



# Top 10 Investments for Ohio’s air, land, water, and soil resources in Ohio’s Biennial Budget Bill

## Highlights from May 20, 2009 testimony by Jack Shaner, Deputy Director of Ohio Environmental Council



Public water systems oversight is up for grabs in the Budget Bill.

**1. KEEP OUR AIR & DRINKING WATER CLEAN & SAFE**  
**SUPPORT** the full Waste Disposal Fee Increase on Mixed Solid Waste and Construction and Demolition debris as proposed in the Governor’s Executive Budget.

**2. CONSERVE SOIL & WATER RESOURCES**  
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Some streams in Ohio actually run orange due to acid drainage from abandoned mine lands.

**3. KEEP WATCH ON COAL MINING**  
**SUPPORT** the Coal Extraction as proposed in the Governor’s Executive Budget and approved by the Ohio House.

**4. PROTECT NATURE & PROMOTE ONE-TANK “STAY-CATIONS” SO MORE OHIOANS CAN ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS RIGHT HERE IN OHIO**  
**SUPPORT** Ohio’s Scenic Rivers, State Parks, State Nature Preserves, State Forests, State Wildlife Areas, and State Historic Sites and associated funding, as proposed in the Governor’s Executive Budget and approved by the Ohio House.



For many citizens, the bus is their only transportation option. By 2025, one in every five Americans will be over age 65—and wanting more transit.

**5. HELP OHIOANS GET TO WORK**  
**SUPPORT** the Public Transportation subsidy, as proposed in the Governor’s Executive Budget and approved by the Ohio House.



Rail + Ohio = a win-win for business, travelers, and the environment. Lawmakers can help spur more rail development by supporting the Ohio Rail Development Commission.

## 6. HELP OHIO SHIPPERS MOVE FREIGHT USING LESS ENERGY

**SUPPORT** rail infrastructure improvements through the Ohio Rail Development Commission, as proposed in the Governor's Executive Budget and approved by the Ohio House.

## 7. SHIFT THE COST OF E-CHECK FROM GENERAL TAXPAYERS TO OHIO MOTORISTS.

**SUPPORT** the Tire Fee as proposed in the Governor's Executive Budget.



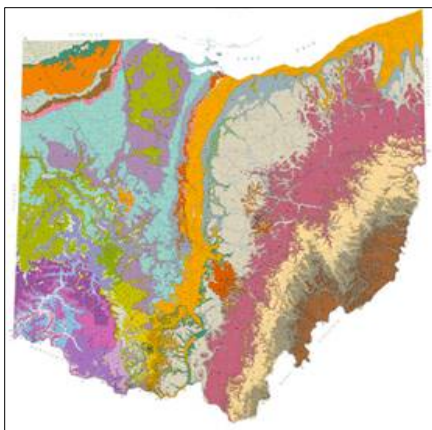
Funding E-Check through a fee on tire sales would free up \$29.2 M for the Biennium.

## 8. KEEP OUR FOOD SAFE AND LIVESTOCK FACILITIES INSPECTED.

**SUPPORT** ODA's Food Safety program funding and fees and animal feeding facility licensing and inspection, as proposed in the Governor's Executive Budget and approved by the Ohio House.

## 9. HELP ASSURE TIMELY REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT APPEALS.

**SUPPORT** the Environmental Review Appeals Commission's budget, as approved by the Ohio House.



Ohio can pioneer carbon capture and storage or it can try to play catch up. The time is ripe to invest in the Ohio Geological Survey.

## 10. INVEST IN OHIO'S ENERGY FUTURE AND WISE USE OF UNDERGROUND RESOURCES.

**SUPPORT** the Ohio Geological Survey, as proposed in the Governor's Executive Budget and approved by the Ohio House.