



Community Development e-Newsletter October 2005

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The CD e-Newsletter attempts to help strengthen ties and foster collaborative working relationships among people working in the midst or at the periphery of Extension CD programming. Conceived by CD Specialists as a monthly update, the newsletter includes recent and future program and workshop offerings, opportunities for collaboration, various community development resources, and recent announcements of relevance. Your comments and suggestions for improvement are always welcomed.

Patton Receives Hildreth Award

Associate Professor Emeritus [David B. Patton](#) was honored with the [R. J. Hildreth Award](#) for Distinguished Career Achievement in Public Policy Education by the [National Public Policy Education Committee](#) (NPPEC) and the [Farm Foundation](#) at the organization's Annual Conference on September 18, 2006. The Hildreth Award is a national award given annually in memory of "Jim" Hildreth, a leader and mentor in the field of public policy education. Dave was honored for his 34 year higher education career and 14 years of work in public issues education with [Ohio State University Extension](#). "His Extension work," the committee noted, "included creating and chairing a public issues education committee, citizen forums on land use policy in Ohio, the [Neighbor-to-Neighbor program in Cincinnati](#), and [Project CLEAR in Columbus](#)." They noted that "Patton had provided a valuable link between NPPEC and the [Kettering Foundation/National Issues Forums](#)" and that he had authored or co authored "public policy education materials produced for national use: *The New Science of Food, Making Ends Meet*, and *Land Use Conflicts*." Finally they note that "Patton has made presentations on public issues education in several international settings."

Findlay-Hancock County Receives Award – One of America's 100 Best Communities for Young People

Barb Brahm held a press conference to announce the award put forth by [America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth](#). The Award for which the [Hancock County Extension](#) office was largely credited, was one of two made in Ohio (Columbus was the other). More than 700 communities applied nationally. The announcement was part of the September 26 issue of [Newsweek Magazine](#) as well as NBC's Today Show.

Northwest Ohio Regional Economic Development Needs Assessment Completed

The [Extension Center at Lima](#) contracted with the [Northwest Ohio Regional Economic Development Association](#) to conduct an online census of its membership on current and future needs as an organization and a region. (NOTE: NORED is an 11 county, non-profit association of private and public entities that focus regionally on economic development.) The Extension Center at Lima chose this as a pilot project to test how fast we could develop a professional product using current University research guidelines. The entire process-initial meetings, survey development and design, instrument testing, IRB approval, survey posting, data analysis, and presenting the findings and implications to the NORED membership was accomplished in two months. Team members included Jerry Thomas, Joe Lucente, Cindy Torppa, and Carolyn Hall. Contact [Jerry Thomas](#) or [Joe Lucente](#) for more information or to conduct similar projects.

Use BR&E to Gather Community Input?

[OSU's Continuous BR&E Model](#) has a [proven record](#) of enabling communities to better understand community and economic issues that affect the happiness and well-being of their businesses and consumers. So, why wouldn't that model work to facilitate dialogue with community *residents* about key community and economic development issues?? A number of [BR&E member communities](#) and organizations have asked that question, and are in the midst of finding out the answer. To find out more how the model can be tailored to communicate with residents (and/or other segments of a community or organization) contact [Greg Davis](#).

Regional Capitals for Regional Sustainability

Regional Capitals for Regional Sustainability: An interactive presentation and group discussion will be held on October 28, 2005. The program is sponsored by the [OSU Extension Center at Wooster](#) with video-conference to Columbus campus and to [Extension Centers at Piketon](#) and [Lima](#). The speaker will be Cornelia Butler Flora, Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor of Agriculture and Sociology and Director, [North Central Regional Center for Rural Development](#)

Overview: When resources are invested to create new resources in the long term, they can be termed capital. While we usually think of capital in terms of financial capital, regional sustainability builds on and invests in other kinds of capital as well: natural capital, cultural capital, human capital, social capital, political capital, and built capital. These capitals can either contribute to or detract from other capitals. When one capital receives exclusive attention, the other capitals often deteriorate. We will work together to identify the regional capitals that contribute to regional identity and collaboration for building regional sustainability. Regional resources are the basis for regional sustainability.

Download a registration form with details at: <http://opal.osu.edu/>

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Lake Erie Land Use Conference

A Conference, **The Future of Ohio's Lake Erie Basin: Balancing Land Use and Water Quality**, will be held at [Lorain County Community College](#) on December 1, 2005 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The regional conference is for Public Officials, Planners, Water Quality Groups, Business, Community and Environmental Leaders, Educators, Developers, and Building Industry Leadership.

