

Franklin Township Comprehensive Plan

Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting #4

April 30th, 2024

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Franklin Township Administration Building



AGENDA



- **Introductions**
- **Meeting #3 Recap**
- **Information Sessions**
 - **Franklin Township Fire Department**
 - **Franklin Township Cemeteries Department**
- **Vision Statement Exercise**
- **Next Steps**
- **Adjournment**

INTRODUCTIONS

CAC Members, Township & RPC Staff



MEETING #3 RECAP

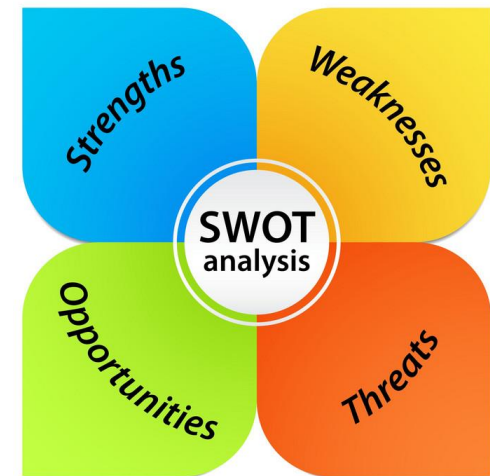
- Information Sessions

- Warren County Park District
- Five River MetroParks
- Warren County Water and Sewer



- SWOT Analysis Update

- Key Terms/Phrases Exercise



Warren County Park District



TOWNSHIP PARK OWNERSHIP

Warren County Park District

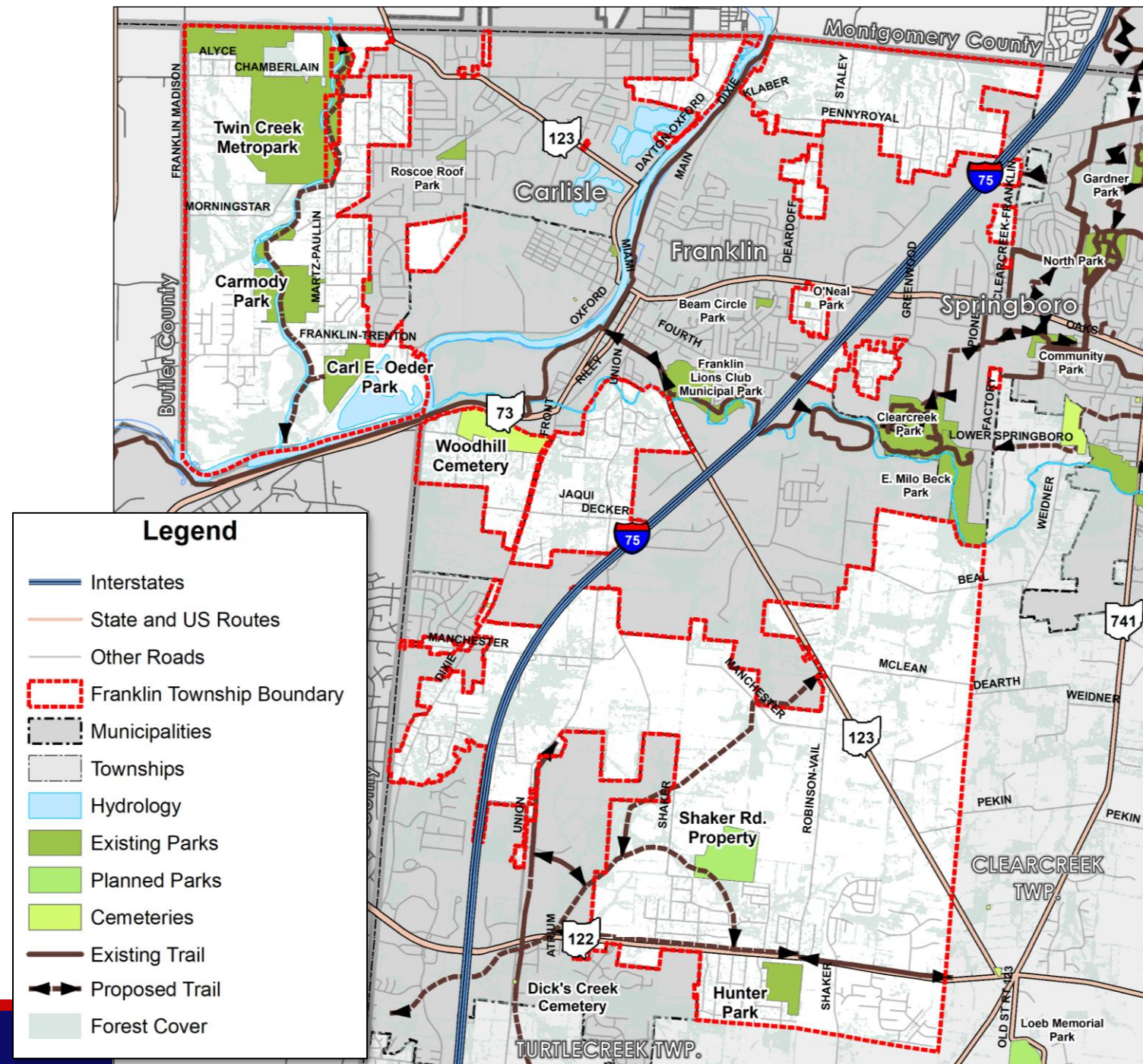
- Carmody Park
- Shaker Road Property
- Franklin Trenton Road Property
(Carl E. Oeder Park)

Franklin Township

- Hunter Park

Five River MetroParks

- Twin Creek MetroPark



Strategic Plan Process & Timeline

- Guided by a **Steering Committee** of ~20 individuals
 - Representing different geographic areas of the County
 - Representing various stakeholder groups (health, business, trails, tourism, conservation, recreation, nonprofit etc.)
- Online **surveys**
- **Open houses** across the County
- Statistically valid survey
- Now through the end of 2024



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FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Twin Valley Themes

- The Primary Nature Based Recreation Destination in Greater Dayton
- Strengthening and Protecting the Linkages and Cohesiveness of the Land Areas Associated with the Water Resources Network
- Celebrating the “Wildness” of some of the Region’s most Ecological Diverse Habitat
- Improving the Connective System of Trails to Better Link Major Assets and Accommodate Multiple Users and Experiences
- Enhancing Amenities and Major Use Areas
- Improving the Welcoming Experience



Twin Valley Program

Trails

- Hiking, Day Use & Backpacking
- Equestrian
- Mountain Bike
- Bicycling

Use Hubs

- Primary Use Area- Welcome Center at the Dam & Old Mill
- Main Park
- Outdoor Education and Recreation Center
- High View
- Camp Hook

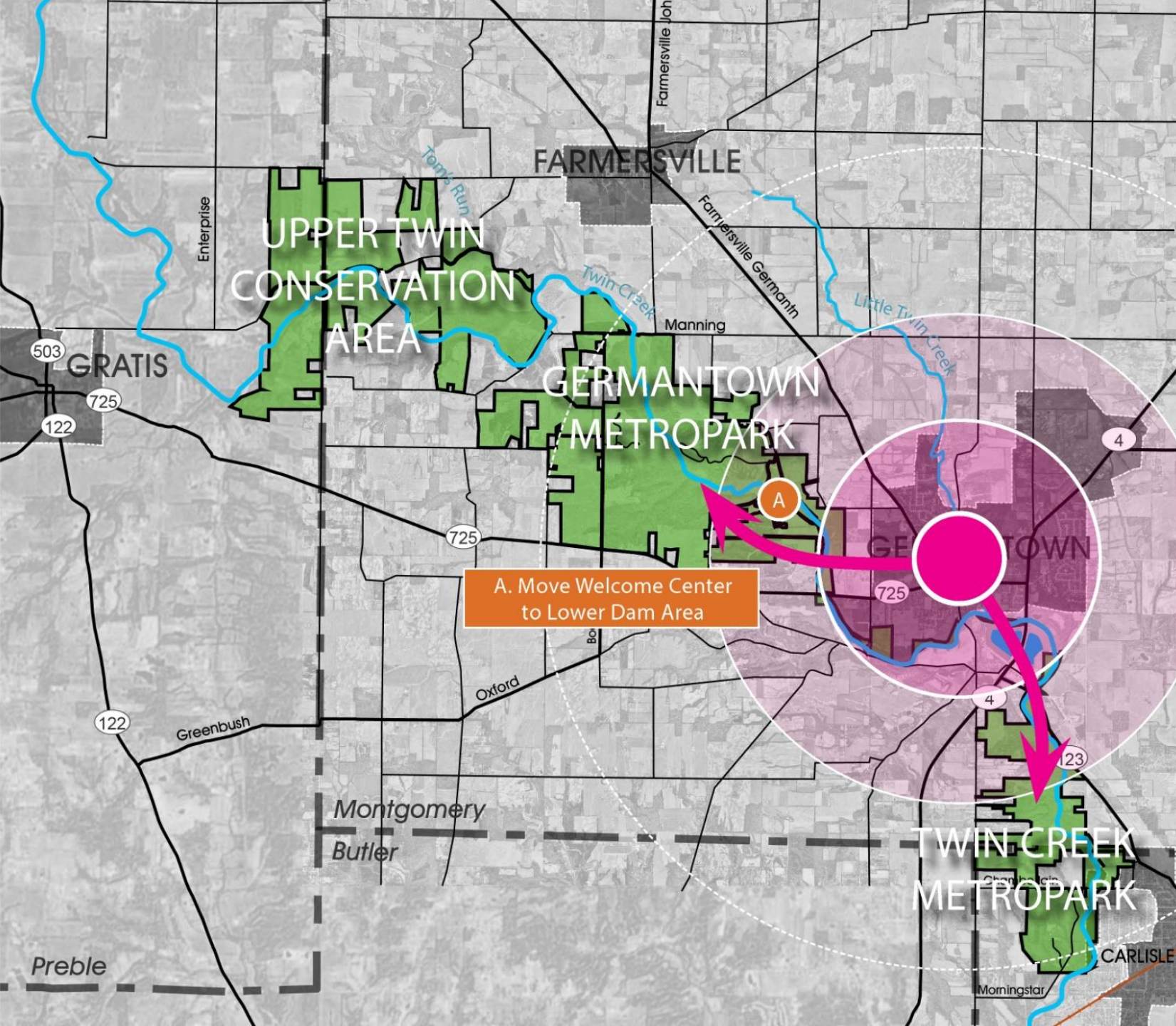
Connection to and Preservation of Nature

