



# **MOVING *MERCER***

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

## **Shenango Valley Area Transportation Study MPO**

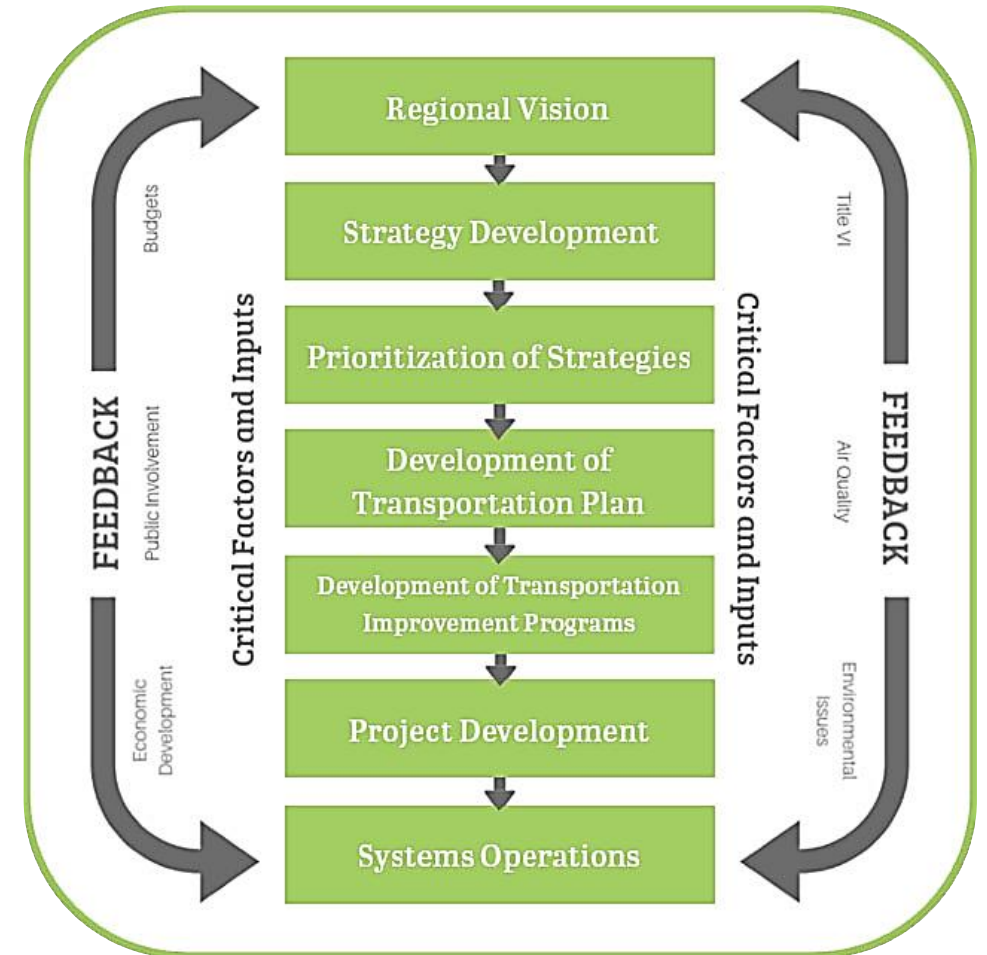
**Public Meeting  
August 11, 2026**

# Agenda

- **What is a Long Range Transportation Plan?**
- **Planning Process**
- **Existing Conditions**
- **Public Engagement Summary**
- **Vision and Goals**
- **Project Prioritization**
- **Recommended Projects**
- **Environmental and Community Demographic Analysis**
- **How to Get Involved**

# What is a Long Range Transportation Plan?

- The LRTP is essentially a blueprint for how we'll utilize federal transportation funding to **improve infrastructure and travel in Mercer County over the next 20 years**.
- It helps guide decisions about which transportation projects to prioritize, like **fixing roads and bridges, improving safety, and making travel more accessible for everyone**.
- It is required for our region to receive federal funding, and it makes sure that **resources are used efficiently and fairly**.
- The plan is **updated every five years** to reflect new data, community input, and changing needs, so it stays relevant and responsive to the people it serves.



# Planning Process



## Discovery Phase

(September 2025 - December 2025)

- Public and Stakeholder Engagement
- Demographic and Socioeconomic Analysis
- Transportation System Needs
- Future Land Use



## Solutions Phase

(January 2026 - May 2026)

- Goals and Strategies
- Continuing Projects
- Candidate(new) Projects
- Investment Plan
- Prioritize Projects
- Draft Project List



## Confirmation Phase

(June 2026 – September 2026)

- Investment and Demographic Analysis
- Air Quality Conformity
- Public Comment Period on Draft Plan
- Plan Adoption (September 2026)

# Project Schedule



# Public Engagement Summary



\* Includes 2027 Twelve-Year Program Input



## Vision Statement

*Mercer County's transportation system is safe, well-maintained and accessible for everyone. It will facilitate the growth of livable, walkable communities. It supports the County's economy and recreational assets through a network of multimodal connections that foster sustainable growth and connect both urban and rural county residents to opportunity.*

# Example Goals, Strategies and Actions



**The Transportation Network  
will Support Economic Growth  
and Vitality**

**Strategy:** *Revitalize downtowns and main street corridors*

**Action:** Work with partners to improve mobility, accessibility and livability in downtown and main street corridors to foster economic growth and to attract new residents. Improvements should be centered around pedestrian mobility, ADA accessibility, public realm and streetscape improvements, wayfinding, and events and programming.

