2nd Wednesday Webinar Series

Opportunity Zones: A New Economic Development Tool

June 12, 2019

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar on June 12 at 9:30 a.m. on “Opportunity Zones: A New Economic Development Tool.”

The Opportunity Zone program is a new federal tax incentive established by The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to encourage investment in low-income areas. In consultation with the state of Ohio, the U.S. Treasury has designated 320 census tracts in 73 Ohio counties as Opportunity Zones eligible for investment under the program. Our speakers will explain the basic rules governing Opportunity Zones and suggest ways that county governments can partner with other organizations to maximize the impact of this program.

Key topics to be discussed:

- Types of projects that are a good fit with program rules
- How counties can partner with the state and private sector
- Strategies to attract investment to low-income areas
- Suggestions for additional resources

Speakers:

**Anthony (Tony) Core** began his legal career with Squire Patton Boggs, where after several years, he left the firm to serve as a State Representative in the Ohio House of Representatives. Tony served as a representative for more than nine years, including serving as Chairman of a Finance Subcommittee through several state budgets. Tony then served as Logan County Commissioner for nine years, before returning to the firm.

**Matt Peters**, assistant director of the Ohio Department of Development Services, oversees the day-to-day operations of the agency. Previously, Matt served as assistant policy director for Economic and Workforce Development for Governor Kasich. He has served as chief of staff at Development Services and as a senior policy advisor at the Ohio Department of Commerce.

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