- Reforestation, Prairies, Additional Conservation Easements
- Nature Play
- Nature Engagement Opportunities
- Outdoor Adventure

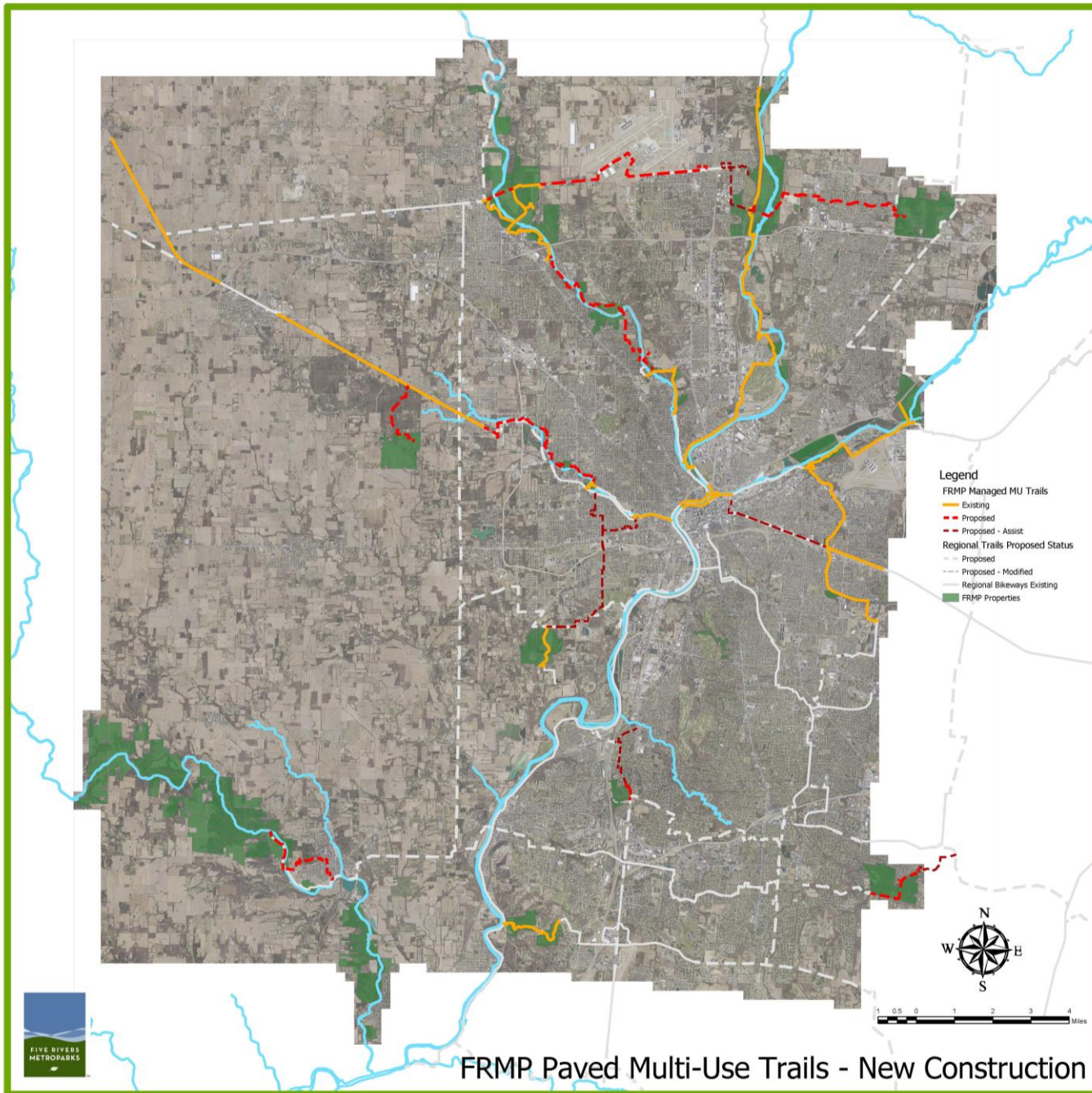


Big Idea

- Park Gateway



Multi-Use Trail New Construction



FRMP Paved Multi-Use Trails - New Construction

Legend

FRMP Managed MU Trails

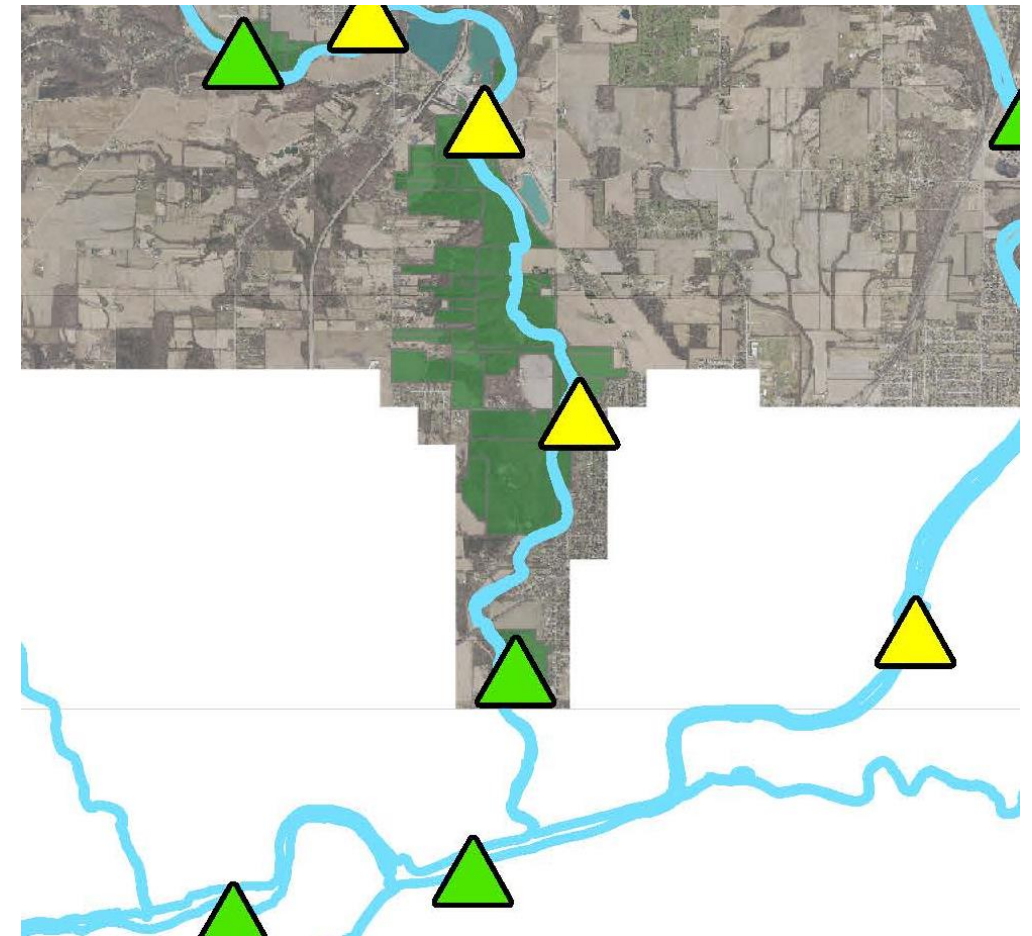
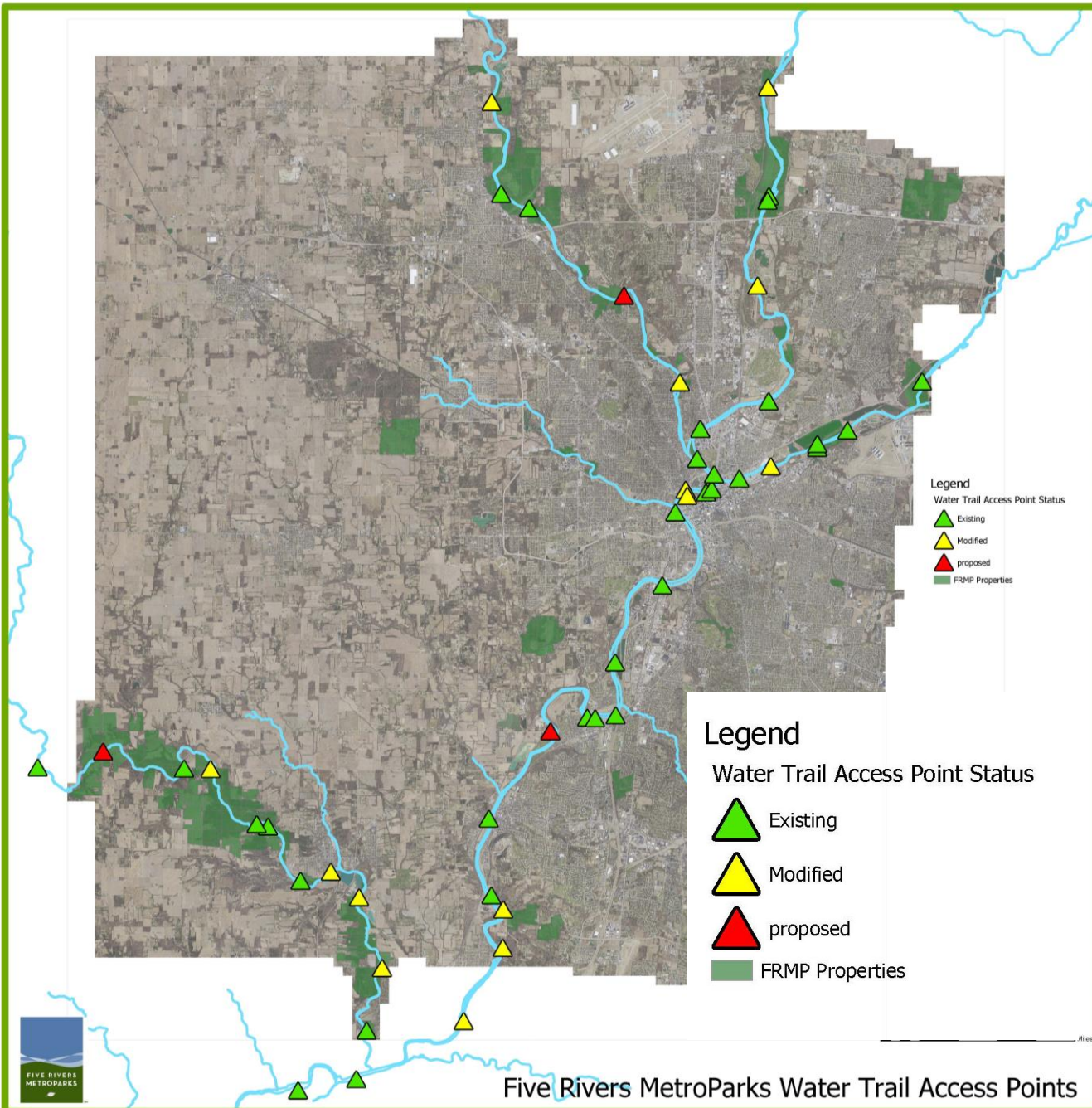
- Existing
- Proposed
- Proposed - Assist

