

Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420

2023 MEETING

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 9/7/2023

Time: 9:00AM – 11:59AM

Present: Commissioners: Charles Schwochow – President; Russ Zimmerman– Vice President; Scott Miller

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Dean Bliss, Charlie Horne, Marc Glotzbecker, Robin Richter, Tim Bergman, Judge Ickes, Judge Ray, Beth Tischler, Megan Miller, Atul Chopra

(*action items)

AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (9:00am)		Charles Schwochow, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, in-coming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 9/5/2023 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Charles Schwochow Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	Commissioner Zimmerman attended the Family Children First Council meeting this morning. The group was notified Ohio Rise will be assuming some of the responsibility FCFC has taken care of in the past so their budget will be reduced. Committee reports were presented. They have a \$400,000.00 balance in their finances. They talked about the books being sent out through the Imagination Library. The Mental Health Board is still working on the Community Fortress renovation. There were some retirement announcements in some of the groups.	Russ Zimmerman		
	Commissioner Miller attended the Ballville Township Trustee meeting Tuesday evening. There was a meeting prior to the Township meeting to discuss zoning. They discussed the zoning maps to clarify the maps. They also talked about solar farms and fields and zoning	Scott Miller		

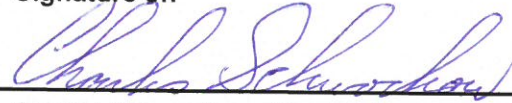
	restrictions they would like to have. They also talked about dumpsters and trash cans in the Township. They wanted something in place to control some of the dumpsters being placed as permanent fixtures.			
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	Administrator Garcia talked about the 2024 budget update for elected officials and department heads. The budget will be advanced in September. The wage increase has been built into the budgets. The discussion was to ask all to budget the same as the adopted budgets they used for 2023 for the remainder of their accounts.			
	Commissioner Miller received a call from Mayor of the City of Fremont regarding the sewer rate increases. He had questions about the process of notification. The City handles billing and normally fields calls. Commissioner Miller has already discussed the concerns with Steve Shiets, Sanitary Engineer.	Scott Miller		
* Then /Now Documents	<p>Two certificates were presented by EMS. First certificate, was unaware who the vendor was and where the invoice would come from, and both certificates vendors had to be added to the financial system to process PO's. Two invoices make up these certificates. Collins Dispute Resolution Services - \$1,973.00 G&D Extreme Auto Detailing - \$5,702.15</p> <p>One certificate was presented by the Recorder's Office. Official did not realize these invoices would continue after switching vendors. Two invoices make up this certificate from the same vendor. Aveno Insights and Analytics - \$920.55 & \$1,500.00</p>	<p>EMS</p> <p>Recorder</p>	<p>\$1,973.00 \$5,702.15</p> <p>\$920.55 \$1,500.00</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3</p>
* Personnel	September Health Insurance transfer was signed		\$318,491.66	
* Travel Requests	None			
	*** Commissioner Zimmerman joined session at 9:04am			
Drug Task Force (DTF)	<u>Dean Bliss and Charlie Horne – DTF.</u> Dean and Charlie came in to update the Commissioners on DTF business. They participated in Operation Blue Light with many law enforcement agencies and the Ohio Department of Safety. They saturated the county and did proactive traffic stops in search of drugs, guns and OVI's. They made several arrests during the operation.	Dean Bliss – Commander Charlie Horne – Assistant Commander		

	They opened ten felony cases from the stops. It was a successful event. They have had 44 overdoses so far this year. Over 90% have been referred to treatment and 70% of them have continued treatment. Overdose cases have declined this year compared to last year. Dean shared the latest drug confiscation map for Ohio. The DTF has a new machine to test drugs they confiscate. Most of these drugs have multiple drugs incorporated and the user doesn't know it is mixed. The collaboration of other counties and cities have been very helpful. The Prosecutor has helped the DTF whenever they need equipment or other items to do their job. They also receive help from State agencies too.			
Village of Gibsonburg	Marc Glotzbecker, Gibsonburg Village Administrator, stopped in to update the Commissioners on the Rodriguez Street project. They need to delay the project until next spring. Due to supply issues, they don't want to start the project and not be able to finish it before winter. Commissioners feel this is understandable. They will start the project in March of 2024.			
* Resolutions	2023 – 243 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT SERVICES (\$100,000.00)	Public Defender	\$100,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
	2023 - 244 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO EMS SUPPLIES (\$50,000.00) TO COVER DIFFERENCE IN UNKNOWN & ADDITIONAL EXPENSES WHEN 2023 BUDGET WAS ESTABLISHED, SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO FEES (\$30,000.00) AND REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS (\$20,000.00) TO COVER MONTHLY SALES TAX EXPENSES FOR 2023.	EMS	\$50,000.00 \$30,000.00 \$20,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – Tom Fullen, Eagle 99. Roger LaPointe, News Messenger. Elected Officials – Judge Ickes and Judge Ray, Common Pleas Judges. Beth Tischler, Prosecutor			

<p>Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP)</p>	<p>Robin Richter – GLCAP. Robin came in to discuss funding the county is receiving from the Healthy Aging Grant from the State. Tim Bergman came in with Robin. He works with the transportation department of GLCAP. Robin first wanted to notify the Commissioners they are getting ready to put the HVAC system update at the Senior Center out for bid. They received money from the Area Office on Aging to assist in costs for the meals on wheels program. They are using the funds with several of their vendors.</p> <p>Robin presented information from the Area Office on Aging showing different populations within the County 65+ years old. She shared many statistics on Seniors with the Commissioners. Robin presented information on the grant funding Sandusky County will be receiving and how GLCAP Senior Services could assist in distributing funds.</p>			
<p>Common Pleas Court</p>	<p>Judge Jon Ickes – Common Pleas Court. Judge Ickes came in with Judge Ray, Prosecutor Beth Tischler and Court Administrator Megan Miller to discuss information shared at the last Courthouse Security meeting. Judge Ickes asked about establishing a sub-committee or implementation committee to keep some suggestions moving. The thought was to have Judge Ickes, Administrator Garcia, Atul Chopra, Ron Hiser and Eric Arquette on the committee. Prosecutor Tischler talked about 108 S Park building. They asked about moving some people back in to that building. Commissioner Miller talked about the sandstone in that building that needs to be removed and then the building needs to be demolished. There was discussion on the security monitor project and where that stands. Judge Ickes noted the Garmann Miller report should be coming with their comments and recommendation along with the Supreme Court security report. Judge was asking where we go from here to accomplish deficiencies in the Supreme Court Report. Several scenarios were discussed. One of the suggestions was to remove the Prosecutor from the second floor with the courts. Communication on some of the smaller issues that can be taken care of sooner than later were discussed.</p>	<p>Jon Ickes – Judge Jeremiah Ray – Judge Beth Tischler – Prosecutor Megan Miller – Court Administrator</p>		

* Adjournment (11:59am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller
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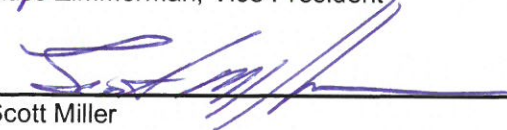
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Charles Schwochow, President

