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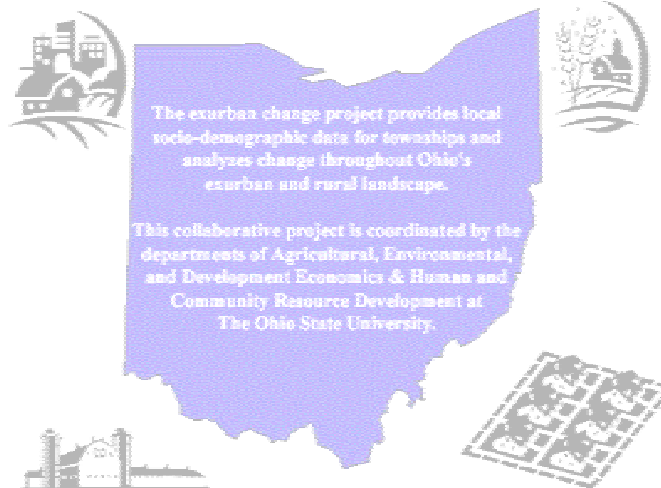
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INTRODUCTION:

The following report is part of a series of township resource books to be released for the state of Ohio. This is the second segment of the series titled *Land Use Trends and Characteristics*. The report contains seven maps, two figures and four tables illustrating township level land cover in the early 1990's and county land use change from 1982 to 1997. (Please refer to the table of contents for a full description of maps, figures and tables). Future additions to the township resource series will address housing, agriculture, income and labor force trends of Ohio's townships. All data included in this report should be considered current as of January 1st, 2001.

Data collected for this report has been gathered from remotely sensed land cover images, land use data, the 1990 and 2000 decennial census and previous township zoning surveys. Data sources include the Multi-Regional Land Characteristics Consortium (MRLC), the National Resource Inventory (NRI) and the U.S. Census Bureau. Land cover data is reported at the township level and excludes all incorporated places and villages, but includes census-designated places (CDP's). This level of geography presents data for all unincorporated township areas and is intended to assist researchers, policy & decision makers and the general public in exploring the dynamics of land cover and population change in Ohio's townships and unincorporated areas. Land use data from the National Resource Inventory is at the county level and tracks land use change from 1982 to 1997.

The township resource series is a byproduct of research related to exurban development in the State Of Ohio. The "*Exurban Change Project*" is a collaborative research project conducted by the Department of Agricultural, Environmental & Development Economics and the Department of Human and Community Resource Development at The Ohio State University. For further information related to the township data books or the exurban research project please contact Elena Irwin Irwin.78@osu.edu, Jeff Sharp Sharp.123@osu.edu or Jason Reece Reece.35@osu.edu.

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