Regional Trails Proposed Status

- Proposed
- Proposed - Modified
- Regional Bikeways Existing
- FRMP Properties



Water Trail Access Points- Status





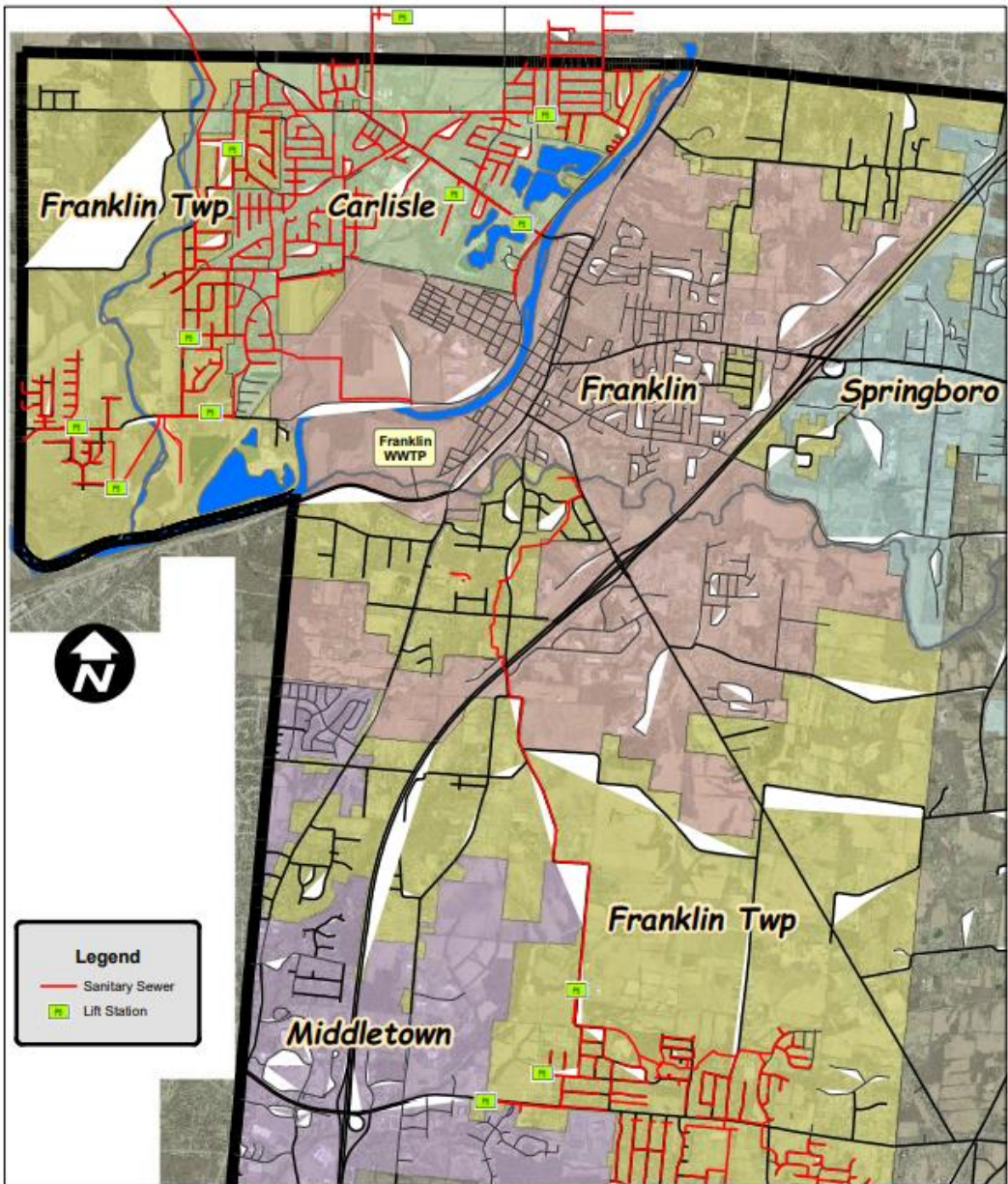
Warren County Water and Sewer Department



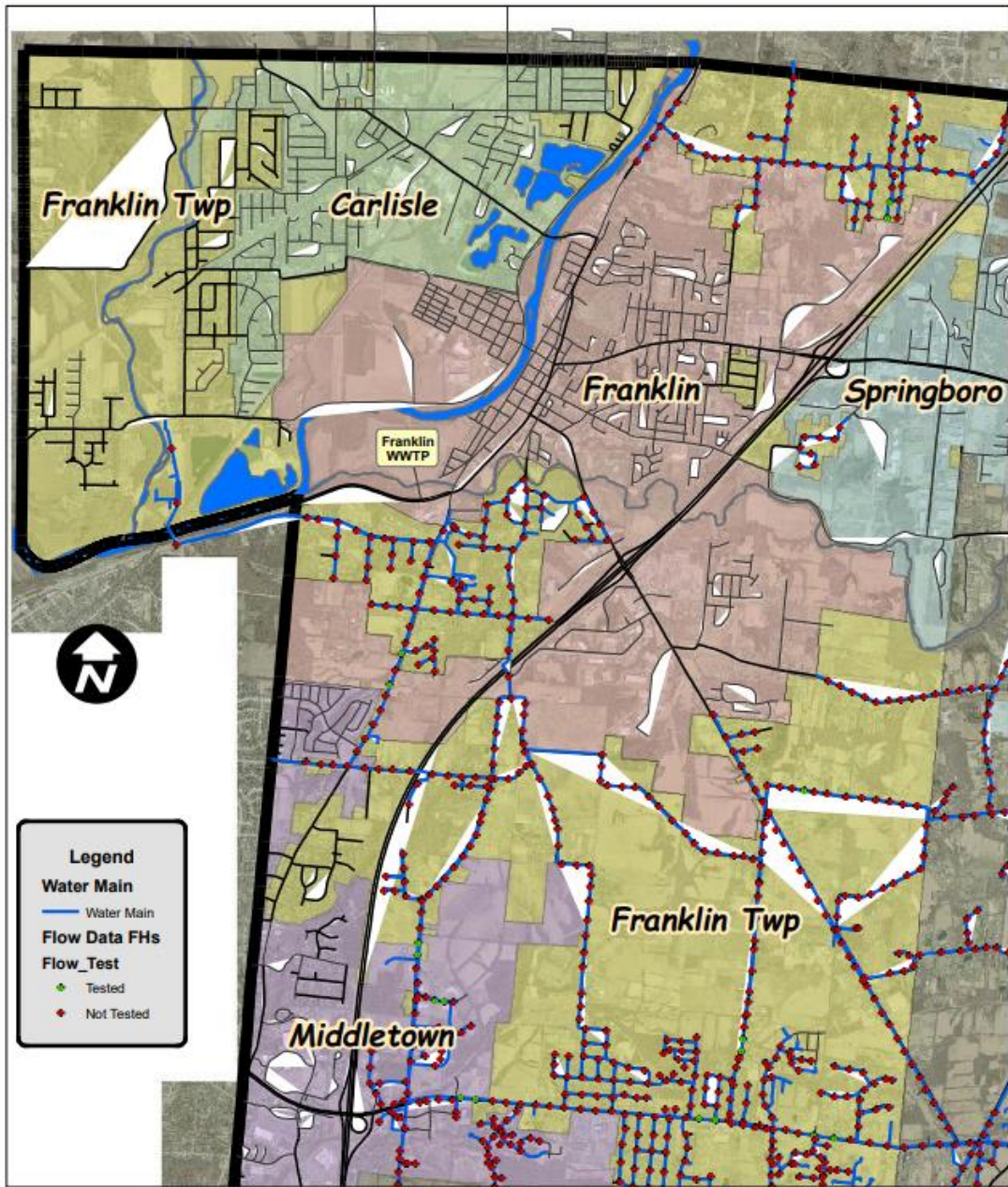
Warren County is the largest water provider in the County, the 15th largest in Ohio, and we are growing.