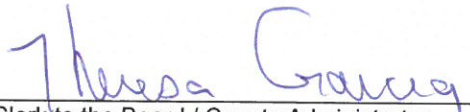


Russ Zimmerman, Vice President



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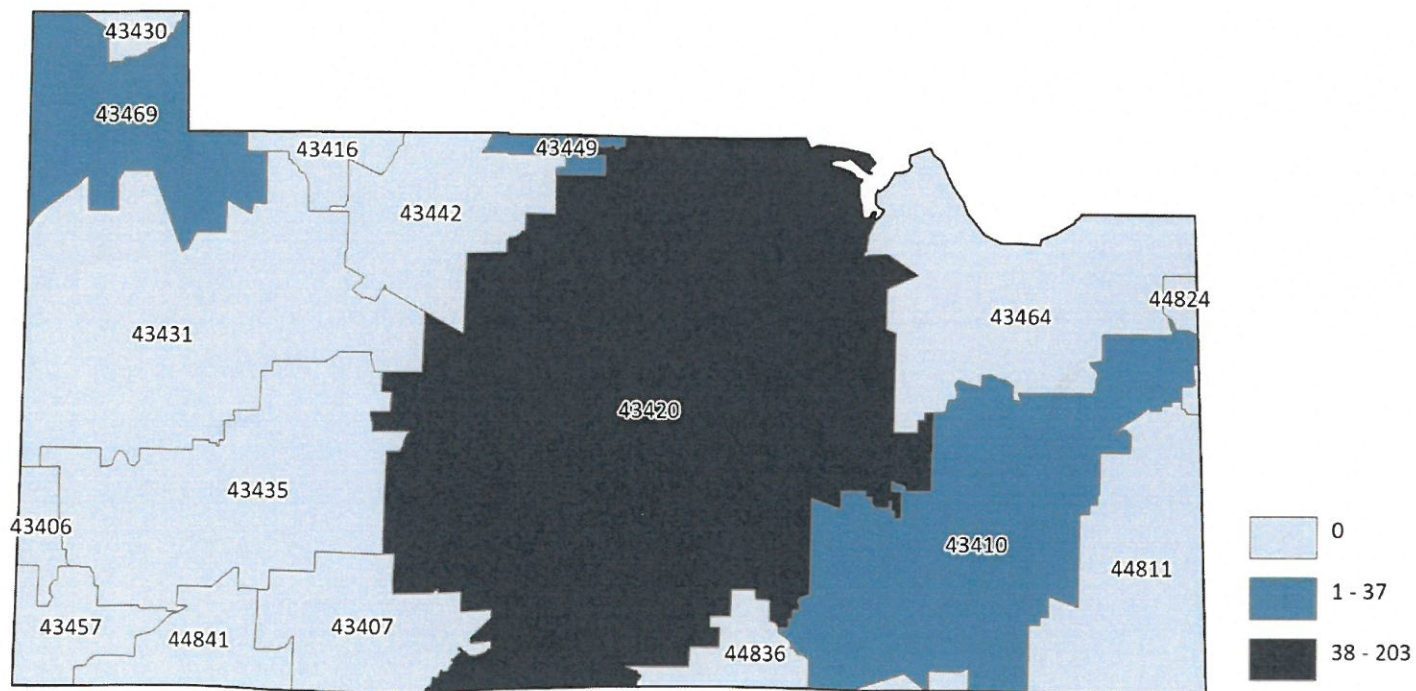
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Attest: 
Clerk to the Board / County Administrator

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the official record of said Board of County Commissioners as recorded in its Journal.

Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

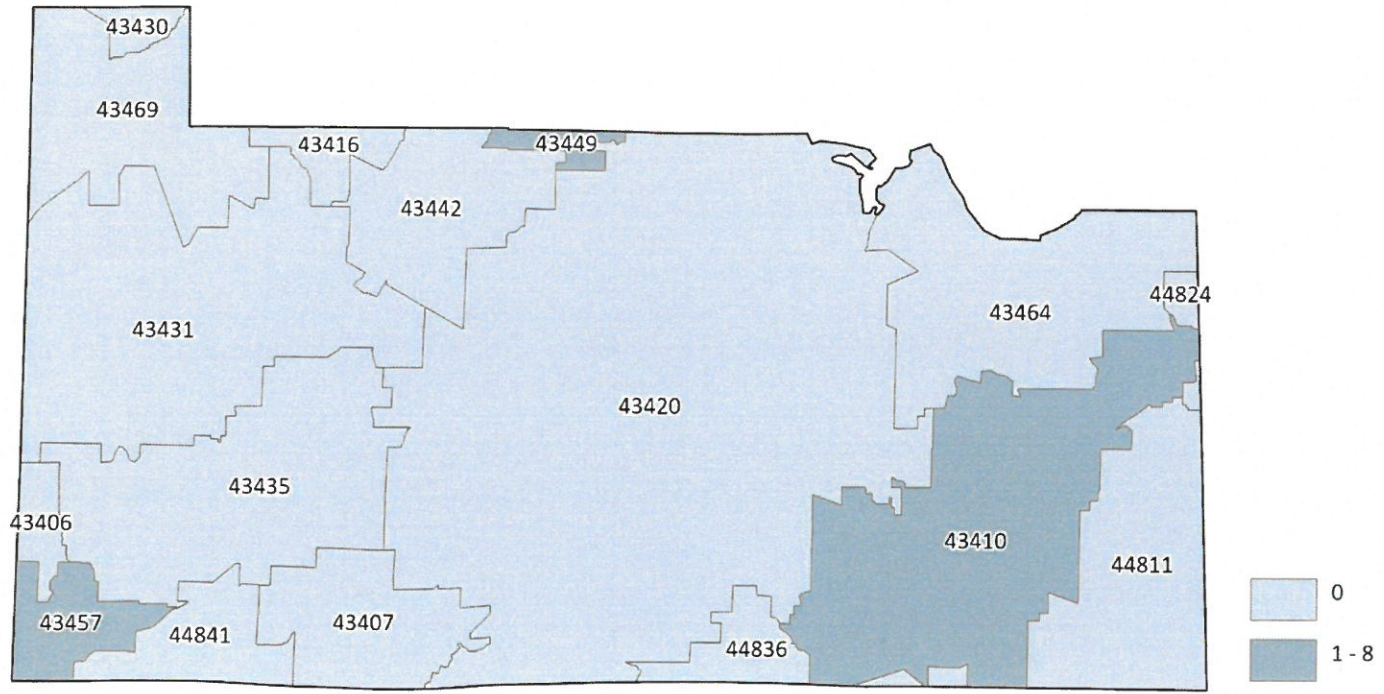
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2017-2021 5-Year Estimates



