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Youngstown 2010 Moving Ahead program on Oct. 5 discusses community collaboration

*Deputy mayor of Kentucky's Louisville Metro
Government is special guest*

Kent, Ohio — Sept. 22, 2006 — Cutting costs, sharing services and sponsoring joint projects are some of the results occurring nationwide as local governments cooperate more closely with one another. How this concept relates to northeast Ohio is examined in the next **Youngstown 2010 Moving Ahead: A Forum for Reporting Progress** program.

Community members are invited to attend the program, **Regionalism: What Is It and Can It Work Here?** It will be held on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at Youngstown State University in the Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. Free parking is available in the Wick Ave. parking deck. Attendees are asked to arrive no later than 6 p.m. so that taping of the program can begin promptly.

To assure that adequate seating is available, reservations are required by sending an e-mail to 2010@wneo.org and including the names of those who are attending.

Special guest Joan Riehm, deputy mayor of Louisville Metro Government, will describe local government cooperation examples across the U.S., and talk about the lessons that Louisville has learned from merging its city and county governments. Afterward, audience members will be invited to ask questions about the presentation.

The program will simulcast on PBS 45 & 49 and WYSU-FM on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. It will air again on PBS 45 & 49 on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. Vince Bevacqua, co-anchor/reporter for 33 News-WYTV and co-host of "For the People" on MyYTV, is program host.

"PBS 45 & 49 invited more than 325 elected and appointed officials from Mahoning and Trumbull counties to attend this program," said Jeremiah Blaylock, producer. "We hope they and community members will attend and ask questions about this timely and important topic."

This is the 14th program produced by PBS 45 & 49 in this series, which has previously discussed race relations, the arts, neighborhoods and shrinking cities. This program is produced in conjunction with The Business-Led Development Group for Mahoning Valley, and the **Youngstown 2010 Moving Ahead** series is supported by the Tony Lariccia family.

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