



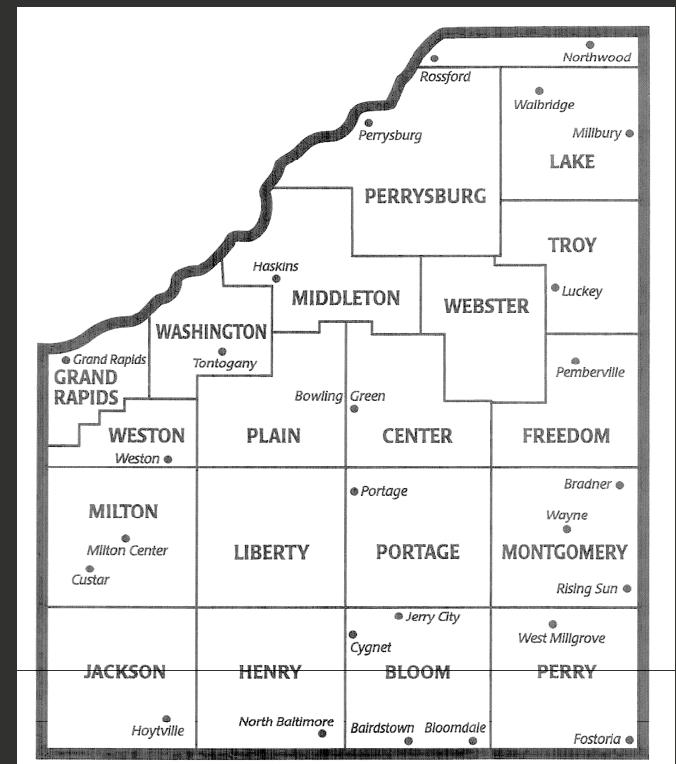
# State of the County Address Wood County, Ohio

Presented by the Wood County Commissioners  
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# Quick Facts about Wood County

- Population (2010 Census) = 125,488
- Land Area in Square Miles = 617.4
- Total Households = 49,086
- Median Household Income = \$52,069
- Top Five Private Sector Employers:
  - Magna-International
  - First Solar Inc.
  - Chrysler Group LLC
  - Owens-Illinois Inc
  - Fed Ex



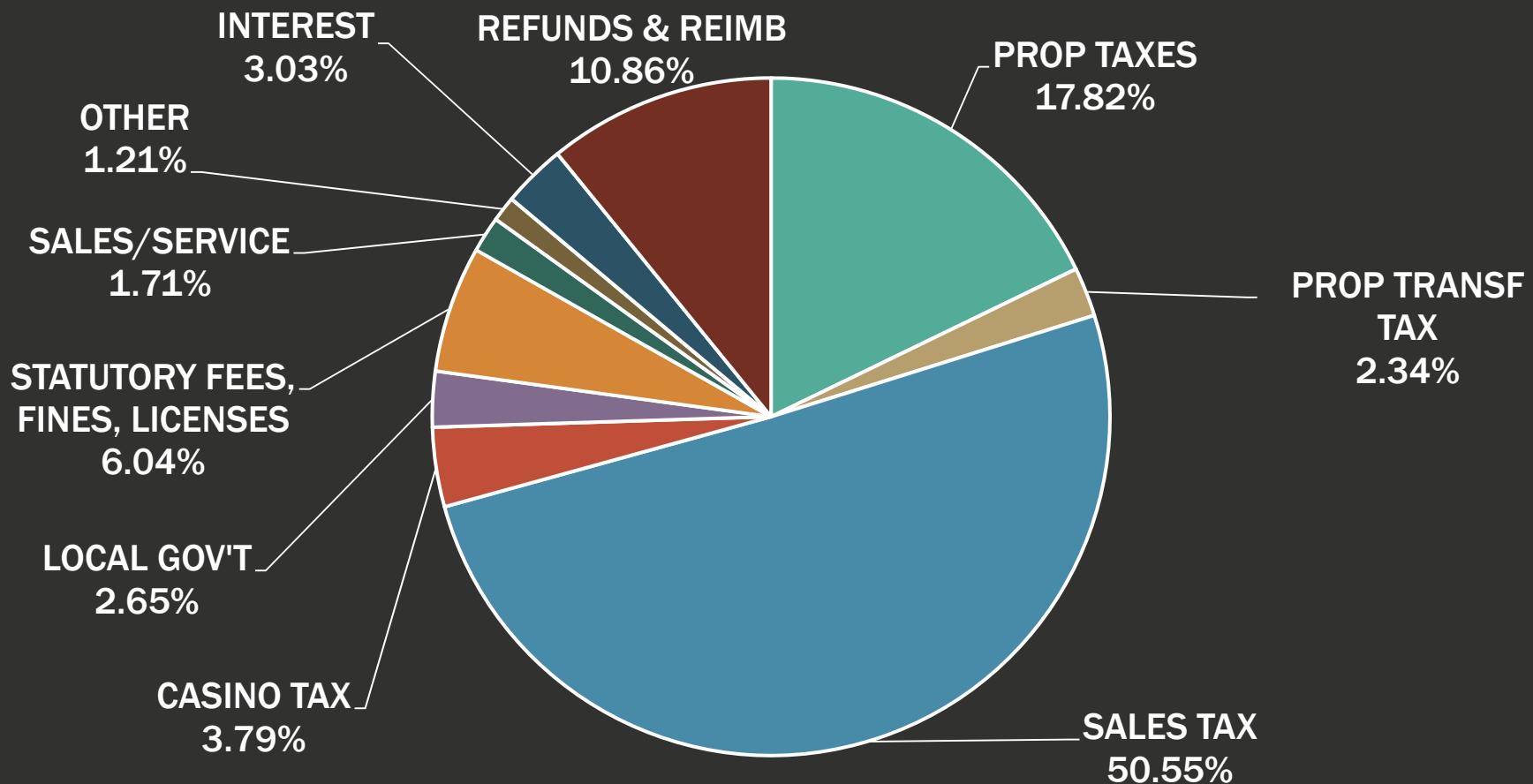
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In August, Craig LaHote was appointed Commissioner. For the past 12 years he served as a Perrysburg Township Trustee.