- 2022 Budget of \$22 Million
- 78 Employees
- 2 Water Treatment Plants
- 5 Booster Pump Stations
- 9 Elevated Water Towers
- 5 Public Water Systems

Rank	Public Water System	Customer Population
1	City of Cleveland	1,262,955
2	City of Columbus	1,159,817
3	City of Cincinnati	749,000
4	City of Toledo	360,000
5	City of Akron	280,000
6	Montgomery County	260,805
7	Aqua Ohio	173,000
8	City of Youngstown	148,000
9	City of Dayton	142,000
10	Del-Co Water Company	141,407
11	Lake County	115,835
12	Clermont County	113,000
13	Butler County	109,988
14	City of Canton	98,260
15	Warren County	77,000
16	Lorain County	71,074
17	City of Elyria	68,000
18	City of Lima L	65,619
19	City of Lorain	64,152
20	City of Hamilton	62,477
21	City of Springfield	59,357
22	City of Lakewood	52,100
23	City of Mansfield	51,000
24	City of Cuyahoga Falls	49,652
25	City of Middletown	48,694

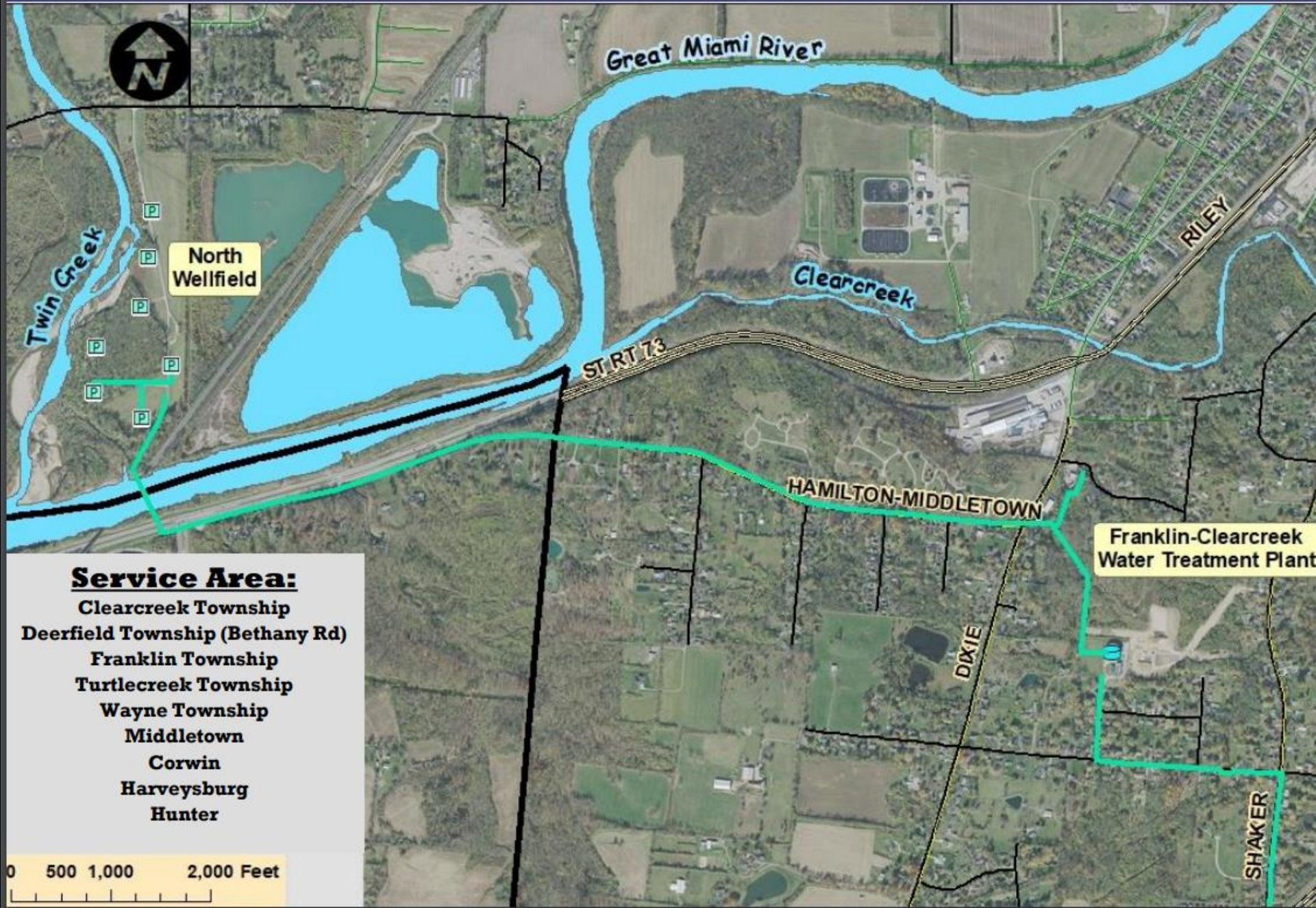


**Sewer Service Area
Franklin Township Area
March 2023**



**Water Service Area
Franklin Township Area
March 2023**

Franklin-Clearcreek Water Treatment Plant



Service Area:

Clearcreek Township
Deerfield Township (Bethany Rd)
Franklin Township
Turtlecreek Township
Wayne Township
Middletown
Corwin
Harveysburg
Hunter

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

Franklin-Clearcreek Water Treatment Plant



Contractors: Peterson Construction & Larry Smith Inc.

Construction Cost: \$15.1 Million

Design Capacity: 9.7 MGD Expandable to 15.0 MGD

Startup: February 2022

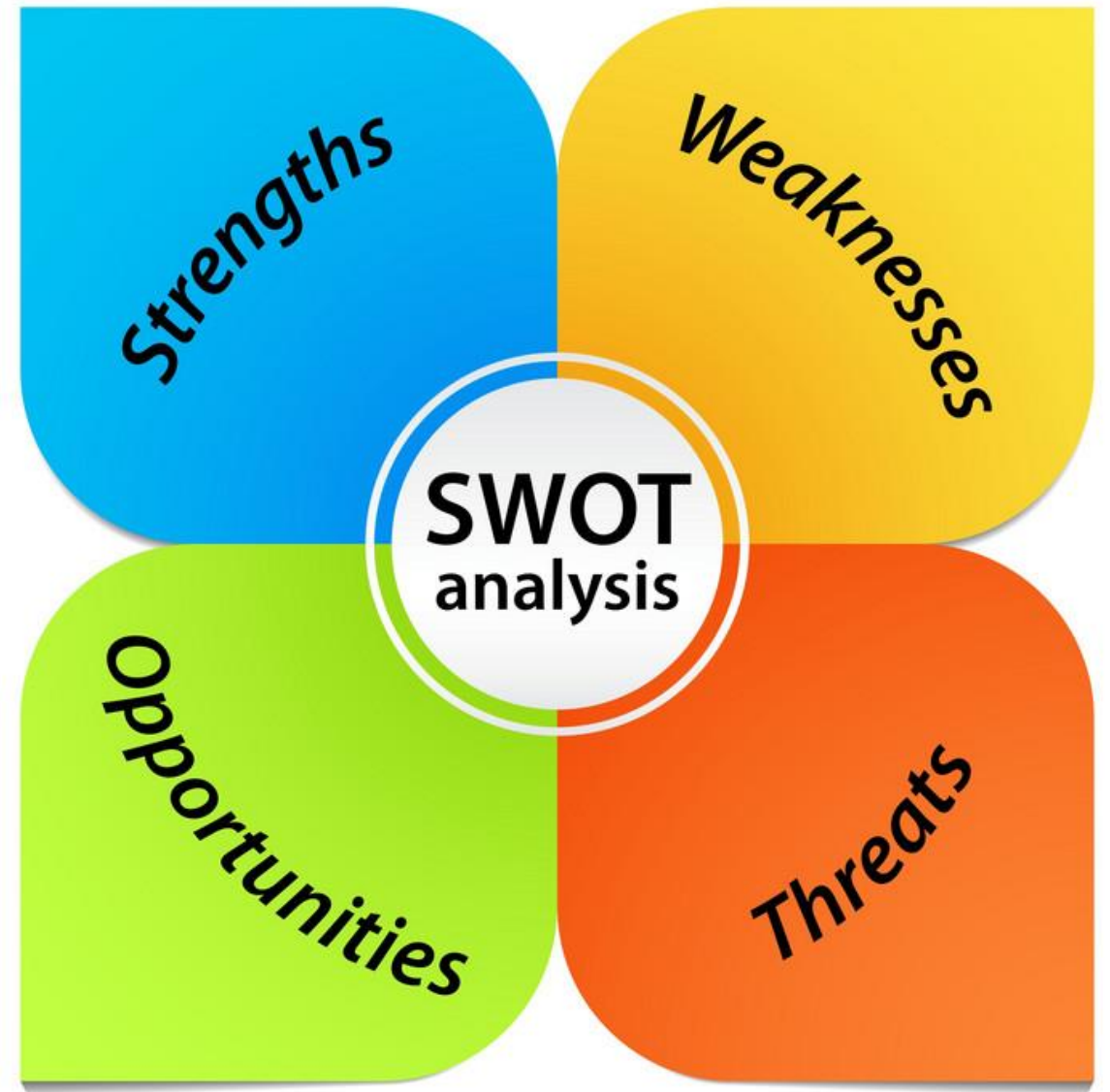
Number of Customers: 13,500

Raw Water Hardness: 288 mg/L as CaCO₃ (17 grains)

