

House Bill 33

FY 2024-2025 State Budget



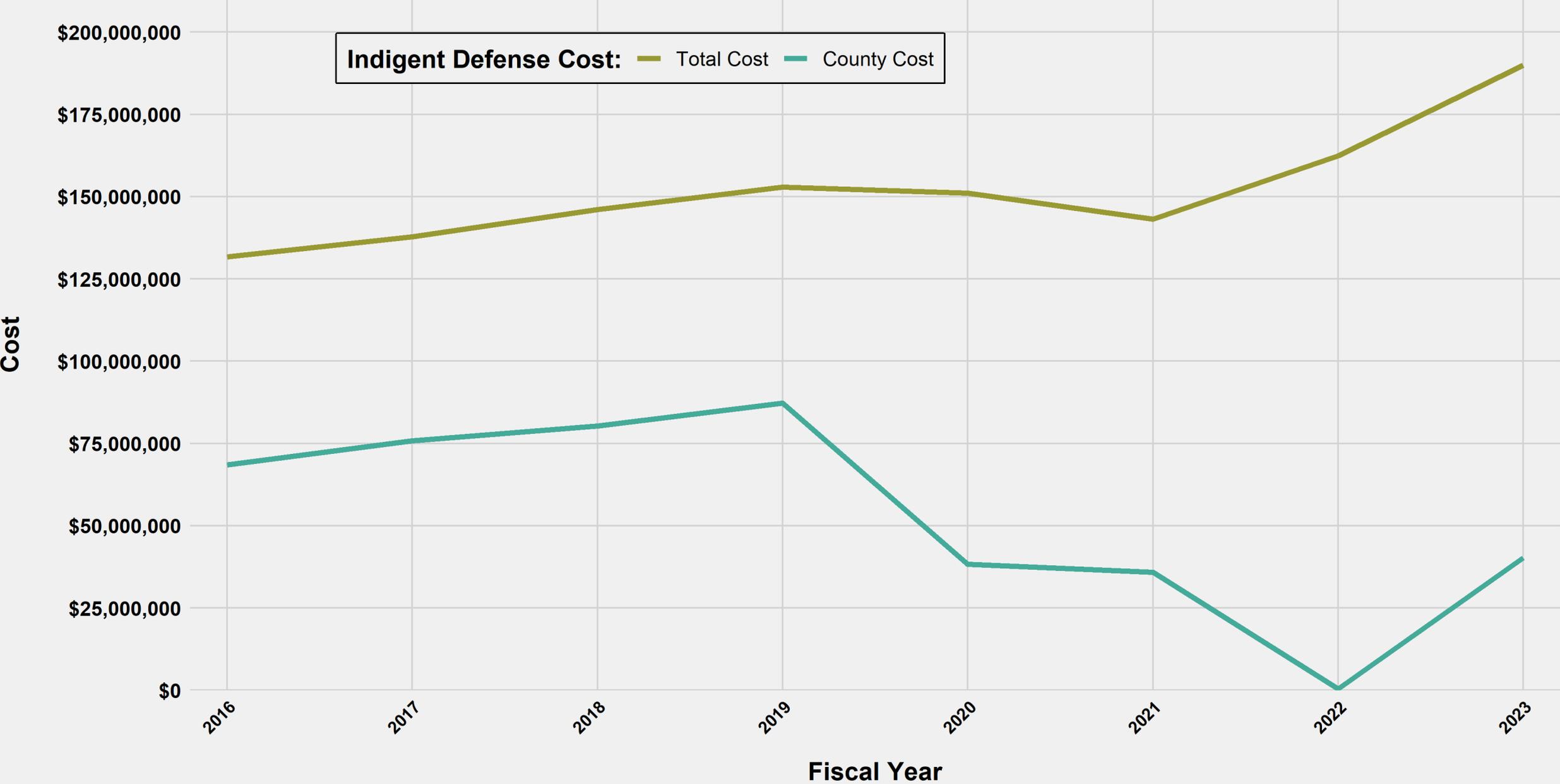
Effective Date: October 3, 2023

House Bill 33

- Signed into law on July 3
- Non-appropriation, non-tax provisions become effective October 3
- Three main priorities:
 - Indigent Defense Funding
 - County Jail Funding
 - Local Government Fund



