The Ohio Land Exchange is an action-research project that seeks to test the feasibility of a new collaborative site-planning framework, in which community groups and other stakeholders jointly develop and design new approaches to vacant land reuse in cities with high levels of vacant and abandoned land. Lima was the first city in Ohio in which this new framework has been tested. The OH/LEX team is currently collaborating with OSU Extension to explore the possibility of bringing this program to other jurisdictions in Ohio. On May 25, we are organizing a day-long workshop to introduce interested staff members from OSU Extension and County Land Banks to the tools we have developed in Lima. The workshop will consist of an overview of the results of our pilot test in Lima, a training session on basic methods to assess soil quality and health on vacant urban sites, a participatory negotiation simulation that can be used to engage community stakeholders and a discussion of the potential for implementation of these tools in other jurisdictions. If you are curious about vacant land reuse and/or community engagement in legacy cities in Ohio, please consider attending this free, one-day workshop.

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Agenda for OH/LEX Program Summer Workshop

9:30 - 10:50:
- Introduction to Land Exchange
- Parcel Discussion
- OH/LEX Pilot Project in Lima

11:00 - 12:00:
- Ecology and Soil Science
- Presentation of mapping tool by Center for Urban and Regional Analysis

Lunch Break (provided - please indicate dietary restrictions on registration form)

1:00 - 2:30:
- Negotiation Simulation

2:30 - 3:00
- Debrief

3:15 - 5:00:
- Discussion of Logistics

Directions from State Route 315
From 315, take the Lane Avenue exit. Turn East onto Lane Avenue, continuing straight via the Olentangy River Suspension Bridge. After 1/4 mile turn Right onto Tuttle Park Place. Straight ahead you will see the Ohio Stadium and Knowlton Hall, the white marble clad curved building. Continue past Knowlton Hall to the Tuttle Park Place Garage, next door to Knowlton Hall, on the left.

Parking Instructions
Park in Tuttle Park Place Garage. Keep your ticket for full-day validation at workshop.

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