

AGENDA OWLS 2012

Day 1

Registration – 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 – 10:30 - Welcome – Jerry Iles & Joe Bonnell – OSU Extension, Laura Walker – Grand Lake St. Marys/Wabash River Watershed Coordinator - Introductions of the 2012 OWLS Planning Committee.

10:30 – 10:45 – Opening Remarks – Karl Gebhardt, Chief – ODNR Division of Soil & Water Resources (Invited)

10:45– 11:15 - Welcome to Grand Lake St. Marys – Crisis Communication: Weathering the Storm of Negativity - Donna Grube, Executive Director, Auglaize & Mercer Counties Convention & Visitors Bureau

11:15 – 12:00 – Ice Breaker Team Building Activity

12:00 – 12:30 – Lunch

12:45 – 2:45 – Tour the Grand Lake St. Marys Watershed – See it for Yourself!- Stops will include: St. Charles Seminary and their agriculture best management practices; Prairie Creek Treatment Train; and an Agricultural Research Service edge of field monitoring station. Points of interest will include: dredging, Franklin Twp Greenspace, channels, airygator, cover crops, hayland buffers, fish hatchery, church steeples and others as the tour progresses. Presenters include Theresa Dirksen, Mercer Soil and Water Conservation District Engineer; Milt Miller, Grand Lake St. Marys Restoration Manager; Grand Lake St. Marys Restoration Commission Members; Agriculture Research Service Representative and other local watershed project stakeholders.

2:45 – 3:00 – Break with snacks & drinks

3:00 – 3:30 – Session A - Harmful Algal Blooms Update – Linda Merchant-Masonbrink (OEPA)

or

Session B – Ohio Agricultural Landowners Opinion Surveys – Joe Bonnell (OSUE)

3:30 - 4:00 – Session A – Addressing Grand Lake St. Marys Internal Nutrient Load – Alum, Airygator’s and More - Brian Miller, Park Manager

Session B – The 4 R Conservation Program - Carrie Vollmer-Sanders

Western Lake Erie Basin Project Director - The Nature Conservancy

4:00 – 4:30 – Session A – Evolution of the Restoration Efforts of Grand Lake St. Marys – It’s not just a watershed project. - Milt Miller, Grand Lake St. Marys Restoration Manager

or

Session B – Western Lake Erie Basin Programs – Ed Crawford, ODNR - DSWR.

4:35 – 4:45 – Return to Harbor Point 4-H Camp

4:45 – 5:45 – Free time – Volleyball etc.

6:00 – Board pontoon boats to Bella’s Italian Grille

6:30 – 7:30– Dinner

9:00 – Campfire at Harbor Point 4-H Camp

Day 2

8:00 – 8:45 – Breakfast

8:45 – 9:15 – Session A - Environmental Education Opportunities - Dennis Clement - OEPA

or

Session B - Twin Creek Preserve: A Regional Approach to Solving Water Problems - Kara Scheerhorn – Mill Creek Watershed Council

9:15 – 9:45 – Session A - Ohio’s Balanced Growth Initiative – David Rutter – MORPC

or

Session B – Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc.: Building a Sustainable Watershed Organization - Christina Znidarsic - Chagrin River Partners

9:45 – 10:00 – Break

10:00 – 10:30 – Funding Home Sewage Treatment Systems in Your Watershed – Cindy Brookes –Watershed Specialist, Sandusky River Watershed Coalition

or

Session B – Regional Watershed Councils and Partnerships - Claire Childers, OEC

10:30 – 11:30 – Ohio Watershed Professionals Association Meeting – D. Rutter - MORPC

11:45 – 12: 45– Lunch & Watershed Programs Discussion – Nageotte/Bonnell