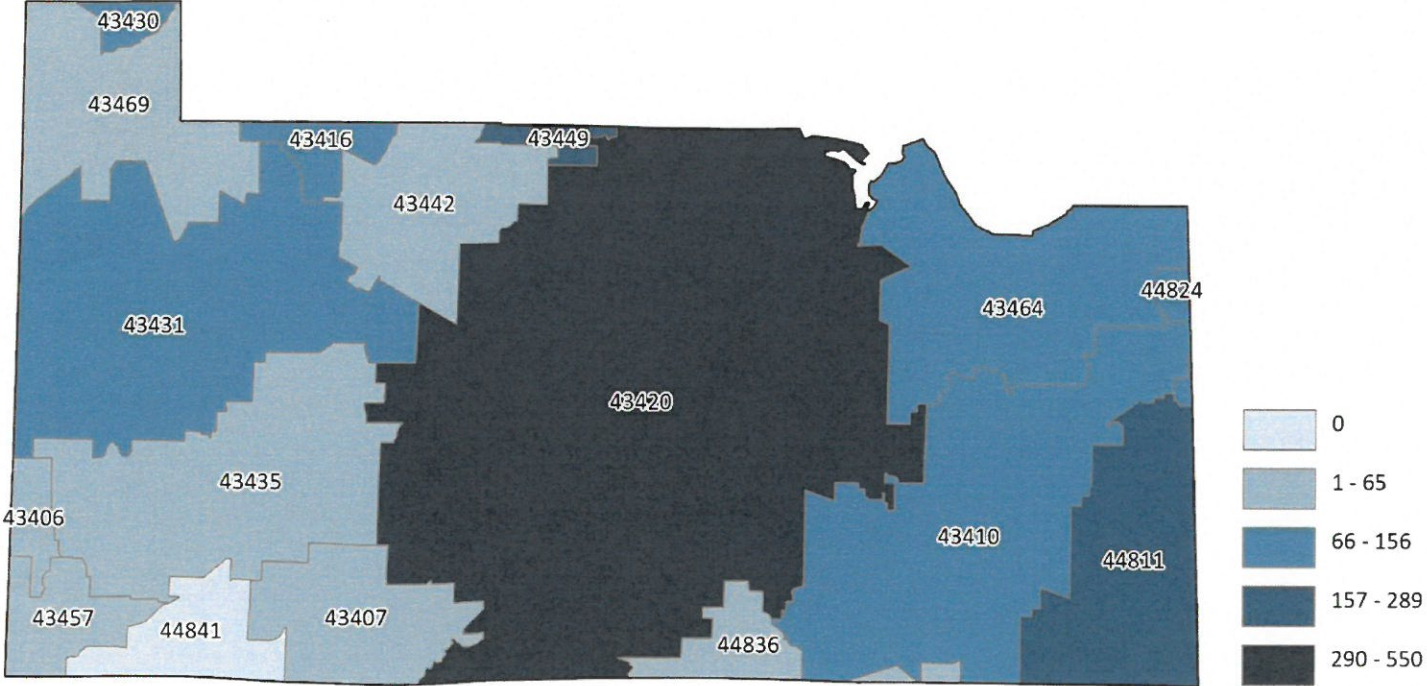
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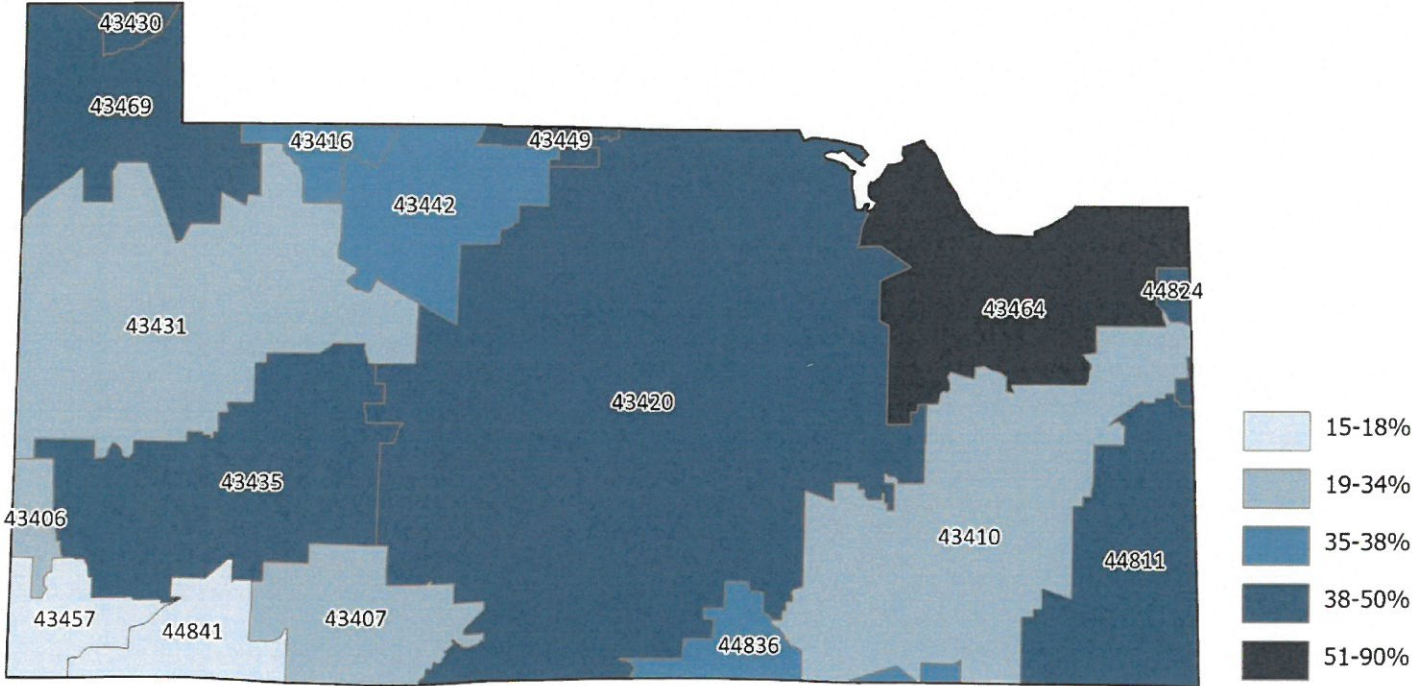
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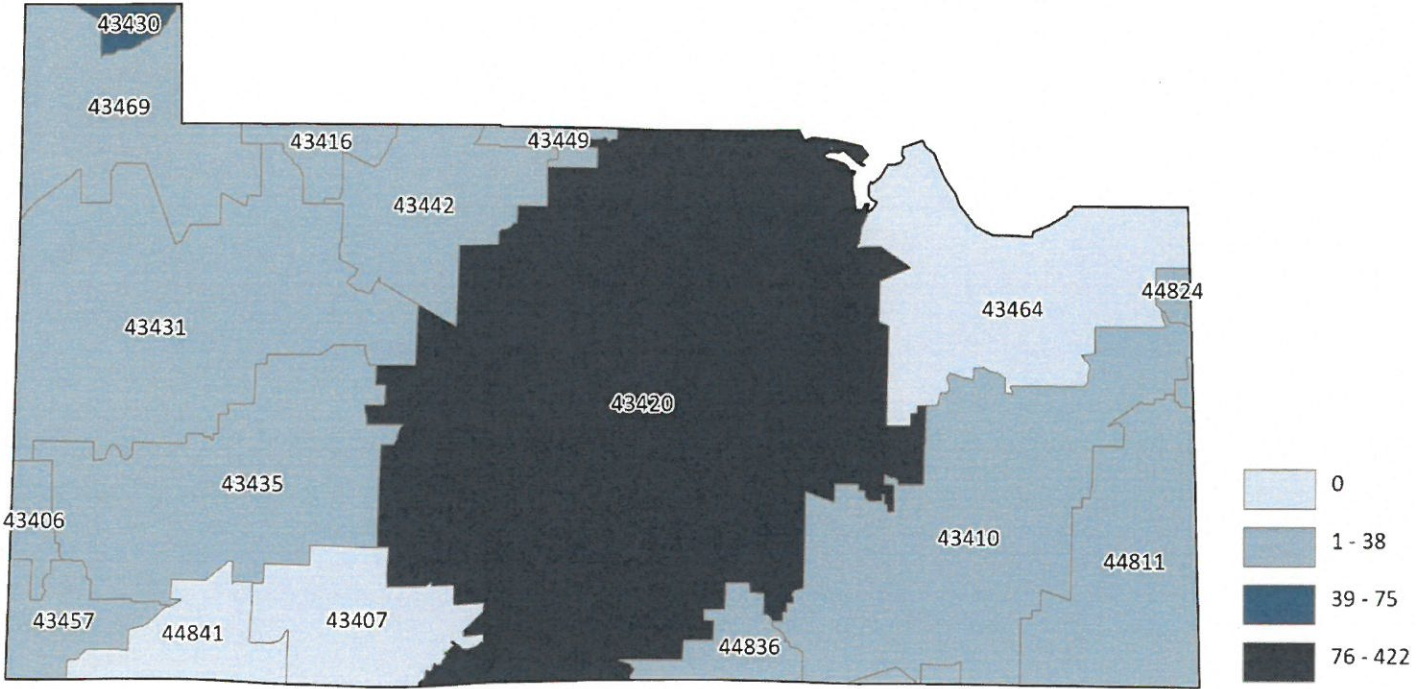
Sandusky County Percent of Households 65+ Living Alone by Zip Code



