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4th International EcoSummit Showcases Ohio's Ecological Diversity

COLUMBUS, Ohio (October 3, 2012) – For the first time in North America, [EcoSummit 2012](#) mobilized more than 1,500 scientists, economists and corporate leaders from 75 countries to showcase the vast ecological diversity within Ohio.

Top Headlines from Day Three of EcoSummit 2012: Wednesday, October 3, 2012

1. More than 1,000 delegates from across the country attended 30 regional field trips showcasing the vast ecological diversity within Ohio. Visit the [EcoSummit 2012 Facebook page](#) for picture galleries.
2. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) hosted its [Summit on Sustainability](#). This event helped small and mid-sized business owners learn how to use renewable energy and local food systems to create sustainable business practices. Visit www.morpc.org to learn more.

Top Upcoming Highlights from Day Four of EcoSummit 2012: Thursday, October 4, 2012

1. Ecology and economy are more closely intertwined than most people think. [Lester Brown](#), founder of the Earth Policy Institute, explains how climate change could create economic calamity unless immediate action is taken.
2. The recent draught highlighted global food security issues that could impact billions worldwide. [Ohio State University Professor Rattan Lal](#) showcases solutions in the soil that can help combat global climate change.
3. [The President of Iceland, Olafur Ragnar Grimsson](#), visits EcoSummit 2012 to discuss the international dialogue on renewable energy and climate change.
4. Elinor Ostrom was a global thought leader in the study of collective action and community-based governance of natural resources. While this Nobel Prize winner passed away in June, her thought leadership continues. A panel of Ostrom's former students and colleagues shares insights about her research agenda and its legacy on the study of environmental systems.

About EcoSummit 2012:

EcoSummit 2012 brings together the world's most respected minds in ecological science to discuss restoring the planet's ecosystems. More than 1,500 delegates from 75 countries convened in Columbus, Ohio, USA to see 10 plenary presentations and 600 invited presentations in 65 symposia from around the world. Complete conference details are available at www.ecosummit2012.org. Follow the conference on Twitter with the hashtag #EcoSummit2012. Photo galleries are available at the [EcoSummit 2012 Facebook page](#).