

# Bob Proud OVRDC Chairman.

**Clermont County Commissioner** 

#### Message from the Chairman

Change does not necessarily assure progress, but progress implacably requires change. - Henry Steele Commager

They say the only thing constant in life is change. Last year we were blessed with the addition of our very own office building, the Ohio Department of Transportation designating OVRDC as a Rural Transportation Planning Organization, and the addition of new team members to help take us to the next level of service. OVRDC has embraced these positive changes to ensure continued progress within our district.

Our economy, in our 12 member counties, remain a challenge and we continue to try to find innovative and cost efficient ways to provide quality services to our residents. We are a proud people in Appalachia and only ask to give us the tools so we can help ourselves. With that in mind, the team at OVRDC work tirelessly to research funding sources, new programs, and other ways to help our communities help themselves. This would not be possible if it weren't for the participation and leadership of all of you, our Full Commission members.

Much gratitude is due to our excellent staff, our dedicated members of OVRDC's board and committees, our funding partners, and to each of you. Together we will continue to make our OVRDC district an excellent place to live, work, and raise a family. I am honored and blessed to be a part of such an excellent organization! God bless!

#### **Message from the Executive Director**

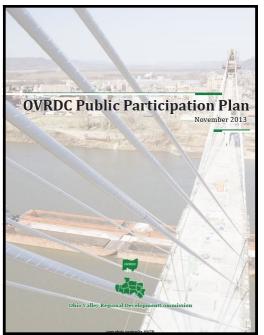
Many people consider the number 13 as unlucky. As you know, most hotels and buildings avoid having a 13th floor although I have seen them here and there in my travels. However, for me the number 13 does not conjure up any superstitions or bad luck for one reason; I was born on Friday the 13th!

I'm not sure how people felt about the arrival of 2013 given 13's generally negative reputation but 2013 proved to be an excellent year for the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission. We completed our new office building providing modern, professional office space and furniture for our staff and the ability for our Executive Committee to meet again at our office location, something we had not been able to do since 2006. In addition, we hired three new staff members during 2013 and they have all three proven to be excellent additions to our team. Last but not least, we were also successful in securing funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a major new program - Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). This designation has been sought by OVRDC for many years and now through an ODOT two-year pilot program, we are leading transportation planning efforts for the region.



Reflecting on 2013, I see "new beginnings" for us; new office, new staff, and new program. Yet, at the same time, I also see the continuation of engaged staff, members, and partners that have helped to make all of our 2013 successes occur. I want to thank each and every one of you for that. As I often say, "OVRDC isn't just 10 staff members in Waverly, its 177 public and private members from 12 counties in southern Ohio working together to make this area a better place for our future."

#### **OVRDC** Receives Designation as Regional Transportation Planning Organization



In 2013, OVRDC became one of five newly-appointed RTPOs under the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) as a result of amended language in the federal reauthorization of the surface transportation bill called "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" (MAP-21). MAP-21 established for the first time a formal definition and scope of work for RTPOs to serve areas outside MPO boundaries. MAP-21 also requires states to cooperate with non-metropolitan local officials or RTPOs in carrying out the planning sections of the bill and in the development of the long-range statewide transportation plan with respect to non-metropolitan area. This process requires to the maximum extent possible that local official involvement through RTPOs be separate and discrete from the public involvement process.

OVRDC will assist the state of Ohio to expand regional transportation planning coverage areas outside metropolitan planning organization boundaries to include OVRDC's 12 rural southern Ohio counties. Before these changes were implemented, only 32 of Ohio's 88 counties and 45% of Ohio roadways were served by a transportation planning organization; currently, 65 counties and 75% of roadways are included within the boundaries of a transportation planning organization. In our 12 newly-served counties, OVRDC will work to establish framework for future data collection and project selection efforts, link transportation planning with existing economic and community development programs, and assist ODOT in a robust statewide database.

The major activities OVRDC needs to complete as a new RTPO are establishment of committees, completion of a Public Participation Plan and completion of a Regional Transportation Plan. In 2013, OVRDC was able to establish its Policy Committee, Transportation/Technical Committee, and its Environmental Justice Committee. In addition, the Public Participation Plan was completed and approved by the Transportation and Policy Committee. Work on the Regional Transportation Plan will begin in 2014.