**Action:** Develop public-private partnerships to develop and implement community specific improvements, pursue funding and explore financing mechanisms

# Example Goals, Strategies and Actions



The Transportation System is  
Reliable, Safe and Well  
Maintained

**Strategy:** *Leverage new and emerging technologies when upgrading traffic signals and ITS systems*

**Action:** Work with PennDOT to identify potential corridors suitable for adaptive traffic signal systems and other ITS systems such as CCTV, DMS, Variable Speed Limits, etc. Coordination on major routes (I-80, I-79, I-376, US-62,)

**Strategy:** *Continue to implement the recommendations of the Regional Operation Plan (ROP)*

**Action:** Work with PennDOT to support opportunities to pursue discretionary funding to implement high-priority ROP recommendations

**Strategy:** *Prioritize Transportation System Preservation*

**Action:** Utilize available asset management tools (currently BAMS and PAMS) to evaluate bridge and pavement needs.

# Example Goals, Strategies and Actions



**Quality of Life is Enhanced  
through Multimodal  
Connections**

***Strategy: Ensure pedestrian infrastructure is considered in all new developments***

**Action:** Work with local governments to update development ordinances, as necessary, to consider pedestrian infrastructure in all new developments.

***Strategy: Enhance tourism, recreational opportunities and access to natural resources***

**Action:** Expand the regional trail network through strategic connections to interregional and statewide networks such as the Pittsburgh to Erie Trail and the North Country Trail. Work with railroads, PennDOT, and landowners to secure easements for dedicated trail right-of-way.

**Action:** Explore trail town designations for Jamestown, Greenville and Sharpsville.

# Example Goals, Strategies and Actions



**Municipalities and Agencies  
Work Together to Address  
Regional Issues**

***Strategy: Promote Mercer County Regional Planning Commission (MCRPC) as a Technical Resource for Local Governments***

**Action:** Poll local governments to determine what resources are needed to support municipal planning initiatives in the County. Develop staff skills and programs such as grant writing, data analysis and mapping, community and transportation planning as needed to support local governments.

***Strategy: Develop multi-municipal partnerships to pursue discretionary funding for priority projects***

**Action:** Convene municipal officials and other community and business leaders to form a standing funding group to lead the development of discretionary funding applications. Utilize the goals, strategies and projects contained in the LRTP and the Comprehensive Plan to guide the project selection process.

# Project Prioritization



**Project Readiness** – considers the readiness of the project, awarding points if the project has started the project development process and if it has been identified as a priority in a local or regional plan.



**Safety, Reliability and Asset Management** – considers the locations of serious injuries and fatalities, and the safety for vulnerable roadway users; areas of traffic congestion; and the condition of assets (roads and bridges)



**Public Input** – considers concerns or needs raised by individuals during community participation activities, such as the online survey or mapping exercise, stakeholder interviews and public meetings during the TIP, LRTP or other recent planning efforts.

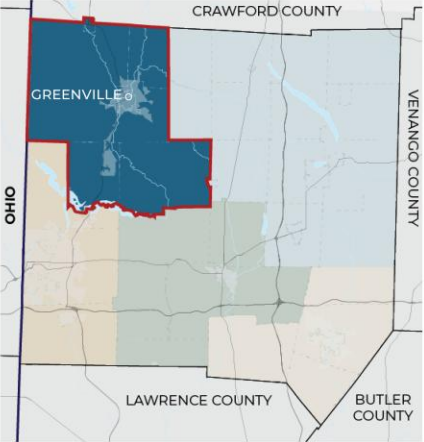


**Improve Quality of Life and Multimodal Connections** – considers how a project improves quality of life through multimodal improvements. Considerations include improving access to goods, services and public transportation. Benefits to the environment and increased connectivity in the active transportation network.



**Supports Economic Growth and Vitality** – considers how a project advances economic growth and community vitality. Areas of consideration include improvements to downtowns and main streets, access to economic growth, tourism and recreational areas, improvements to job centers and schools and reliability and efficiency improvements to freight generators and freight routes.

# Northwest Region



## Major Municipalities

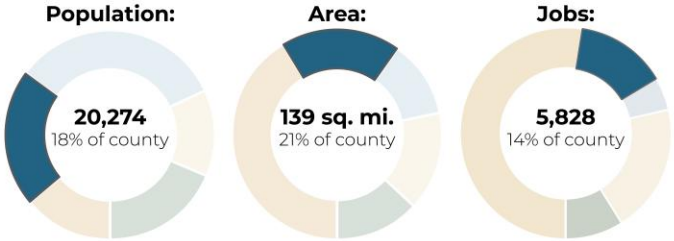
- Greenville Borough
- Hempfield Township
- West Salem Township
- Pymatuning Township
- Delaware Township
- Greene Township

