



# OHIO'S TOWNSHIPS: PROVIDING THE FRONTLINE SERVICES COMMUNITIES DEPEND ON!

Across Ohio, township government is where essential services are delivered closest to residents – with lean budgets, voter-approved funding, and a focus on the basics communities depend on most.

**Roughly 4 million people live in Ohio's 1,308 townships.**

## DELIVERING THE SERVICES THAT KEEP COMMUNITIES STRONG



**KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE:** Emergency protection through fire, police, and EMS services



**KEEPING ROADS OPEN AND MOVING:** Maintenance and snow removal across 41,000+ miles of roads – more than any level of government, even ODOT



**SUPPORTING RESIDENTS AT EVERY STAGE OF LIFE:** Senior services, youth programs, and community support



**MAINTAINING INFRASTRUCTURE:** Upkeep of systems that support roads, culverts, facilities, and public spaces



**KEEPING COMMUNITIES STABLE:** Care and preservation of parks, community spaces, and cemeteries



**GUIDING GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:** Zoning and land-use planning

**AND SO MUCH MORE!**

# TOWNSHIPS HELP ANCHOR OHIO'S ECONOMY

Communities served by township governments support:

**\$413 billion in economic activity**

**1.8 million jobs statewide**

## OHIOANS VALUE THEIR TOWNSHIP SERVICES

- 76% say they are satisfied with their community as a place to live – the highest satisfaction level among residents in townships, cities, villages, and other local governments statewide.
- 85% are satisfied with fire and ambulance services, and 74% are satisfied with parks and recreation facilities.
- 64% say townships provide many of the most basic services people rely on every day.
- Strong support for local control: About 80% of township residents want funding authority kept local and decisions about township services kept local.

## PROPERTY TAXES FUND TOWNSHIP SERVICES

About two-thirds of the revenue supporting essential township services comes from locally approved property taxes. This funding keeps decisions local, ensures services reflect community priorities, and makes township government directly accountable to residents. Without this funding, services would be disrupted immediately – and residents would feel the impact right away.

**PROTECTING TOWNSHIPS PROTECTS THE SERVICES COMMUNITIES DEPEND ON, AND THE LOCAL CONTROL THAT KEEPS THEM STRONG**