Indigent Defense System Total and County-Paid Costs, FY 2016-2023



Source: Ohio Public Defender

Indigent Defense

- Increase of \$67 million for reimbursement compared to the FY 2022-2023 biennium
 - OPD estimates reimbursement at 85% for FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)
- General Assembly has authority to set reimbursement hourly caps.
 - Counties may still set their hourly rates above the cap but will only be reimbursed up to the hourly figure
 - Sets the reimbursement cap in temporary law at \$75 per hour
 - The \$75 hour cap invertedly applied to capital cases and CCAO will work with legislators to address this issue in the fall
- Includes intent language to stabilize the system while the task force created in House Bill 150 of the 134th General Assembly completes its study of the indigent defense system





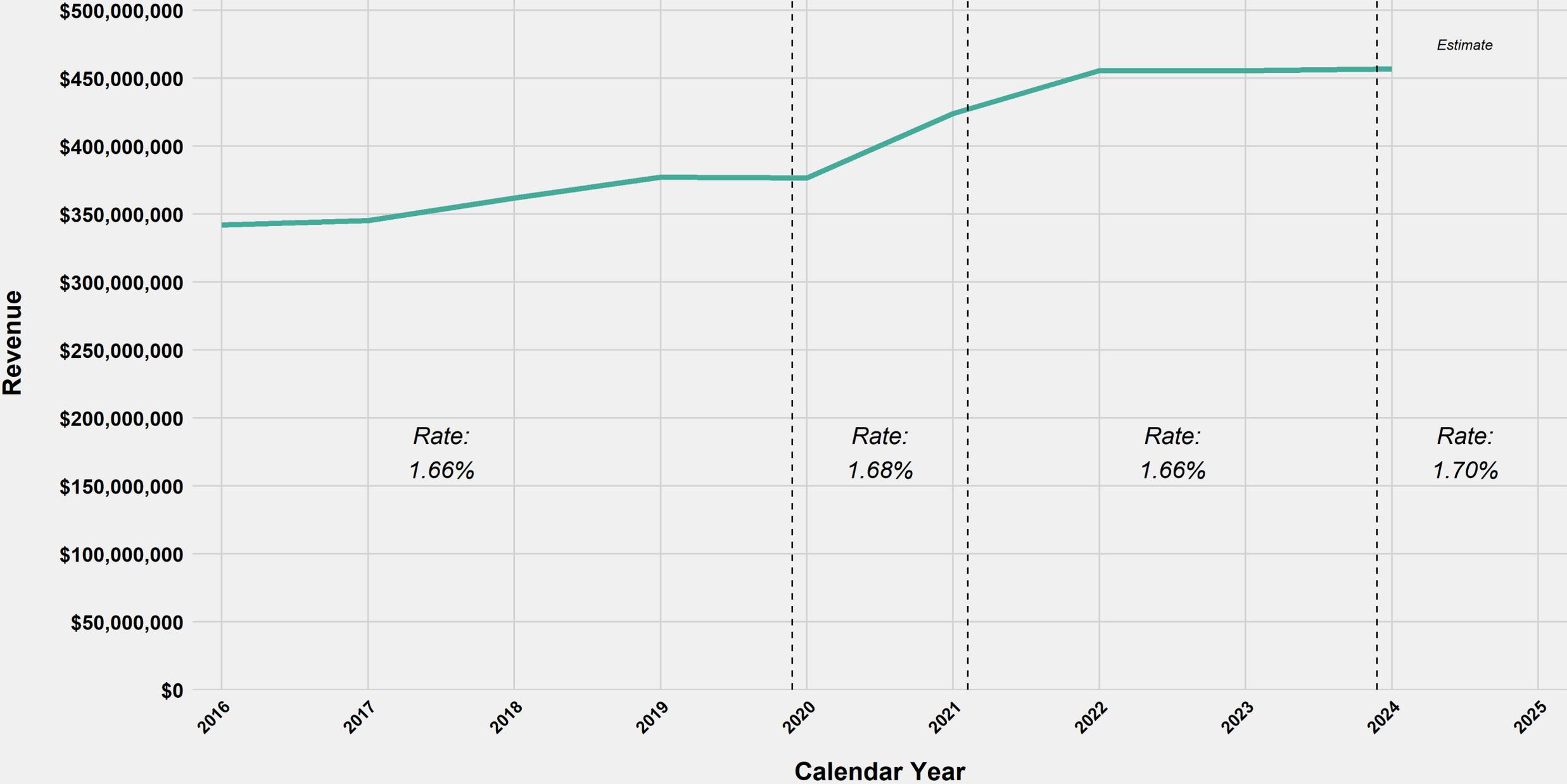
Gallia County Jail ribbon cutting

County Jail Project Funding

- Appropriates \$75 million in FY 2024 for county jail construction and renovation projects
- Creates a formula to help determine which counties receive funding
 - Ranks counties, from low to high, on the total assessed property value within the county in the preceding year and the estimated total taxable retail sales in the preceding year
 - DRC selects a number of counties from the lowest ranking to invite to apply