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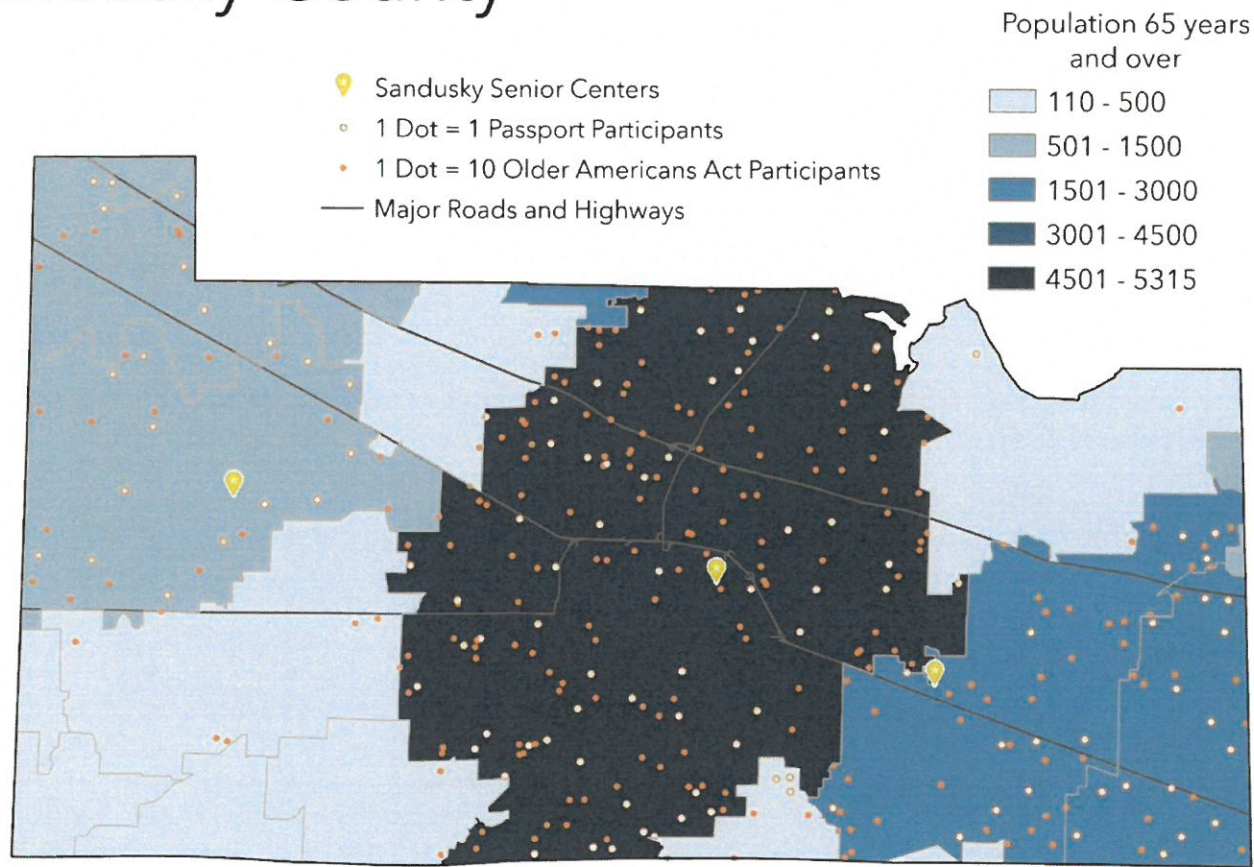
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TO: Sandusky County Commissioners

FROM: Robin Richter, Director Senior & Transportation Services

DATE: 9/6/23

RE: Ohio Department of Aging – Healthy Aging Grants to County Government

Healthy Aging Grant funding was approved in the State Budget as a one-time revenue from federal ARPA dollars to be disbursed through County Commissioners. Eligible activities to support aging adults include nutrition services (meals), transportation, minor home modifications, chronic disease management, health promotion, personal care, respite, and more. While we do not have specifics on how the funds will be disbursed to Commissioners, we do have a sample of how allocations may be determined by County. It appears that Sandusky County may receive \$236,379.

To meet the intent of the Healthy Aging Grant, below is a draft list of services and budget:

Ohio Department of Aging - Healthy Aging Grant - ARPA			
SERVICE	\$	MEASUREMENT	UNIT RATE # SERVED
Sandusky County Allocation - Sample	\$ 236,379.00		
Minor Home Modifications	\$ 60,000.00	Seniors	\$ 2,500.00 24
Transportation (TRIPS Senior Rides)	\$ 80,000.00	Rides	\$ 38.87 2058
Nutrition - Home Delivered Meals	\$ 86,379.00	Meals	\$ 13.99 6174
Mobility Management	\$ -		
Getting Around Guides	\$ 820.00	Guides distributed	\$ 1.64 500
Projects (Bus Shelter, Bicycle Share)	\$ 9,180.00	Participant Use	\$ 2.55 3600
TOTAL	\$ 236,379.00		

Attached:

1. Excerpts from ODA Director Testimony to Ohio Senate Health Committee – describes the Healthy Aging Grant.
2. APPENDIX B – Allocations by County – Sample Table

Healthy Aging Grants

Increasingly, a number of states are using alternative funding sources to better support healthier aging, focusing on evidence-based, preventive, life-style interventions, and services in the home and community.

Since announcing our budget request, the excitement and support of the \$40 million Healthy Aging Grants has been considerable. Today, I stand here with strong letters of support for these transformational grants from the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and a joint letter from a large and diverse coalition of aging and community-based organizations, business leaders, healthcare providers, not-for-profit organizations and many more – all of whom are eager to be a part of this pioneering effort to keep at-risk aging Ohioans in their homes and communities while preventing or delaying the move to institutional care and reliance on Medicaid funding. Keeping dollars in the state by supporting local economies is good for the people served, local communities, and our state’s economy.

Our philosophy is simple – empower local communities to serve their residents. Our choices on the design and resources to support these grants will impact overall success. By design, these grants are flexible, simple, and accessible to a broad network of providers. Local leaders know their communities best and will have an opportunity to strategically plan and deliver services tailored to the specific needs of their aging residents. They are best positioned to forge and cultivate relationships with providers that have a regular presence in their communities and can meet the many and diverse needs of their residents.

County commissioners will distribute the funds and our department will provide the necessary technical assistance. These grants will increase access to services and supports demonstrated to help aging adults stay healthy, live longer, and increase their independence in the community. This includes nutrition services, transportation, minor home modifications, chronic disease management, health promotion, personal care, respite, and more.

Compared to acute care, the state has limited investment in this area, even though, over the last decade in the U.S., the burden of chronic disease, healthcare costs, and fragmented care delivery have increased.

Healthy Aging Grants are needed for these reasons, and a number of others:

- **Federal support has not kept up.** The Older Americans Act (OAA), the major federal vehicle for social support and care initiatives, has not increased with inflation or in conjunction with the growth of the older population (Congressional Research Services, 2018). Federal support generally is available only for low-income families, and often has long waiting lists.
- **Families are often called upon to provide needed care and support when services are not accessible or financially available.** According to AARP, in 2017, 41 million family caregivers provided 34 billion hours of care or \$470 billion of unpaid contribution nationwide.
- **State and locally funded initiatives have become more important than ever to fill a gap in long-term services and supports for older adults.** Local initiatives fund aging services at varying levels in our state, typically funded at the county level through property taxes that raise funds for levies or through private foundations.

A measure of effectiveness is whether the Healthy Aging Grants provide access to the appropriate services and supports in a timely manner, and whether those services promote health improvements. We believe these grants will make it possible to engage during critical periods and capitalize on the optimal timing for intervention (National Institute on Aging: Directions for Research 2020-2025). This can reduce unnecessary use of the most expensive medical care (Lipson 2017).

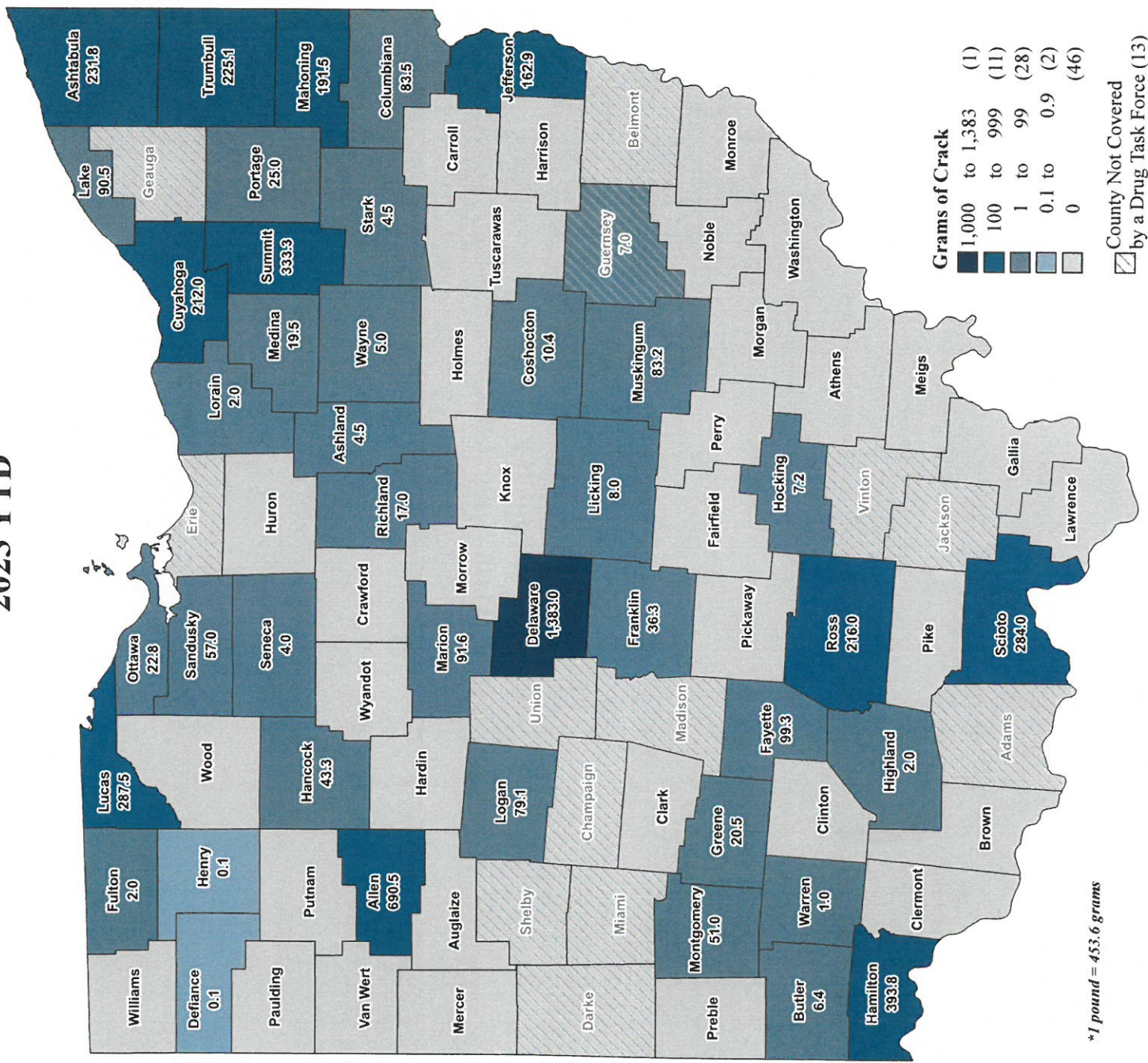
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Healthy Aging Grants

Allocations by County - Sample Table
 LICKING COUNTY - WYANDOT COUNTY

County	Individuals 60 Years and Older; Below Poverty; Not on Medicaid	Percent of Total County Population	Allocation Based on Individuals 60 Years and Older; Below Poverty; Not on Medicaid	Base Funding	Total Allocation
Licking	11,698	1.03%	\$309,839.48	\$100,000.00	\$409,839.48
Logan	3,335	0.29%	\$88,332.59	\$100,000.00	\$188,332.59
Lorain	31,242	2.74%	\$827,492.32	\$100,000.00	\$927,492.32
Lucas	61,177	5.37%	\$1,620,366.74	\$100,000.00	\$1,720,366.74
Madison	2,589	0.23%	\$68,573.64	\$100,000.00	\$168,573.64
Mahoning	26,699	2.34%	\$707,163.99	\$100,000.00	\$807,163.99
Marion	5,471	0.48%	\$144,907.83	\$100,000.00	\$244,907.83
Medina	7,083	0.62%	\$187,604.13	\$100,000.00	\$287,604.13
Meigs	3,345	0.29%	\$88,597.46	\$100,000.00	\$188,597.46
Mercer	1,418	0.12%	\$37,557.91	\$100,000.00	\$137,557.91
Miami	5,905	0.52%	\$156,402.99	\$100,000.00	\$256,402.99
Monroe	1,433	0.13%	\$37,955.20	\$100,000.00	\$137,955.20
Montgomery	61,964	5.43%	\$1,641,211.64	\$100,000.00	\$1,741,211.64
Morgan	1,857	0.16%	\$49,185.50	\$100,000.00	\$149,185.50
Morrow	2,124	0.19%	\$56,257.40	\$100,000.00	\$156,257.40
Muskingum	9,346	0.82%	\$247,543.15	\$100,000.00	\$347,543.15
Noble	1,372	0.12%	\$36,339.53	\$100,000.00	\$136,339.53
Ottawa	2,464	0.22%	\$65,262.82	\$100,000.00	\$165,262.82
Paulding	1,501	0.13%	\$39,756.29	\$100,000.00	\$139,756.29
Perry	4,281	0.38%	\$113,388.86	\$100,000.00	\$213,388.86
Pickaway	5,729	0.50%	\$151,741.36	\$100,000.00	\$251,741.36
Pike	3,500	0.31%	\$92,702.87	\$100,000.00	\$192,702.87
Portage	13,285	1.17%	\$351,873.62	\$100,000.00	\$451,873.62
Preble	2,440	0.21%	\$64,627.15	\$100,000.00	\$164,627.15
Putnam	1,936	0.17%	\$51,277.93	\$100,000.00	\$151,277.93
Richland	10,925	0.96%	\$289,365.39	\$100,000.00	\$389,365.39
Ross	7,823	0.69%	\$207,204.16	\$100,000.00	\$307,204.16
Sandusky	5,149	0.45%	\$136,379.17	\$100,000.00	\$236,379.17
Scioto	12,355	1.08%	\$327,241.14	\$100,000.00	\$427,241.14
Seneca	5,027	0.44%	\$133,147.81	\$100,000.00	\$233,147.81
Shelby	3,764	0.33%	\$99,695.32	\$100,000.00	\$199,695.32
Stark	35,554	3.12%	\$941,702.26	\$100,000.00	\$1,041,702.26
Summit	47,596	4.17%	\$1,260,653.11	\$100,000.00	\$1,360,653.11
Trumbull	25,670	2.25%	\$679,909.35	\$100,000.00	\$779,909.35
Tuscarawas	8,508	0.75%	\$225,347.44	\$100,000.00	\$325,347.44
Union	1,867	0.16%	\$49,450.36	\$100,000.00	\$149,450.36
VanWert	1,891	0.17%	\$50,086.04	\$100,000.00	\$150,086.04
Vinton	2,119	0.19%	\$56,124.97	\$100,000.00	\$156,124.97
Warren	6,942	0.61%	\$183,869.52	\$100,000.00	\$283,869.52
Washington	5,340	0.47%	\$141,438.10	\$100,000.00	\$241,438.10
Wayne	8,855	0.78%	\$234,538.27	\$100,000.00	\$334,538.27
Williams	2,802	0.25%	\$74,215.27	\$100,000.00	\$174,215.27
Wood	13,837	1.21%	\$366,494.18	\$100,000.00	\$466,494.18
Wyandot	919	0.08%	\$24,341.13	\$100,000.00	\$124,341.13
TOTAL	1,140,202		\$30,200,000	\$8,800,000	\$39,000,000

Ohio Drug Task Forces Seized Crack 2023 YTD

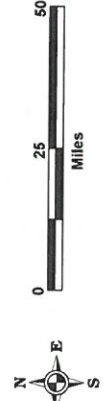


Grams of Crack

- 1,000 to 1,383 (1)
- 100 to 999 (11)
- 1 to 99 (28)
- 0.1 to 0.9 (2)
- 0 (46)

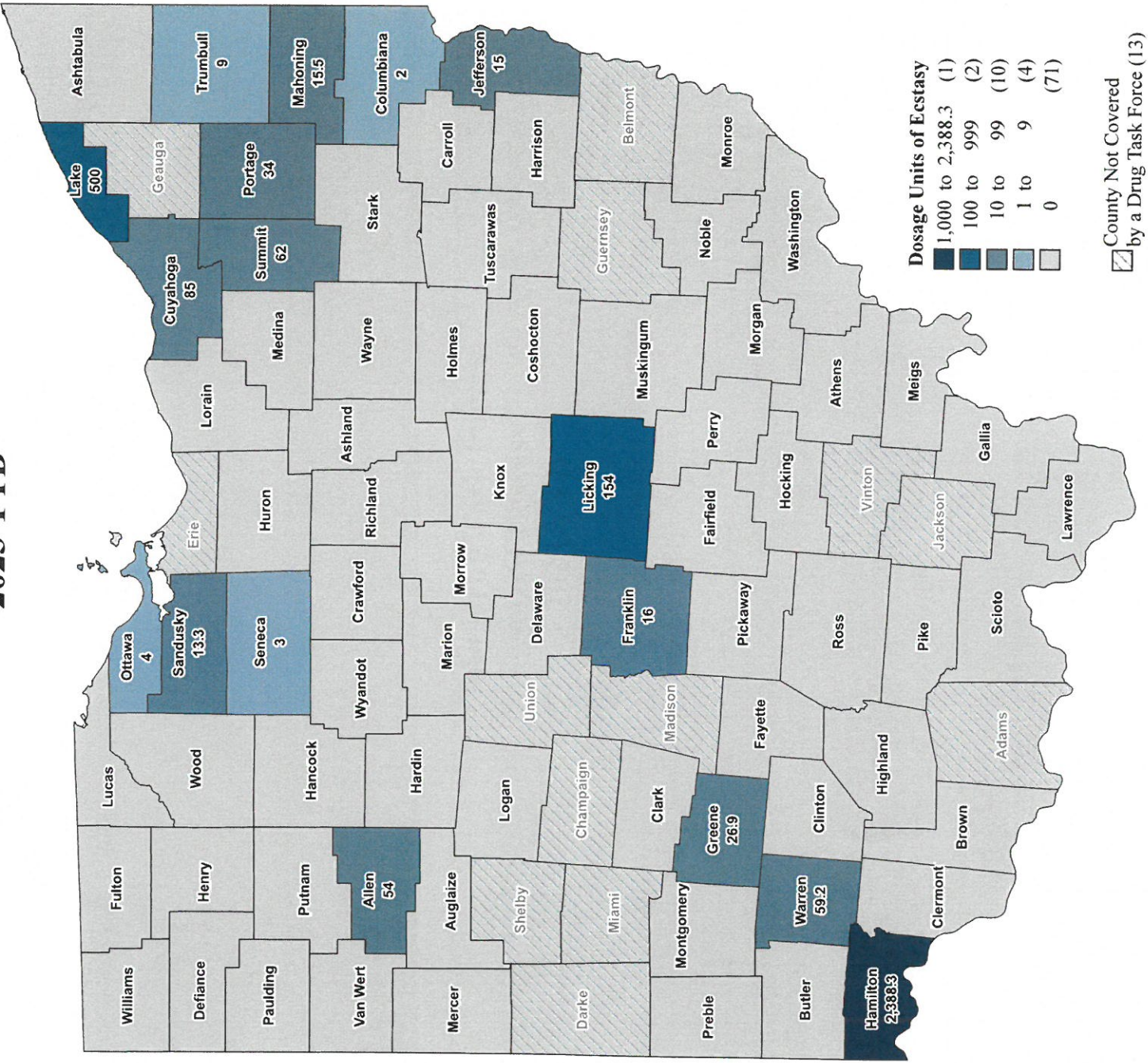
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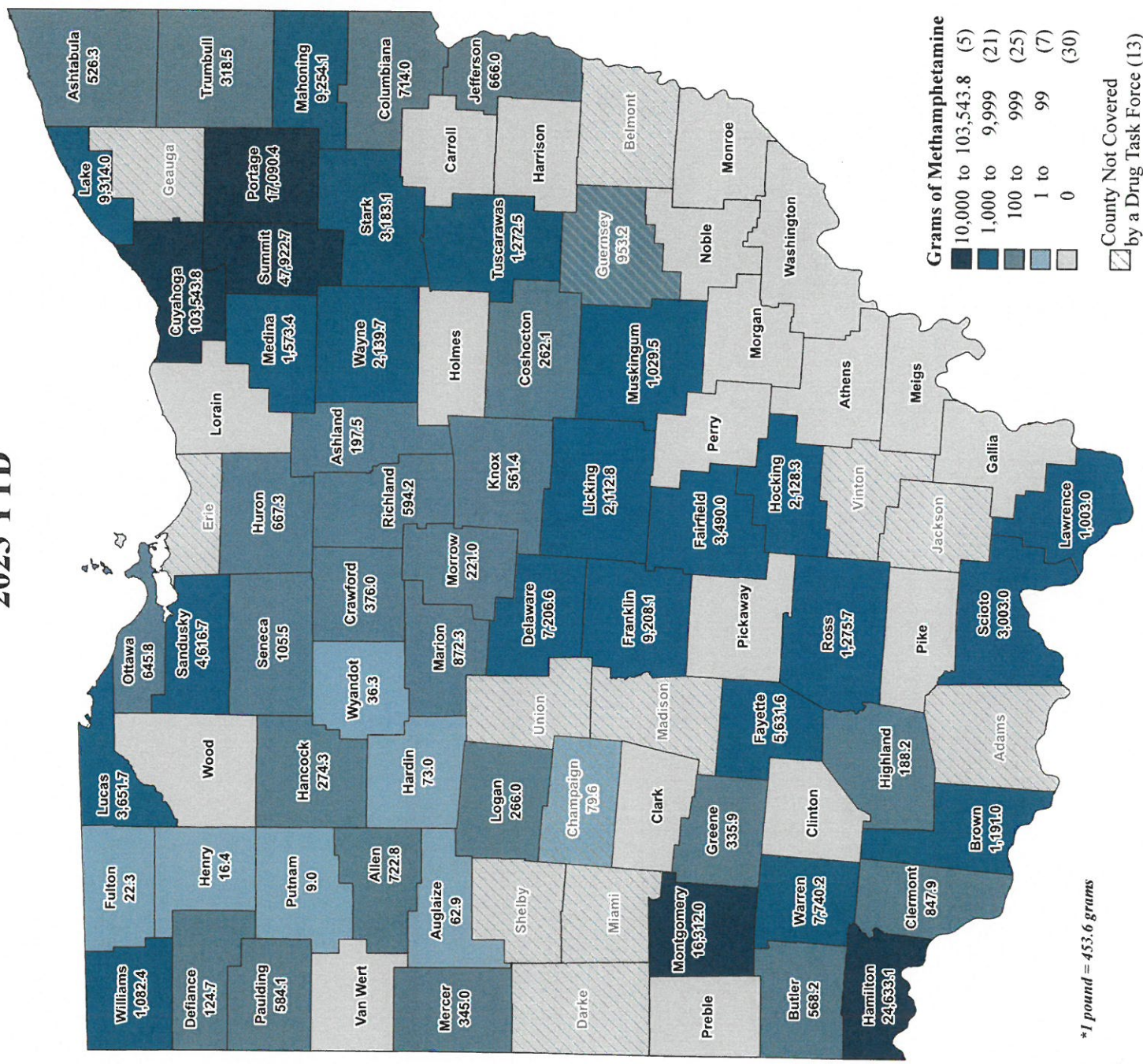


