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Date: Thursday, October 27, 2011      Time: 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: **City of Norton Administration Building and Community Center  
4060 Columbia Woods Drive, Norton, Ohio, 44203**

**Speakers:**

- ◆ **Jennifer Zielinski, PE**-Water Resources Engineer, Biohabitats, Inc.
- ◆ **Kirby Date, AICP**, Community Planning Program, CSU, Manager, Best Local Land Use Practices, Ohio Balanced Growth Program
- ◆ **Barb Holtz**, Manager/Naturalist, Cleveland Metroparks

**8:00-8:15 a.m. Registration**

**8:15-8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions-.....Cindy Fink, Summit Soil and Water Conservation District**

**8:30-10:00 a.m. Storm water Ordinances** (Including: Overview, Checklist, Recommendations for Coventry Township & City of Norton, Models).....**Jennifer Zielinski PE**

**10:00-10:45 a.m. Development Ordinances** (Including: Overview, Checklist, Recommendations for Coventry Township & City of Norton, Models).....**Kirby Date AICP**

**10:45-11:00 a.m. Break**

**11:00-11:45 a.m. Landscape Ordinances** (Including: Overview, Checklist, Recommendations for Coventry Township & City of Norton, Models).....**Barb Holtz**

**11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Panel Discussion** (Including Questions and Answers).....**Jennifer, Kirby, Barb, Russ Arters-Admin. & Dave White PE, Norton, and George Beckham, Coventry**

Continuing Education Credits Pending-Four Hours

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**Speaker Biographies**

**Jennifer Zielinski PE**

Jennifer Zielinski, a water resources engineer with Biohabitats, has over 14 years of experience in watershed and storm water planning and policy development. She has worked with communities throughout the country on projects focusing on storm water design and retrofitting, local storm water and watershed program guidance, watershed planning upland area pollution prevention assessments, better site design, and other watershed consulting areas. Ms. Zielinski has extensive experience conducting code, ordinance, and policy reviews to improve local implementation of storm water management. Most recently, she led a review of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Code, Zoning Ordinance and Development Approval Process to identify barriers to environmentally sensitive design and to develop specific recommended code changes.

Before joining Biohabitats, Ms. Zielinski was program director at the Center for Watershed Protection (CWP), a nationally recognized non-profit that develops innovative technical guidance relating to watershed assessment and management, storm water management, NPDES regulatory compliance, and natural resource conservation. Ms. Zielinski was responsible for managing the Storm water Manager's Resource Center ([www.stormwatercenter.net](http://www.stormwatercenter.net)) as well as developing national guidance for U.S. EPA to support the NPDES MS4 storm water program. She coauthored a guidance manual on retrofitting outdated and failing storm water facilities, and was on the project teams that developed national guidance on better site design and illicit discharges.

**Kirby Date, AICP**

Kirby Date is the Program Manager of the community Planning Program, formerly the Countryside Program, housed at Cleveland State University, Levin College of Urban Affairs. Ms. Date is an Ohio registered landscape architect and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and has over 30 years of experience in the consulting and construction fields. Ms. Date's areas of expertise include development design and planning, and planning for parks, open space and environmental areas. Current projects include working with local governments across Ohio on implementation of Best Local Land Use Practices with the Ohio Balanced Growth Program. She also leads a program to assist small communities with citizen-driven, comprehensive land use planning.

**Barb Holtz**

Barb Holtz is the Manager/Naturalist for Cleveland Metroparks Look About Lodge. She has worked for Cleveland Metroparks for 26 years, serving North Chagrin Nature Center, Garfield Park Nature Center and now Look About Lodge.

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Her interest in natural landscaping began through her work as a naturalist and continues as the founder of Western Reserve Wild Ones, a chapter of Wild Ones. Barb has a B.A. from Wittenberg University in Biology and art and an M.S. in biology from UNC-Charlotte.