Undivided Local Government Fund, CY 2016-2024



Source: Ohio Department of Taxation

Local Government Fund Changes

- Increase rate from 1.66% to 1.70%
 - Impact of income tax and other revenue adjustments on LGF
- If an alternative distribution method is being used, the County Budget Commission must meet at least once every five years to review the formula and take testimony from political subdivisions
 - First meeting must take place in CY 2024
- Increases the undivided minimum distribution to a county to \$850,000 starting in FY 2024



Expanded Sales Tax Holiday

- **Starting August 2024**
 - Number of days determined by Tax Department in consultation with OBM and CCAO
 - Exemption for tangible goods valued at \$500 or less (except autos, watercraft)
 - Replaces “Back to School” sales tax holiday in 2024
 - State has set aside \$750 million for reimbursements to state and locals in 2024
 - May be repeated in 2025 and future years if surplus revenue allows



Next Generation 9-1-1



Appropriates \$46 million over the biennium to fund one-time costs associated with implementing the NG 9-1-1 system



Includes a \$0.40 monthly user fee on wireless devices, VoIP channels, and multiline telephone systems to fund ongoing operations

Estimated to generate \$100 million annually, with about 74% of revenue going to counties to operate local systems



Competitive Bidding Reform

Monetary threshold raised
to \$75,000
(current law \$50,000)

- Starting January 1, 2025, automatically increases by 3% annually

Emergency purchase limit
raised to \$125,000
(current law \$100,000)

- Informal quotes required if estimated cost above \$75,000
(current law \$50,000)

May accept bids up to 20%
over architect's estimate
(current law 10%)



County Credit Card Reform

Replaces the list of allowable goods and services with four requirements:

- The purchase is for a work-related expense
- The purchase serves a public purpose
- The debt incurred as a result of the purchase is payable with available moneys appropriated to a specific appropriation line item that is appropriate for the purchase
- The purchase complies with R.C. 301.27 and with the policy adopted by the board of county commissioners

Commissioners must adopt a credit card policy in consultation with the county auditor

- Appointing authorities must apply to the commissioners for authorization to use a card
- Commissioners must authorize card users by resolution
- Card users are personally liable for finance charges, late fees, and sales tax, unless approved by the commissioners
- Commissioners may authorize non-conforming uses after the fact, otherwise the county treasury must be reimbursed



Grants

Brownfield Remediation

- \$350 million over the biennium
- Continuation of program from the prior biennium

Demolition and Site Revitalization Grants

- \$150 million in FY 2024
- Continuation of program from the prior biennium

Water & Sewer Quality

- \$124 million in FY 2024
- Continuation of program from the prior biennium

Healthy Aging

- \$40 million in FY 2024
- To provide services to help older Ohioans age in place

Appalachia Assistance

- \$13.2 million over the biennium
- Funds projects through the Governor's Office of Appalachia

County and Independent Fairs

- \$10 million in FY 2024
- To increase fair access and economic activity. Will be equally distributed

Human Services Highlights

State Child Protection Allocation

\$145M in FY 2024
\$155M in FY 2025

Adult Protective Services

\$80,000 each year

Family Children First Councils

\$30,750 each year

Publicly Funded Child Care eligibility

145% FPL

IM Control for county JFS agencies

\$4M increase

Department of Children and Youth

Moved to DCY

- Child welfare, foster care, kinship care and adoption
- Family and Children First
- Child Care
- Home Visiting
- Early Intervention