## Points of Interest

- Downtown Greenville
- Thiel College
- UPMC Horizon Greenville Hospital

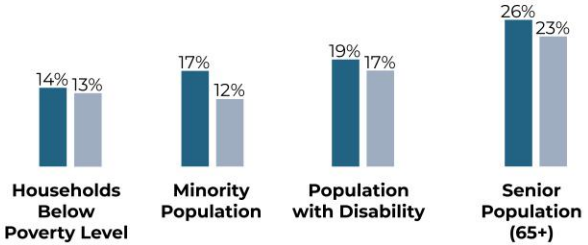
## Major Roadways

- SR 18 (Hermitage Rd)
- SR 58



Source: 2020 Decennial Census

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Source: 2024 ACS 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables



4 fatalities

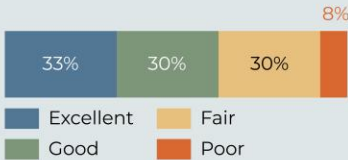


7 suspected serious injuries



0 pedestrian deaths

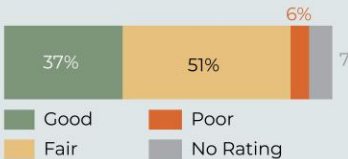
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## Roadway Conditions

189 miles of state roads  
247 miles of local roads

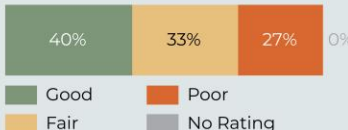
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## State Bridge Conditions

71 state bridges

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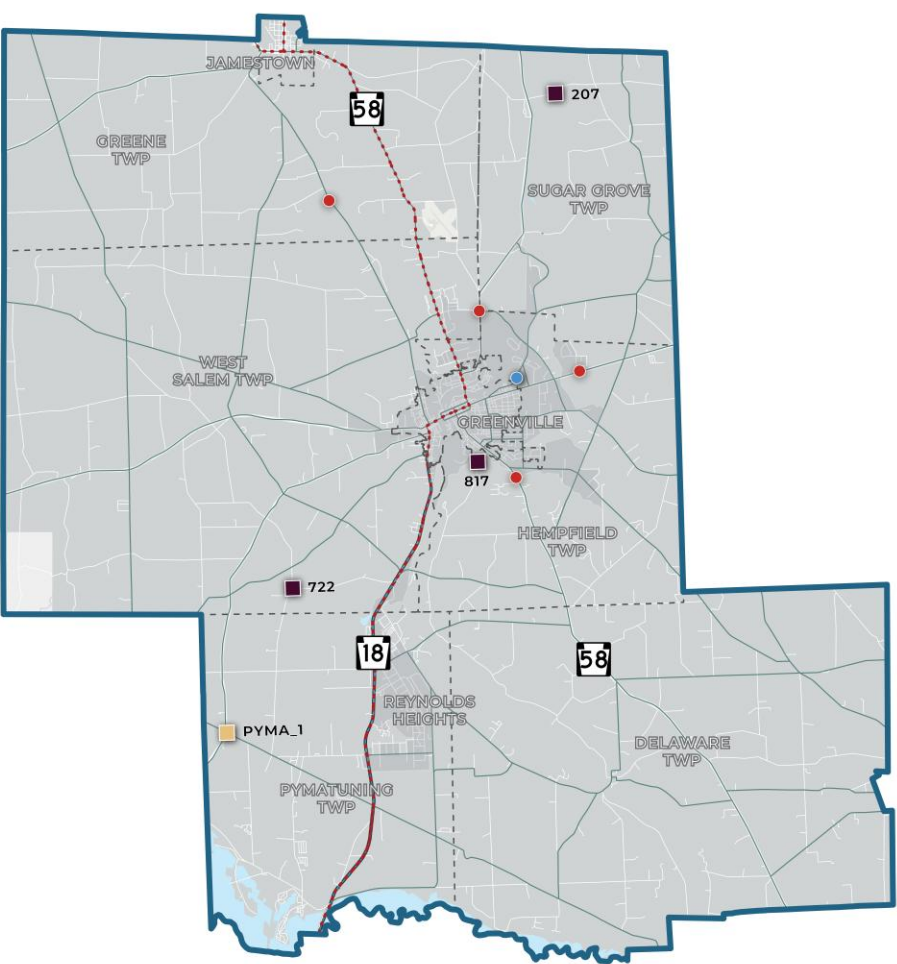


## Local Bridge Conditions

30 local bridges

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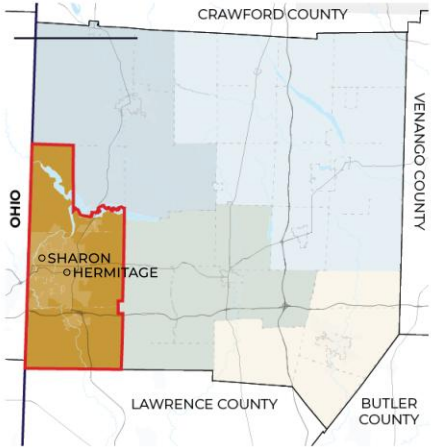
# Northwest Regional Map



