

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT E-NEWSLETTER**

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### **NOVEMBER CD E-NEWSLETTER**

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### **FROM THE DESK OF KEN MARTIN, AD/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

A team of CD Extension faculty participated in the Foundations of Practice Train-the-Trainer workshop that was held November 1-3, 2006, in Kansas City. The workshop was the second component of the Foundations of Practice-Developing Successful Community Initiatives, the fundamental process skills of community development. Following the workshop, participants are expected to return to their respective states and provide in-service professional development opportunities for other Extension staff. The workshop sessions focused on community development skills, public participation, the art and science of facilitation, participatory community change, and evaluating community development programs. Anne Baird, Chris Bruynis, Nancy Kukay, Rose Fisher Merkwowitz, and Treva Williams participated in the workshop and Chet Bowling and Ken Martin were presenters. Plans are underway to provide in-state professional development opportunities next year. The topics and skills covered in these workshops are designed to be helpful for all Educators who work in community settings with various client groups. The first Foundations of Practice component, Understanding Communities and Their Dynamics, is going to be offered four times a year. If you haven't completed this component, I encourage you to do so. More information about the Foundations of Practice can be found at <http://www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu/projects/corecomp/fop.pdf>

The second round of regional CD program meetings is underway. These meetings are opportunities for program sharing, administrative updates, and discussions on issues related to our community development work. Meetings have been held in Washington Court House and Carey. A third meeting is scheduled for Van Wert on November 16, 2006. A fourth meeting will be scheduled in the southeastern part of the state as well. Plans are to schedule four regional meetings next year during the months of March, July, and November.

This year at annual conference, there will be two CD program sessions. The CD Update for Dual Program Educators is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2006 from 3:10 - 5:15 pm. Rather than compete with other program meetings, we are competing with two concurrent sessions. The agenda is being finalized and will include CD awards, a CD program update, and a Map@Syst with eXtension presentation. The second session will take place during the time slot for program meetings and will include a discussion on future planning for CD. I look forward to seeing you at one of the regional meetings and in December at the annual conference.

### **ALBER ENTERPRISE CENTER, CENTER FOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION, & OSU EXTENSION HAVE TEAMED UP**

**Alber Enterprise Center, Center for Corporate and Community Education, & OSU Extension Have Teamed Up** to better connect local businesses to the centers' workforce development resources. A fee of 25% of the net gain of center projects with local businesses will be directed to the local educator when they refer their local businesses to the centers' workforce development program. For more information, contact Eileen Smith, Centers Director, at 419-755-4383 or [smith.1394@osu.edu](mailto:smith.1394@osu.edu)

### **WATER QUALITY TRADING AS A COMMUNITY TOOL**

A Regional Sustainability Forum will be held on November 30, 2006 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at Fisher Auditorium, , Wooster, OH 44691 on the topic of *Water Quality Trading as a Community Tool*. As Ohio's population growth is relatively flat and the cost of services continue to rise, we are faced with important decisions for the future development and sustainability of Ohio. Effective communities provide opportunities for economic growth, social strength, and environmental protection. Water quality trading is one such method to address these three objectives.

Speakers will include: Steve Tuckerman, Environmental Specialist, Ohio EPA; Brent Sohngen, Extension Specialist, Ohio State University; Dusty Hall, Program Development Manager, Miami Conservancy District. And Dave McCartney, Research Associate, OARDC. This is one event in a series of forums to address the issues of Regional Sustainability. For more information or to register, contact Dana Oleskiewicz, [oleskiewicz.1@osu.edu](mailto:oleskiewicz.1@osu.edu)

## **RECENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES VIA GRANTSTATION INSIDER**

### **Support for Solving Systemic Problems**

The Surdna Foundation is interested in fostering entrepreneurial programs throughout the U.S. that offer viable solutions to difficult systemic problems. The Foundation provides support through five distinct grantmaking programs. The Environmental Program works to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to promote equitable use of land and natural resources. The emphasis of the Community Revitalization Program is to enhance the quality of life in urban centers. The goal of the Effective Citizenry Program is to encourage young people to take action to address meaningful problems in their schools, neighborhoods, and the larger society. The Arts Program is a national initiative focusing on arts and education. The Nonprofit Sector Support Program seeks to strengthen the effectiveness of nonprofit institutions and to promote philanthropy. Letters of inquiry are accepted at any time. For more info, go to [Surdna Foundation](#)