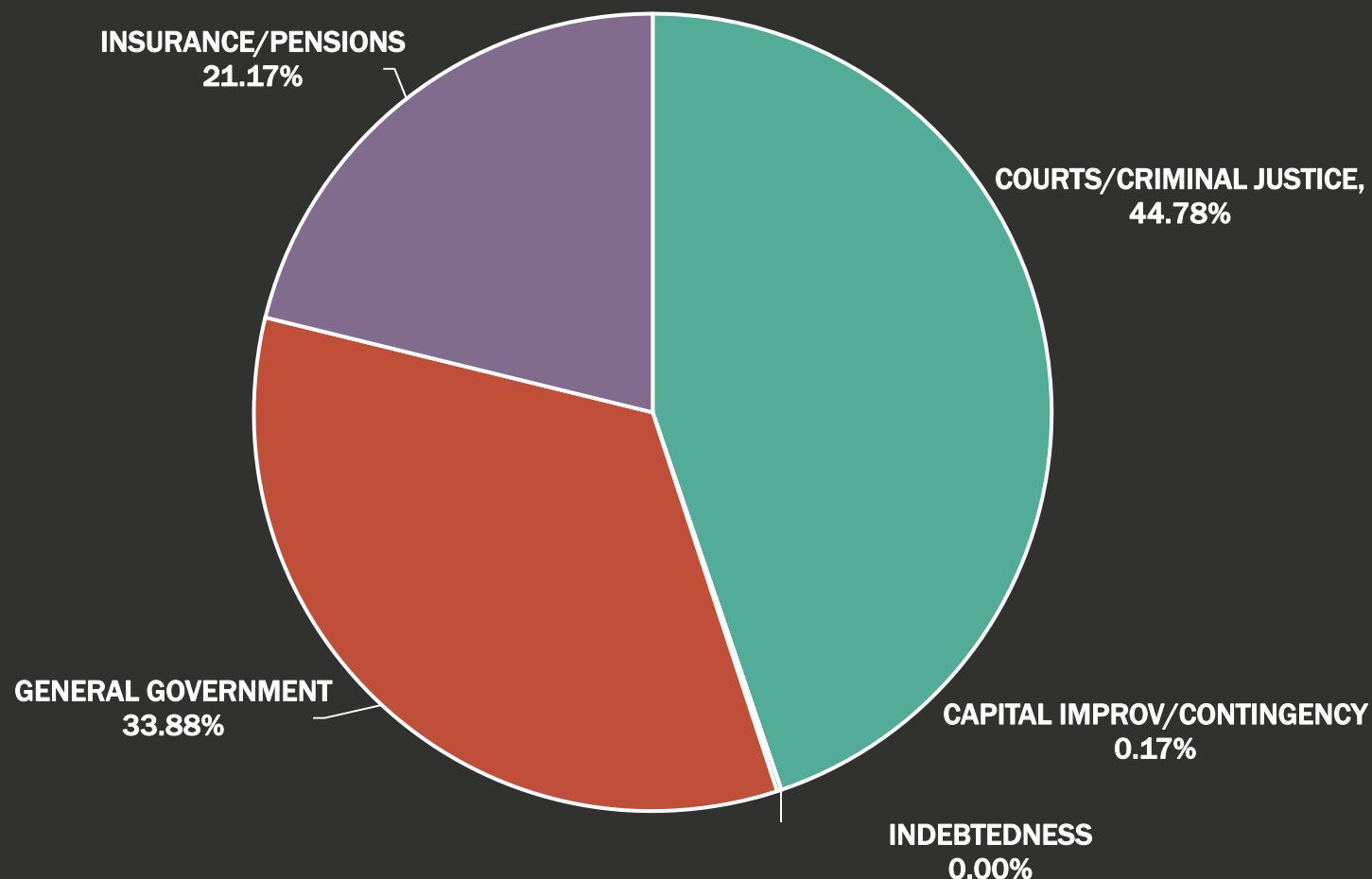
# 2015 Actual Receipts

\$39,601,298.72

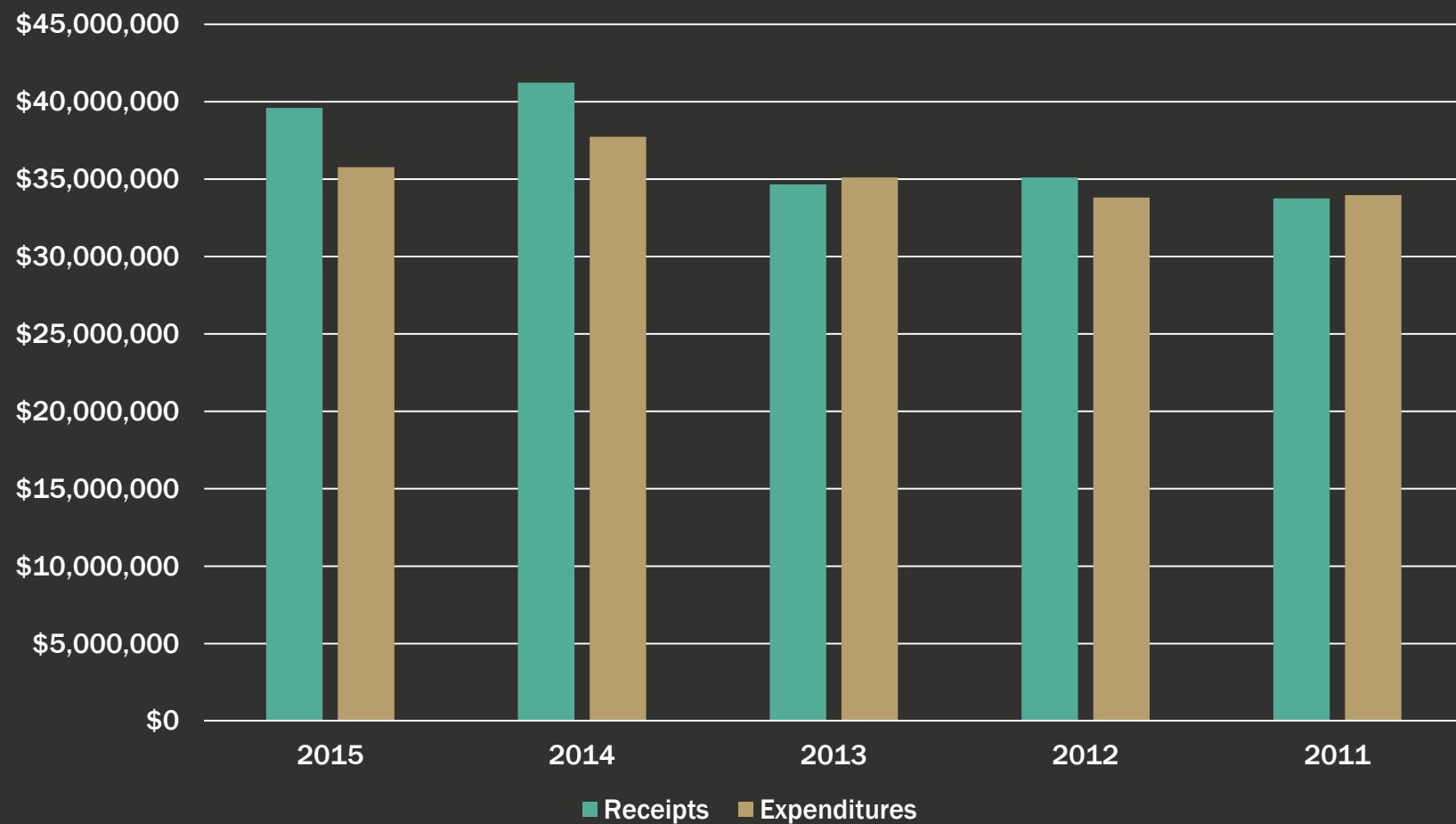


# 2015 Actual Expenditures

\$35,769,871.67



# General Fund Receipts & Expenditures 2011 to 2015



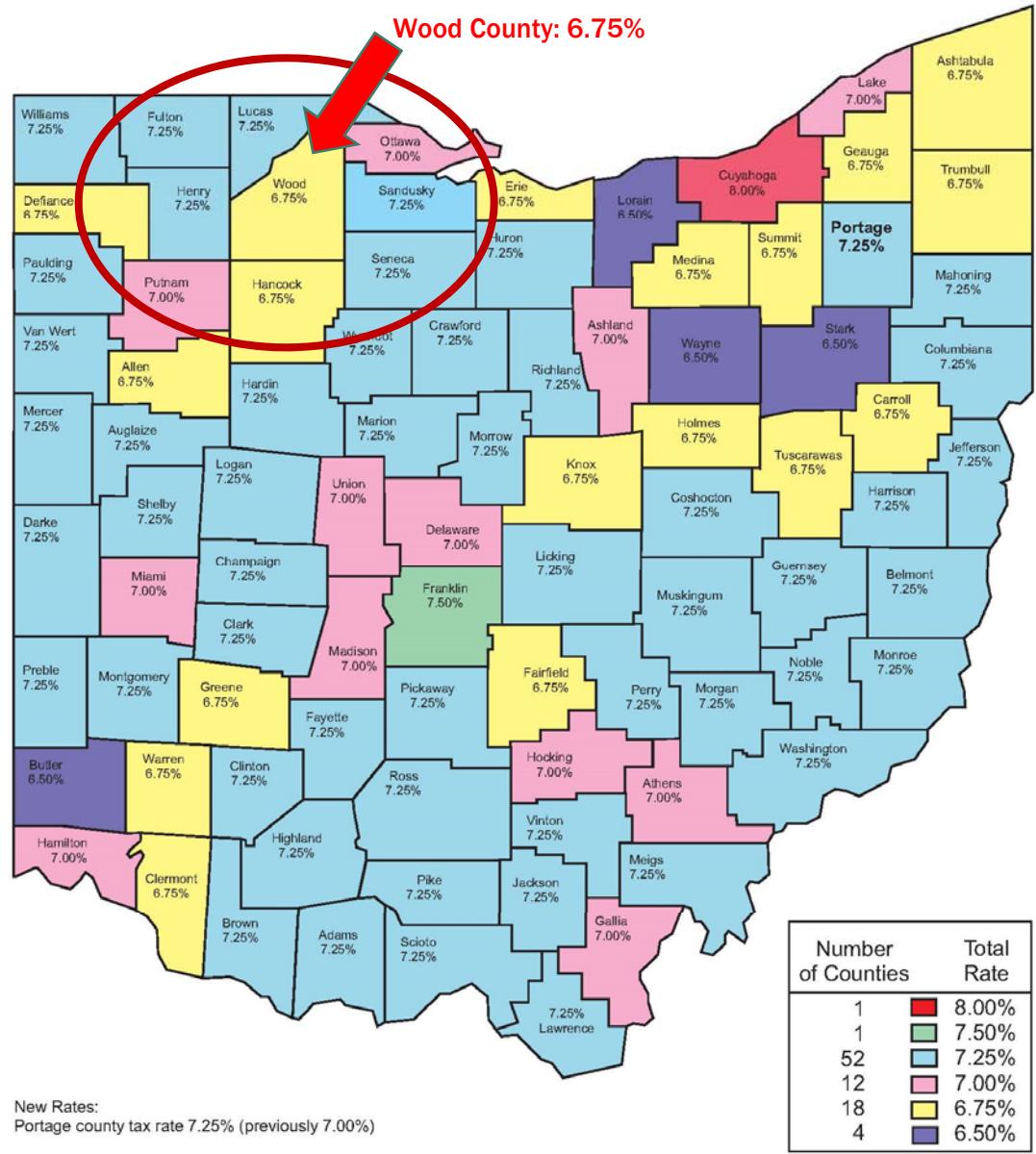
# The Power of a Penny!



