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Green Energy Ohio Tour FREE & Open to Public GEO's Big Tour Moves to Spring for First Time 12 Guided Tours Across Ohio & Over 85 Tour Sites

Green Energy Ohio (GEO), the non-profit renewable energy advocate, will showcase clean energy and green design in local area tours on Friday, June 3, Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5, 2016. This 14th statewide GEO Tour event features over 85 Tour sites holding open houses with installed solar, wind, energy efficiency and other green energy technologies. The GEO Tour has 19 Sponsors across 27 Ohio counties. Green Energy Ohio has featured over 800 tour sites across 66 of Ohio's 88 counties over the past 13 years.

The **Tour is FREE to the public** during designated times which are posted at the GEO web site: www.greenenergyohio.org/ost. Visitors can choose from local sites and create a tour that is convenient to their personal schedules. Open house times on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 3, 4 & 5 are listed by region of Ohio.

Guided Tours are also being organized in Akron, Athens, Cincinnati, Delaware, East of Cleveland, Medina, Holmes County, Minster, Oberlin, Springfield, Stark County and Wayne County. The Guided Tours are on Saturday, June 4, and some require reservations (see the GEO web site for more details). The full-color, 48-page edition of the **Spring 2016 GEO News Magazine** is available to attendees on the Guided Tours featuring most of the Tour sites.

"The free GEO Tour is a great opportunity for Ohioans to learn first-hand about the latest in solar, wind, biomass and energy efficiency," Bill Spratley, GEO Executive Director, said. "As federal tax incentives were extended at the end of 2015 and solar prices are at record lows, now is the time to start acting to install solar as well as other cost-saving green technologies."

The 19 Sponsors of the 2015 Green Energy Ohio Tour also featured in the *GEO News Magazine* are:

Featured Tour Sponsors: Ecohouse Solar, YellowLite, Design Energy, SolarMax, Dayton Power & Light, Third Sun Solar, Hecate Energy, Icon Solar, Dovetail Solar & Wind and Wind Turbines of Ohio.

Supporting Sponsors: Akron Zoo, Ohio Solar Electric, LLC, Decker Homes, Solar Vision, Turner Foundation, A Renewable America, Everpower, and Modern Energy. The GEO Tour is part of the American Solar Energy Society's (ASES) National Solar Tour.

List of 12 Guided Tours Across Ohio on June 4 (See GEO Tour web site for individual Tour sites)

NORTHEAST OHIO GUIDED TOURS (7)

EAST OF CLEVELAND GUIDED/BUS TOUR (8 sites)

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (optional guided tour of Lake Metroparks Farmpark from 3:30 to 4:00 pm)

Kick-off at: Lake Metroparks Farmpark, 8800 Euclid-Chardon Rd, Kirtland, Ohio

Call Valerie for reservations at 440-231-0842

MEDINA COUNTY GUIDED TOUR

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 9:00 am

Kick-off at: Wolff Bros Supply, 6078 Wolff Rd, Medina, Ohio

Reservations are not required for this Tour

GREATER AKRON GUIDED TOUR (5 sites)

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Kick-off at: Akron Zoo, 500 Edgewood Ave, Akron, Ohio

Reservations are required (see GEO web site for details).

OBERLIN GUIDED TOUR (5 sites)

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Kick-off at: Adam Joseph Lewis Center, 122 Elm St, Oberlin, Ohio

Register at geooberlin2016.eventbrite.com

STARK COUNTY GUIDED TOUR & Climate/Solar PV Workshop (4 sites & workshop)

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 9:15 am to 4:00 pm

Kick-off at: McKinley Presidential Library & Museum at 800 McKinley Monument Dr NW, Canton, Ohio

Reservations required. Call Lynette at McKinley Museum for reservations at 330-455-7043 or register online at 2016starkcountytour.eventbrite.com

WAYNE COUNTY GUIDED TOUR & Climate/Solar PV Workshop (5 sites & workshop)

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 9:15 am to 4:00 pm

Kick-off at: Christ United Church of Christ at 301 North Main St, Orrville, Ohio

Reservations required. Call Stuart at 234-249-4399 or register online at 2016waynecountytour.eventbrite.com

HOLMES COUNTY GUIDED TOUR & Climate/Solar PV Workshop (4 sites & workshop)

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 9:15 am to 4:00 pm

Kick-off at: Heritage Community Center at 3558 US-62, Millersburg, Ohio

Reservations required. Call Tobie at Trail Battery & Solar at 330-893-7033 or register online at 2016holmescountytour.eventbrite.com

NORTHWEST OHIO GUIDED TOUR (1)

MINSTER 4.3 MW SOLAR/7 MW STORAGE PROJECT (1 site)

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: 2768 Minster Fort Recovery Rd, Minster, Ohio

No reservations necessary for this Tour

CENTRAL OHIO GUIDED TOUR (1)

DELAWARE SOLAR CO-OP SPONSORED GUIDED TOUR (5 sites)

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Kick-off at: Fox-Lynd Residence at 1401 Curve Rd, Delaware, Ohio

Reservations are not required for this Tour

SOUTHEAST OHIO GUIDED TOUR (1)

ATHENS COUNTY SELF-GUIDED TOUR (4 sites)

Note that this is NOT a guided, but a self-guided Tour of sites that are within close proximity in Athens, Ohio. Four locations are available to tour during their normal business hours (sites are identified with an asterisk below; dates and time vary for each site – check the GEO web site for more information).

Reservations are not required for this Tour

SOUTHWEST OHIO GUIDED TOURS (2)

CINCINNATI COMMUNITY FRIENDS MEETING (1 site)

Saturday, June 4, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location: Community Friends Meeting at 3960 Winding Way, Cincinnati, Ohio

Help us celebrate the success of the GCEA Solarize Cincinnati program with a dose of sunshine! There will be food and fun for the whole family along with information about going solar and a great view of the newly installed solar array at the Community Friends Meeting!

SPRINGFIELD SOUTHWESTERN GUIDED TOUR (6 sites)

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Kick-off at: Westcott Solar House at 85 South Greenmount Ave, Springfield, Ohio

Reservations are not required for this Tour

ABOUT GREEN ENERGY OHIO - GEO is a 16 year-old, statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting economically and environmentally sustainable Ohio energy policies and practices. Conducting a statewide, *Ohio Green Energy Policy Conference* at Ohio State University in Columbus on April 7, 2016, the next statewide GEO Conference will be August 25, 2016 at the Stone Ridge Golf Club in Bowling Green, Ohio titled: *Building Big Solar Across Ohio*. See more at www.greenenergyohio.org.

GEO is the Ohio Chapter of the **American Solar Energy Society**. ASES leads national efforts to promote solar energy education, public outreach, and advocacy, see more at www.ases.org.

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