

CITY OF KENT

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT (E-3) PROGRAM

The City of Kent developed the Environmental and Economic Enhancement (E-3) program to promote the health and safety of Kent residents and their environment and to facilitate the maintenance and sustainable growth of the City's economic base.

Through the E-3 Program the City hopes to improve the quality of life for residents and support a sustainable standard of living. To this end, the E-3 program will address issues of social equity, citizen involvement, and neighborhood interaction. The E-3 program also encourages environmentally friendly behavior, which includes implementing green building practices, reducing waste, and protecting local water supplies.

To achieve the E-3 goals we must:

- Promote the health and safety of the residents of the City of Kent by:
 - Eliminating environmental threats that may impact the health and safety of the residents of, and visitors to, the City of Kent; and
 - Preserving and enhancing the community's natural and historic features (Cuyahoga River, Central Business District, open-space, parks and recreation areas).
- Facilitate the maintenance and growth of the City's economic base, through
 - Supporting the creation of new, and retention of existing employment opportunities;
 - Facilitating the redevelopment of downtown Kent;
 - Promoting infill development of underutilized areas within the City;
 - Expanding and diversifying the City's existing industrial and technological base; and
 - Promoting the reuse of existing commercial and industrial buildings, and lands within the City.
- Promote sustainable economic development in the City and surrounding areas, by
 - Curbing urban sprawl through the reuse of underutilized resources, and encouraging compact development;
 - More fully utilizing the existing public utility infrastructure networks; and
 - Supporting and sustaining existing local businesses.