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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.

News From Around Ohio

[Cleveland Collects \\$22 Million from Developers](#)

(The Plain Dealer, June 24, 2008) Cleveland has collected more than \$22 million from developers who took advantage of a discount to pay off city loans early.

[Local Jobless Rate Rises](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, June 24, 2008) The Cincinnati region's unemployment rate jumped to 5.1 percent in May, according to data released today by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

[Law Would Let Counties Accept Foreclosed Properties](#) (Dayton Daily News, June 24, 2008) A proposal to make it easier for the counties to take control of foreclosed properties is being touted by Cuyahoga County Treasurer James Rokakis, who visited Dayton to talk about the idea to community leaders.

[City of Cleveland Battles Poverty, Exodus](#) (Toledo Blade, June 24, 2008) Like Toledo, Cleveland is struggling to map its revival as it struggles with population loss and poverty.

[Restoration in Akron Draws Mixed Reviews](#) (Toledo Blade, June 24, 2008) Akron's mayor has made downtown restoration a top goal. Over the last 15 years, government and private investors have pumped \$1 billion into projects ranging from a new building for the art museum and main library to restoration of

historic office buildings.

[Wind Moratorium Moves Forward](#) (Bellefontaine Examiner, June 25, 2008) Jefferson Township is moving forward with a proposed building ban on wind turbines despite an opinion from Logan County Prosecutor Gerald Heaton that it would only affect the smallest of proposed wind developments.

[Mediation Available to Ward Off Foreclosure](#) (The Plain Dealer, June 25, 2008) Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court is instituting a new mediation program to help some property owners and lenders work out solutions after a foreclosure lawsuit has been filed.

[Editorial: Letting Ted by Ted](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, June 27, 2008) The governor deserves room to mobilize his forces to repair school funding. He also should not lose sight of the goal he has set.

[Commissioners OK Abatement](#) (Youngstown Vindicator, June 27, 2008) Trumbull County commissioners have approved a 75 percent tax abatement will allow J.A. McMahon Inc. of Niles to construct a \$1.6 million to \$1.8 million addition.

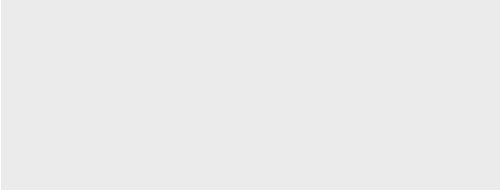
[Ohio Free's Up \\$4 for Cleveland's Opportunity Corridor](#) (The Plain Dealer, June 27, 2008) The proposed stretch between Interstate 490 and University Circle should be a top state priority, said Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher.

[Editorial: Cities Need Power to Clear Out Blight](#) (Dayton Daily News, June 29, 2008) A proposal headed to the state legislature is designed to give cities tools with which to at least try to clear the blight and, maybe in the future, start redeveloping abandoned properties.

[Summit Gets New Economic Development Chief](#) (Akron Beacon Journal, June 30, 2008) Connie Krauss, vice president of government affairs for the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce since 2004, is replacing current director Patrick D'Andrea.

[Editorial: And Then What?](#) (Columbus Dispatch, June 30, 2008) Ohio House Republicans who want to eliminate the state income tax should explain how they would fill a \$9.1 billion hole in the annual budget. The tax supplies 43 percent of all state revenues.

[Funding Amendment Group Suspends Efforts](#) (The



Western Star, June 30, 2008) The consortium behind a proposed amendment to address school funding woes has suspended its efforts after nearly 15 months of work, according to a newsletter from the Ohio School Boards Association.

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