



# Join

# the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments



## Vision Statement

TMACOG will be the governmental partner of choice to coordinate regional assets, opportunities, and challenges

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## What is TMACOG?

The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments is a non-partisan, voluntary, planning partnership made up of members in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. TMACOG is the primary clearing house for transportation and environmental planning in our region. Our members are cities, counties, villages, and townships, as well as schools and colleges, park districts, and other groups including non-governmental organizations.



## Benefits of Membership:

### A Voice in the Regional Agenda

TMACOG members contribute to TMACOG's legislative agenda, write formal resolutions, and draft planning documents that prioritize needs. Your participation ensures that your voice is part of the message. Statements written and endorsed by TMACOG members are respected by state and federal decision-makers.



## Planning:

Members represent their jurisdiction or agency on specific planning projects, such as the Transportation Improvement Program (the TIP), the Veterans' Glass City Skyway, and the Stormwater Management Standards Manual.



## Cooperation:

Members join in non-partisan, cooperative management of issues that cross regional boundaries: water quality, air quality, roads and bridges, public transit.

## Partnership:

Members find public and private partners for infrastructure projects.



## Funding:

Members learn about sources of funding for repair and renovation for roads and bike trails, sidewalks, sewers, dams and more. Members in Wood and Lucas counties and three southern townships of Monroe County participate in the TIP.

## Access:

Members have ready access to the professional TMACOG staff and are introduced to state and federal regulatory agencies including the Ohio EPA, ODOT and others.

## Influence:

Members have the opportunity to meet with state lawmakers in a decision-making environment.



## Products For Members

### The annual Directory of Public Officials:

Direct contact information for elected officials and agencies in cities and counties, villages and townships in 15 counties of northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

### The Big Picture:

TMACOG's newsletter e-mailed to you monthly.

### Invitation to Seminars and Workshops:

TMACOG invites members to the annual General Assembly and to training opportunities throughout the year. When there is a cost, members pay a discounted rate.

## Contact TMACOG for more information about joining a regional partnership:

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"As the mayor of a small village, when I have questions about certain governmental functions and seek more information, I find that TMACOG is an excellent source. Here I find knowledgeable employees who are always pleasant and willing to help you find the answers needed. Often, seminars are offered to help as well."

*Ruth B. Marlatt, Mayor, Village of Fayette*

## Participation

### Standing Councils and Committees:

Members are entitled to a place on councils and committees that make important regional decisions in a non-partisan, regional planning forum. These groups meet regularly (monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly), usually at TMACOG offices.

### Environmental Planning

- Watershed committees: Maumee, Swan Creek, Ottawa, Portage, Maumee Bay
- Stormwater
- 208 Plan: Areawide Water Quality Management Plan

### Transportation Planning

- Transportation Improvement Program (the TIP)
- Long Range Transportation Planning
- Freight
- Pedestrian & Bikeways
- Passenger Rail
- Commuter Services
- System Performance and Monitoring

"I believe TMACOG helped me progress more quickly on the learning curve for recently elected people. I attended a TMACOG-sponsored Ohio Sunshine Law seminar at Owens Community College shortly after becoming Mayor, which was valuable."

*-Rod Opelt, Mayor, Village of Lindsey, Sandusky County*

