web site at <http://nacdet.net>

The organization will be formally petitioning JCEP for affiliation during the spring/summer of 2006 for approval in the fall of 2006.

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