

## **Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority Names Pamela L. Davis to Newly Created Position of Environmental/Sustainability Manager**

### **Appointment Marks First-Ever Environmental Staff Position at Any U.S. Great Lakes Port**

Cleveland, Ohio (September 25, 2008) – The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority has tapped Pamela L. Davis for the newly created position of Environmental/Sustainability Manager, the first dedicated environmental staff position at any U.S. Great Lakes port.

Davis will spearhead the Port Authority's plans to build one of the most environmentally friendly ports on the Great Lakes. She will develop and implement the Port's natural resource management program at both its current and future sites, oversee compliance with environmental requirements and lead the Port's efforts to establish Cleveland as an environmentally sensitive region for water, air and land. Davis will also work with federal, state, and local agencies and elected officials on policy development and establish partnerships with allied groups on the development and protection of the river and lakefront.

"As a lifelong Northeast Ohio resident, I know how passionate the community is about the preservation and sustainability of Lake Erie and its other precious natural resources and I've devoted my career to addressing these critical issues," Davis said. "This position provides me with an opportunity to help lead the Port in its goal to develop a cutting-edge green port on the Great Lakes. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

One of Davis's key initiatives at the Port Authority will be to manage and implement the "Green Marine Program" for the Port of Cleveland. The Green Marine program is a voluntary bi-national program designed to strengthen the marine sector's environmental performance through a process of continuous improvement. It identifies several environmental priorities ranging from the management of aquatic invasive species, to the reduction of air emissions and greenhouse gases to the control of cargo residues.

"Widespread industry participation in the Green Marine program is an essential element in improving the overall environmental performance of our industry," commented Ray Johnston, President of the Chamber of Marine Commerce, Ottawa, Ontario. "The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority is setting a great example by dedicating people, time and resources to ensure our mission is accomplished."

Davis also plans to aggressively pursue greater collaboration and dialogue with residents of shoreline communities, environmental organizations and maritime industry partners to achieve mutual "green" objectives that will lead to lasting improvements in the quality of life for the Northeast Ohio Region. "I pride myself on reaching out to peers, colleagues and constituents... actively communicating and listening to their insights and using what I have learned to improve and enhance programs," Davis said. "I strongly believe that the ultimate success of any planning process is dependent upon public engagement and stakeholder involvement."

Adam Wasserman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, said Davis's extensive experience in managing water, land and air quality environmental

initiatives combined with her educational background in both public administration and urban planning make her the ideal choice to spearhead the Port of Cleveland's aggressive sustainability agenda.

"The eventual relocation and building of a new port from scratch provides Cleveland with an almost unprecedented historical opportunity to take a national leadership role by creating the greenest port on the Great Lakes," Wasserman said. "We're committed to making this happen. Pam's appointment underscores our plans to incorporate state-of-the-art environmental practices and policies that will set new standards for sustainability."

Davis joins the Port Authority after 11 years with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), most recently as Senior Environmental Planner. She also served as Interim Manager for the organization's Division of Environmental Planning. Before joining NOACA, she was employed as a Land Use Planner at the Lorain County Community Development Department. Her 15-year career incorporates extensive experience in water, land and air quality issues.

While at NOACA, Davis led an eight-county air quality planning process involving multiple stakeholders, including the Port Authority, Cleveland Hopkins Regional Airport, Northeast Ohio environmental organizations, regional transportation providers and the Greater Cleveland Partnership. She engaged the Port Authority to work with NOACA's Water Quality Subcommittee and Governing Board on a resolution of support for federal ballast water legislation to control invasive species, and recently began work with the Cleveland Natural History Museum to develop greenhouse gas solutions for transportation. Earlier in her career, she played a key role in the Black River Remedial Action Plan in Lorain County.

Davis holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science/Public Administration from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and a Master's degree in Urban Planning, Design and Development from Cleveland State University (CSU). She also serves as a part-time instructor; teaching Environmental Planning and Policy at CSU.

She is a member of the American Planning Association (APA) and the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), an executive committee member for the Ohio Planning Conference - Cleveland Section, and a former board member for Earth Day Coalition. Davis lives in Lakewood, Ohio.