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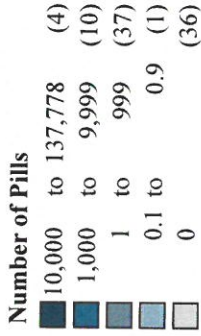
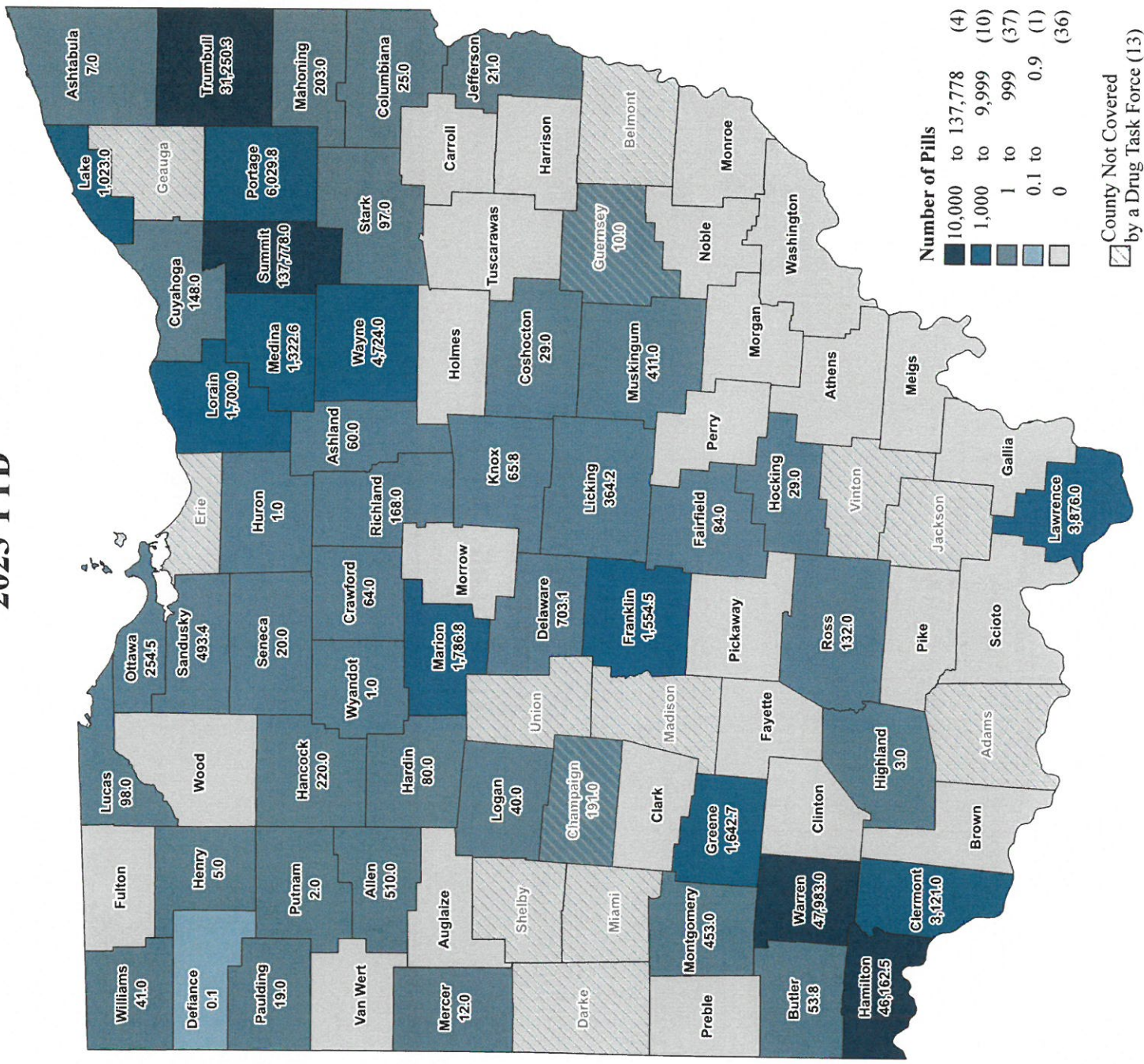


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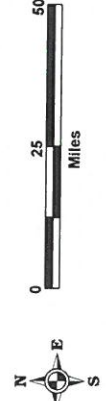


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Ohio Drug Task Forces Seized Prescription Pills 2023 YTD