## LEGEND

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Crash Fatalities             | Local Bridge Projects        |
| Vulnerable Road User Crashes | Operations                   |
| High Crash Corridor          | Operations/Bike & Pedestrian |
| Municipalities               | Safety                       |
|                              | Safety/Bicycle & Pedestrian  |

# Southwest Region



## Major Municipalities

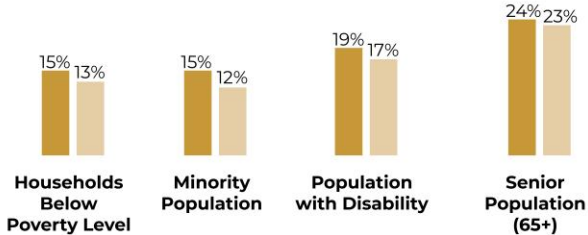
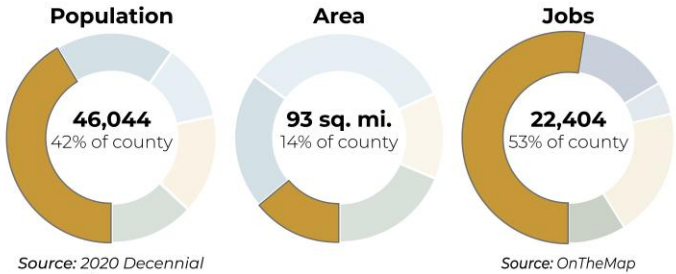
- Hermitage
- Sharon
- Farrell
- Sharpsville Borough
- Shenango Township
- South Pymatuning Township

## Points of Interest

- Downtown Sharon
- Buhl Park
- Shenango River Lake
- Shopping Centers at US 62 and PA 18
- UPMC Horizon-Shenango Valley

## Major Roadways

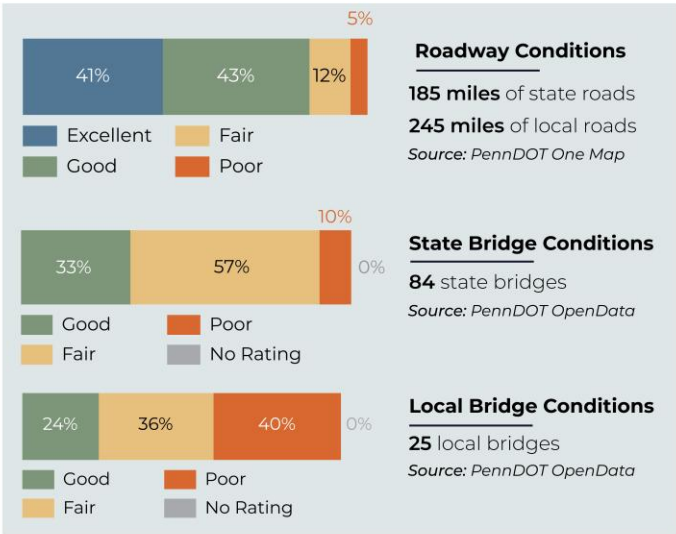
- Interstate 80
- US 62
- SR 18 (Hermitage Rd)



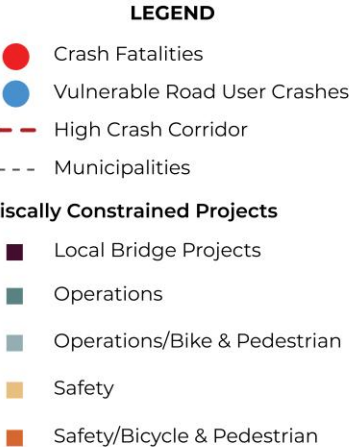
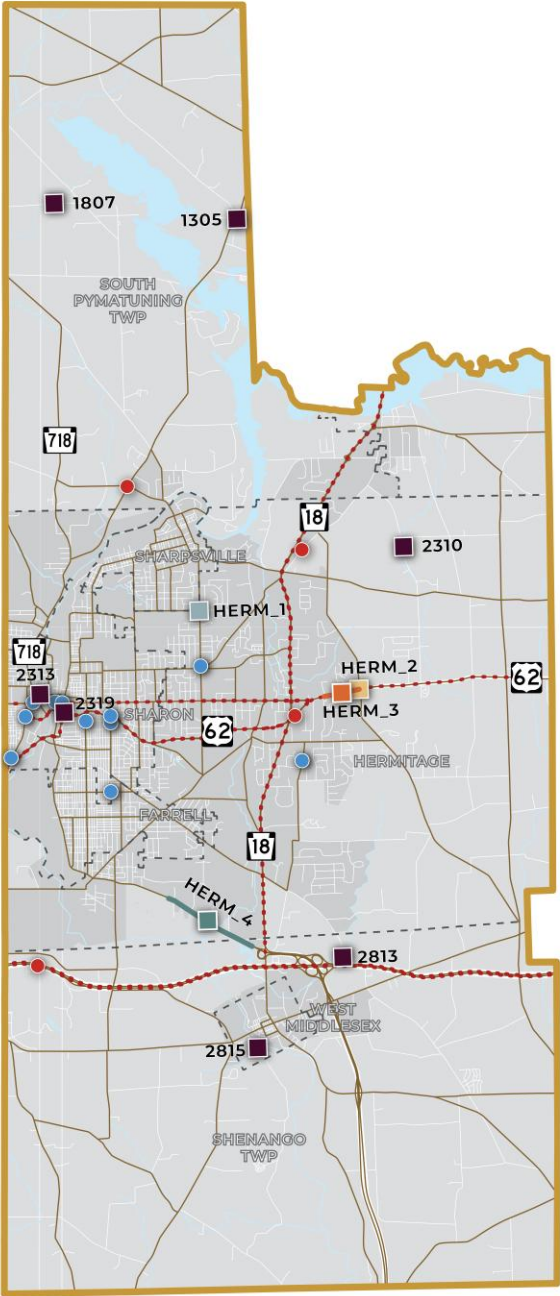
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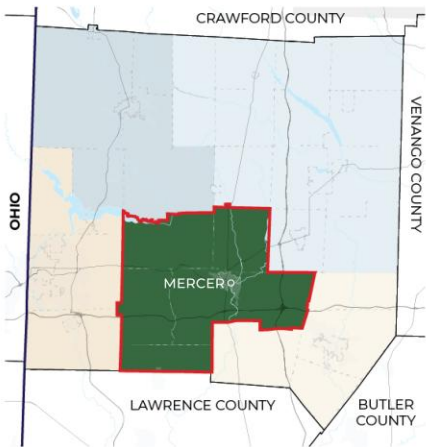
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# Southwest Regional Map



