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2010 OHIO STORMWATER CONFERENCE

SANDUSKY – Municipal and county engineers, service directors, watershed planners, environmental educators and other professionals from across Ohio and neighboring states will take part in a three-day conference addressing stormwater and water quality concerns across Ohio and the region. The conference is planned for June 9-11, 2010, at the Kalahari Resort and Conference center, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

As some communities in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky currently experience flood advisories and warnings following snowmelt and recent precipitation, people are reminded that how and where development occurs continues to affect the impact of stormwater runoff in the region. Historically communities experience increased flooding as development has prevented rain and snowfall from being absorbed into the ground and caused greater runoff. Also many of the region's first communities were planted very near to rivers and their floodplains making them prone to flood damage. Besides flooding concerns, local communities now wrestle with the task of preventing pollution and the degrading of streams, rivers and other water resources, as they have become very connected to roads and other developed areas.

The Ohio Stormwater Association and the Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners, hosts of the conference invite professionals others concerned with storm water issues to attend the conference. The 300 to 400 plus attendees typically include engineers, consultants, watershed organizations, governmental organizations, academic faculty and students, elected officials, and concerned citizens. The conference is an opportunity to become better educated about problems associated with storm water as well as potential solutions and management approaches.

For more information, contact Harry Stark, Conference Co-chair, at (216) 385-5248, or at harrystark@yahoo.com. Information regarding registration and speakers can be found at <http://www.ohioswa.com/>.

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