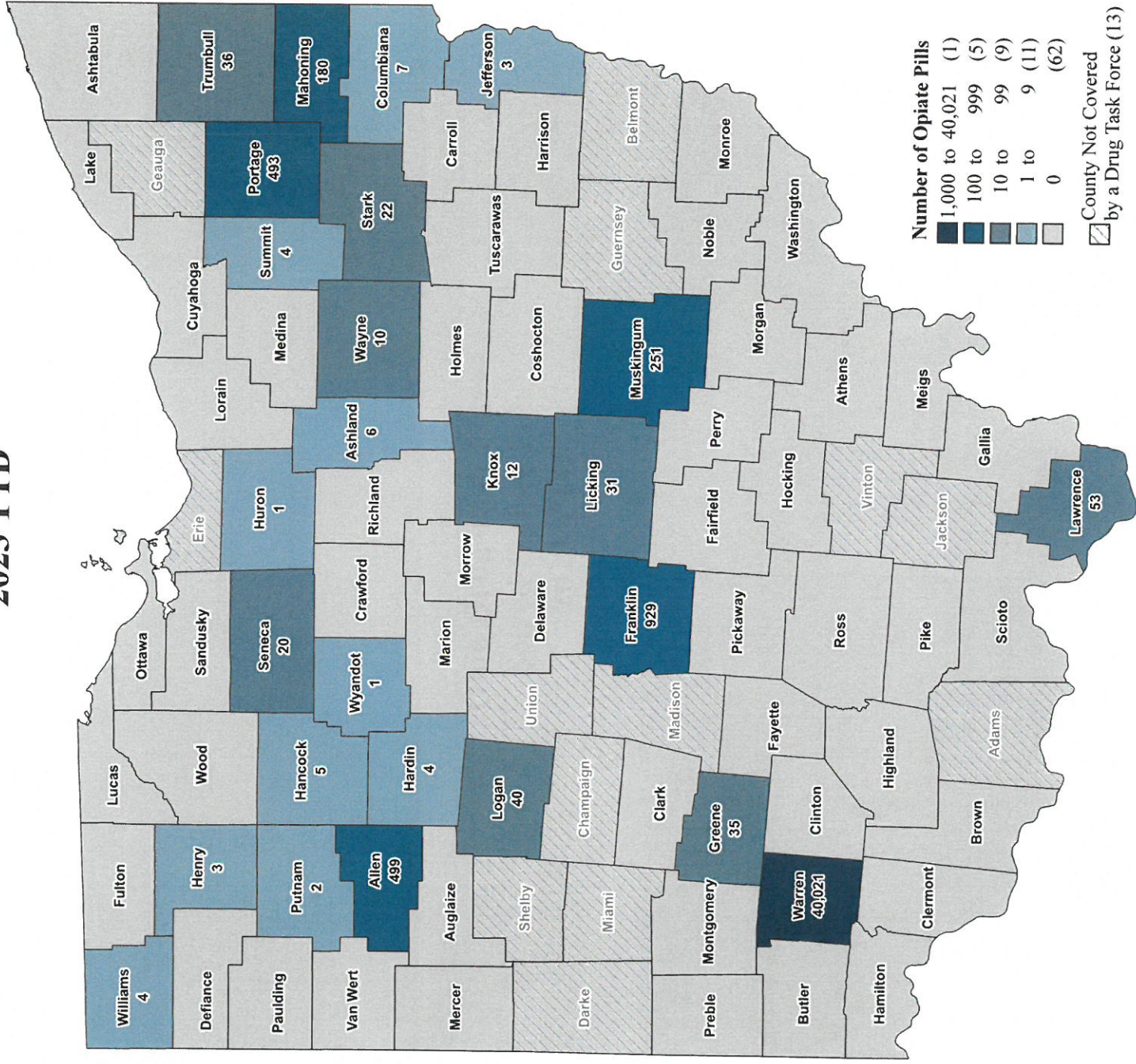


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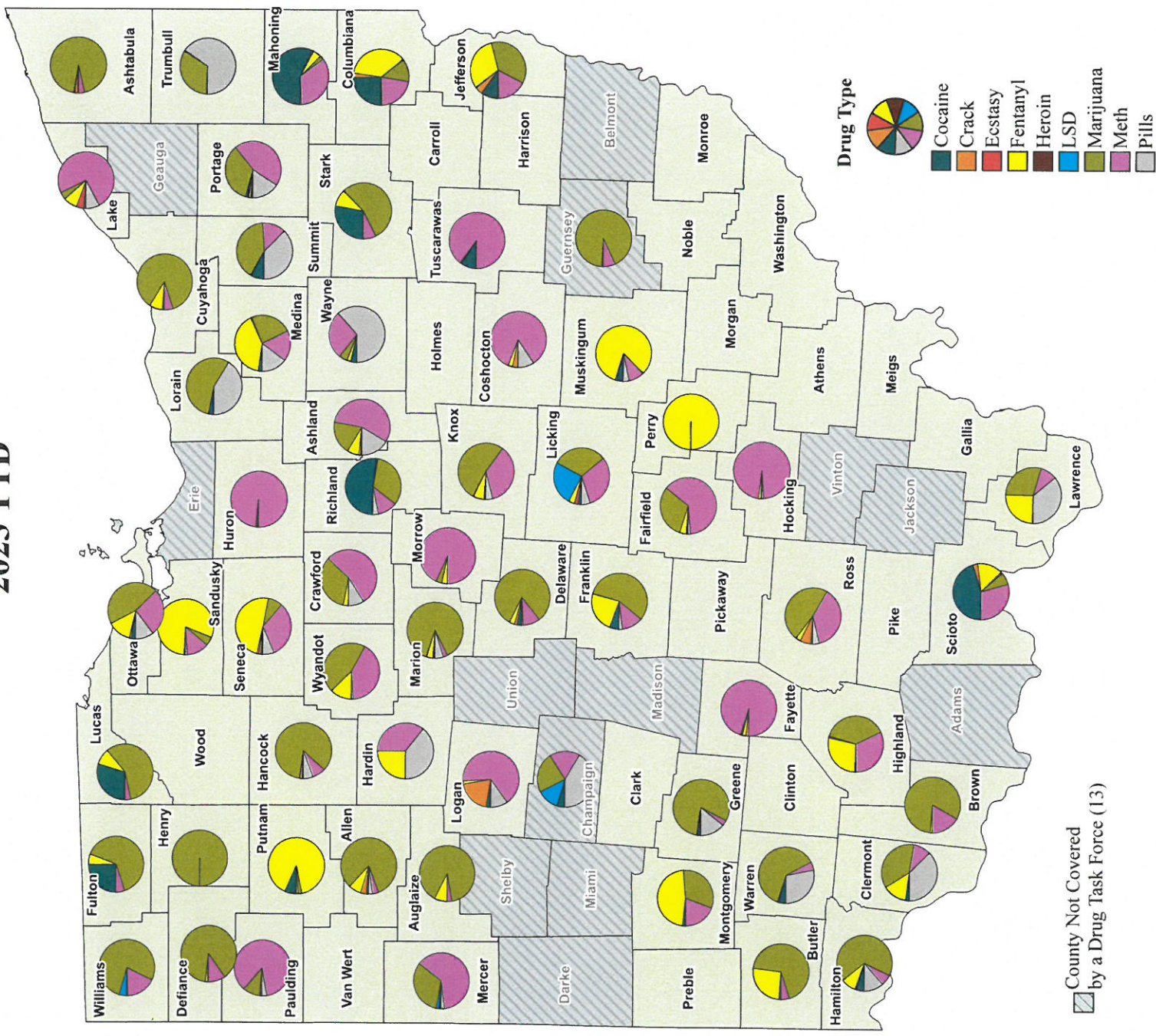
Ohio Drug Task Forces Seized Opiate Pills 2023 YTD









Ohio Drug Task Forces

Distribution of Drugs Seized by County

2023 YTD



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