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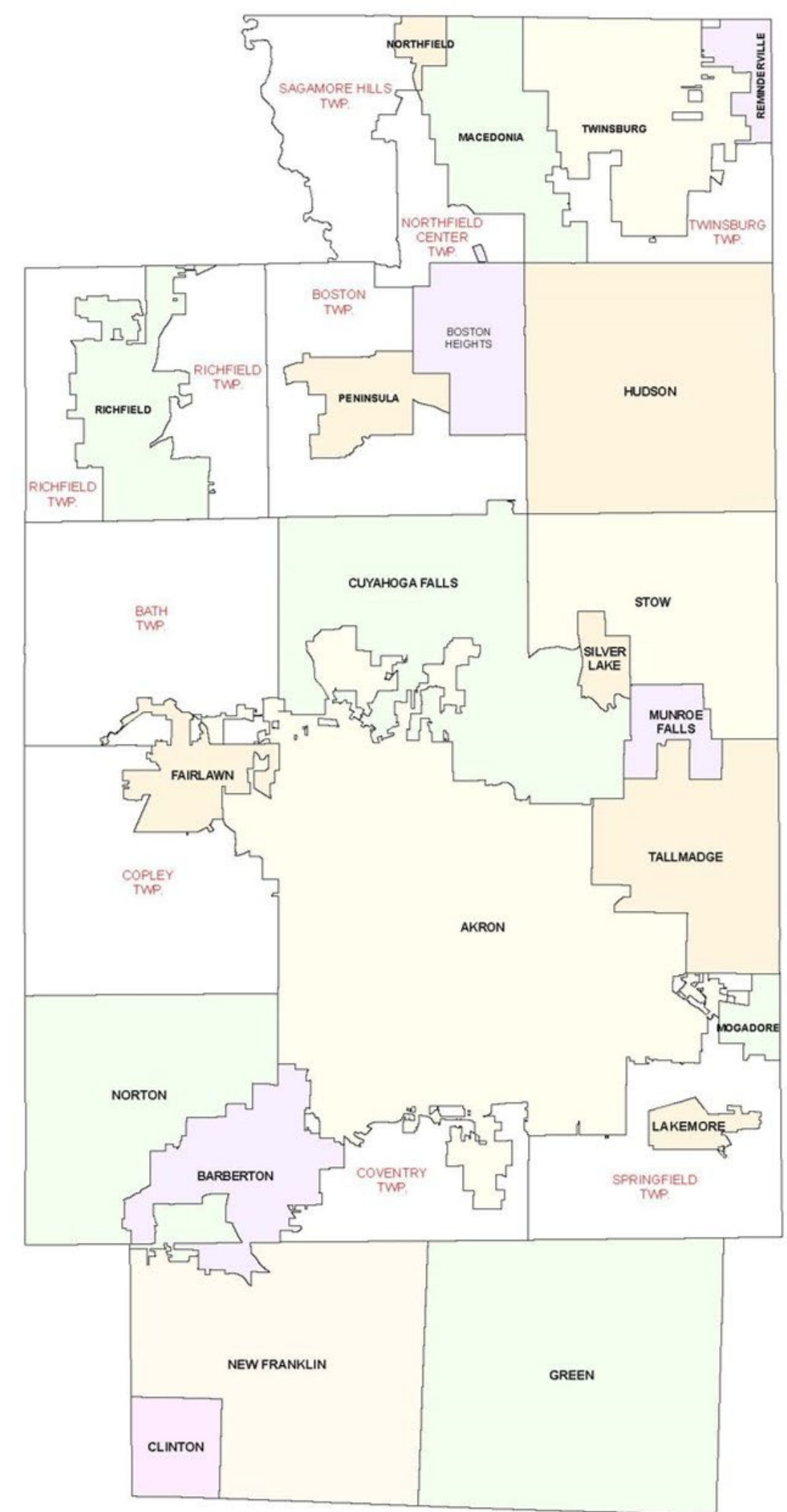


SUMMIT COUNTY



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- 540,333 residents
- 4th largest of Ohio's 88 counties
- 31 communities (14 cities, 8 villages, 9 townships)
- County budget of over half-a-billion dollars
- Ohio's first Charter County (effective 1981)
 - 86 other counties have commissioners
 - Summit County became a charter in 1979



SUMMIT COUNTY CHARTER

(kind of like our Constitution)

Executive*

Chief administrative/fiduciary officer, oversees 10 departments.

Engineer

Maintains 200 miles of county roads and 300 bridges.

Clerk of Courts

Maintains records for courts and issues titles for vehicle.

