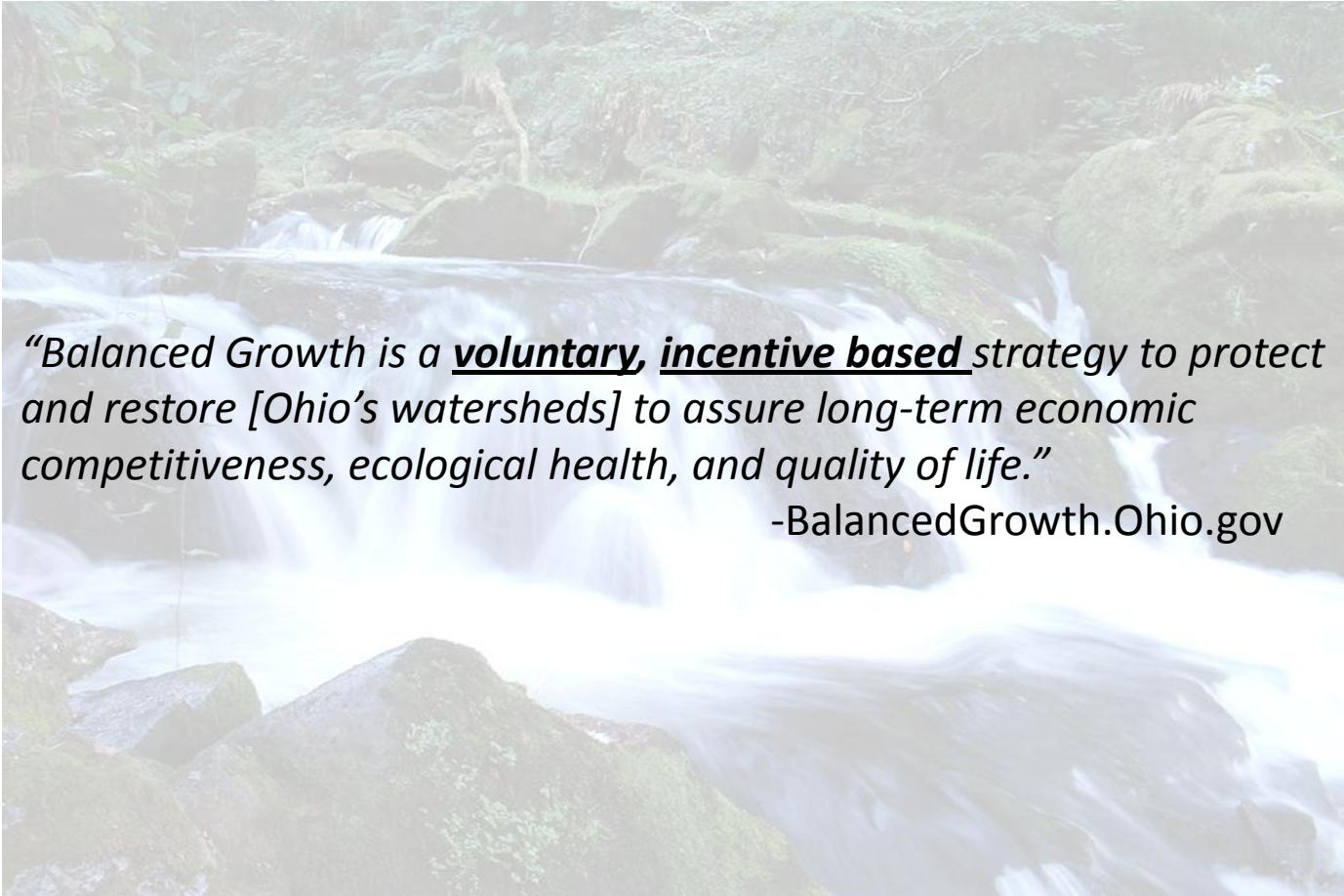


# 10 Guiding Principles for Balanced Growth Planning

## Why Balanced Growth Planning?



*“Balanced Growth is a **voluntary, incentive based** strategy to protect and restore [Ohio’s watersheds] to assure long-term economic competitiveness, ecological health, and quality of life.”*

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# Balanced Growth Planning in Upper Scioto Watershed

## Balanced Growth Plan Watersheds

### **10 Guiding Principles for Sustainable Ohio Watersheds**

*Attaining a living equilibrium between a strong, diversified economy and a healthy ecosystem*

#### **Activities in Ohio's watersheds should:**

1. Maximize investment in existing core urban areas, transportation, and infrastructure networks to enhance the economic vitality of existing communities.
2. Minimize the conversion of green space and the loss of critical habitat areas, farmland, forest, and open spaces.
3. Limit any net increase in the loading of pollutants or transfer of pollution loading from one medium to another.
4. To the extent feasible, protect and restore the natural hydrology of the watershed and flow characteristics of its streams, tributaries, and wetlands.
5. Restore the physical habitat and chemical water quality of the watershed to protect and restore diverse and thriving plant communities and preserve rare and endangered species.
6. Encourage the inclusion of all economic and environmental factors into cost / benefit accounting in land use and development decisions.
7. Avoid development decisions that shift economic benefits or environmental burdens from one location within a region to another.
8. Establish and maintain a safe, efficient, and accessible transportation system that integrates highway, rail, air, transit, water, and pedestrian networks to foster economic growth and personal travel.
9. Encourage all new development and redevelopment initiatives to address the need to protect and preserve access to historic, cultural, and scenic resources.
10. Promote public access to and enjoyment of our natural resources for all Ohioans.

*Adapted from the Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan, 2000*

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