#### **Appalachian Regional Commission**

During Fiscal Year 2013, the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission provided technical assistance to public and private non-profit organizations resulting in the following outcomes: 2 jobs created, 1,429 jobs retained, 1,075 households served with improved water and/or sewer, 7 businesses served with improved water and/or sewer, 700 new patients provided medical care, increased accessibility to medical care for individuals with mobility impairments, increased accessibility to patients in need of psychiatric services, and 89 students provided with improved training opportunities. The following projects helped achieve those outcomes.

Project Title	ARC Funds	Leveraged Funds
Wellston North Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project (Jackson)	\$250,000	\$160,850
Village of Georgetown Town Run Pump Station SSO Elimination WWTP Project (Brown)	\$250,000	\$7,050,000
Family Healthcare Center Expansion Project (Scioto)	\$60,865	\$26,085
Woodland Center Accessibility Project (Gallia)	\$57,326	\$17,197
Manchester Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation Project (Adams)	\$250,000	\$2,332,160
Hospital Hill Sanitary Sewer Project (Pike)	\$250,000	\$950,000
Kelly Road Booster Pump Station (Vinton)	\$245,360	\$61,340
Shawnee State University Twin Screw Extruder Equipment (Scioto)	\$80,500	\$80,500
University of Rio Grande Mil Tec Project (Gallia)	\$108,000	\$190,000
Opiate Treatment Facility (Jackson)	\$500,000	\$436,066
Total	\$2,052,051	\$11,304,198

#### Pike County Commissioners Receives \$250,000 from ARC

In 2013, OVRDC assisted the Pike County Commissioners in applying for and receiving \$250,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for the Hospital Hill Sanitary Sewer Project.

This project will replace and rehabilitate all main sewer lines, laterals, and manholes throughout the Hospital Hill area in Waverly. Because of this project, the infiltration of rainwater into both the Pike County Sewer District and City of Waverly sewer systems will be curtailed, allowing the Pike County Sewer District to be able to maintain affordable rates and the City of Waverly to experience an increase in the capacity of their wastewater treatment plant. Additionally, 134 households which were previously unserved will have access to sanitary sewer service for the first time.

#### **Shawnee State University Receives \$80,500 from ARC**

In 2013, OVRDC assisted Shawnee State University in applying for and receiving \$80,500 from the Governor's Office of Appalachia for the Twin Screw Extruder Equipment Project.

These funds were used to purchase a twin extruder, which is used in mixing, compounding, and processing viscous materials, especially in the plastics compounding industry. The equipment was installed in the Advanced Technology Center at Shawnee State University for use by SSU engineering students, faculty, and manufacturing partners. SSU provided equal match for this project, which will fill a gap in the region for high-tech industry standard skills and experience.

As a result of the project, 45 Shawnee State University students per year will use the machinery for training and enhancing connections with existing and new manufacturing partners, creating a better outlook for employees in the region's technical workforce.





#### **District 15 Ohio Public Works Commission**

The Ohio Public Works Commission was created to assist in financing local public infrastructure improvements for roads, bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater systems, storm water collection systems, and solid waste disposal facilities. Since the creation of both the State Capital Improvement Program (District Fund) and the Local Transportation Program (LTIP) District 15 which includes: Adams, Brown, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton counties has been successful in getting much needed infrastructure projects funded. Including the list of projects below that were funded in Round 27:

#### **District Fund \$7,148,645**

Pike County – Hospital Hill Sewer Project
Elk Township – Engle Drive Resurfacing
Pike County – Federal Match Project
Jackson County – Milton Township 2013 Joint Project
Washington Court House – Quail Run Sanitary Sewer Project
City of Hillsboro – Hobart/Carl Smith Drive Part II
Scioto County – Bridge Replacement and Road Improvement Project
Scioto County – Highway Improvement Project 2013
Adams County – County, Township, and Village Road Improvement
Village of Mt. Orab – Brooks Mallott Road Improvement
Gallia County – Road Improvement Project
Washington Court House – Sollars Road Bridge and Resurfacing
City of Chillicothe – 2013 Street and Alley Repair
Vinton County – CR 32 Pumpkin Ridge Road
Pike County – Multiple Box Culvert Replacement

#### LTIP \$2,706,041

Lawrence County – County Road Improvements
City of Jackson – Harding Avenue Bridge Replacement
Ross County – County and Township Multi Road Repair
Vinton County – CR 3 Bridge Replacement
Lawrence County – County-Township Joint Road Project
Brown County – Township Road Restructuring 1

