



# Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission

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## BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Ohio EPA is offering a free workshop to inform small and rural communities of the state and federal resources available to redevelop blighted properties known as brownfields. The speakers will present strategies for identifying and prioritizing brownfield properties; grants, loans and services available to help communities with brownfield redevelopment; and computer programs for brownfield management and grant writing.

The workshop will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Pike County Government Center, 230 Waverly Plaza, Waverly, OH 45690. Lunch will be on your own.

Speakers from Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Development, U.S. EPA, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development office and Kansas State University (which provides assistance to small communities through a U.S. EPA grant) will address the following topics:

- ◆ Clean Ohio Fund;
- ◆ Ohio EPA's Voluntary Action Program (VAP) and statewide inventory of brownfield properties;
- ◆ Ohio Department of Development's Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund;
- ◆ Ohio Water Development Authority loan programs;
- ◆ U.S. EPA Brownfield Grants, Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) program and Targeted Brownfield Assessments;
- ◆ E-tools for brownfield revitalization and online summary of local resources for small and rural communities; and
- ◆ U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development resources.

### *Who should attend?*

Economic Development Officials, Planning Commission Members, Municipal Officials, Real Estate Professionals, Township and Zoning Commission Members, Developers, City Council Members, Township Trustees

There is no charge for the workshop. Register online at <http://bfieldresources91311.eventbrite.com/>. Or you may contact Sydney Poole at [Sydney.Poole@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:Sydney.Poole@epa.ohio.gov) or (614) 644-3751.

## OHIO RCAP ENERGY AUDIT WORKSHOP

Ohio RCAP is pleased to present a one-day workshop focused on energy usage at water and wastewater facilities for small, rural communities. The workshop will be held on September 8, 2011 in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Everyone in the decision-making and operations process can benefit from this workshop, including mayors, operators, board members, administrators, engineers, and clerks!

**Operator Contact Hours Applied For!**

# Save \$\$\$ on Your Energy Bills

**The Best Investment Your Community Will Make!**

**Learn How Energy Audits can Identify Cost-Cutting Opportunities for Communities**

**Date: 09/08/11      Time: 10:00 AM**

**Structured for rural communities and water/wastewater facilities, this workshop provides 'Real Solutions' for municipalities! Learn about:**

- Ohio RCAP Energy Audits
- Electric Utility Incentive Programs
- The Benefits of Energy Conservation

Your budget is tight...Your operating costs are increasing...Your customers do not want a rate increase...and you know that energy costs are rising and will continue to go up! You need real answers, and you need them now!

Ohio RCAP can help! It is well documented that energy costs for water and wastewater facilities are expected to increase due to proposed regulations and population growth. You can help take control by knowing and understanding your energy usage, and by implementing energy conservation opportunities.

Ohio RCAP can provide not only a professional and unbiased review of your operations and processes, but also an educated and experienced overview of where you are and where you should be with respect to energy usage. We have found on average **over 25%** in energy savings and opportunities having a simple payback of less than 1 year. These are **real solutions** that your community demands and deserves!

**Agenda, September 8, 2011**  
Held at: Ohio Department of Agriculture  
8995 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Oh 43068

**9:30am-10:00am— Workshop Check-In**  
**10:00am-10:15am—Opening Remarks**  
**10:15am-11:00am—Energy Benchmarking -**  
- **Larry Baxa, Ohio RCAP**  
*Assistance with benchmarking, understanding energy bills, USDOE and USEPA benchmarking tools, and why water and wastewater have a significant economic impact for municipalities. Bring your utility bills for assistance!*

**11:15am-12:15pm—Energy Incentives and Current Market Trends -**  
- **Karen Heater, PE, SAIC Inc.**  
*A look at the Global, National, and State issues related to energy, as well as National and State directives (including lighting changes, Ohio S.B. 221) and Electric Utility Company Programs and Incentives.*

**12:15pm-1:15pm—Lunch (Provided)**

**1:15pm-2:00pm—Ohio RCAP Energy Audits -**  
- **Tom Fishbaugh, Ohio RCAP**  
*Learn how Ohio RCAP performs an Energy Audit and how it differs from home and contract audits.*

**2:15pm-3:15pm—Ohio RCAP Case Studies -**  
- **Scott Strahley, PE, CEA, Ohio RCAP**  
*Several case studies will be presented to demonstrate the viability and potential for municipalities to save energy costs.*

**Registration Deadline: Sept. 2, 2011**

Brochure can be viewed [here](#), detailing the event and the agenda. Participants can fill out the Application and mail it in, or simply click on the following link to register online: <https://co.clickandpledge.com/?wid=44474>