The primary source of funding to pay for the services of county government comes from our one penny sales tax.

The most significant benefit of shopping locally is your support of local retailers and our local economy.

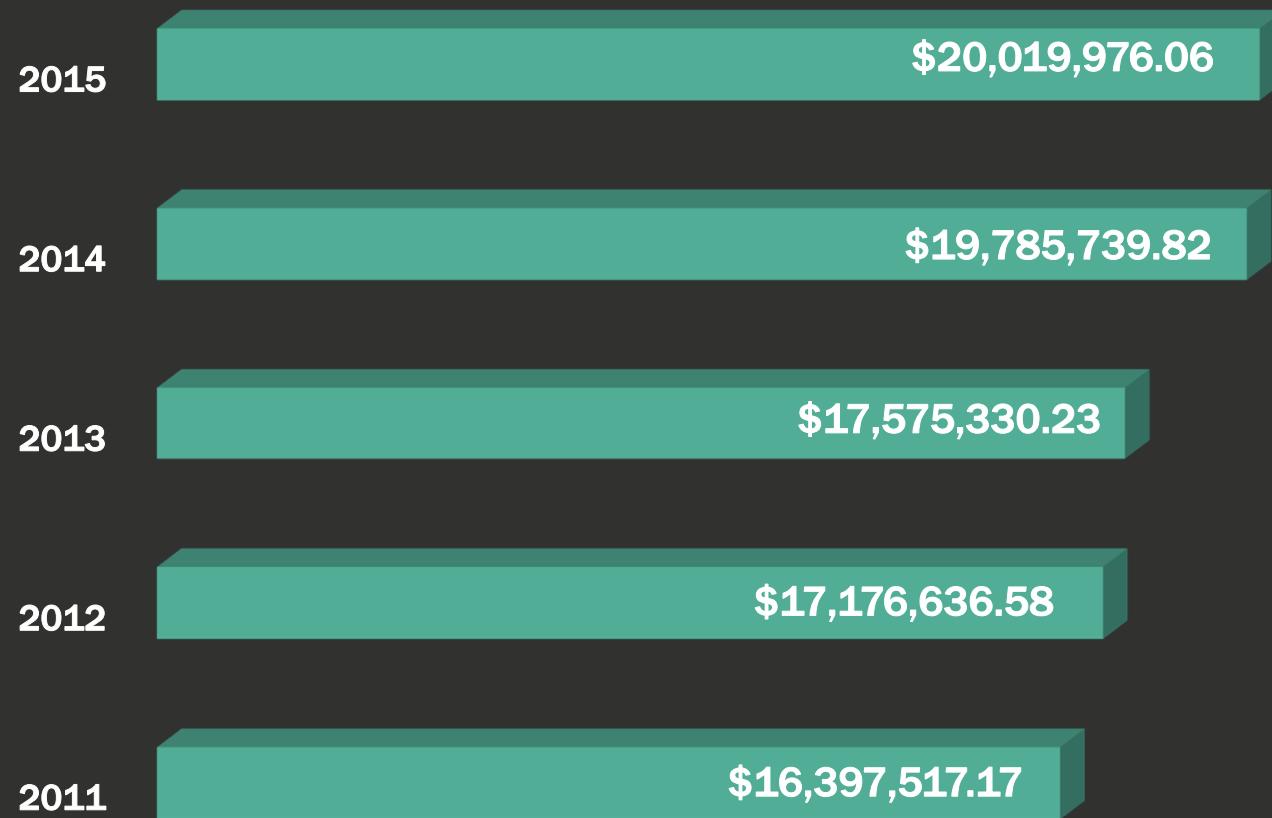
**Total State and Local Sales Tax Rates, By County  
Effective January 2016**