Center Region



Major Municipalities

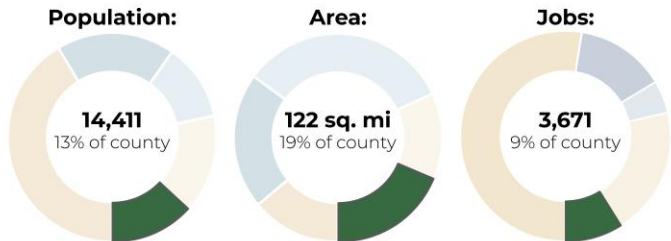
- Mercer Borough
- Findley Township
- Lackawannock Township
- Coolspring Township
- Jefferson Township
- East Lackawannock Township
- Wilmington Township

Points of Interest

- Downtown Mercer
- Shenango River Lake

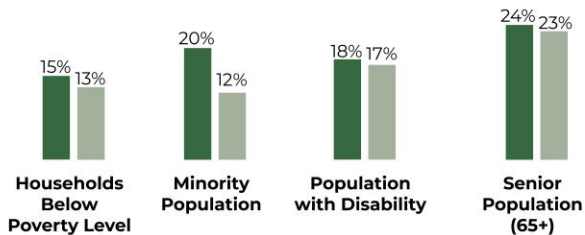
Major Roadways

- Interstate 79
- Interstate 80
- US 62 (Market St/Franklin Rd)
- US 19 (Perry Hwy)
- SR 58



Source: 2020 Decennial Census

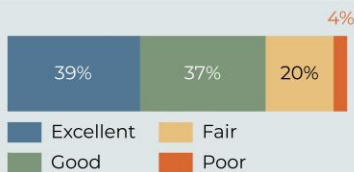
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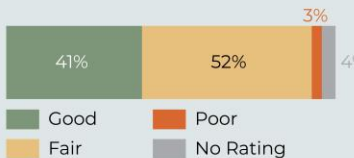
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Roadway Conditions

154 miles of state roads  
194 miles of local roads

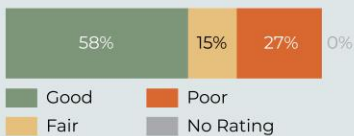
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State Bridge Conditions

