

## Update to the Munson Township Land Use Plan

Townships are permitted to establish zoning regulations in accordance with a comprehensive land use plan. Munson has a long and notable history of land use planning. In 1948, Munson residents came together to adopt the first township zoning resolution in Ohio. Thirty years later, in 1978, the community prepared a comprehensive land use plan that recognized the opportunities and limitations that Munson's unique topography, soils, and water features posed for future development. The 1978 plan guided zoning and development through the late 1990s, when a committee of residents gathered again to update the plan. That committee's deep and dedicated work ultimately led to Munson's current land use plan, which was adopted by the Trustees in 2000 and amended in 2003. The 2003 plan is thorough and well-organized, and it has served as an essential guide for our township for more than twenty years, guiding decisions that have played a key role in creating and maintaining the present character of our township.

Time marches on, however, and keeping the land use plan up-to-date is important to ensure that it remains a valuable and relevant tool, guiding zoning, development, and decision-making by township officials and boards, residents, and local business owners. It is now time to update the Munson land use plan again.

As an initial step in the process, the Trustees are seeking resident volunteers to serve on a land use planning committee tasked with leading the initiative to update the plan. The Trustees hope to select from the volunteers a balanced committee of residents that is representative of the various stakeholders in Munson. **If you are interested in volunteering for the committee, please send a brief statement of interest via email to [munson@munsontwp.com](mailto:munson@munsontwp.com) by April 30, 2025.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the township office by telephone or email.