Finished Water Hardness: 140 mg/L as CaCO₃ (8 grains)

SWOT Analysis

- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Opportunities
- Threats



SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

of the
Township
(internal)

WEAKNESSES

of the
Township
(internal)

OPPORTUNITIES

to the
Township
(external)

THREATS

to the
Township
(external)



SWOT Analysis

Strengths

1. Location along Interstate 75 and State Route Corridors
2. School Districts
3. Parks
4. Cemeteries (Woodhill, Dick's Creek)
5. Hunter
6. Roads Department
7. Senior Services
8. Affordable Housing
9. Sense of Community
10. Relationship with adjacent municipalities
11. Available Property
12. Leadership
13. Vacant Land for Economic Development

Weaknesses

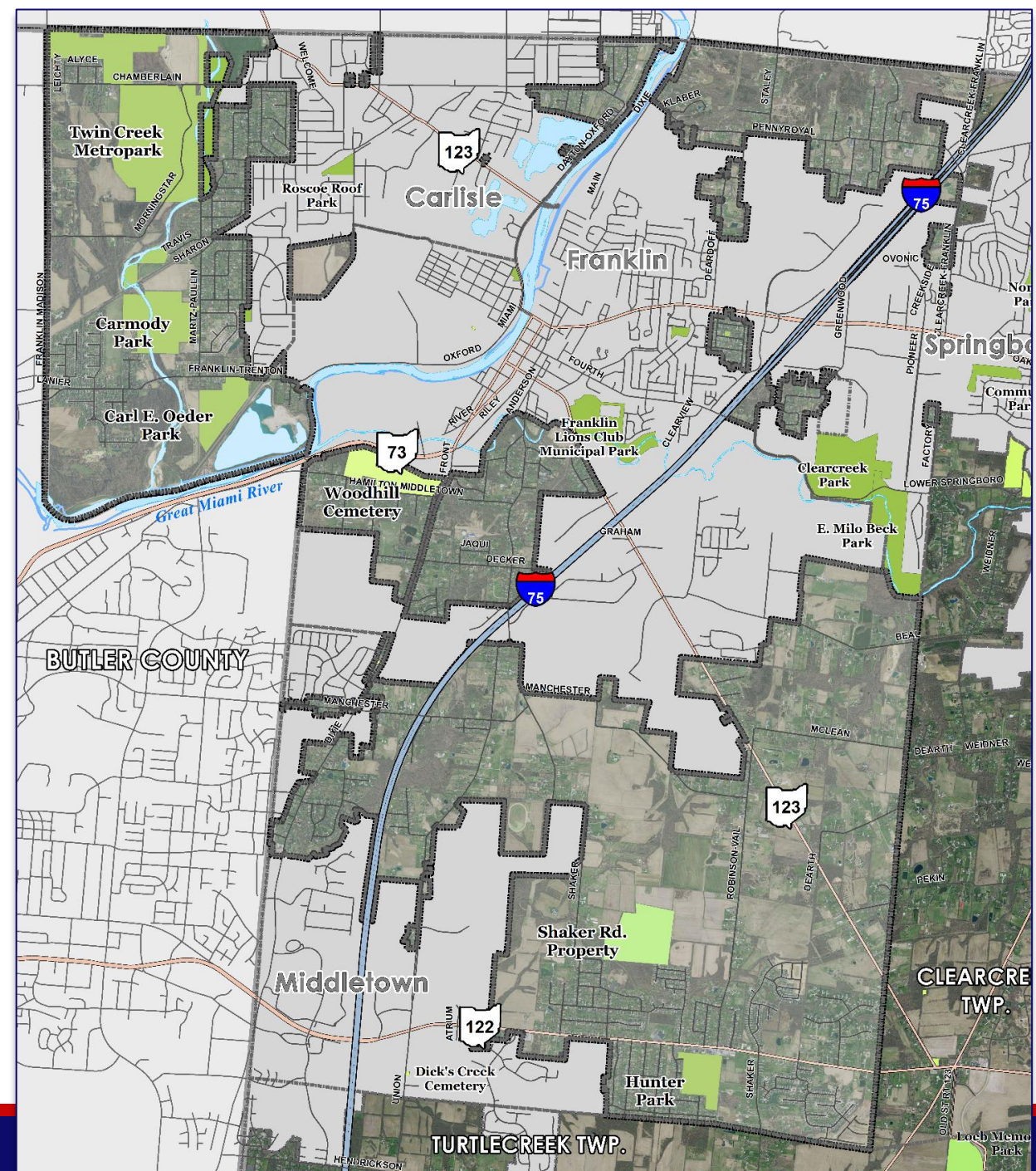
1. Vacant Properties
2. Limited Commercial
3. Lack of Senior Housing
4. Heavy traffic
5. Buildings Maintenance
5. Limited Zoning Code Enforcement
6. Limited staffing
7. Extensive Groundwater Protection
8. No full-time police and fire

Opportunities

1. Government owned properties
2. Grants
3. Future parks
4. New development
5. Trail connections
6. Township events
7. JEDDs
8. Improve Fire Service
9. Safer Roadways
10. Upgraded Cemeteries
11. Capital Improvement Planning
12. Commercial zoning overlays
10. Amtrak expansion
11. Growth opportunities with available sewer capacity

Threats

1. Annexation
2. National and local economy
3. Lack of grant funding
4. Perception
5. Incompatible nearby development
6. Limited zoning code enforcement



Franklin Township Fire Department

Michael T. Hannigan
Fire Chief



Franklin Township Fire Department

- Fire Chief (part time)
- Captains - four total, two at each fire station
- Lieutenants - four total, two at each fire station
- 19 Firefighters at Station 19
- 8 Firefighters at Station 20

- Total Membership 36

Franklin Township Fire Department

- Current Budget \$475,762.58
- \$210,000.00 of that budget is out of the Township General Fund
- Salaries 25 %
- Contractual Expenses 10%
- Training 3%
- Improvement of Sites 30%
- Supplies/Maintenance/Other Expenses 32%
- **Last Fire Levy passed in 1984**
- Currently two 1 mill fire levies exist generating approximately \$190,000.00

Established in
1969
Hunter
Volunteer Fire
Company Inc.



3773 Robinson Vail Road Franklin, OH
45005



Currently Operating as Station 19
with 23 Community Volunteers



Engine 19, Engine 219, Rescue 19,
Rescue 219, Brush 19



No Vehicle in the Fire Station is
newer than the year 2000

Fire Station 19



Training Room
Restrooms
Offices for Officers and Fire Chief

Sleeping Quarters/Day
Room for JEMS Crews
Shared full kitchen

Built in 1975
Established as a
Carlisle Fire
Station until
2005



7901 Keays Road Franklin, OH 45005



Currently Operating as Station 20
with 12 Community Volunteers



Engine 20, Tanker 20, Brush 20



Engine 20 is a 2011 fire engine.
Brush 20 and Tanker 20 are 1995 and
older.

