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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

[Ohio Innovation Summit begin at convention center](#) (Dayton Daily News, April 19, 2009) The Ohio Innovation Summit is expected to draw an estimated 500 academic, government and industry workers to the Dayton Convention Center starting today, April 20, through Thursday, April 23.

[Suburbs give public lands a natural look](#) (Columbus Dispatch, April 20, 2009) When suburbs emerged in the 1950s and '60s, "green" meant well-manicured lawns and grassy expanses of public parks. But the cost to maintain those public areas has changed, inspiring some suburbanites and their governments to change the way they manage the land.

[City's ex-mayors see much progress](#) (Cincinnati Enquirer, April 15, 2009) Though their public service spanned five decades, the eight former Cincinnati mayors who gathered at Xavier University last night grappled with many of the same problems: race relations, parochialism, development.

[Experts anticipate south of town to be continued hot spot](#) (Dayton Business Journal, April 17, 2009) As downtown vacancies continue to rise, commercial real estate brokers expect the trend of office users moving south to increase. They said office growth in the Dayton region will be south of downtown once the \$48 million Austin Road interchange is complete.

[Residents wary of incinerator proposal](#) (Canton

Repository, April 18, 2009) Residents fear plans to produce electrical power by burning garbage in an Alliance-area neighborhood will come at a cost.

[City of Toledo starts notifying 234 workers they'll lose jobs](#)

(Toledo Blade, April 18, 2009) The Finkbeiner administration Friday began notifying 75 Toledo police officers, 17 fire civilians, and 142 general-fund workers to expect to be laid off beginning May 1.

[Editorial: Don't delay job creation in Ohio](#)

(Wheeling Intelligencer, April 18, 2009) Remember all the talk about ensuring that federal "stimulus" money goes for "shovel-ready" projects? The idea was that money sent to the states through the program should be used as soon as possible to create new jobs. Ohio is to receive \$744 million in "stimulus" funds for transportation projects. Gov. Ted Strickland wants to withhold \$57 million of that for use on studies of long-term projects.

[City is wise to consider wind turbine regulation](#)

(The Plain Dealer, April 18, 2009) Wind energy is an industry just the same, and it's wise to regulate it like any other. That's why the city of Cleveland was smart this week to consider a new zoning ordinance sponsored by City Councilmen Matt Zone and Joe Cimperman, which is aimed at regulating the size, location and appearance of land-based turbines.

[Panel: Climate action a must](#) (Toledo Blade, April 18, 2009) Ohio needs to help establish the United States as the world's leader on climate change.

[Editorial: Pluses and Minuses](#) (Newark Advocate, April 18, 2009) Ted Strickland's budget proposals could leave **Ohio** in an \$8 billion hole two years from now.

[Ohio jobless rate hit 25 year high in March](#)

(Cleveland Leader, April 18 2009) According to the latest report issued Friday from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services , Ohio's unemployment rate hit a 25-year high in March as job losses continued to mount. The unemployment rate in Ohio rose from a revised 9.5 percent in February to 9.7 percent in March, the highest rate since April 1984.

[Editorial: DHL move bring tough 'transitions'](#)

(Cincinnati Enquirer, April 19, 2009) Chris Schock and David Raizk are trying to save their town. The two act as evangelists, trying to keep the flock of skilled workers in Wilmington and surrounding Clinton Country

from moving off to greener opportunities elsewhere.

[Editorial: Proposed hospital tax a job killer](#)

(Zanesville Times Recorder, April 18, 2009) According to the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS), more than 200,000 Ohioans have lost their jobs over the past 12 months. As my colleagues and I in the Ohio House of Representatives deliberate the governor's proposed budget, House Bill 1, the question that we should all be asking is, "How will this plan help to create jobs in Ohio?"

[Editorial: NE Ohio can lead the way in helping cities turn the corner on the foreclosure crisis](#)

(The Plain Dealer, April 19, 2009) We have an excellent opportunity to demonstrate how this historic community and, indeed, Cleveland itself, can reshape its future and once again become a progressive and dynamic community.

[Editorial: Targeting training to jobs](#)

(Youngstown Vindicator, April 19, 2009) Even at times of relatively high unemployment and even in areas as hard-hit as the Mahoning Valley, there are still some companies looking for employees. The problem is not that there aren't enough willing workers, the problem is that there aren't enough properly trained workers.

[Wind farms spell future, experts says](#)

(Bucyrus Telegraph Forum, April 20, 2009) With green energy on the rise, wind turbines could bring economic development and energy efficiency to Crawford, Richland and Morrow counties.

[Editorial: Cities and suburbs need to draw the line on 'jobs sprawl'](#)

(The Plain Dealer, April 20, 2009) American cities have been oozing outward for decades. First came bedroom communities. Jobs followed, with office complexes and industrial parks and, eventually, self-contained edge cities grew. The Cleveland-Mentor-Elyria metro area has a significantly smaller share (16.2 percent) of close-in jobs than the national average.

[Editorial: Preserve Pre-K programs](#)

(Toledo Blade, April 20, 2009) Preschool programs funded by some states are in danger of becoming casualties of the recession, with long-term ramifications to the education of American children. Such cutbacks may solve immediate budget problems but canceling them comes at a high cost too.

[No gambling proposal in Dems revised state](#)

[budget](#) (Columbus Dispatch, April 20, 2009)
Democrats who control the Ohio House won't be turning to gambling to raise revenue in their revision of Gov. Ted Strickland's budget plan.

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