Notably NOT at DCY

- OhioRISE
- Youth Services

DCY has until January 1, 2025, to complete the transition



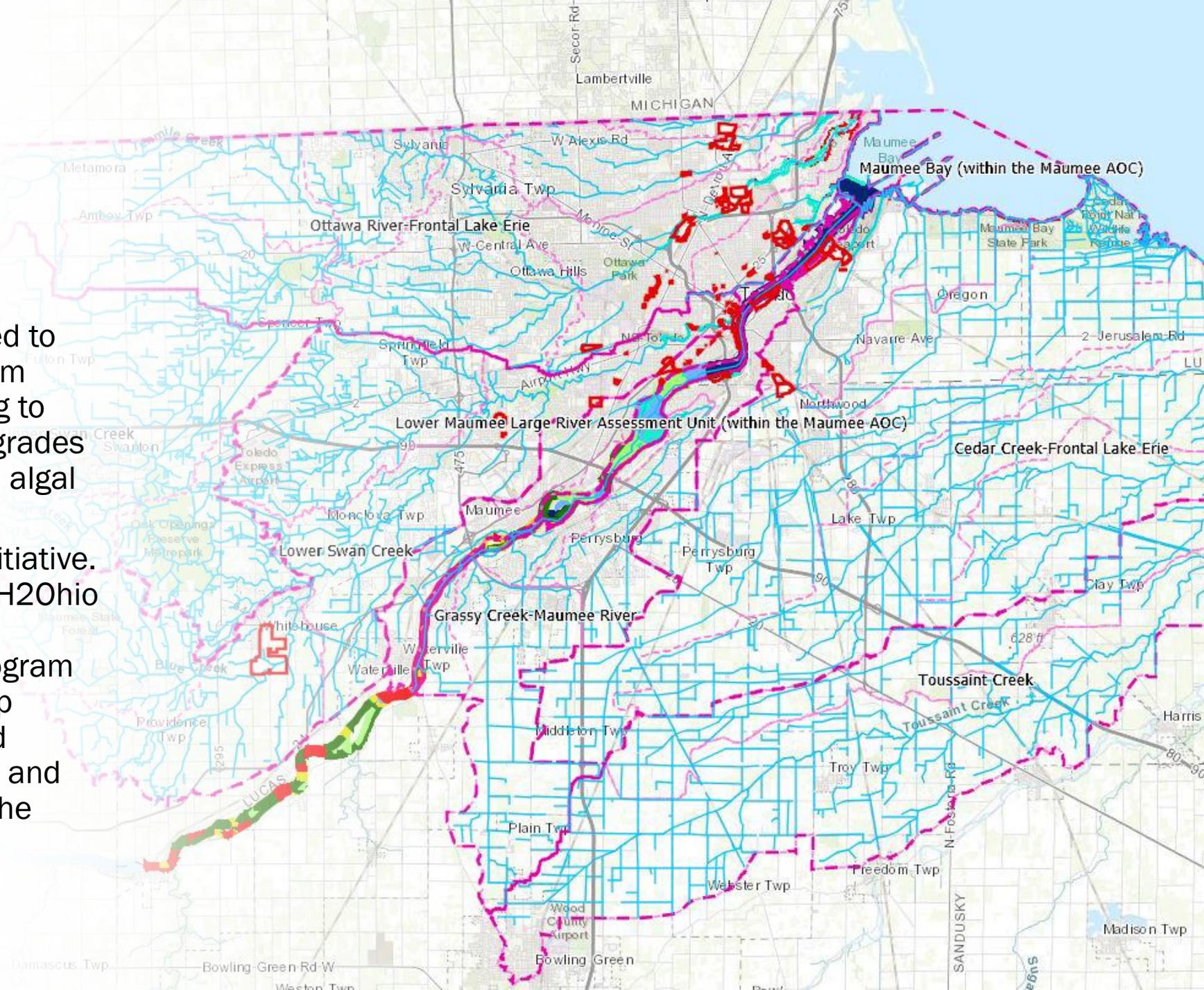
Agriculture & Rural Affairs

- Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)
 - \$12.5 million annually to match local funding
 - Estimated 83% match to local funding
 - \$4.2 million will be dedicated to the SWCDs within the Western Lake Erie Basin, and other priority regions as decided by the Director of Agriculture
 - The Director of Agriculture will have the ability to disperse up to \$40,000 additional to each SWCD each fiscal year.



Water Quality

- H2Ohio
 - \$270 million will be used to fund the H2Ohio program which dedicates funding to water infrastructure upgrades that will reduce harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie.
 - Newly-created Rivers Initiative. This program will allow H2Ohio to dedicate funds to all regions of Ohio. The program will focus on cleaning up polluted waterways, and removing certain dams, and restoring rivers across the state.



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Thank you!

