

# **Middle East Fork Balanced Growth Project**

Partners in Clermont County are developing a Balanced Growth land use plan for the Middle East Fork Watershed, a 56 mi<sup>2</sup> sub-watershed of the East Fork Little Miami River Watershed located in the heart of Batavia. Balanced Growth is a voluntary, incentive-based strategy to protect and restore Ohio's watersheds to assure long-term economic competitiveness, ecological health, and quality of life. The program is designed to provide a planning framework for coordinated, regional decision-making to help urbanizing communities manage growth and conservation of important natural resources. A group of key stakeholders has been formed to oversee the development of the plan which will take place over the next 18 months. Three public meetings have been scheduled for 2010 to present the goals of the Balanced Growth project and provide an opportunity for additional stakeholders to participate in the planning process. The first public meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2010 from 6-8 p.m. at the Batavia Township Administration Building (1535 Clough Pike). For more information, please contact the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District at 513-732-7075, or visit the SWCD website at: <http://www.clermontswcd.org>.