#### Small Government \$1,824,059

Village of Gallipolis – Gallipolis Water Pollution Control Village of Peebles – State Route 41 Utility & Sanitary Sewer Relining Manchester Broadway/5<sup>th</sup> St. Storm Sewer – Valley Pump Station Project

#### Scioto County Receives OPWC Funds to Repair the Otway Covered Bridge



The Otway Covered Bridge stands as a symbol of the community which surrounds it. Erected in 1874, the Bridge was constructed by the Smith Bridge Company following the Civil War to connect the area surrounding Otway by bridging over the west fork of Scioto Brush Creek. The covered bridge currently stands at a shorter length than when constructed and shares a pier with the adjoining steel truss.

Through the years this bridge has weathered many storm events including the 1997 flood which entered into the structure and the 2012 tornado which damaged the historic covered bridge. Through a desire to repair and refurbish the bridge, the Otway Historical Society and the Scenic Scioto Heritage Byway Committee approached the Scioto County Engineer, Craig Opperman about potential funding.

With additional funding still needed to perform the necessary work, the County Engineer recommended that grassroots fundraising be performed to raise money for construction and maintenance of the structure. The Otway Historical Society performed this fundraising in the way of community outreach, car shows and spaghetti dinners to raise money with the help of the Byway Committee. Funds for the project have come from all across the county.

Without the combined support of the Ohio Public Works Commission, Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, Federal Highway Administration, Ohio Department of Transportation, County Engineer's Association, the Scioto County Engineer, and the local committees and individuals then the funding for this community project would not have been possible.





#### **OVRDC Infrastructure Mapping Program**

OVRDC continues to provide infrastructure and utility mapping services to local governments and communities through the use of its geographic information system (GIS) and global positioning system (GPS). Standard product deliverables to communities are paper and digital maps of their systems with other options available.

Examples of data collection inventories for infrastructure projects may include (but are not limited to):

<b>Municipal Water:</b>	Waste Water:	<b>Storm Sewer:</b>	<b>Other Services:*</b>
Hydrants	Manholes	Curb Drains	Public Signage
Valves	Lamp holes	<b>Ditch Drains</b>	Traffic Signals
Meters	Sanitary Ends	French Drains	Utility Locations
Tanks/boosters	·	Manholes	*These services are available as
Curb stops			

s part of the program or through a separate project process.

#### Completed work includes:

Shut-off/release valves

City of Greenfield, Highland County Village of Lynchburg, Highland County Dan Evans Industrial Park, Gallia County

#### Current work includes:

City of Wellston, Jackson County Village of Williamsburg, Clermont County

#### Future work includes:

Village of West Union, Adams County Village of Aberdeen, Brown County Village of Piketon, Pike County Village of Seaman, Adams County Village of New Richmond, Clermont County Village of Georgetown, Brown County City of Gallipolis, Gallia County Village of Winchester, Adams County Village of McArthur??, Vinton County