Fire Station 20



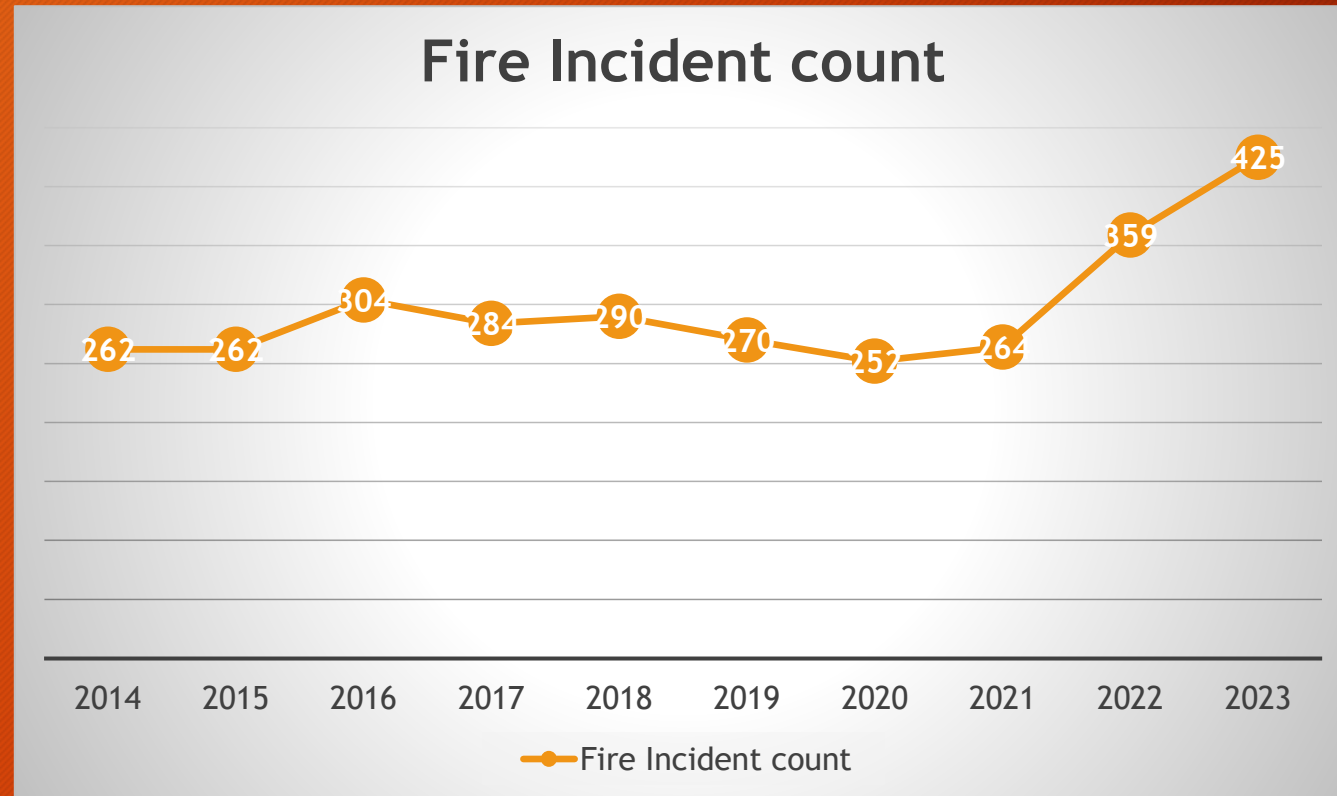
Officers Office
Shared Kitchen
Shared Dayroom/Training
Room



Sleeping room for
JEMS crew
Restrooms

Franklin Twp. Fire Department Incident Count

- 2014 262
- 2015 262
- 2016 304
- 2017 284
- 2018 290
- 2019 270
- 2020 252
- 2021 264
- 2022 359
- 2023 425



425 Incidents in 2023

• 100 Fire	83 Incidents
• 200 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion	0 Incidents
• 300 Rescue and EMS	100 Incidents
• 400 Hazardous Condition	28 Incidents
• 500 Service Call	66 Incidents
• 600 Good Intent Calls	107 Incidents
• 700 False Alarms	34 Incidents
• 800 Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	7 Incidents
• 900 Special Incident	0 Incidents

126 Incidents so far in 2024

• 100 Fire	25 Incidents
• 200 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion	0 Incidents
• 300 Rescue and EMS	34 Incidents
• 400 Hazardous Condition	13 Incidents
• 500 Service Call	17 Incidents
• 600 Good Intent Calls	26 Incidents
• 700 False Alarms	9 Incidents
• 800 Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	2 Incidents
• 900 Special Incident	0 Incidents

Franklin Township Fire Department

- CHALLENGES
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Financial Independence
 - Apparatus Replacement
 - Facility Maintenance

