A Regional Approach to Land Conservancy Richard Cochran at The City Club of Cleveland

ident and CEO of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, will speak on the topic "Our Regional Vision: Preserving the Land of the Western Reserve" at noon on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at The City Club of Cleveland.

On December 31, 2005, eight land conservancies operating in Northeast Ohio voluntarily merged to create the Western Reserve Land Conservancy (WRLC) in what many consider a practical example of regionalism in action. WRLC's goal is to create a vast network of preserved land-natural areas, working farms, urban parks, lakeshores, and trail corridors. How will this vision benefit all of the region's 4.2 million residents and generations to come? What will be its positive ecological effects, and will WRLC's environmental focus hinder or help economic development initiatives?

In March 1996, Cochran was hired as Chagrin River Land Conservancy's first employee and its executive director. When the Chagrin River Land Conservancy merged with other local land conservancies to form WRLC, Cochran was named

CLEVELAND, OH-Richard Cochran, pres- to head this largest ever merger of land trusts. WRLC is led by a staff of 21 employees and 34 volunteer trustees, and is considered one of the top twenty-five conservation organizations in the United States. WRLC serves fourteen counties, more than four million people, and more than four million acres of land.

> Since 1996, the land trusts that merged to form WRLC have preserved almost 9,000 acres valued at more than \$100 million. They pioneered several conservation strategies during that time, including a conservation planning technique called the Anchor Methodology, a Conservation Buyer Program, and a Public Land Program that generates more than \$10 million of revenue each year.

> Tickets for this City Club Special Program are \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. Lunch is included. Reservations are required at least 24

hours in advance of the event. They can be purchased by calling The City Club 216.621.0082 or visiting the website at www.cityclub.org.



Strong Tax Revenue Growth Puts Government On Track For Lower Deficit This Year

Federal Deficit Running Well Below Last Year's Pace. "The federal deficit through May is running well below last year's pace, helped by strong growth in rev enues, the Treasury Department reported Monday. Through the first eight months of the budget year, the deficit totaled \$227 billion, down 16.7 percent from the same period in 2005, when the red ink totaled \$272.3 (Martin Crutsinger, "Federal billion." Deficit Shows Improvement,"

Government "On Track To Turn In A Substantially Smaller Deficit This Year Than Last Year." "The \$227 billion total deficit for the past eight months puts the government on track to turn in a substantially smaller deficit this year than last year, when the red ink totaled \$319 billion for the full year, the third-highest amount of red ink in dollar terms. The record deficit was \$413 billion set in 2004." (Martin Crutsinger, "Federal Deficit Shows Improvement,"

Smaller Deficit Reflects "Significant

Increases In Tax Revenues, Reflecting The Strong Economy."? "The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting that this year's deficit will be around \$300 billion, significantly below a previous estimate of \$350 billion, reflecting significant increases in tax revenues, reflecting the strong economy." (Martin Crutsinger, "Federal Deficit Shows

Government Revenues Up 12.9 Percent From A Year Ago. "Through the first eight months of the current budget year, which began on Oct. 1, government revenues have totaled \$1.545 trillion, up 12.9 percent from a year ago." (Martin Crutsinger, "Federal Deficit Shows Improvement,"

Government Spending Increasing At A Slower Pace. "Government spending is also up but at a slower pace, rising by 8 percent to \$1.772 trillion, compared to the same eight months in the 2005 budget year." (Martin Crutsinger, "Federal Deficit Shows Improvement,"

OCA Commends Wen Ho Lee Privacy Lawsuit Settlement

Lee's privacy lawsuit on June 2, 2006. Dr. Lee was fired from his job at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, under a cloud of suspicion for espionage, which had been leaked by government officials to various news agencies. Though Dr. Lee was never charged with espionage, he was held in solitary confinement for 9 months, allowed only limited contact with his family. The Asian Pacific American community rallied in support of due process and fair treatment for Dr. Wen Ho Lee during his incarceration. Dr. Lee was ultimately never charged with espionage and received a full apology from the judge presid-

Dr. Lee sued the Department of Energy and Department of Justice for violating his privacy by leaking information that he was under investigation as a spy for China and will re-

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Washington, DC ☐ OCA commends the ceive \$895,000 from the government. He will agreement between Dr. Wen Ho Lee and the also receive \$750,000 from the Associated government and 5 news organizations to settle Press, The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post and ABC, marking a landmark settlement with such media

> "This settlement sends a strong message that an individual's right to privacy and due process are inherent rights, and ones that should be respected and protected," said OCA National President Ginny Gong. "While justice was delayed, OCA is pleased to see that Dr. Lee and his family are finally vindicated and can find some closure.'

> OCA Executive Director Dorothy Wong commented, "The payment to Wen Ho Lee by the five news organizations is unusual and unprecedented. OCA hopes this sends a strong message to news media and the government that the fervor around national security cannot justify racial profiling or the invasion of a person's privacy rights.'

CIM Needs Your Help to End the Year on a Positive Note!

June 30th Matching Challenge Deadline Approaching!

To assure that CIM ends its fiscal year on a positive note, two CIM trustees have offered a special Annual Fund Matching Challenge to match dollar for dollar any gifts or pledges made to the 2005-2006 Annual Fund between May 1st and June 30th, up to a total of \$40,000.

Charles Marston, Chairman of CIM's Development Committee, commented, it is especially important, during our building expansion, to maintain the strength of our Annual Fund. The Annual Fund fuels student scholarships, our free concert series and our community outreach. We need the community's ongoing support of the Annual Fund so that our programs remain strong during this exciting period in CIM's history.

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