



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

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**Walnut Creek Planning Partnership
Public Meeting**

Canal Winchester Community Center
22 South Trine Street
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**Wednesday, April 20, 2011
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

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AGENDA

- 6:00 Introduction

- 6:15 Overview of Balanced Growth Planning
 - a. Introduction to MORPC
 - b. History of Program
 - c. Review Key Terms and Components of a Balanced Growth Plan
 - d. The Walnut Creek Watershed Planning Partnership
 - e. Brief overview of draft mapping process
 - f. Questions?

- 6:45 Priority Area Discussion
 - a. What areas in your community do you believe should be prioritized for conservation? Why?
 - b. What areas in your community do you believe should be prioritized for agricultural use? Why?
 - c. What areas in your community do you believe should be prioritized for development or redevelopment? Why?
 - d. How would you like to see your community implement the priority area maps?

- 7:30 Adjourn

A glossary of key terms is located on the back of this agenda.

GLOSSARY

Balanced Growth - A voluntary, incentive based strategy to protect and restore [Ohio's watersheds] to assure long-term economic competitiveness, ecological health, and quality of life.

Buffer - A zone of a specified distance around geographic features. In GIS (see below), buffers can be used in order to include the land surrounding a point (i.e. airport) or line (i.e. highway) in the analysis.

GIS (Geographic Information System) - A system that captures, stores, analyzes, manages, and presents data that are linked to location. GIS software was used to map and analyze data related to the selected criteria in order to highlight the initial Priority Areas (PAA, PCA and PDA) on the preliminary planning maps.

Priority Agricultural Area (PAA) - An area designated by local communities targeted for continued, expanded and/or intensified agricultural activities due to historical, cultural, natural or human-created traits which make it conducive to agricultural activities and associated practices that are in harmony with a quality watershed.

Priority Conservation Area (PCA) - An area designated by local communities for its ecological, cultural, recreational, or historical value and for the significant role these areas play in maintaining the integrity of the watershed. These areas are the focus of partnership efforts to protect, conserve, or restore because of the potential for negative impacts to the watershed due to land use change.

Priority Development Area (PDA) - An area designated by local communities as a prime focus for development or redevelopment based on efficient use of infrastructure and the area's ability to accommodate development with minimal impact on the watershed.

Watershed - An area that drains into a common waterway. These waterways might be streams, lakes, wetlands, or the ocean.

COMMENTS

Please use the space below to submit any additional comments that you have:
