



First Suburbs Consortium
of Southwest Ohio

End of Year Review – 2025

2025 has been another wonderful year for the First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio (FSC-SWO). As a reminder, the mission for the FSC-SWO is **to initiate and promote public policies and practices that maintain the vitality of our communities, protects and redevelops mature communities, and fosters regional cooperation.**

Here are some of the highlights from 2025 that we feel addressed that mission statement:

- The FSC-SWO has **29 member communities** in 2025, up from **26 communities** in 2024.
- The Executive Committee **met 11 times total**, including one special meeting in May.
- The FSC-SWO hosted **four quarterly membership meetings**:
 - Hosted **State Representative Sedrick Denson** at the March Membership Meeting to discuss recent news from Columbus.
 - Hosted **LaChé Roach** from LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) to discuss the Revive + Thrive Home Repair Program at the June Membership Meeting.
 - Hosted a panel discussion of young professionals at the September Membership Meeting. Panelists included **Connor Moreton**, Council Member from the Village of St. Bernard, and **Ziah Huett**, Assistant Director for the Center for Local Government.
 - Hosted **Kevin Finn**, President and CEO for Strategies to End Homelessness, at the December Membership Meeting to discuss ways to address homelessness in first suburban communities.
- Hamilton County Planning + Development's Community Planning team continued its work on the **Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant**. This grant seeks to study solutions to address east-west connectivity in six first suburban communities in Hamilton County: Arlington Heights, Evendale, Lincoln Heights, Lockland, Reading, and Sharonville.
- The Soapbox Media article series, **First Suburbs – Beyond Borders**, continued with 10 new articles highlighting important stories and challenges throughout our first suburban communities.