



First Suburbs Consortium  
of Southwest Ohio

Dear Municipal and Township Leader,

It has been a busy 20 years since the First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio assembled to share collaborate on how we can work with state and county officials. Our sessions have included many insights on how to expand funding for our needs, how to deal effectively with Cincinnati and state government entities, and how to initiate sound cooperative projects.

Our quarterly meetings bring dozens of elected officials together for timely, topical dialogue with county officials, state office holders, and leaders from regional entities. We have also supported several federal funding programs for blight removal, business restoration, and economic development and in earning our fair share of the already-appropriated money that would help our communities. At the state level, we have engaged with the tax changes, loss of the Local Government Fund levels and other alterations that impacted our funding. Additionally, in 2022, we partnered with Soapbox Media and a coalition of stakeholders for the First Suburbs - Beyond Borders series to highlight first suburbs communities. We are excited to announce we will be continuing our partnership with Soapbox Media in 2023.

By working together, we have shown strength that brings respect for our residents. Please continue your community's years of support, with a small \$200 annual membership. If not already a member, consider joining FSC-SWO as we continue to advocate for our communities. And please put on your calendar our next Membership Meeting on January 30, 2023 at the Village of Silverton Town Hall, 6943 Montgomery Road, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

You will find an invoice attached, and I urge you to please join with us to make our suburban communities stronger and better funded. I look forward to your questions or comments on our 2023 lists of priority projects. Thanks in advance for your leadership!

Sincerely,

Ruby Kinsey-Mumphrey, Mayor  
Village of Lincoln Heights

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