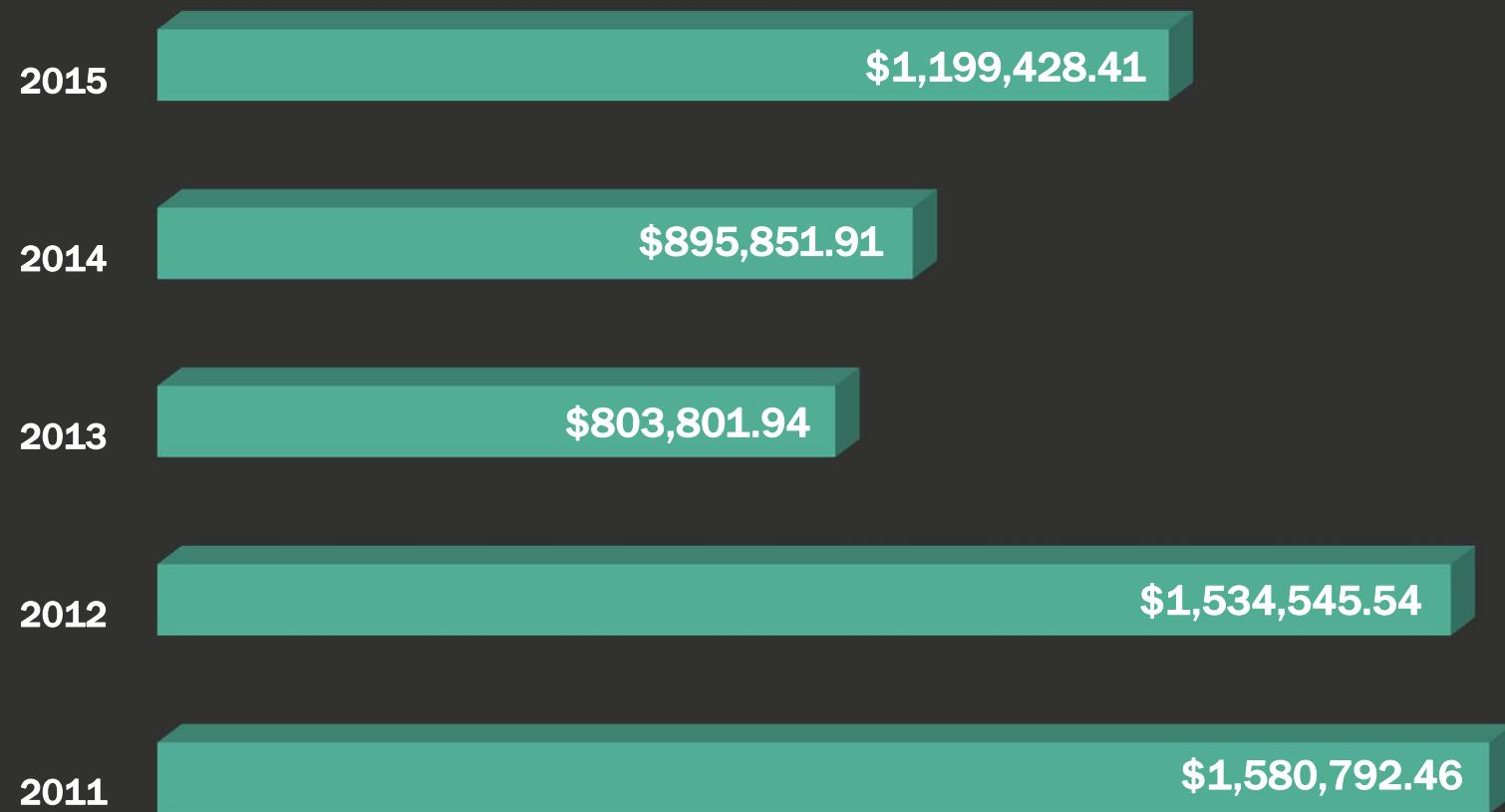
New Rates:  
Portage county tax rate 7.25% (previously 7.00%)

Note: Small portions of Delaware, Fairfield, Licking & Union Counties assess a transit authority sales tax levy of 0.50% (not reflected on this map).

# Sales Tax Receipts

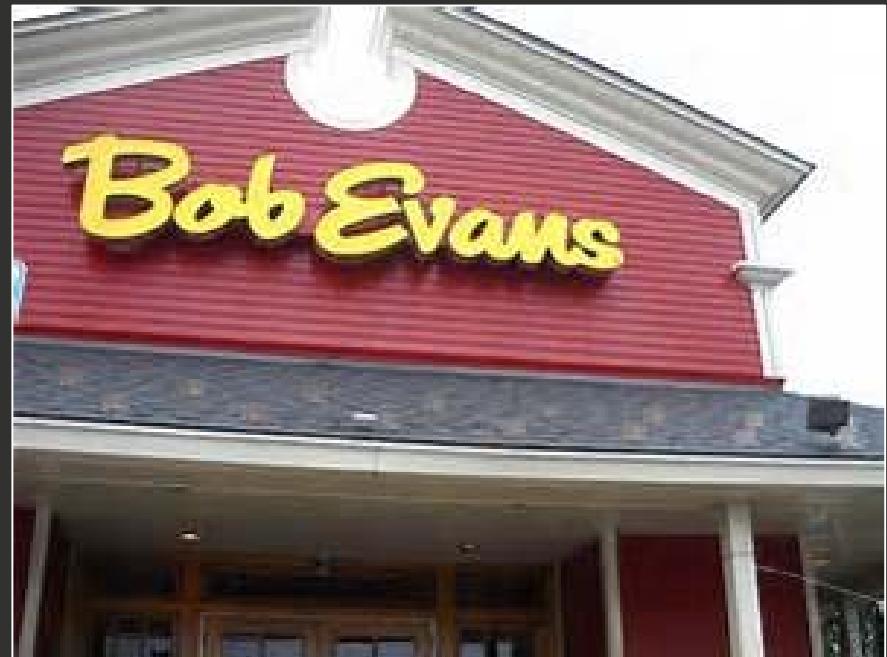


# Investment Income



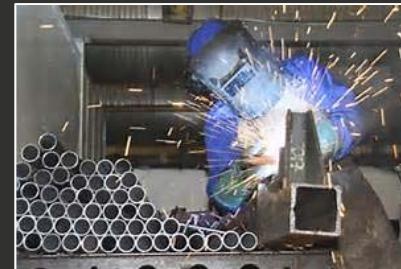
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Every egg served at every Bob Evans Restaurant in the United States is produced in Wood County, Ohio



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Wood County is home to the nationally recognized training facilities of the Plumbers and Pipefitter, Carpenters, Sheet Metal Workers, Boilermakers and Electrical Workers.





**Unemployment Rates as of December 2015**

- U.S. = 4.8%
- Ohio = 4.6%
- Wood County = 4.1%

(Percent)

Jan 2009 Jan 2010 Jan 2011 Jan 2012 Jan 2013 Jan 2014 Jan 2015

Source: US. Bureau of Labor Statistics

[research.stlouisfed.org](http://research.stlouisfed.org)[myf.red/g/3MFF](http://myf.red/g/3MFF)

Wood County's unemployment rate is under both the U.S. and Ohio averages.