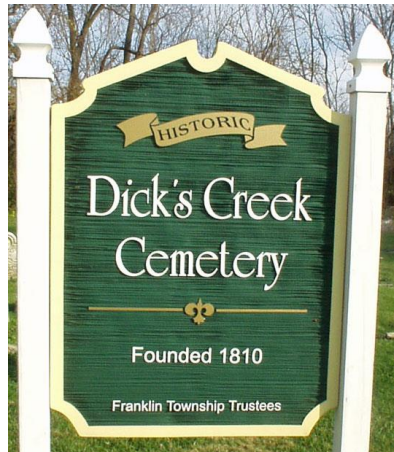
Franklin Township Cemeteries Department



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

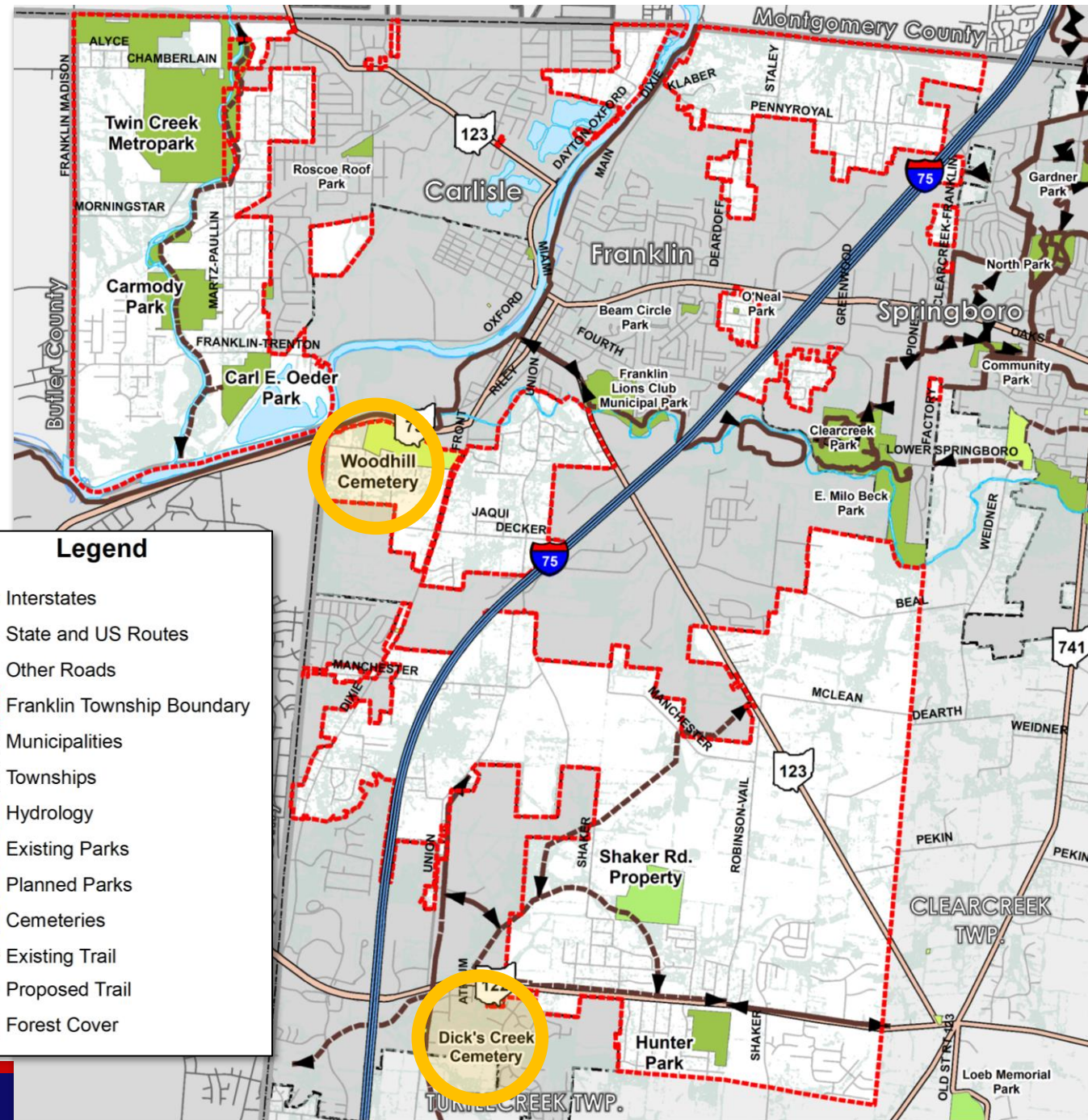
Two cemeteries

- Woodhill Cemetery
- Dick's Creek Cemetery

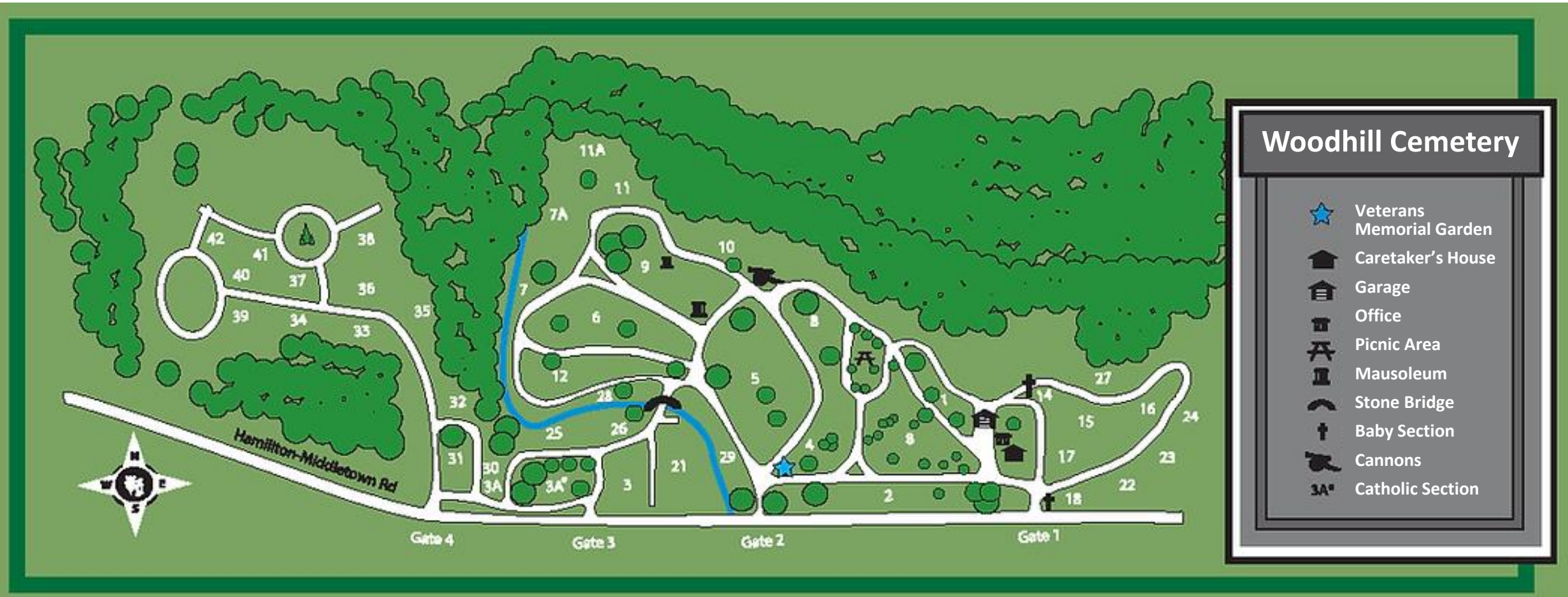


Legend

- Interstates
- State and US Routes
- Other Roads
- Franklin Township Boundary
- Municipalities
- Townships
- Hydrology
- Existing Parks
- Planned Parks
- Cemeteries
- Existing Trail
- Proposed Trail
- Forest Cover



WOODHILL CEMETERY



Woodhill Cemetery is believed to have originated in the 1850's, being taken over by Franklin Township in approximately 1882

WOODHILL CEMETERY – COMPLETED PROJECTS

Canon Renovations and Repairs

- Accomplished in 2023.
- New concrete and stone finish applied.



WOODHILL CEMETERY – COMPLETED PROJECTS

Opened New Sections

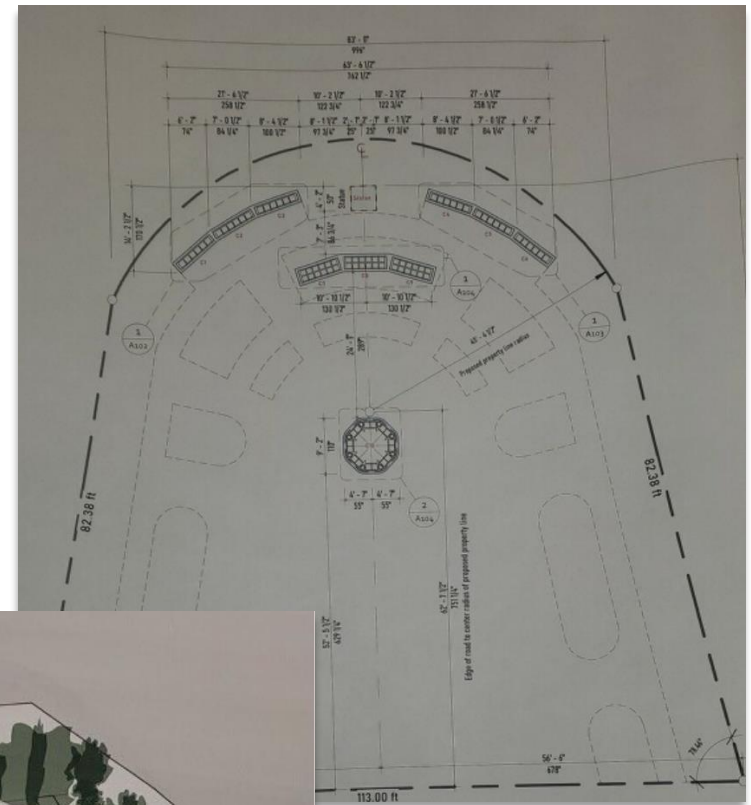
- Section 45 – 135 graves.
- Section 47 – 187 graves



WOODHILL CEMETERY – CURRENT & FUTURE PROJECTS

Columbarium Installation

- Due to start June/July 2024
- Developed in four phases and to be completed in five years



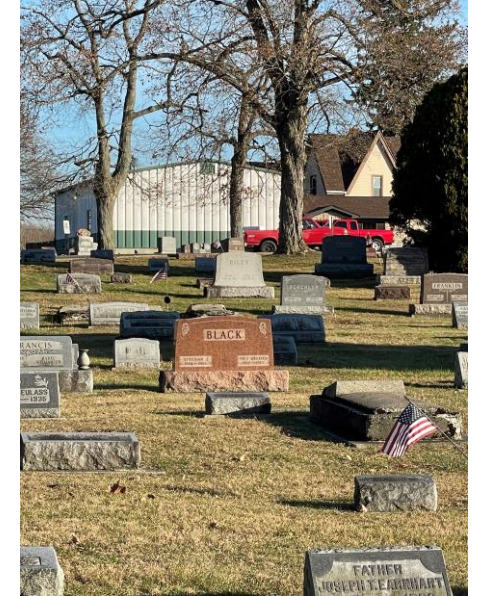
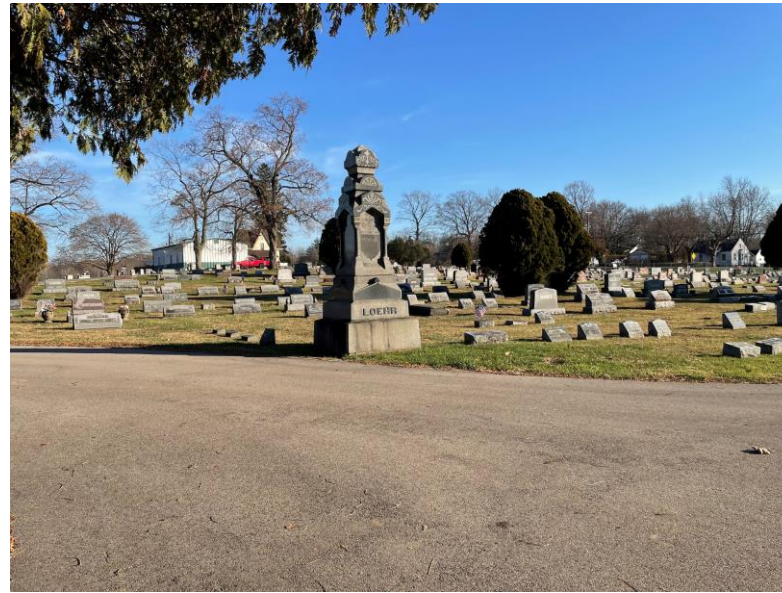
WOODHILL CEMETERY – CURRENT & FUTURE PROJECTS

- Mausoleum Renovation Phase 2
 - Installation of an HVAC system
- Stone Bridge Repair



WOODHILL CEMETERY – CURRENT NEEDS

- New equipment
- Additional building for storage
- New fencing/landscaping
- Improving staff retention
- Infrastructure to accommodate future phases of the cemetery
- Additional trees and landscaping
- Develop rest areas and benches
- New routes and road paving for cars



WOODHILL CEMETERY – GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Ohio Department of Commerce (2020)

- Awarded a grant to assist with the purchase of a commercial quality pressure washer



**Department of
Commerce**

Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority MORE (2017)

- Awarded a grant for the purchase of security cameras for the Woodhill Cemetery office

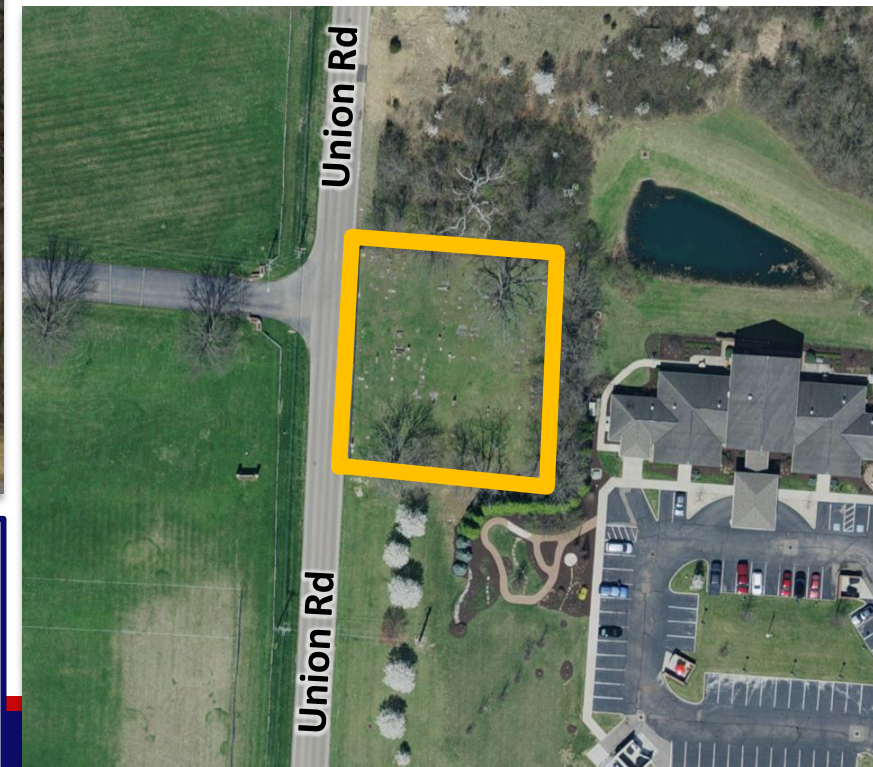
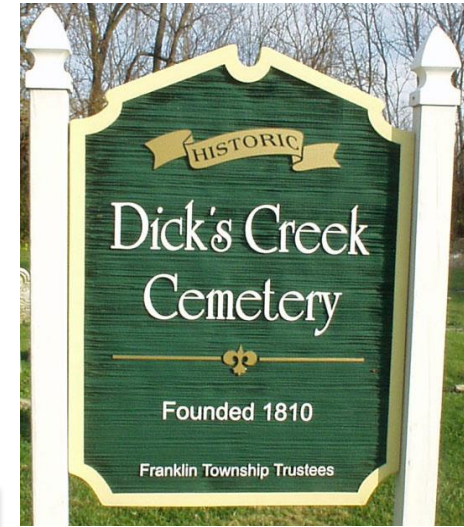


