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## **October 2-3, 2010 – Annual Ohio Solar Tour.**

Green Energy Ohio welcomes the annual **2010 Ohio Solar Tour!** Green Energy Ohio is the Ohio Chapter of the American Solar Energy Society (ASES), and GEO's 8th Annual Ohio Solar Tour is part of the National Solar Tour managed by ASES. This **FREE** statewide event on **October 2 & 3** provides the unique opportunity for people to visit hundreds of Open House Sites and talk with owners living and working with clean energy technologies.

"The economic benefits of investing in clean energy technologies have never been better. Learn how friends and neighbors are combating rising energy costs, slashing utility bills, reaping rich cash incentives and big new tax credits. Visit an Ohio farm powered by wind, a home heated and cooled by ground source heat pumps, a commercial building supplemented by solar electricity, or a school with a 'living-machine' and LEED certified dorms. Alternative energy solutions can be found in all 88 Ohio counties...learn about opportunities for all Ohioans to invest in a brighter, cleaner future by joining Green Energy Ohio during the 8th annual Ohio Solar Tour, Saturday and Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>."

**How to Participate:** Visit the Ohio Solar Tour Welcome Page on the GEO website ([www.GreenEnergyOhio.org](http://www.GreenEnergyOhio.org)). Read the detailed information on creating a 'self-guided tour' to open house sites (a few organized guided tours will be available as well). Once directed to the Search Page, you will be able to build your 'self-guided tour' by selecting the following criteria you are interested in: location, date & time, type of building, and type of technology. Using Google Maps, you can print a map, directions and description of each site on your 'self-guided tour.' Enjoy your clean energy journey across the Buckeye State!

**Sponsors:** Green Energy Ohio, The Ohio Department of Development, The Gund Foundation, American Electric Power, The University of Finlay, Third Sun Solar, AstrumSolar, Ameridian, Dovetial Solar & Wind, Extreme Solar and The American Solar Energy Society.

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