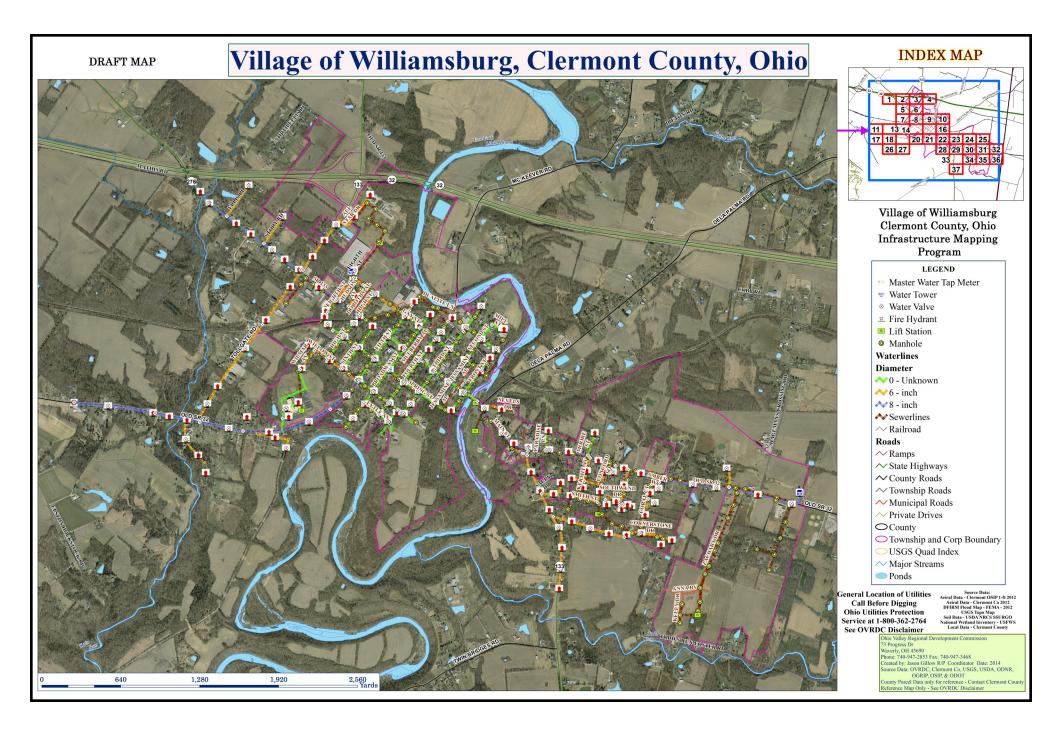


"The Village of Williamsburg is so thankful for the GPS survey. It is first class document that will be extremely useful in the future. Thank you to OVRDC for making this possible."

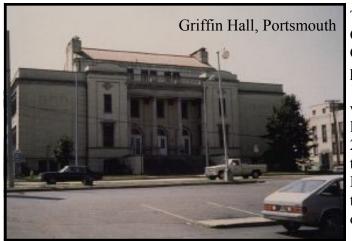
Mayor & Council Village of Williamsburg, Ohio







#### **The Long Way Home**



The first organizational meeting of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC) was held on September 23, 1967 in Portsmouth, Ohio. On November 15, 1967, the first Full Commission met to elect officers, adopt proposed by-laws, and set up membership of the commission and on December 1, 1967, incorporation papers were filed. The first Executive Director started work in July 1968 and by the end of 1968, the offices of OVRDC were established in Griffin Hall, 740 Second Street, Portsmouth, Ohio. Griffin Hall (razed 2003) was a building owned by the City of Portsmouth, that had formerly been the Massie School (built in the 1920s) as part of the Portsmouth City School District. OVRDC's offices spent the next 29 years in Griffin Hall but over time the aged building became in disrepair and OVRDC and the City of Portsmouth offices located in it had to move elsewhere.

The Executive Committee of OVRDC formed a Building Committee in 1996 and decided to look for locations in Pike County, which is more centrally located in the OVRDC region and connected to the north and south by US 23 and to the east and west by State Route 32. In late 1996, Wausau Homes Inc. purchased the former Freuhauf manufacturing facility (originally Kingsport Homes' facility) in Waverly, Ohio to expand their pre-fabricated housing business. Wausau Homes intended to utilize the manufacturing space of the building, but the small office building that was attached to the front of it had no purpose for the company. The office space was a perfect location for OVRDC to move and upon entering a lease agreement, OVRDC's offices moved to 9329 State Route 220 East/Suite A, Waverly, Ohio in February 1997.

In 2009, Wausau Homes Inc., weathering the economic recession, made the decision to close its Waverly facility and informed OVRDC that it could stay until the building sold and negotiate with any new owner regarding lease continuation. Upon news of Wausau Homes closing, OVRDC began to be proactive and search for new office space. In 2011, OVRDC requested and received a donation of land at the Zahns Corner Industrial Park near Waverly from the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI) on which to construct a new office building. Planning then began on how to finance a building with the donation of the land already in place.



In 2012, the Wausau Homes building sold to Hadsell Development LLC. Hadsell Development informed OVRDC of its need to utilize the office space it occupied and offered a one year lease to give OVRDC time to find a new office location. In the spring of 2012, OVRDC secured funding commitments from the Governor's Office of Appalachia and SODI in addition to its own Building Fund to design and construct a new office building on the donated land at the Zahns Corner Industrial Park. OVRDC then secured the services of an architect to design the building.

In May of 2012, Hadsell Chemical approached OVRDC about vacating the office space early to accommodate unanticipated growth they were experiencing and offered to assist OVRDC with temporarily locating at Wastren Advantage Inc. (WAI) in Piketon, Ohio. In September of 2012, OVRDC moved its offices to WAI in Piketon and after bidding its building project, held a groundbreaking ceremony and awarded a contract to construct the building on November 15, 2012.