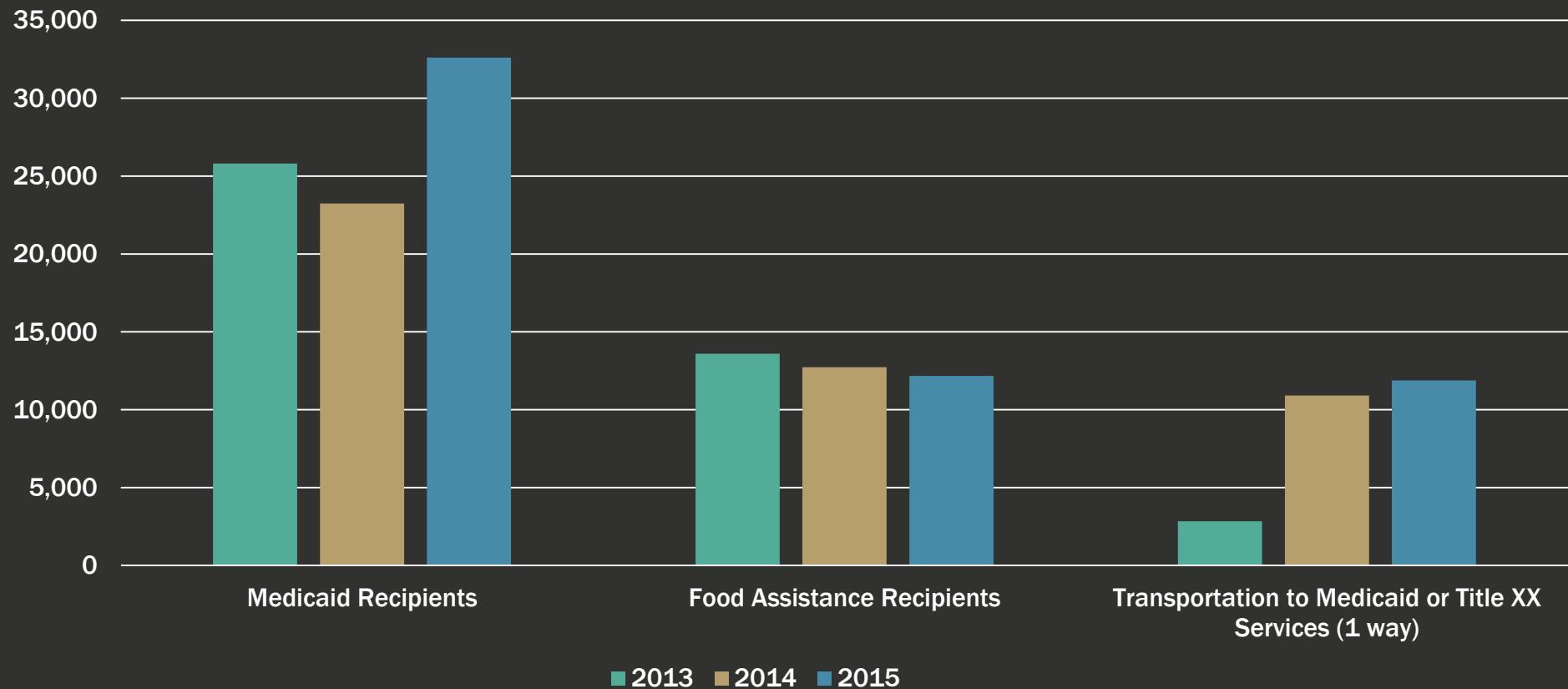
# Ratio of Income to Poverty Level

- Wood County Population for whom poverty level status is determined = 120,076
- Federal Poverty Level is used to determine assistance for programs throughout the County.

	Number	Percent
Below 50%	9,595	8%
50 to 99%	8,022	6.7%
100 to 124%	4,936	4.1%
125 to 149%	4,642	3.9%
150 to 184%	6,292	5.2%
185 to 199 %	2,482	2.1%
200% +	84,107	70%

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# Assistance Provided through Job and Family Services



Federal law requires at least 50 percent of all able bodied adults receiving benefits to participate in work activities at least 30 hours a week.

## Work Participation Study

(January 2016)

Wood County's All Family Rate = 71.43%

Other Neighboring Counties:

Lucas = 39.3%

Sandusky = 68.42%

Hancock = 0%



Ohio Works First is the financial assistance portion of the state's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which provides cash benefits to needy families for up to 36 months.

# NET-Plus Transportation Network

- Transportation to physical health appointments available to consumers who are at or below 200% of the poverty level.
- Services available to behavioral health and substance abuse treatment appointments regardless of income.
- Call 1.844.353.6779 to speak to a NET-Plus Transportation Coordinator.



Watch for expanded services in 2016



New Children's Visitation Center  
at the Department of Job and  
Family Services opened in July.

# Justice Center Expansion Project

- \$3 million cost
- The minimum housing area was expanded, adding 60 beds.
- Two existing medium security dorms were renovated and will provide much needed additional space for female inmates.



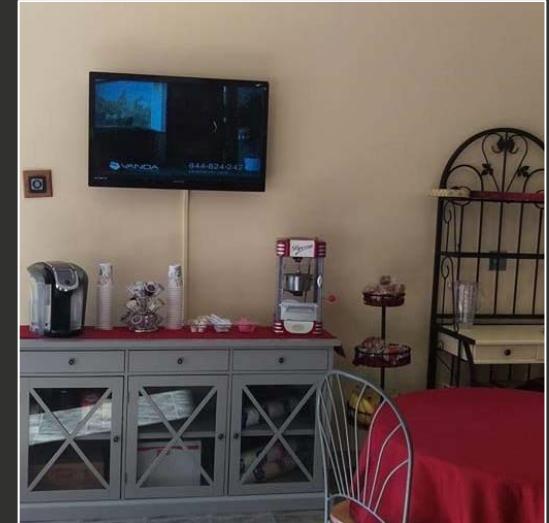
# Wood Haven Improvement Projects

Boiler Replacement  
Landscaping  
Lounge/Café  
Details Matter Initiative

Focusing on the  
resident experience.

More to come:

- New windows and doors
- Interior Renovations



# **Solid Waste Management District**

**The Wood County Landfill  
has mulch available for  
purchase starting in late  
spring for \$25 per ton.**



**Plastic grocery bags are an  
incredible source of litter  
across Wood County and the  
US.**

**Help combat this issue  
through the use of reusable  
bags.**



## Wood County's Role in the Civil War

The Wood County Historical Society commemorated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War by installing a plaque that details the war contributions of Wood County residents.

# Wood County's Crazy Weather

The record setting winter led to ice jam and flooding concerns in Grand Rapids, Pemberville and Perrysburg Township.

In late June, an unusual storm system caused six to seven inches of rain across the area after an already wet May and June.

The Emergency Management Agency aided impacted political subdivisions as well as support agencies like the American Red Cross to help residents and businesses.