### **Grants for Child Care in Urban Areas**

Rosie's For All Kids Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations providing child care, early education, and other essential programs to economically disadvantaged and at-risk children across the United States. Priority is given to experienced, community-based programs serving children in low-income, major urban areas. The primary focus of the Foundation's grantmaking is on tuition subsidies, small renovations, equipment upgrades, playground construction, and staff development opportunities for early education and care programs. School districts, municipalities, and programs outside the contiguous United States are not eligible for support. Applications are accepted throughout the year at [Rosie's For All Kids Foundation](#)

### **Mini-Grants for Public Service Projects**

The National Association of Service and Conservation Corps (NASCC), in cooperation with the Corporation for National and Community Service, is offering the Martin Luther King Day of Service Grant Program. These mini-grants provide support to nonprofit organizations that undertake service projects surrounding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 15, 2007. Organizations within and outside of NASCC's membership that mobilize volunteers, especially disadvantaged youth, to undertake service activities to benefit impoverished communities are eligible to apply. Organizations interested in participating in the project will be required to provide a 70% match through cash or in-kind sources. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For application guidelines and forms, or more info, go to [National Association of Service and Conservation Corps: Martin Luther King Day of Service Grant Program](#)

## **GO DIRECT - CONNECTING OHIO CONSUMERS, PRODUCERS AND COMMUNITIES**

Unique characteristics make Ohio an attractive place to "Go Direct". Research indicates that direct marketing

activity in Ohio is on the rise, with a growing number of products, places and events connecting Ohio consumers, producers and communities. Get a feel for what OSU Direct Marketing team members are working on at a variety of upcoming events:

**The Ohio Direct Agricultural Marketing Conference, January 14-17, 2007** at the Columbus Convention Center. In addition to a Direct Marketing Agripreneur Boot Camp on the 14th and numerous workshops on the 16th and 17th, Monday's featured speakers include two internationally recognized speakers, John Stanley and Jim Cain. John Stanley presents "Ban Customers and Grow Your Business, Advanced Retail Concepts." Participants re-think the way they do business, discover why farm retailing is booming and how they can grow your business. Jim Cain presents "Hosting Team Building Events on Your Farm." This engaging workshop prepares participants to return to their farm with team building skills and activities that can be used to attract new customers to their farm-based business.

**Direct Market to Restaurants**, Nov. 6, 2006

Columbus, OH - Lindsey's Cafe, 1500 Polaris Parkway (in the Polaris Mall), Columbus, OH. Presented by Local Matters in partnership with Innovative Farmers of Ohio and OSU Social Responsibility Initiative and Sponsored by the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation.

**Ohio River Valley Farm Marketing Conf.**, February 21-22, 2007 Louisville, KY - Clarion Hotel and Conference Center

For more information on direct marketing or to join the Direct Marketing team, look for the poster at the Annual Extension conference, visit <http://directmarketing.osu.edu/>, or contact Julie Fox at the OSU South Centers, [fox.264@osu.edu](mailto:fox.264@osu.edu); 740-289-2071, ext. 225. The Direct Marketing Team meets monthly via conference call, generally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am. During the upcoming year, we will also explore adding special interest and project teams to make the most of everyone's time.

## **STORMWATER EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY OFFICIALS**

Ohio Sea Grant co-sponsored a workshop which hosted over 30 elected officials and various state and local agency personnel entitled "*Managing Storm Water in Your Watershed- Pathways To Action*" in cooperation with the Erie County Commissioners, Erie County Soil and Water District, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Coastal Training Program, the ODNR Ohio Coastal Management Program and Ohio State University Extension. Topics included in the Oct 30 program: Lake Erie, Smart Growth and Watershed Based Planning, Community Based Watershed Management and Stakeholder Participation, Meeting Diverse Purposes By Integrating Storm Water Management Tools and NPDES Phase II Stormwater Requirements and Lessons Learned on Cost, Efficiency and Implementation. For more information, contact [Joe Lucente](#)

## **NEW INFO ON OHIO'S 'BRAIN DRAIN'**

A recent study discovered Ohio's 'Brain Drain' might not be as serious as some had imagined. According to a University of Toledo study, 70% of college graduates from 1980 to 2003 still live in Ohio. However, advanced degree holders and science and technology graduates are more likely to leave. For more on this study, go to: [http://www.greaterohio.org/briefings/labor/brain\\_drain.htm](http://www.greaterohio.org/briefings/labor/brain_drain.htm)