Fiscal Officer

Collects property taxes, issues various licenses, records deeds, payroll for County, and more.

Council

11 member legislative body. Only Executive and Council can introduce legislation.

Prosecutor

Prosecutes criminals, supports victims and administers Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Sheriff

Operate the jail, provide court security and contract for policing services.



*funding flows through here!



COUNTY EXECUTIVE

What do I do?

- My role is facilitative, strategic, & relationship driven
- Chief administrative, budgetary and contracting authority for the County
- Manage 10 departments:
 - Admin. Services, Admin. & Public Info, Community & Economic Development, Finance & Budget, Human Resources, Law & Risk Mgmt., Job & Family Services, Medical Examiner, Public Safety and Sanitary Sewer Services.



REVIEW : What we've covered!

Met with Asst. Chief of Staff Greta Johnson in March

- Dispatch Center
- Broadband
- Opioid Lawsuit and Funds
- Local HW AP, Lead Abatement, Home Repairs
- Local economic and workforce development
- Age-Friendly Akron-Summit
- Summit County Animal Control



DEEP DIVE: Specific Projects

Today, let's have a conversation about some specific projects in the community by diving deeper into...

- Our shared environment and water!
- Preventing youth violence!
- New dispatch center that will house Akron's operations!
- The Sojourner Truth Project and Plaza!
- Investments in Sojourner Truth Plaza
- And whatever else you would like to discuss!



ENVIRONMENT: Our Watersheds

How do our rivers and water systems connect?

- Summit County sits on the continental divide that separates the Lake Erie and Ohio River watersheds!
- Sewer, stormwater systems across the watersheds impact all 31 communities, including Akron!
- In Springfield, our reclamation facility is sending water to the Tuscarawas River that is cleaner than the river water!
- We have planned investments for stormwater, sewer in Peninsula, Springfield, Lakemore, Bath, and more!

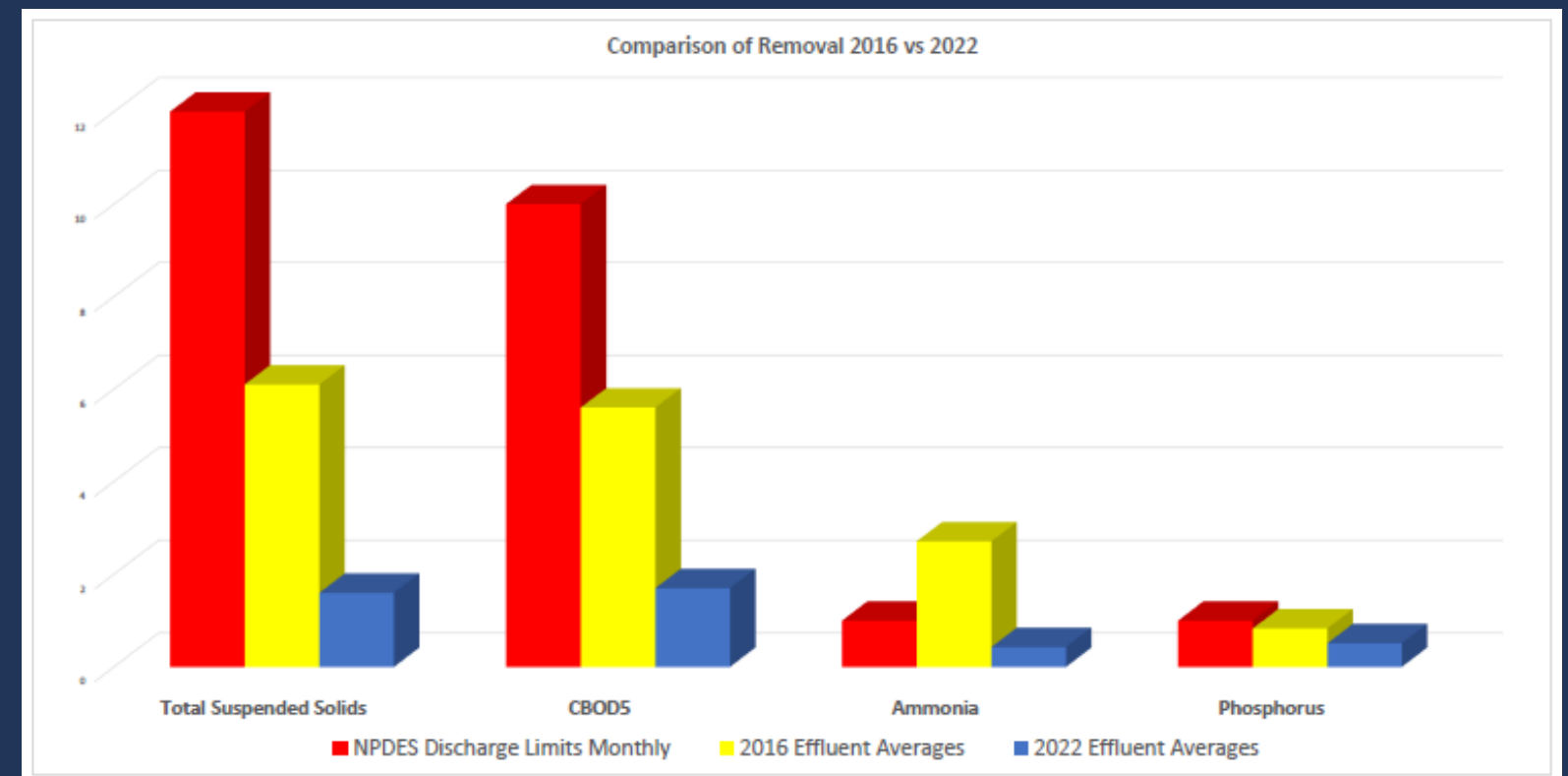


ENVIRONMENT: Springfield Facility

74%

Increased Efficiency

in removing total suspended solids



ENVIRONMENT: Projects in Akron

Two projects touch Akron directly!

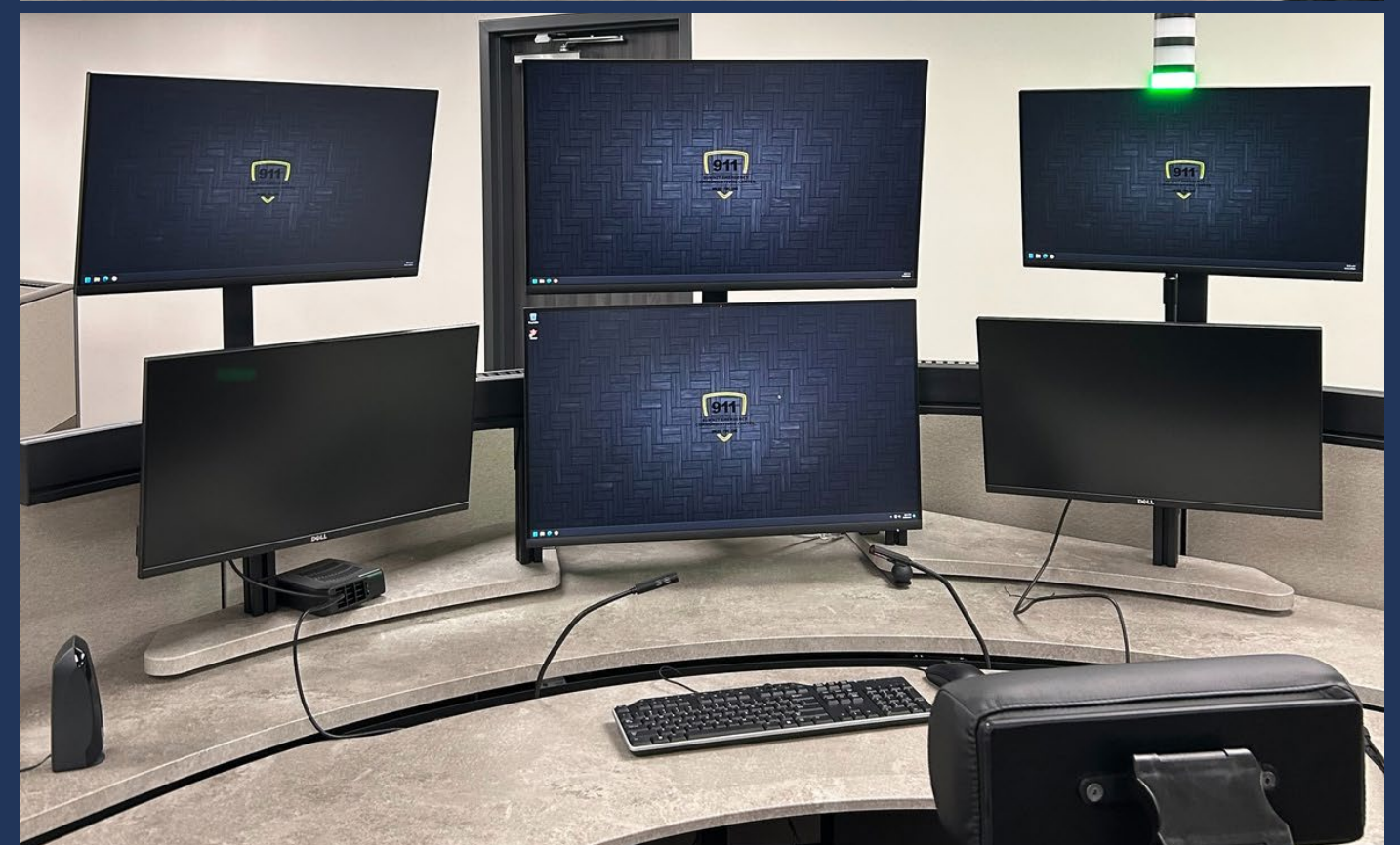
- The removal of the Gorge Dam will allow our Cuyahoga River to flow freely!
- Working with Akron on possibly amending the EPA Consent Decree.



PUBLIC SAFETY: Dispatch Center

Summit Emergency Communications Center (SECC)

- State-of-the-art regional dispatch center that will serve 300,000+ residents.
- Will house Akron dispatch services separately, but under the same roof!
- Partnership between Summit County, Stow, Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Tallmadge and may expand to include Copley Twp. and more!
- Always an opt-in project with capacity for ALL
- Ribbon-cutting on October 6th!

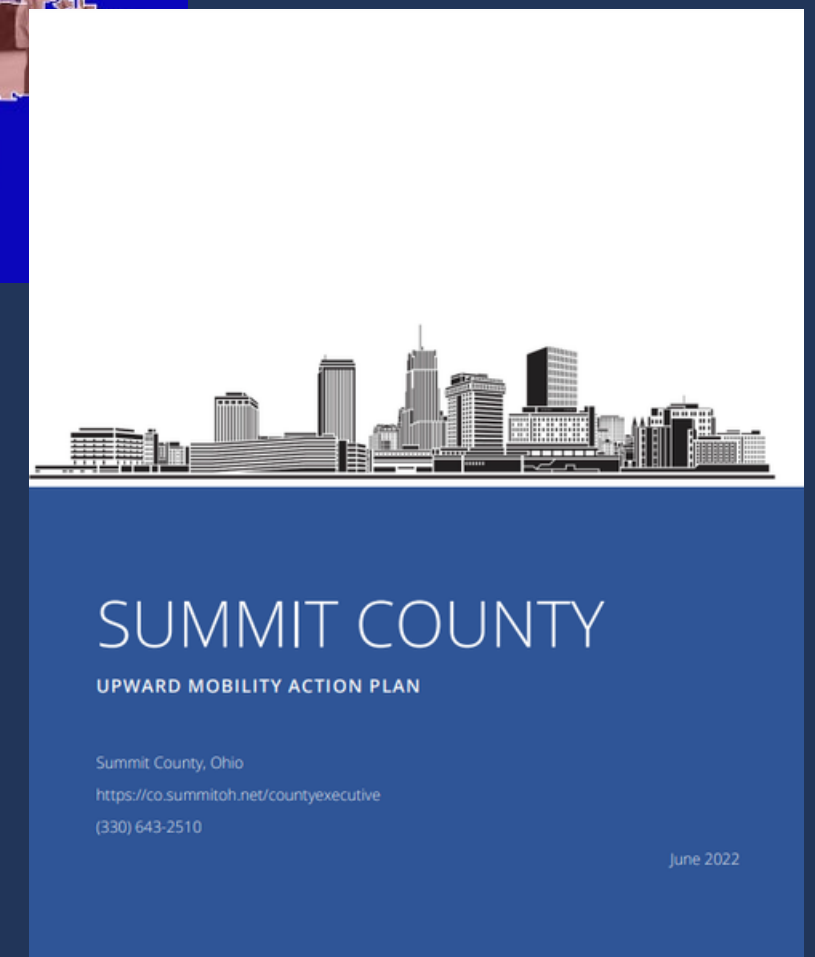
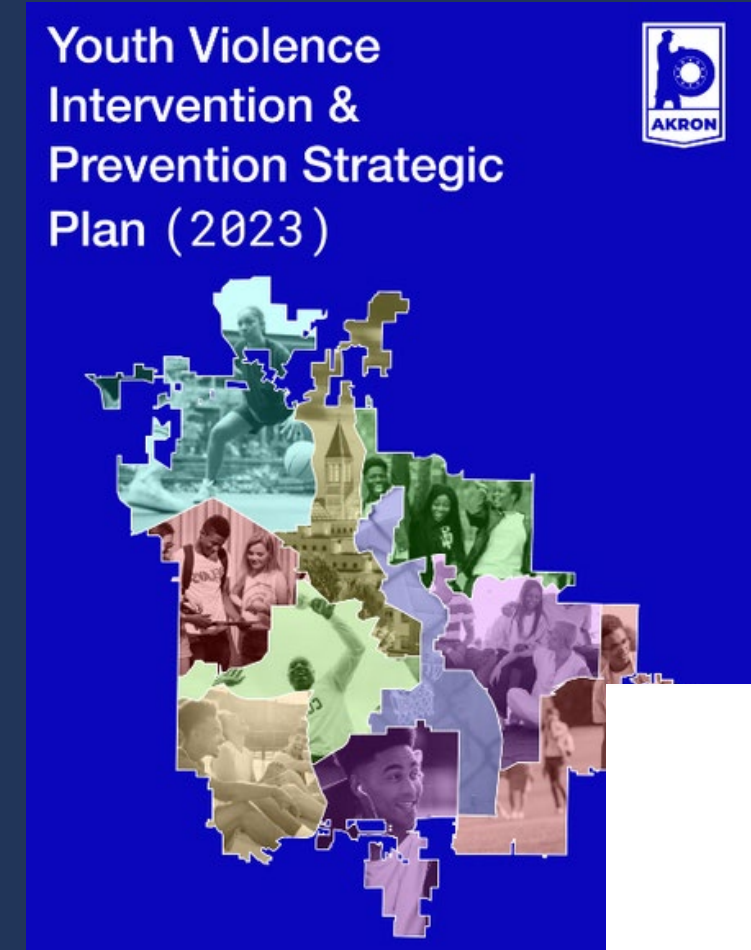


PUBLIC SAFETY: Youth Programs

Akron's Youth Violence Prevention Plan

& Upward Mobility

- Denico Buckley-Knight is leading the charge on Akron's Youth Violence Prevention Program alongside community orgs such as United Way. This aligns closely with our Upward Mobility Plan!
- We are working closely to support them wherever we can, especially when it comes to collaboration, mentorship and securing future grant dollars!
- Early support is KEY to helping our youth!



HISTORY: Sojourner Truth Plaza

Sojourner Truth Statue & Plaza

- Memorializing the site of Truth's iconic speech, commonly titled "Ain't I a Woman"
- Longstanding movement to honor her re-ignited by the Centennial Suffrage Committee
- Towanda Mullins has strung together an incredible coalition! County contributed a total of \$300,000.
- Truth's legacy is one of justice and equality for people of all races and genders, but especially Black women and girls.



PROPERTY VALUES: 2023 Valuations

Property Values 101

- All counties adjust property values every three years; current cycle includes Summit County and 12 others
- State Tax Commissioner dictates how properties are appraised, numbers are currently based on one year of sales data
- State asked for 34% increase
- A change in value is NOT proportional to a change in taxes



PROPERTY VALUES: 2023 Valuations

What does this mean for me?

- Property value letters mailed out August 2023
- Property tax bills mailed out January 2024
- Property values can be contested starting January 2024 by filing a complaint with the Board of Revision
- If you want to look up your property value, file a complaint, or have questions, see the Summit County Fiscal Office at fiscaloffice.summitoh.net or call 1-888-388-5613.

2023 Property Value Meetings

Property owners will begin receiving value change notices via U.S. Mail informing them of their **new appraisal value** beginning in **early August**. If there is no change in value, property owners will not receive a notice.

You can schedule a meeting with an appraiser to ask questions and address concerns.

Visit <https://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net> or call **330-643-2710** to schedule an appointment, or attend one of the following in-person meetings.



All meetings in-person • 1pm-8pm

Tuesday, August 15 Barberton Active Adult Center 500 W. Hopocan Ave	Wednesday, August 23 Fairlawn Kiwanis Community Center 3486 S. Smith Rd	Tuesday, September 5 Cuyahoga Falls Lions Park Lodge 641 Silver Lake Ave
Wednesday, August 16 Stow City Hall Council Chambers 3760 Darrow Rd	Tuesday, August 29 Twinsburg Community Center 10260 Ravenna Rd	Tuesday, September 19 Green Central Park Community Hall 1755 Town Park Blvd
Tuesday, August 22 Tallmadge Community Center Hall 80 Community Rd	Wednesday, August 30 Firestone Park Community Center 1480 Girard St	Wednesday, September 20 Richfield Village Hall Council Chambers 4410 W Streetsboro Rd

QUESTIONS?



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