

## Impact Through Knowledge

Land to Lake Conference – September 28, 2017



### Tentative Agenda – AM

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome

- Dr. Richanne Mankey, Defiance College President

9:10 Overview of Land to Lake Initiative

- Stephanie Singer, Defiance SWCD Watershed Coordinator
- Jennifer English, City of Defiance MS4 Coordinator

9:30 Thriving River Towns

- John Urbahns, Greater Fort Wayne, Inc.: Rivers as an Economic Development Driver
- Toledo Metroparks: Featuring 5 River Towns and Riverfront Development in Toledo
- Jamie Gerken, Defiance County Health Commissioner

11:00 Break

11:15 Karl Gebhardt, Ohio EPA Lake Erie Policy Chief: Ohio Lake Erie Commission

11:45 Understanding Wetland and Riparian Roles in Water Quality

- Chris Collier, Black Swamp Conservancy: Forest Woods Stream & Wetland Restoration
- Sharon Partridge, The Nature Conservancy: TNC Role in Western Lake Erie Basin

## Tentative Agenda – PM

12:30 Lunch

1:15 Laura Johnson, National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University

1:45 Understanding Land Use and It's Role in Water Quality

- Tyler Miller, Defiance SWCD
- Joe Logan, Ohio Farmers Union (tentative)
- Kris Barnswell, TMACOG
- TBD, Urban Stormwater

2:30 Current Research on Water Quality in our Rivers and Great Lakes

- Dr. Daryl Dwyer, University of Toledo Restoration Ecology
- Dr. Doug Kane, Defiance College Restoration Ecology
- Dr. Mike McKay, Bowling Green State University Aquatic Microbial Ecology

3:15 Citizen Participation in Water Quality Impacts

- Steve Hensler, Cerulean Center
- Tom Speiss, Project Normal
- Tish O'Dell, Ohio Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund
- Abby King, Save Maumee
- Northwest Ohio District Rotary (invited, TBD)

4:00 Wrap Up

**FREE & OPEN to the PUBLIC @ Schomburg Auditorium:**

**7:00 PM – Dr. Chris Winslow, OSU Stone Labs: Lake Erie Algae, Nutrient Loading and Current Research**  
presented by the Jan J. Younger Colloquium Endowment at Defiance College