# Emergency Notification Options in Wood County

- **Emergency Alert System (EAS)**
- **NIXLE**
  - Sheriff's Office
- **CodeRED Emergency Notification System**
  - City of Perrysburg
  - City of Rossford
  - Perrysburg Township
  - Lake Township
  - Northwestern Water and Sewer District
- **Social Media**
  - Emergency Management Agency - Facebook
  - Sheriff – Facebook & Twitter
  - Local TV & Radio Stations – Facebook, Twitter and free text alerts

## Outdoor Warning Sirens

Activated to alert the outdoor public of an emergency

Not designed, or intended, to be used as a primary means of emergency notification for people inside of structures

All-hazard (weather) radios should always be used as primary means of emergency notification inside structures, especially for severe weather



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Wood County has nearly 500 bridges and over 3,000 miles of drainage ditches.



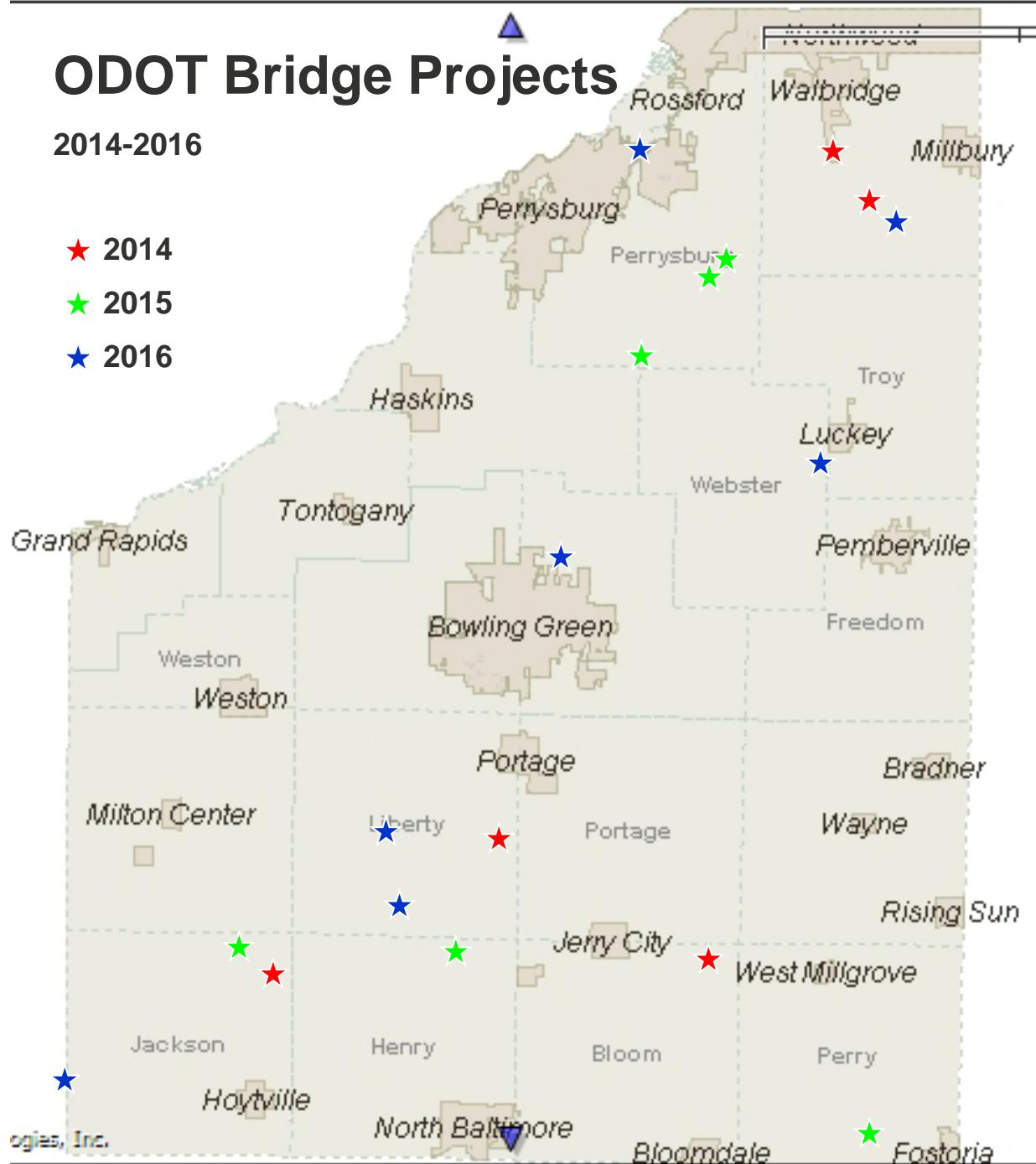
# ODOT Bridge Projects

2014-2016

★ 2014

★ 2015

★ 2016



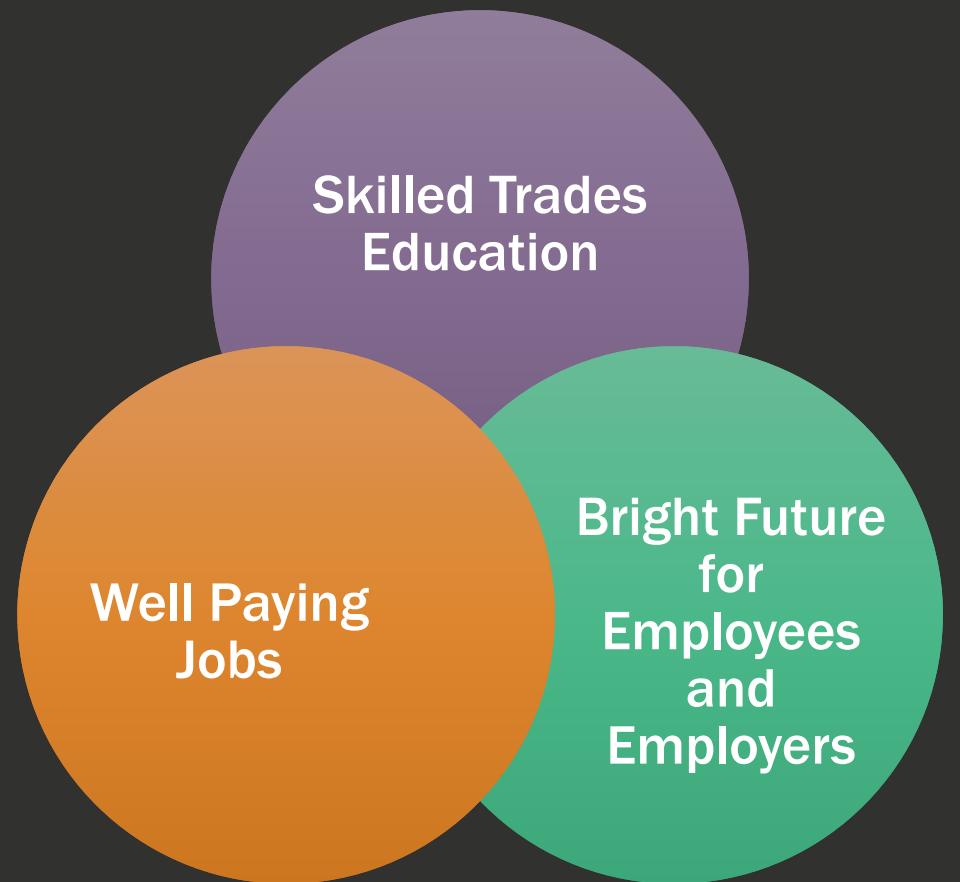
The State of Ohio is providing assistance with 18 Bridge Projects between 2014 and 2016.

