

9th Annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit

BONDING OHIO TOGETHER

August 8, 2008

RE: Sponsorship Opportunity for the 9th Annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit

Dear Potential Sponsor:

Greetings! On behalf of the 2008 annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit Planning Committee I would like to share an opportunity for you and organization to take part in the largest statewide gathering dedicated to farmland protection in the nation! By becoming a Summit Sponsor, your financial assistance will enable the Summit to continue to be a success. Last year brought together a record number of over 260 farmers, environmental advocates, public officials, and agency personnel from around the state. We are proud to have planning underway for the Summit's ninth year and are asking for your financial support and participation.

The 9th annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit is set for Thursday, October 2, 2008 themed *Bonding Ohio Together*. The Clean Ohio Fund's renewal will be a focus of the gathering in addition to an exciting array of breakout sessions on topics ranging from landowner basics, statewide land-use policies, creative funding sources, and agriculture in the local economy, just to name a few. The summit keynote speaker is David Kline, farmer, Amish minister, author and publisher of Farming magazine. Other highlighted speakers include leaders from successful township, county and nonprofit programs (both in and outside of Ohio) who will provide examples of creative collaboration strategies. The summit will take place at a new location, the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on OSU's campus. There will also be exhibition space and a lunch featuring Ohio foods. Please refer to the Summit brochure or website for more details, <http://cffpi.osu.edu/summit08.htm>.

This year, three levels of sponsorship are being offered which include complimentary registration, display space, and acknowledgement of sponsorship at the Summit through the website and within select Summit materials. Please return the sponsorship form by **September 17, 2008**.

We look forward to your support and participation in the ninth annual Ohio Farmland Preservation Summit! If you have any questions regarding this sponsorship opportunity or the Summit, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Farmland Preservation at 614-728-6210.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Summit Planning Committee

Summit Planning Committee Organizations: *Agriculture & Resource Law Program, Ohio State University; American Farmland Trust Ohio Field Office; Center for Farmland Policy Innovation, Ohio State University; The Farmland Center; Office of Farmland Preservation, Ohio Department of Agriculture; Otterbein College; and Tecumseh Land Trust*