97 state bridges

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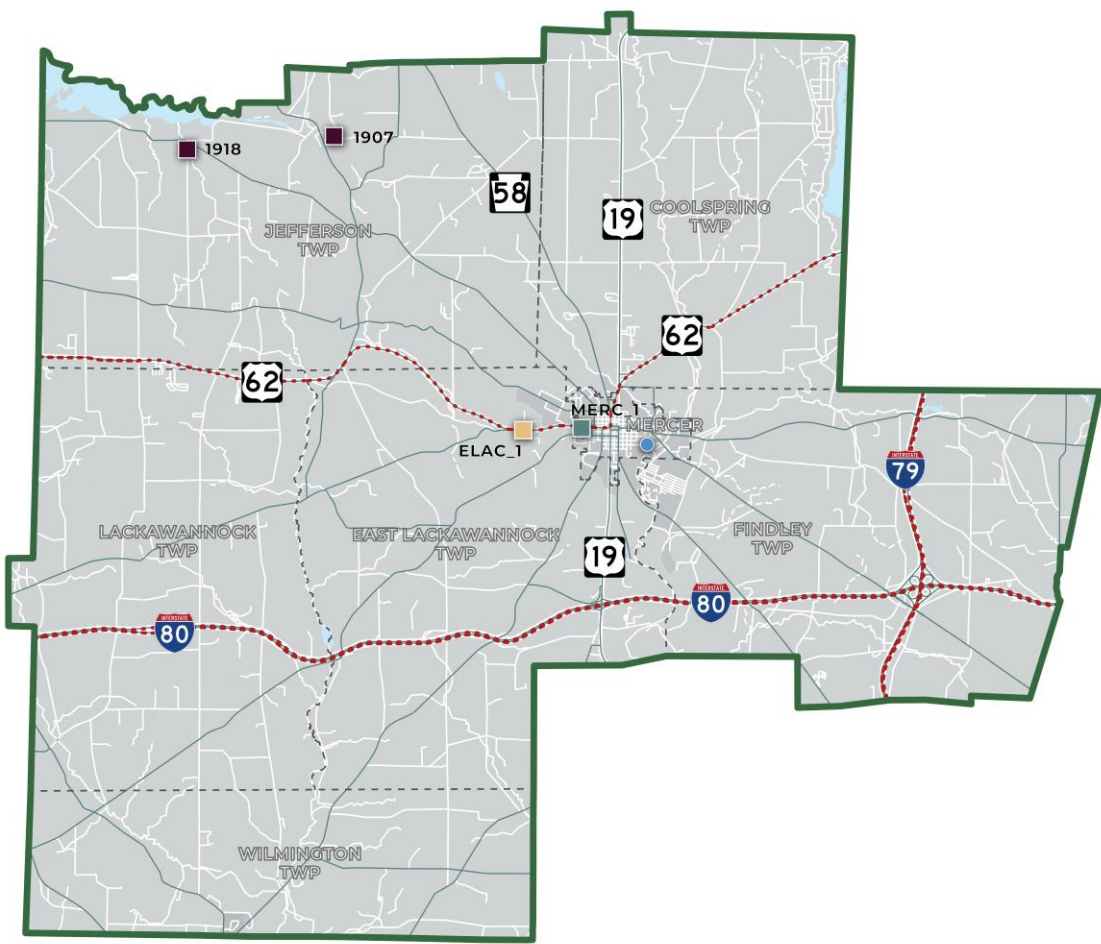


Local Bridge Conditions

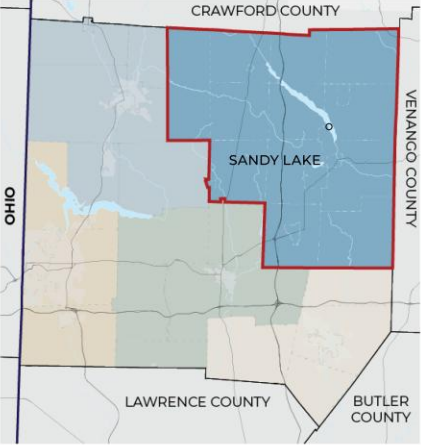
26 local bridges

Source: PennDOT OpenData

Center Regional Map



# Northeast Region



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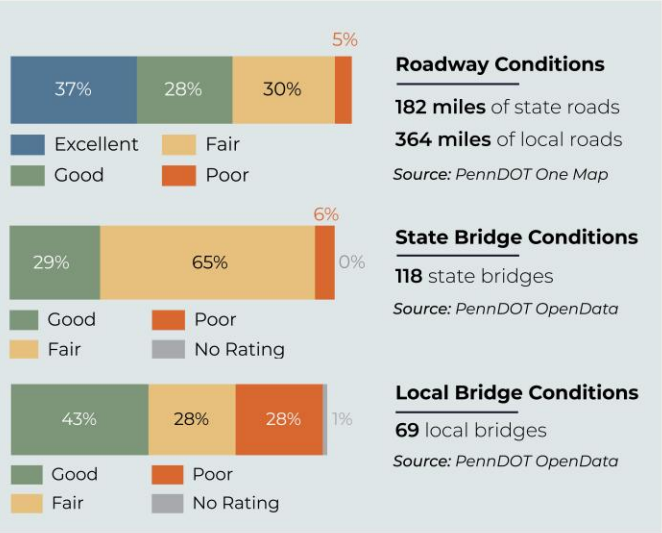
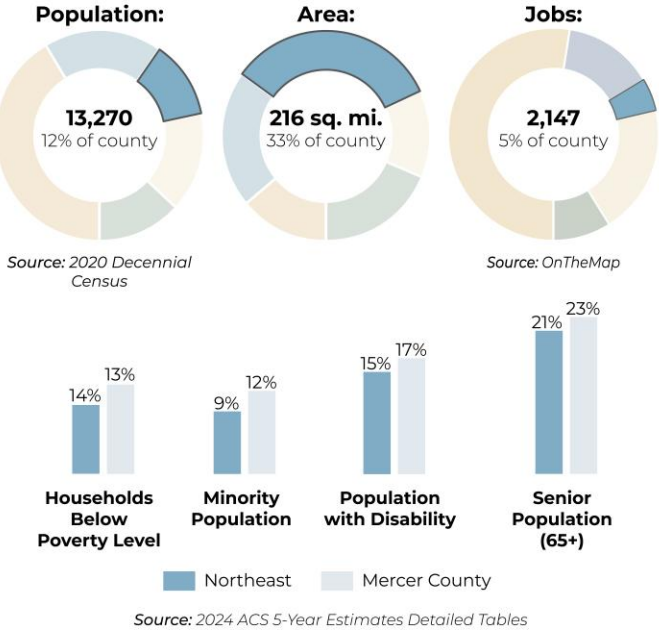
- Perry Township
- Sandy Lake Township
- Jackson Center Borough