During 2015, the Engineer completed work on five bridge projects.

- **Tracy Rd.**  
(Perrysburg Twp.)
- **Five Point Rd.**  
(Perrysburg Twp.)
- **Jerry City Rd.**  
(Liberty Twp.)
- **Jerry City Rd.**  
(Henry Twp.)
- **Park Avenue**  
(Fostoria)

# Good Jobs Initiative

- Promotes Skilled Trades Education
- Union Training Facilities in Wood County
  - Electrical
  - Plumbing
  - Carpenters
  - Sheet metal
  - Boilermakers
- Penta Career Center
- Owens Community College



# Building Inspection Staff reviewing ADA

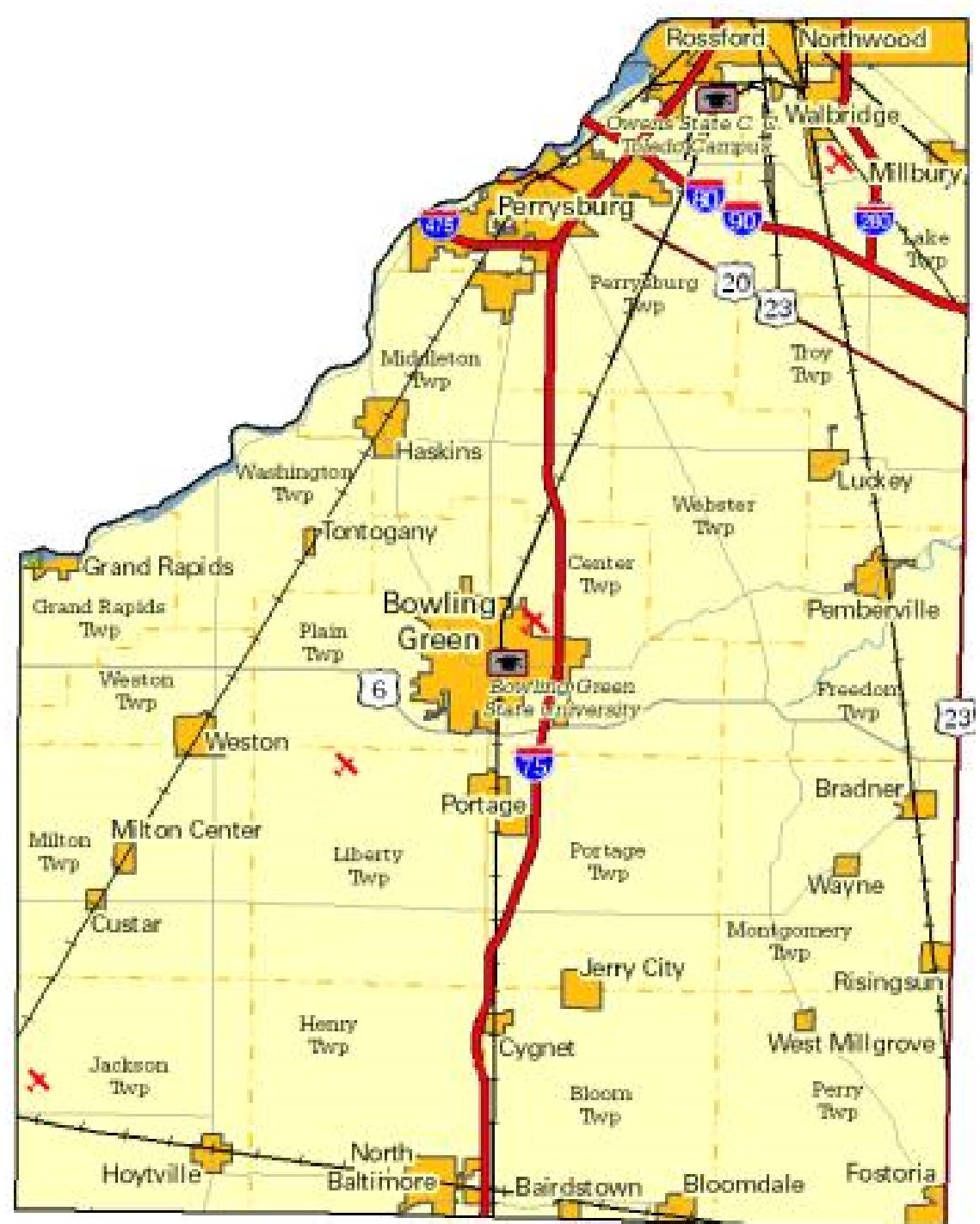


Wood County Building Inspection provides residential inspection for Wood County, and commercial/industrial inspection for Wood, Hancock, Henry and Fulton Counties.

# How would you like to see Wood County grow?

The Wood County Planning Commission is creating a new future land use plan to guide development and preservation throughout Wood County (all townships).

Complete a brief survey before the end of March 2016. Surveys are available on-line or stop by the Planning Commission Office.



# National Day of Prayer Ceremony



Annually, Wood County citizens and public officials gather with members of the Wood County Ministerial Association to celebrate the National Day of Prayer.

County employees raised more than \$20,500 during the 2015 United Way Campaign.





The Commissioner helped welcome Archbold Equipment to Wood County.

# Home Depot Fulfillment Center



In Troy Township, the 1.6 million square foot Home Depot fulfillment center opened and created nearly 500 jobs.

Have you  
purchased  
your dog  
license?



1-year, 3-year or permanent license  
options available

**Door-to-Door Dog License Compliance  
Checks Coming in 2016**

Contact the Auditor's Office or Dog Shelter for more information

# County Treasurer Offers Options for Paying Property Taxes

- Credit Card payment, with a convenience fee
- Automatic withdrawal from bank account
- Monthly automatic withdrawal from bank account
- Payments are also accepted at some banking institutions throughout the County
- Drop box at Courthouse Complex



# Sheriff's Office added dispatching duties for:

- Walbridge Police
- Lake Township Police,  
Fire and EMS
- North Baltimore Fire  
and EMA



**A “self-help” workstation was installed in the Law Library to allow residents access to forms and procedures to assist with divorce, dissolution and domestic violence matters.**

