

# Lake Erie Balanced Growth Program

## Fact Sheet: State Program Inventory

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### How will the State Program Inventory help the Watershed Planning Partnerships?

This inventory is intended to be a resource for Watershed Planning Partnerships to help identify programs that will support conservation in Priority Conservation Areas and development or re-development in Priority Development Areas. These are existing state programs that have been identified as specifically impacting land use change decisions. The intent is that the state will consider the existence of PCAs and PDAs in the use of these programs to support land use planning and land use change that is beneficial to the local communities and to Lake Erie as outlined in the Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan.

### How is the State Program Inventory presented?

The State Program Inventory is a list of state programs compiled by whether or not they will support Priority Conservation Areas or Priority Development Areas. The list is structured by conservation or development effect, and then by three factors: infrastructure, direct site impact, and planning/technical assistance services. It is currently contained as an appendix in the Lake Erie Balanced Growth Strategy, which was approved in an updated version by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission on December 12, 2007.

### What is included in the State Program Inventory?

- **Conservation Programs** – there are a total of 45 state programs and funding sources in the Inventory that could be used to support conservation in the PCAs. This includes one program for Metro Park infrastructure, 30 that are site specific (for example, site acquisition or restoration), and 14 for services (such as forestry or watershed action plan technical assistance).
- **Development Programs** – there are a total of 109 state programs and funding sources in the Inventory that could be used to support development or redevelopment in the PDAs. This includes 33 programs for infrastructure (primarily transportation and water, through ODOT, OWDA, and OEPA), 65 that are site specific (for example, various community development programs), and 11 for services (such as minority business assistance or planning programs).

It should be noted that a few programs appear on both lists, since they could be used to support either conservation or development (for example, the ODNR – Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Streams and Storm Water Program serves a range of purposes).