### Points of Interest

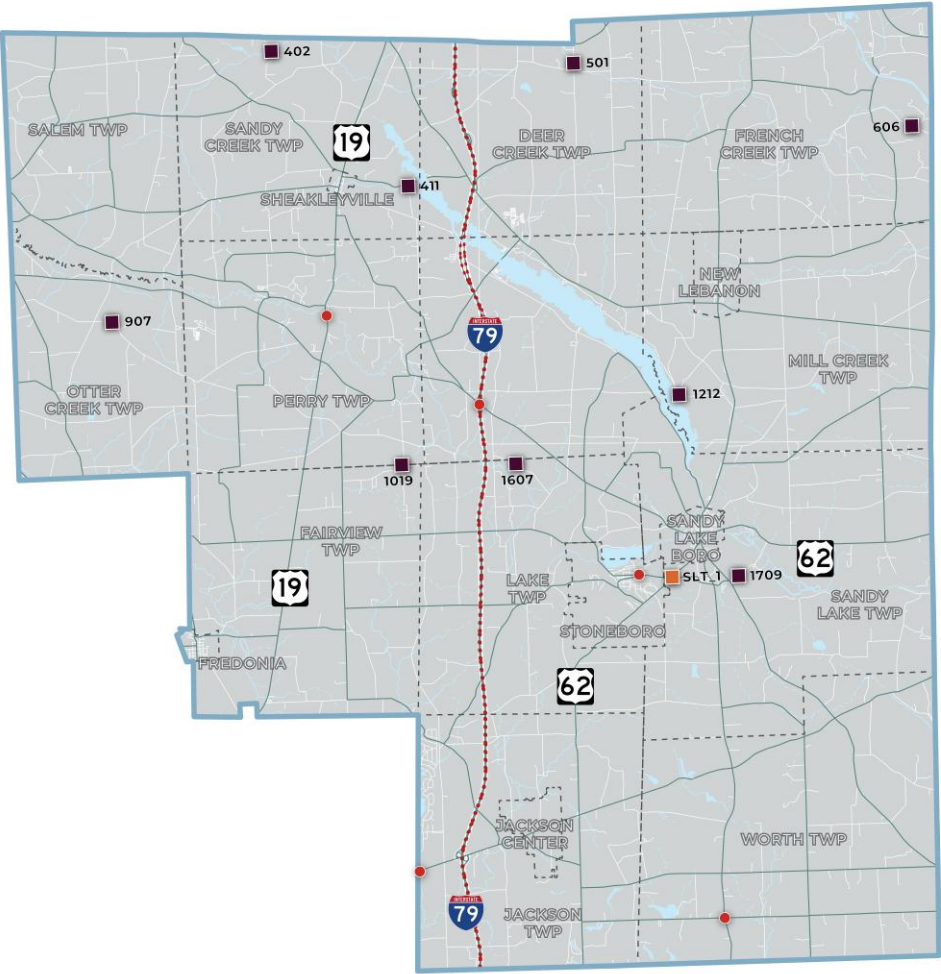
- M.K. Goddard State Park
- Lake Latonka
- Sandy Creek
- State Game Lands No. 130

### Major Roadways

- Interstate 79
- US 19 (Perry Hwy)
- US 62



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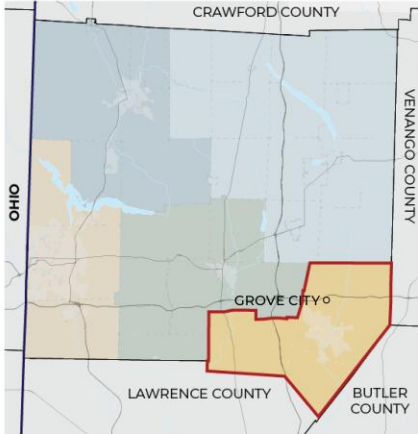


### LEGEND

- Crash Fatalities
  - Vulnerable Road User Crashes
  - High Crash Corridor
  - Municipalities
- Fiscally Constrained Projects**

  - Local Bridge Projects
  - Operations
  - Operations/Bike & Pedestrian
  - Safety
  - Safety/Bicycle & Pedestrian

Southeast Region



Major Municipalities

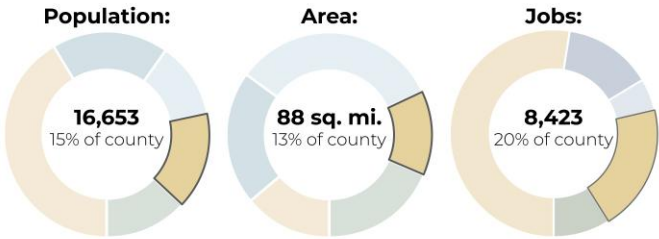
- Grove City Borough
- Pine Township
- Springfield Township
- Liberty Township
- Wolf Creek Township

Points of Interest

- Grove City Premium Outlets
- Grove City Airport
- Grove City College
- Grove City Hospital