DICK'S CREEK CEMETERY

- Maintained by Township Roads Department
- No current or future projects proposed



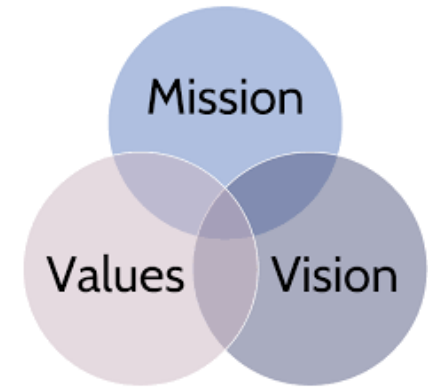
Dick's Creek Cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in Warren County. **Established in 1810**, it is the final resting place of several Revolutionary War and Civil War soldiers. The last known burial was in the 1920's according to the Warren County Genealogical Society website.



DEVELOPING A VISION

The vision should include:

- The common values of a community.
- The qualities or resources that make Franklin Township unique or describe its identity.
- The attributes people like and want to be sure to keep.
- The preferred future for subject areas such as land use, natural environment, parks, infrastructure, agriculture and quality of life.
- Transition issues between uses (i.e. landscape buffers, architectural mitigation, traffic management).



DEVELOPING A VISION

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY VISION?

A community vision is an image of a community's future that describes values and aspirations over the next 10 to 20 years. The statement should address all aspects that make up a community, such as social, cultural and economic fabric. The community vision helps define the direction a plan will go.

The Vision	The Plan
Future oriented	Present leading to future
What to do	How to do
Vision is possibilities	Plan is policies

The Plan puts the Vision into motion.



KEYWORDS / KEY THOUGHTS EXERCISE

Concise

Road maintenance and snow removal

Preserve township boundaries

Safety

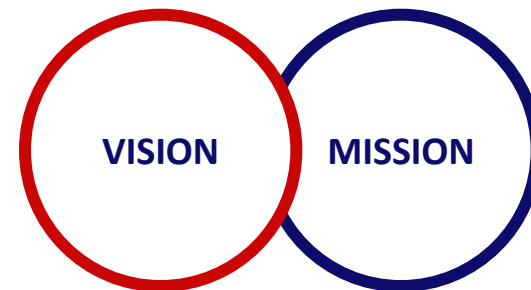
Between Cincinnati and Dayton

Public Services

“United Community”

Schools

Affordable Housing



Franklin Township - Vision Statement

Franklin Township affords an unusually **good quality of life**—a **wide range of services, opportunities, amenities, and quality infrastructure (desirable school districts, safe roads, efficient fire service, cherished parks, and quality cemeteries)**. The Hunter commercial district, access to the Great Miami River Trail, and neighborhoods are enhanced. The Township has acted to **maintain its boundaries**; to **accommodate appropriate and balanced growth**; and collaborates with other jurisdictions and the County in dealing with common concerns. As a result, the township's evolution has successfully maintained and woven the **small town feel** of established neighborhoods with new development.

Franklin Township - Vision Statement

Franklin Township, Warren County, is defined by its **friendly community, quality parks,**

and the Hunter commercial corridor. Township residents enjoy the **beauty and**

amenities of the Great Miami River and Twin Creek, **ample recreational opportunities,**

excellent education for students, and being part of an active, growing community. The

Township continues to prioritize the **preservation of township boundaries, access to**

essential public services, and opportunities for future development.

Franklin Township - Vision Statement

Franklin Township is treasured for its **friendly and welcoming atmosphere, well-maintained roads, and quiet residential neighborhoods**. The Township offers a **well-designed mix of living, employment, community gathering, educational, and commercial opportunities**, and this coupled with **quality public services and the small-town feel**, has contributed to the township identity as a **choice place for families**. Residents enjoy a feeling of connection to their **neighborhoods** and to the Township.

Franklin Township - Vision Statement

Residents enjoy excellent **fire and emergency response times**; well-maintained and **dependable public facilities**; **beautiful parks**; effective stormwater management; enhanced central sewer service; access to **excellent school districts** and **safe roads** and thus a high **quality of life** within Franklin Township.

Franklin Township - Vision Statement

Franklin Township has acted to develop a diverse and compatible mix of **commercial, industrial, and residential land uses** and thus, has a **strong and sustainable tax base**. The Township, widely recognized for its positive business climate, is the home to many **small and locally owned businesses and services that offer employment and provides civic benefits**. **Neighborhoods and parks contribute to a high quality of life** by providing a full array of recreation opportunities (**active recreation, walking and viewing wildlife**). The Township has invested strategically and **leveraged grant funds to ensure a safe, well-maintained public services and facilities (schools, parks, roads, fire service)**.

DEVELOPING A VISION

Example Vision Statements

“Union Township, Warren County, Ohio is defined by idyllic settings, friendly people, and a balance between the preservation of its rural character and accommodations for sustainable growth. The Township encourages low density residential development in a manner that maximized impact on areas devoted to farming or natural preservation. Residents enjoy the beauty of the Little Miami River and nearby cultural events, good schools, entertainment, and recreational opportunities.”

Union Township

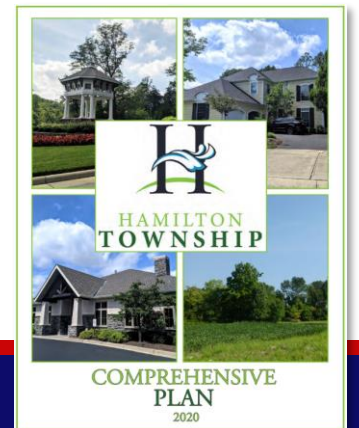


DEVELOPING A VISION

Example Vision Statements

“Hamilton Township is the choice community to live, work, and shop because of its diverse lifestyle choices. We are a well-planned, safe, prosperous and a fiscally responsible Township where residents and businesses value education; families; health; the Little Miami River; public safety, working farms; and enjoy its natural beauty and rural character. Our Township consists of high-quality residential neighborhoods; vibrant and thriving commercial centers; diverse housing opportunities; inviting parks; accessibility to the Little Miami riverfront; excellence schools districts, and exceptional Township services.”

Hamilton Township



NEXT STEPS

- June
 - Community Workshop
 - Citizens Advisory Committee #5
 - Chapters 1 & 2 Review



Community Workshop

-June 4th

- First Community Workshop for Franklin Township Comprehensive Plan
- Open to the public
- CAC members should be available to facilitate conversation & answer questions. These workshops are meant for the public to engage with the Staff & the CAC and contribute to the development of the Plan.



June 4th
Franklin Township
Administration Building
6:00PM - 7:30PM

Community Workshop Posters

We want to hear from YOU!

Join us for a



COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Share your thoughts and ideas on the

Franklin Township Comprehensive Plan

Tuesday
June 4th, 2024
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Franklin Township
Administration Building
418 Fairview Drive
Carlisle, Ohio 45005

Join us to share your input!

For more information, visit
www.FranklinTownshipPlan.com



Franklin Township
Comprehensive Plan



COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Learn about the first Franklin Township Comprehensive Plan and share your thoughts and ideas! Your comments will inform the development of the plan and the future of the Township.

Tuesday June 4th, 2024 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Franklin Township Administration Building 418 Fairview Drive, Carlisle, Ohio 45005
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For more information, visit:
www.FranklinTownshipPlan.com

Community Workshop posters will be placed at the following locations:

- Warren County Administration Building
- Hunter IGA
- Hunter Elementary
- Trails of Greycliff Clubhouse
- Twin Creek MetroPark
- Hunter Park

ASSIGNMENTS



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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

WARREN Lebanon CLINT

W.C.A.P.C.

SHARE Community Workshop flyers

VISIT the website

COMPLETE the survey

INVITE ten (10) citizens to the Community Workshop on June 4th



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



January 2024
Kick-off of the Plan

March 2024
Public Scoping
Meetings

Spring 2024
Visioning – CAC
Exercises

Summer 2024
Draft Comprehensive
Plan

Fall 2024
Public Workshop

Winter 2024
Final Draft

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

JUN

JUL

AUG

SEP

OCT

NOV

DEC

Phase 1

- Data Collection
- Conduct Stakeholder Interviews
- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Establish Steering Committee

Phase 2

- Online Surveys
- Project Website
- Community Advisory Committee Meetings
- SWOT Analysis
- Draft Vision Goals & Objectives

Phase 3

- First Draft of Comprehensive Plan
- Community Open House for Reviewing & Soliciting Feedback on First Draft
- Final Draft of Comprehensive Plan

THANK YOU!

Next Meeting: June ?? , 2024

Franklin Township

Administration Building

6:00PM - 7:30PM

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