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Swan Creek Watershed Residents Invited to Review Balanced Growth Initiative Plan

Elected officials and residents of the 23 jurisdictions in the Swan Creek watershed are invited to attend a meeting Wednesday, October 22 at 7 p.m. in the Springfield Township Hall, 7617 Angola Rd, Holland.

The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) and the Swan Creek Pilot Project Committee have completed work on a balanced growth plan. They have presented the plan at several meetings in the region, asking for review and endorsement. The October 22 meeting will be the final formal presentation. The purpose of the plan is to identify future conservation and development areas that will strengthen the economy while promoting a healthy Lake Erie. If 75% of the jurisdictions in the watershed agree on priority areas, state agencies will offer special incentives for conservation of development projects in matching priority areas.

Dr. William McMillen, the University of Toledo vice president of government relations, will discuss the importance of regional cooperation for effective economic development. Ohio Department of Natural Resources Director Sean Logan will speak on the balanced growth initiative program from the perspective of state agencies. Attendees will have the opportunity to review maps and ask questions.

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