

STATE OF THE COUNTY



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Ohio

2024

Commissioner Gary Merrell

Smart Growth: From Policy to Action



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Internal Growth



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Our Facilities Management Team

Willis Building

**Central Campus:
Historic Courthouse,
Hayes Building,
Courthouse, Carnegie
Building**

Alpha Group

Dog Shelter

**Byxbe Campus:
Byxbe Building,
Sheriff's
Administrative
Building**

**9 Wastewater
Treatment
Plants**

**10 EMS
Stations**

**Board of
Developmental
Disabilities**

Providing Information Technology Services

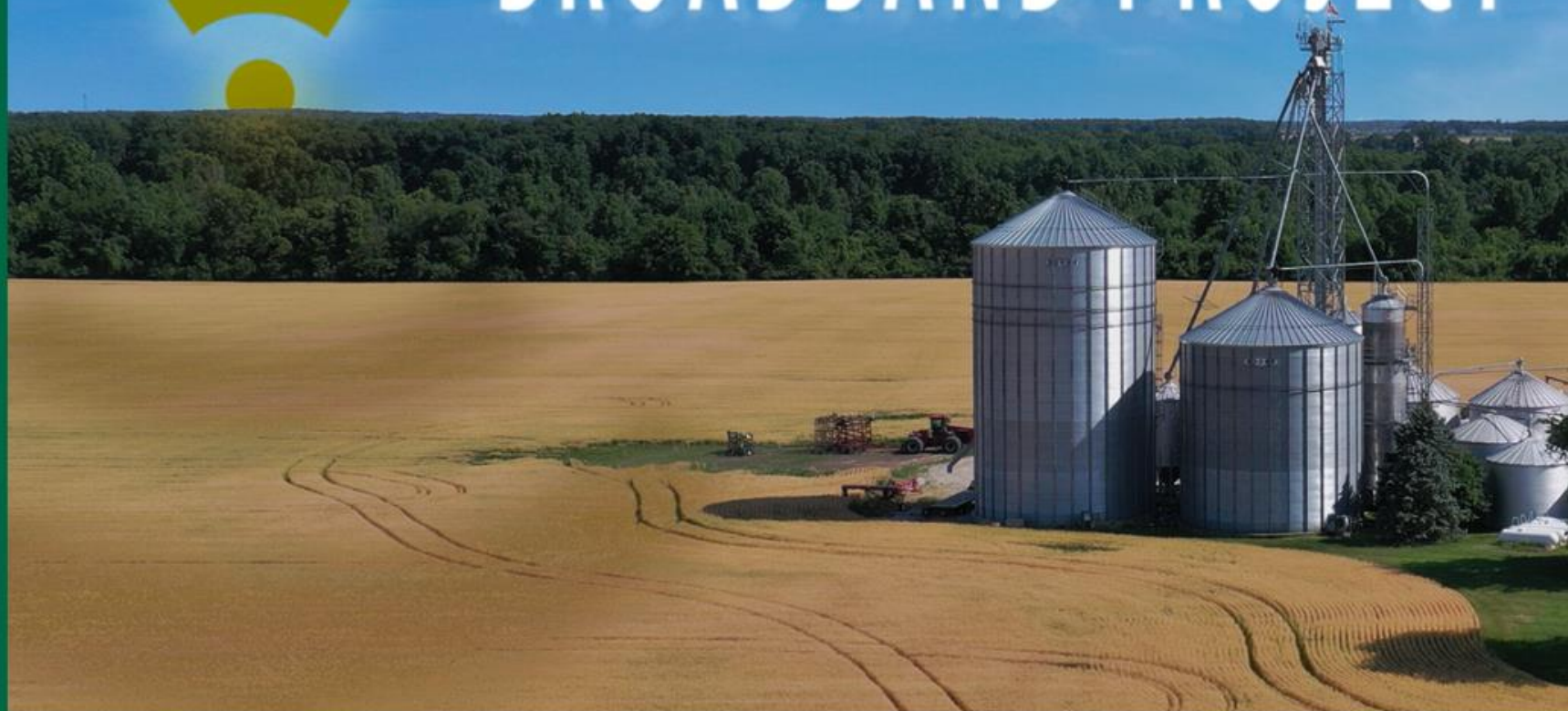
- Genoa Township
- Liberty Township
- Orange Township
- Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Delaware County Fairgrounds
- Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District
- Later in 2024: BST&G Fire Department and Berlin Township





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BROADBAND PROJECT





- analysis of 11 ISPs
- 554 surveys
- 3 focus groups
- stakeholder interviews



- **97.8% have service**
- **97% use for basic purposes (email, social media, online shopping)**
- **41% use for telehealth**
- **83% met speed test standards**



- 80% pleased with speed
- 72% pleased with reliability
- 57% not pleased with cost

- 25% would pay more
- 41% might pay more



- **High penetration rate**
- **Strong education partners**
- **Growing tech sector**
- **Great community engagement**



- **Rural/urban divide**
- **Affordability & access for groups like: elderly, lower income, disabled**



- Enhance fiber service, especially in northern half
- Help make “last mile” connections
- Develop affordability & access programs
- Promote digital literacy



- Issue an RFP to find a private partner to fund these last-mile expansions
- Pursue grant funding at state and federal levels

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Cooperation & Collaboration



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Delaware County Fairgrounds



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