Plenary sessions will include a keynote entitled: "*Farms, Factories, Fish and Sprawl: A Recent History of Land Use and Water Quality in the Lake Erie Region*" presented by Elena Irwin, Associate Professor, [Agricultural Environmental and Developmental Economics](#), Ohio State University and Jeffery M. Reutter, Director, [Ohio Sea Grant College Program](#). Attorney Dennis E. Eckart, former U.S Congressman, will give a policy presentation: "*Lake Erie - How We Got Here and How We Can Improve the Lake Erie Basin*". Dr. Sam Speck, Director, [Ohio Department of Natural Resources](#), Chairman of the [Ohio Lake Erie Commission](#) will be the luncheon Speaker on the topic "*The Lake Erie Balanced Growth Initiative*".

Nearly 20 breakout sessions on various aspects of a sustainable future for Lake Erie will round out the day. Registration information will be available soon at www.northcoastbia.com For more information contact [Joe Lucente](#) or [Joe Konen](#)

Customer Service and Hospitality Training

"Customer Service: A Refresher and More" and "Making Hospitality a Habit" are two half-day programs recently developed by sub-groups of the [Extension Tourism Team](#). The hospitality program is specifically designed for tourism-related audiences while the customer service presentation can be adapted somewhat for business, nonprofit, or agency employees. Initially, the programs are being taught by a team of Extension Educators and specialists from the Tourism Team. Eventually, the programs may be packaged as teaching/training modules for programming by other Extension staff. Contact [Deanna Tribe](#), Extension Specialist, Community Development, at the [OSU Extension Center at Piketon](#) for more information or to schedule a program (tribe.1@osu.edu). The following Extension Educators are participating in the program development and teaching team: Sheila Maggard (Adams), Rose Fisher Merkwitz (Highland), Becky Nesbitt (Gallia), Mary Roenker (Clermont) and Treva Williams (Williams).

Economic Development Strategies for the Village of New Washington

Nancy Kukay, CD Educator in Crawford County & Wyandot County with support from John Conglose, Center Specialist, Extension Center at Wooster, facilitated an Economic Development Strategy for the Village of New Washington (Crawford County) that was completed during the past month. The North Central Ohio Rural Electric Cooperative awarded a grant to the pair to cover a portion of the costs involved in the 8 month program. A copy of the final report is available by contacting [Nancy Kukay](#).

For help in developing an economic development strategy utilizing the Vision to Action model or U.S. EDA, CEDS process, contact any of the Community Development specialists below:

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Grass Roots Leadership Initiative at the Center of Wooster

Are you interested in becoming a part of a dynamic team that addresses local government leadership issues? Are you interested in partnering with others to develop curriculum, conduct research and publish or present your findings? Have you worked in this subject area during your career and already have developed curricula or programs that you would like to share? Are you interested in reaching out and establishing a relationship with the Center at Wooster? Here is your opportunity.

The Grassroots Leadership Initiative will conduct a planning retreat on January 13th at the [Extension Center at Wooster](#) on the OARDC Campus. The goal: to develop a plan of work for 2006. The Grassroots Leadership Initiative at the Center at Wooster provides knowledge to local elected and appointed officials in both the public and private sector. Topics include board training, ethics and public records training, and local elected and appointed leadership institutes, among others.

If you are interested in participating in the Grassroots Leadership Initiative with other professionals please contact [John Conglose](#) at conglose.1@osu.edu.

Downtown Market Analysis Training – Oct 20, 2005 - Wooster

Downtown Ohio, Inc. (DOI) and Extension Community Development are bringing Bill Ryan, Wisconsin Extension to Wooster, Ohio to discuss his [Downtown Market Analysis Program](#). This model, currently being piloted in Piqua, Ohio by a small team led by Myra Moss and Bill Grunkemeyer, may have wider application to many of Ohio's Main Street communities. Access program and registration information at the [Downtown Ohio](#) website. Extension professionals will be charged a forty dollar registration fee. Contact [Moss or Grunkemeyer](#) with questions.

HOLD THE DATE - Jennifer M. McSweeney Land Use Conference to be held in Wooster on March 31, 2006

The annual Jennifer M. McSweeney Land Use Conference will provide relevant and practical information oriented toward appointed and elected officials who are directly involved in the development and implementation of land use plans and policies in their communities. Questions can be directed to John Conglose at congllose.1@osu.edu.