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## Weekly News and Opinion from Ohio's Newspapers June 10 - 16, 2008

### Greetings!

Welcome to the latest issue of ***Economic News from Ohio's Regions***, a new weekly newsletter from the [Ohio Urban University Program](#) and the [Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University](#). We'll search Ohio's papers to bring you economic news and key happenings that impact Ohio's regions.

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### News From Around Ohio

#### [State Construction Budget, Water Pact Near](#)

(Columbus Dispatch, June 10, 2008) State legislators are poised today to approve a \$1.3 billion construction budget and a multistate compact designed to protect Great Lakes water from being siphoned to dry states in the South and West.

[Fisher Sees Green in County](#) (Ashtabula Star Beacon, June 10, 2008) Skyrocketing energy costs could put Ashtabula County in a great position to take advantage of renewed interest in "green" technology, Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher said Monday.

[North Canton Approves Money for CIC](#) (Canton Repository, June 10, 2008) City Council agreed Monday night to advance money to the Community Improvement Corp. and help bring more than 100 jobs to the closed Hoover complex.

[Housing Limbo to Shorten](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, June 10, 2008) Gov. Ted Strickland is expected to sign legislation this week requiring sheriffs to automatically

record deeds within 14 days of a judge signing off on a foreclosure sale.

**[State Hospitals Provided \\$1.8 Billion to Ohio](#)** (The Plain Dealer, June 10, 2008) According to the Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio hospitals provided \$1.8 billion in community benefit to the state in 2006.

**[Chiefs Oppose Creating 7-City Fire District](#)** (The Plain Dealer, June 11, 2008) A plan to create a seven-city fire district in the southwest part of Cuyahoga County is getting a thumbs-down from the cities' fire chiefs, who have too many unanswered questions.

**[Great Lakes Compact Gets Ohio OK](#)** (Akron Beacon Journal, June 11, 2008) After a two-year hold-up, state lawmakers Tuesday moved to make Ohio the sixth state to approve an agreement to protect the Great Lakes.

**[Local Home Sales Continue to Slide](#)** (Toledo Blade, June 11, 2008) May brought no respite this year for northwest Ohio's beleaguered housing industry, newly released figures show.

**[Citizens Hear Wind Turbine Details During C.A.R.E Meeting](#)** (Urbana Daily Citizen, June 12, 2008) Residents heard from a state representative and two wind energy developers informing them of Senate Bill 221, which deals with renewable energy, and Chicago, Ill. based wind developer Invenenergy's plans for a Champaign County wind project.

**[County Approves Park Land Funding](#)** (Youngstown Vindicator, June 14, 2008) A plan to preserve land near Beaver Creek State Park topped a regional bid for state money.

**[Editorial: Legislative Bargain on Cuyahoga County Reform Seems an Improvement](#)** (The Plain Dealer, June 15, 2008) Quarterbacked by House Speaker Jon Husted, the General Assembly has fashioned a constructive compromise that could reform Cuyahoga County government.

**[Abandoned Homes Distressing](#)** (Cincinnati Enquirer, June 16, 2008) Untended eyesores hurt local values as the surge in foreclosures has led to a surge in complaints about vacant properties.

**[Question of the Week: Are you ready to share your city's taxes with other communities?](#)** (Sun Newspapers, June 12, 2008) Regionalism has been a

hot topic for quite a while, but now it may become more than just a subject of discussion. See what readers had to say.

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