**The Law Library Resources Board assisted the Clerk of Courts with this grant through the Ohio Supreme Court.**

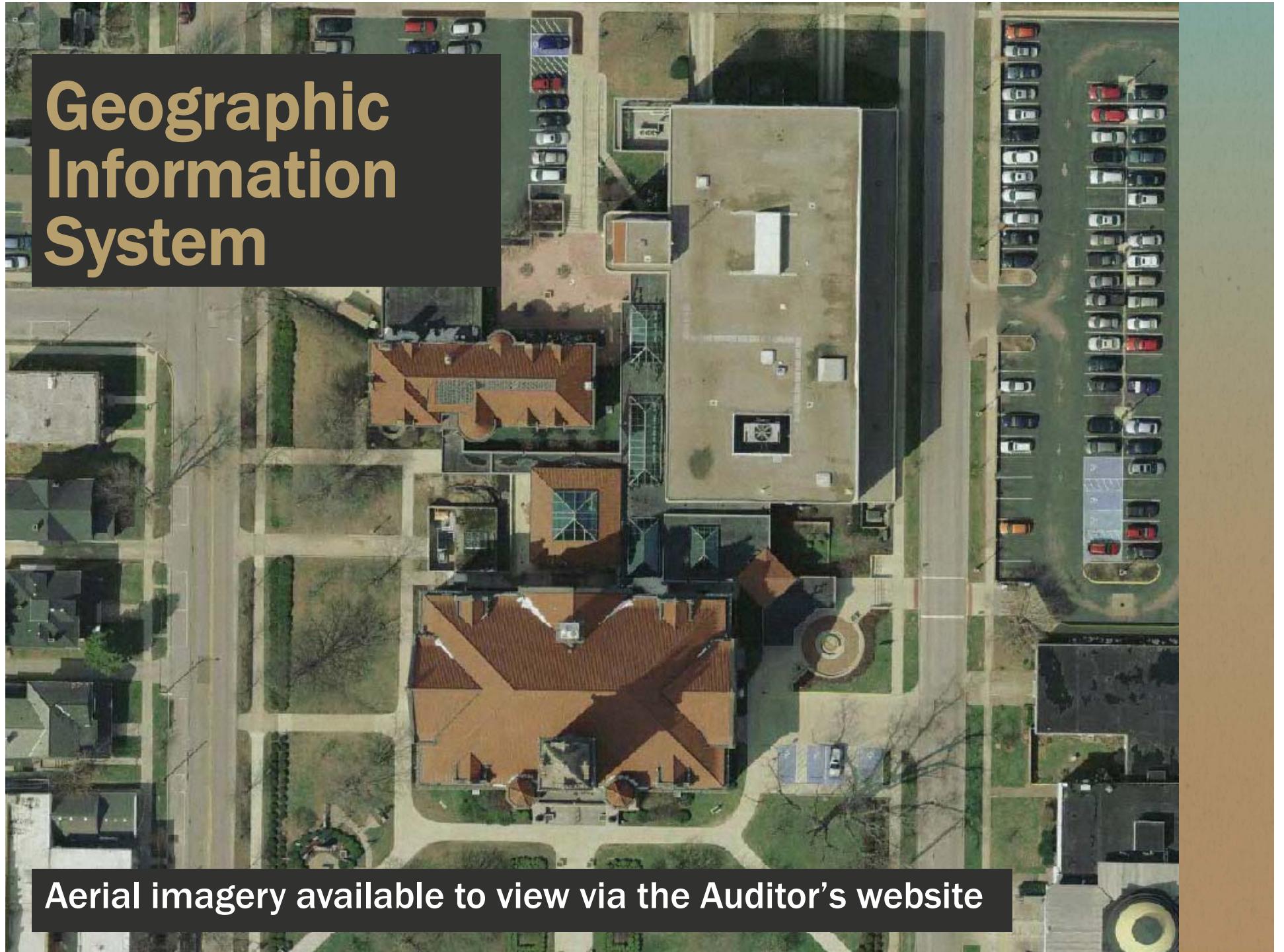


# Recorder's Office begins accepting E-recorded documents

Starting December 1, 2015 the office started accepting documents from two eRecording vendors, Corporation Service Company (CSC) and Simplifile.



# Geographic Information System



# Historical Marker Dedicated in Rossford

The Commissioners joined with staff of Owens Community College at the dedication of a historical marker for the former Rossford Army Ordnance Depot.



**Are you a  
Veteran  
Living in  
Wood  
County?**

**Thank you for  
your service!**



**The Veterans Assistance Center wants to ensure you are registered with their office to make sure you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to receive. Contact their office to learn more.**



## 2015 Spirit of Wood County Awards

Annually the Commissioners present the Spirit of Wood County Awards. The 2015 recipients were Nick Ezzone, Thom Headley, Ed Ciecka, Jim Carter, Steve Powell, Dianna Temple and John Fawcett.

# Welcoming new JFS employees





**JFS Director  
Dave Wigent  
received the  
Outstanding  
Director  
Award from  
the Ohio Job  
& Family  
Services  
Directors  
Association.**



**Wood Haven Health Care employee Linda Borders received a Heroes of Long Term Care award from the Ohio Health Care Association.**

## Appointments to the Local Court Security Advisory Committee



# Become a CASA/GAL Volunteer

Court Appointed Special Advocate/  
Guardian ad Litem volunteers gather  
information about the life, make  
recommendations and advocate for the  
best interest of the child, and monitor  
the situation until a safe, permanent  
home is made for the child.



For more information, contact Juvenile Court.

# Guardian Program Seeking Volunteers



Probate Court is in need of volunteers to act as guardians for community members who are no longer able to care for themselves.

Examples of decisions a volunteer might make include those relating to medical care or housing.

For more information, contact Probate Court.

# Commissioner Carter Retires

In July, Commissioner Jim Carter announced his retirement.

First appointed Commissioner in 1995, he was elected five times by Wood County voters.

He was the guiding force behind the exterior renovation project for the Courthouse and Old Jail and repurposing the Old Jail into the Records Center and Law Library.



# Keeping in Touch with Those We Serve

## Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

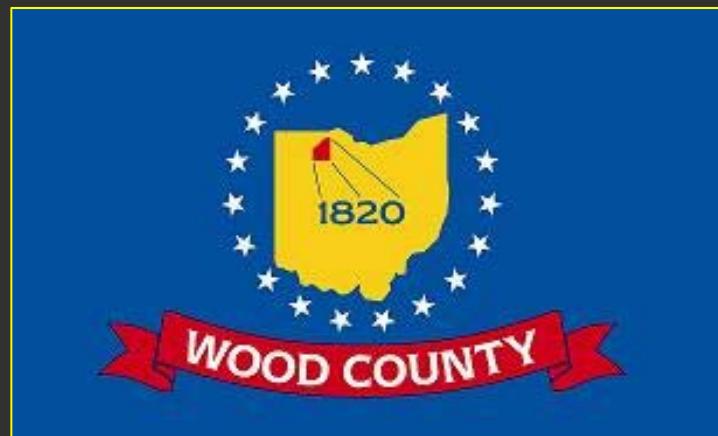
Milton Township: April 26

Perrysburg: May 17

Watch for Additional Dates and Times

### Website:

Includes agendas, prior meeting minutes, press releases, etc.



**Commissioners' E-Newsletter:**  
Coming Soon - Watch for subscription information



Wood County Commissioners

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- Links to Elected Official and Departmental Websites
- Real Estate Information, Tax Payments, Index searches
- Voter Location Search
- Court Records Search
- Dog Adoptions/Dog License Purchase
- Marriage License and Probate Records
- Sheriff's Sales
- Sex Offender Database
- Interactive Maps
- Road Closings
- Building Permit Inquiry
- Bids/Requests for Proposals
- Internet Auction of Surplus Items