

REFERENCES: SOURCES OF DATA

TABLES 1, MAPS 1 to 6, FIGURE 1:

- ◆ Early 1990's land cover data is from the Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics Consortium (MRLC) National Land Cover Data Program (NLCD)¹
- ◆ MRLC provides 30-meter resolution land cover data acquired from Landsat satellites for the conterminous United States. Land cover for Ohio was determined from Landsat images from the years 1991 through 1993 (with some exceptions). The images were classified using 21 land cover classes, which were condensed into 7 classes including urban, forest, row crops, pasture, barren, water, and wetlands. Percent land use for each class was calculated by dividing the specific land cover area in the township by the total township area.
- ◆ 2000 township land area calculated utilizing a Geographic Information System and 2000 Census Tiger Files.² Townships areas were created by overlaying minor civil division boundaries with place boundaries. After overlaying place boundaries, all residual minor civil division land was identified as township area. Area calculations were performed after creating township boundaries.
- ◆ To analyze township population characteristics, sub-county level data was gathered and aggregated from the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses.³ Data was summarized into a township database that included all townships existing in 2000 and their 100% population counts. The township data reported in this study represents all persons residing in the unincorporated land in the state and does not account for the population residing in villages or cities.

TABLES 2 & 3, FIGURE 2:

- ◆ Land use data for 1982, 1987, 1992 and 1997 is taken from the National Resource Inventory (NRI) conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Services in cooperation with Iowa State University Statistical

¹ USGS EROS Data Center (2000) *MRLC Regional Land Cover Characterization Project –Land Cover Data for Ohio early 1990's* (Version 2000-03). Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics Consortium National Land Cover Data Program

² 2000 Tiger files of places and minor civil divisions downloaded from ESRI's geography network at: <http://www.geographynetwork.com/data/tiger2000/>

³ Office of Strategic Research. The Ohio Department of Development (2001) 2000 Census of Population by age, race and Hispanic origin for Ohio's governmental units

Laboratory. For more information about the National Resource Inventory visit the NRI web site at:
<http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/NRI/>

TABLE 4:

- ◆ 1997 Ohio Township zoning data taken from a “The Ohio Rural Zoning” survey conducted by Tim Pritchard and John Stamm of The Ohio State University Extension, Community Development.⁴ This data is considered current through November 1997. The information was collected from records at the Ohio Secretary of State’s office and through a survey of selected county planning agencies.
- ◆ Although great efforts were taken to collect and verify this information, due to the age of the data collected no absolute accuracy is insured, people are encouraged to contact the township clerk to for further inquiry into township land use policy.
- ◆ Townships surveyed were placed into five different categories of zoning classification, these categories are: (with total number of townships in each category in parenthesis)
 - Enacted Township Rural Zoning (604 townships)
 - Enacted County Rural Zoning (96 townships)
 - Rejected Rural Zoning (198 townships)
 - Repealed Township Rural Zoning (4 townships)
 - No Zoning (410 townships)

⁴Ohio State University Extension, Community Development can be found at: <http://www.comdev.ohio-state.edu/>