Energize Ohio: Building Ohio’s Energy Future

Purpose
Energize Ohio is a multidisciplinary program that addresses a wide range of energy education needs including youth education, energy policy, landowner leasing, and sustainable community planning. The curriculum consists of worksheets, presentation materials, workshop materials, bulletins, fact sheets, marketing templates, and evaluation tools. The ultimate goal of Energize Ohio is to enhance community leaders’ and local residents’ knowledge of energy drivers and development in order to promote informed decision-making and best practices.

Impact
In 2012, OSU Extension taught more than 1,000 Ohioans how to prepare for and attract potential renewable energy developments.

In 2012, OSU Extension and the OSU Subsurface Energy Resource Center (SERC) conducted 149 programs, reaching more than 14,000 people, on shale energy-related topics.

Programming assisted community leaders in the development of three renewable energy projects that will annually pay over $2.9 million to landowners and generate $3.6 million in local taxes.