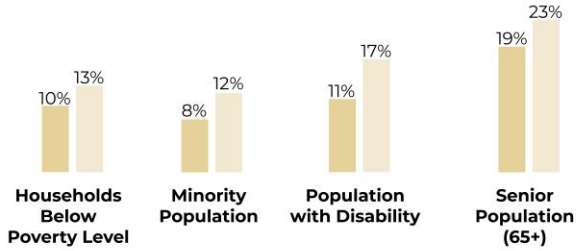
Major Roadways

- Interstate 79
- Interstate 80
- US 19 (Perry Hwy)
- SR 58



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1 fatality

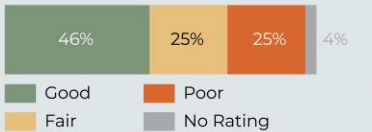
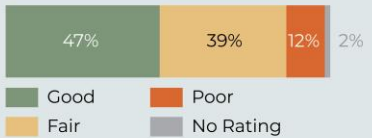
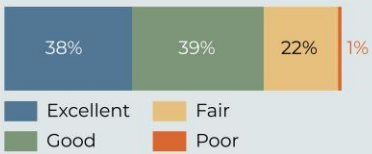


8 suspected serious injuries

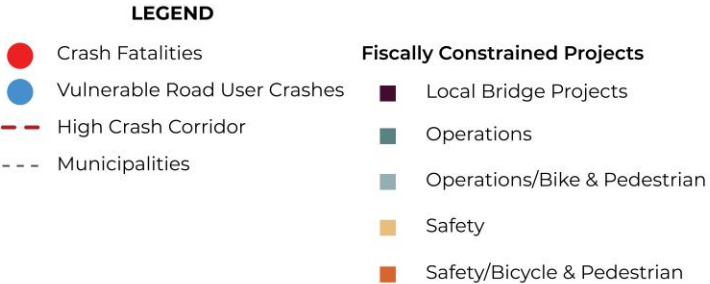
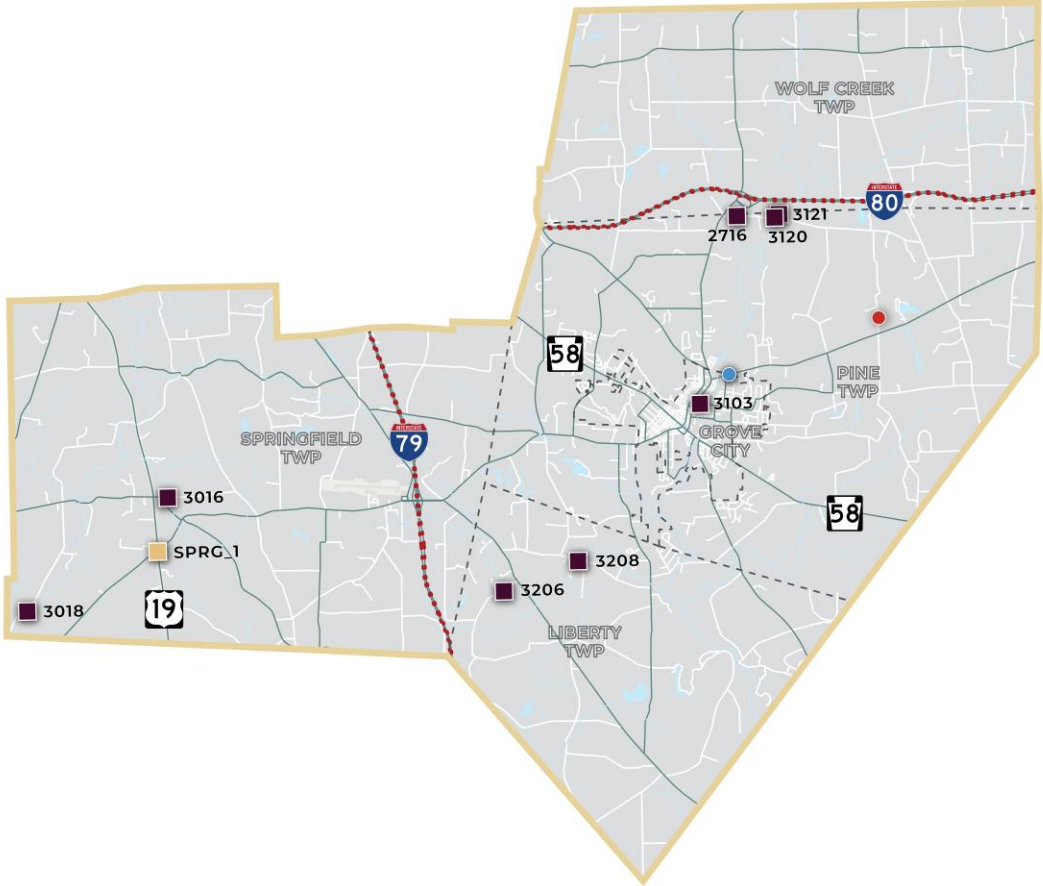


0 pedestrian deaths

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Southeast Regional Map





# How to get involved

Review Plan and submit comment online:

- <https://www.mcrpc.com>

Submit written comment at the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission Office:

- 2491 Highland Rd, Hermitage, PA 16148