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Shale Energy in Ohio

OSU Extension's Shale Education Program (<http://shalegas.osu.edu>) provides objective, research-based resources to the landowners and communities impacted by the increasing shale development activity in Ohio. Extension educators collaborate with Ohio State's Subsurface Energy Resource Center, the Department of Natural Resources, and other organizations to gain expertise, identify issues, develop research projects, and provide outreach education on shale development.

Project Essentials

- The Shale Education Program provides resources on shale development, oil and gas leasing, financial implications, wealth management, community issues, water testing, and pipeline construction.
- Extension educators speak for meetings and conferences and host a daylong Shale and You Workshop.
- In its first two years, the program reached over 14,000 landowners, local officials, community members, and professionals.



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"We got offered a lease, but I wasn't comfortable with it. A paralegal told me to contact Extension, and I got in contact with Steve Schumacher. He set the matter straight. As an outside person who doesn't have a stake in this game, his word had a lot of influence. It made all the difference in the world."

—Fred Schwarz, who is now forming a landowners group in Licking County



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