

# RENEWAL FACT SHEET

## OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

### *Supporting Local Roadways and Water Protection Projects*

*This program must be renewed by Ohio's voters every ten years.  
The next proposed renewal is scheduled for the May 6, 2025 Primary Election and would permit up to \$250 million per year for the next ten years to support this program.*

#### WHAT DOES THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DO?

We fund infrastructure projects in communities throughout Ohio! For nearly 40 years, we have been improving the lives of Ohioans by providing grants and loans for better roads, bridges, wastewater treatment, water supply, and stormwater infrastructure.

#### WHY ARE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IMPORTANT?

We help your local governments build necessary and critical infrastructure that you depend on every day. From paved roads to safe drinking water, these projects promote better health and safety by improving critical needs in Ohio's communities.

Infrastructure investments keep Ohio competitive. Strong infrastructure encourages economic development, creates new business, and expands opportunities for existing businesses in the community.

This program also creates construction jobs and guarantees the use of Ohio products, services, and labor whenever possible.

#### WILL MY COMMUNITY BENEFIT?

Yes! The Ohio Public Works Commission supports projects in all of Ohio's 88 counties. In total, we have invested over \$7 billion for 19,000 projects across the state.

#### DO THESE PROJECTS RAISE MY TAXES?

No! This program does NOT increase taxes. It relies on bonds which are paid off with existing state revenue.

#### WHO DETERMINES HOW THE FUNDS ARE USED?

This program is a state and local government partnership. Funding decisions are made by local officials who administer the projects. The Ohio Public Works Commission pays its share of project costs.

#### WHY DOES THIS PROGRAM REQUIRE RENEWAL FROM VOTERS?

The funding for this program relies on an amendment to Ohio's Constitution about every ten years. It was originally approved by a direct vote of Ohioans in 1987 and since reauthorized by voters three times.



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A few recent examples of the many projects which are made possible with the support of the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program.



## ROADS

### *Northwest - Lucas County*

The Apple Blossom Farms and Bancroft Street Road Improvement Project in Springfield Township

replaced the pavement for a dozen roads in the community. These roads were previously paved 30 years prior and were badly deteriorated.



## WASTEWATER

### *Southeast - Athens County*

The Village of Chauncey Project replaced village sanitary sewers

which had experienced numerous issues, including complete system failures that required emergency repairs. With poor ground conditions, the community lacked necessary equipment and personnel to make the repairs.



## BRIDGES

### *Northeast - Cuyahoga County*

The West 130<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project rebuilt the bridge over the East Branch of Rocky River in the Cities of

North Royalton and Strongsville and included a 12-foot-wide shared used path as an added benefit to pedestrians and trail users. This bridge, constructed in 1952, had significant deterioration.



## STORMWATER

### *Central - Licking County*

The Vine and Linda Drainage Improvements Project in the City of Pataskala upgraded the 'old' portion

of town by replacing deteriorated pipes and inlets. This project improved drainage on both sides of the road by properly channeling rainwater to prevent flooding and provided pedestrian safety with the addition of sidewalks.



## WATER

### *Southwest - Montgomery County*

The Greenhill & Hornwood Water Main Replacement Project replaced the water main which had significant

excessive breaks and exceeded its useful life. It also replaced old fire hydrants to ensure firefighters have quick and easy access to effectively combat any blazes.

To learn more about the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and see what projects are happening in your community, visit [www.publicworks.ohio.gov](http://www.publicworks.ohio.gov)

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