Construction of the new OVRDC office building was completed in July 2013 and upon receiving its Occupancy Permit that same month, OVRDC moved to its new permanent home at 73 Progress Drive, Waverly, Ohio. On July 11, 2013, the first Executive Committee meeting was held at the new office and on August 22, 2013, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held welcoming OVRDC members and partners to the new building. OVRDC is now fortunate to have a new 5,160 square foot modern, professional office for its staff to work and its Executive Committee to meet permanently.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at New Office August 22, 2013



#### **Rural Community Development Initiative Grant (Project LEAD)**

OVRDC's USDA Rural Community Development Initiative grant (Project LEAD) came to a close on September 30, 2013. Work began on this grant in 2008 and after staff changes, was approved for an extension as work picked up again in August of 2010. Four-teen communities in the counties of Gallia, Jackson, Pike and Vinton were involved in the project. Throughout the duration of the grant period, staff worked to strengthen entrepreneurship networks in the four counties by holding Regional Advisory Committee meetings with county economic development directors, 3 specialized business assistance workshops, and 1 regional workshop—all focused on economic development—with county and community leaders. OVRDC also created an online searchable business loan database as a result of the grant.



Scan the QR code to View Our Online Searchable Business Loan Database Now!

#### Small Business Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

The Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission's (OVRDC's) Small Business Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program has operated the last 27 years through two (2) loan fund programs funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Since its inception, a total of 74 loans have been closed, 41 from our ARC RLF program and 33 from our EDA RLF program. The total RLF investment is \$5,115,314: \$3,198,089 from our ARC RLF and \$1,917,225 from our EDA RLF program. The total private and owner equity investments are \$27,794,518 (\$14,957,863 ARC RLF and \$12,836,655 EDA RLF). The impact of jobs created and retained is 3,607 (1,295 ARC RLF and 2,312 EDA RLF). The RLF program is an important additional financing resource for district businesses wishing to start up, expand, and create and/or retain full-time equivalent jobs within the OVRDC District.



#### OVRDC Provides \$200,000 Revolving Loan Fund to Tykma



Founded in 2001, Tykma Inc. was created to provide industrial marking and product identification systems to the manufacturing industry. Tykma specializes in the design and manufacture of permanent industrial marking systems. From Fortune 500 companies to smaller users, Tykma serves clients in aerospace, medical, industrial, automotive, consumer goods, and tooling fields, whether for identification, or decorative purposes. With such clients as Boeing, Caterpillar, Kohler, and Smith & Nephew medical supply, chances are you have touched a product marked by Tykma equipment. In 2013, OVRDC partnered with 5th/3rd Bank and provided a \$200,000 Revolving Loan package for Tykma. Through Tykma's \$1,864,000 investment in their business, Ross County will benefit by a total of 6 new jobs created. Approximately 98% of Tykma's revenue comes from outside of the state of Ohio, and with Tykma growing at a pace of 18% annually -this is good for Ross County and Ohio!

"The Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission provided additional capital to Tykma during a year in which our growth in sales was 39%. This additional capital helped Tykma grow in a positive way for the community. They were extremely professional and attentive to our needs."

David Grimes
President, Tykma

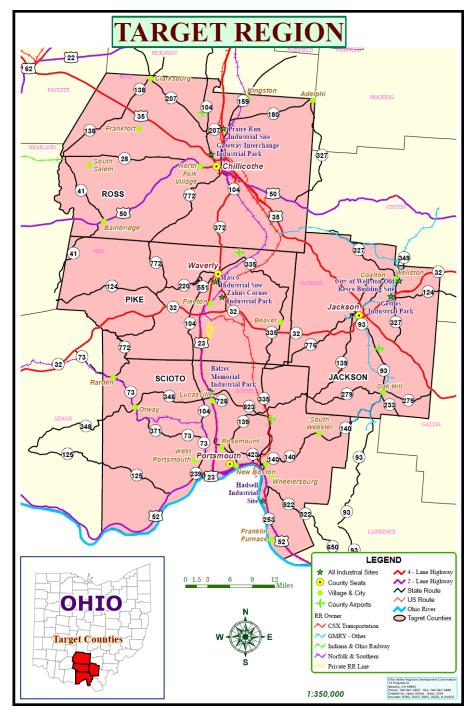


#### **Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI)**

In 2012, OVRDC assisted the Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI) of Southern Ohio with putting together its joint strategic economic development priorities to submit to Fluor B & W Portsmouth. JEDI is an alliance of the economic development offices of Jackson, Pike, Ross, and Scioto Counties, and Fluor B & W Portsmouth is the contractor hired by the US Department of Energy (DOE) to clean up the old Gaseous Diffusion Plant at the DOE reservation in Piketon, Ohio. A percent of the Fluor B & W Portsmouth's fee goes into its Opportunity Fund for investment into economic development and charitable giving in the four counties.

