

GOVERNMENT IN REVIEW

ALLIANCE HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL BLACK RIVER DAY

The Lorain County Community Alliance was pleased to host the Second Annual Black River Day as part of its general business meeting on Friday, August 5, 2005. The forum was hosted by the Lorain Port Authority at the Black River Landing in Lorain.

The program featured the Ohio EPA Black River RAP Coordinator Ted Conlin who presented information about the environmental progress and concerns in the Black River watershed. Mr. Conlin reported significant good news in that one of the federally listed impairments in the East Branch has been completely removed. This is the first complete de-listing of anything on the US side of the Great Lakes.

Mr. Novak shared with members that the Lorain Port Authority is continuing to partner with stakeholders to determine the most beneficial use for the dyke disposal facility, and have discussed many options for the site. In addition, the Port continues its lobbying efforts to secure a commuter rail line connecting Cleveland and Lorain.

Ms. Cano reported the Lorain County Visitor's Bureau has formed innovative partnerships in the region as apart of a multi-faceted approach to capture tourism dollars. The Visitors Bureau also markets and promotes Lorain County through more than 96,000 pieces of literature yearly.



Alliance Chair Commissioner Betty Blair, with presenters (from left) Ohio EPA Black River RAP Coordinator Ted Conlin, Lorain Port Authority Executive Director Rick Novak and Lorain County Visitors Bureau Executive Director Pat Cano.



Save the Date!
*******October 21, 2005*******
Sixth Annual
Lorain County Community Summit
Spitzer Conference Center, 9 am