During 2013, OVRDC assisted JEDI in securing \$216,000 from Fluor B & W Portsmouth's Opportunity Fund to assist with the operation of the four economic development offices as well as professional development fees for the directors of each office. OVRDC also assisted JEDI with the development of a Request for Proposal and with securing an additional \$196,405 from the Opportunity Fund to procure services from AdyVoltedge to develop 1) an Industrial Property Feasibility Study including thorough documentation of assets in the four-county region and aligning those assets with a refined list of targeted industries; 2) a Regional Marketing Services including a marketing plan and lead-generation; 3) a Turnkey Website and Content Management System for Professional Economic Development Marketing as well as website hosting; and 4) External Branding.

OVRDC continues to work with JEDI of Southern Ohio as they work with AdyVoltedge to develop a comprehensive marketing plan for the four county region.



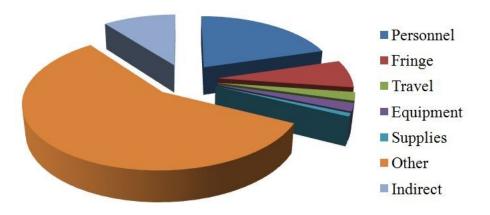
#### 2013 Major Programs Revenue & Expense

The Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission receives financial support from Federal, State and local funding resources which help support our 10 staff members who perform an excellent job for the Commission. Our Federal funding partnerships for 2013 are with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for our Local Development District (LDD) activities; USDA Rural Development (RD) under their Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) for our Project "LEAD" (Leadership in Entrepreneurial Assistance and Development); and U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) under their Planning Assistance program for our Economic Development District (EDD) activities. Our State funding partnerships for 2013 are with the Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA) Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) for our Appalachian Local Development District; Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) to support the programs of the District 15 Public Works Integrating Committee; Ohio Department of Transportation for our Regional Transportation Planning Organization activities. The local resources are from 12 member counties and administrative contracts with local political subdivisions for grants management services, which have helped leverage the federal and state resources. In addition, OVRDC is subcontracted by the Ohio University Voinovich School for Leadership and Public Policy to assist with their EDA funded Regional Economic Advancement Program and their ODOD funded Appalachian Ohio Geospatial Data Partnership GIS Program.

FY 2013 Revenues	
ARC - LDD	\$ 211,024
USDA RD	\$ 4,990
USDOC EDA EDD	\$ 50,479
ODOD	\$ 368,292
ODOT	\$ 46,018
OPWC	\$ 61,786
LOCAL	\$ 569,745
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ 1,312,334

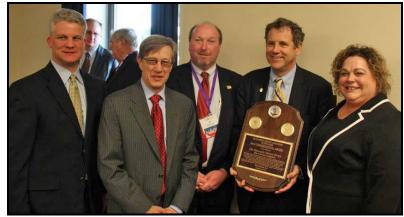
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LOCAL

FY 2013 Expenses	
Personnel	\$ 266,613
Fringe	\$ 91,422
Travel	\$ 27,783
Equipment	\$ 26,800
Supplies	\$ 10,925
Other	\$ 752,933
Indirect	\$ 135,858
Total Expenses	\$ 1,312,334



### **2013: A Review in Pictures**

















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Clermont	<u>Pike</u>
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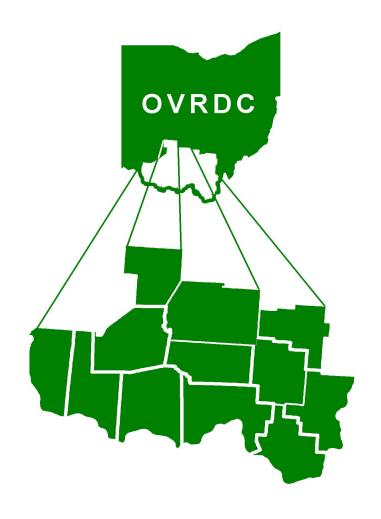
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