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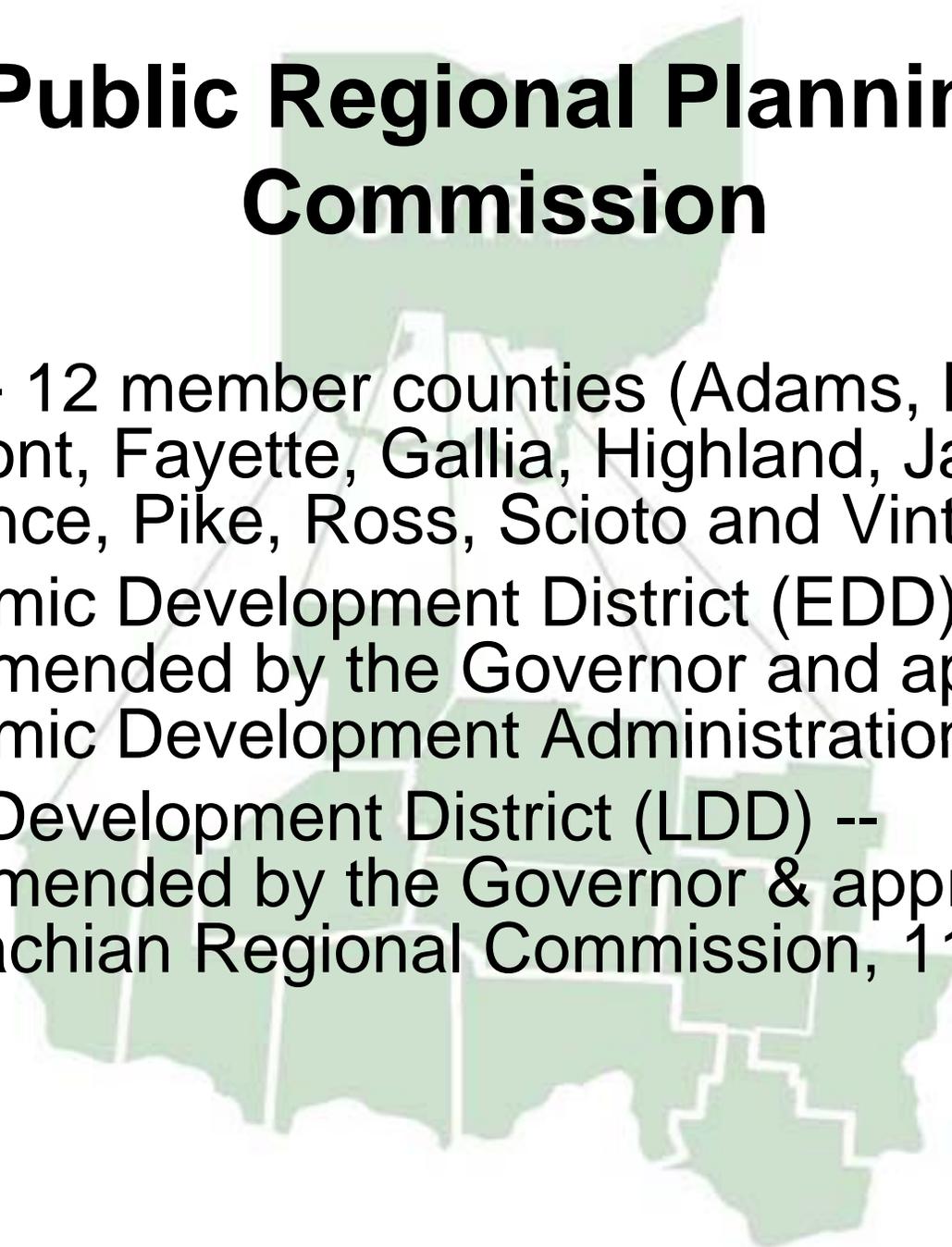
# **What Is OVRDC?**

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# Public Regional Planning Commission

- Authority -- Ohio Revised Code, Section 713.21 (Regional Planning Commission)
- OVRDC is a Public Entity; it is NOT a non-profit
- Purpose -- “Promoting and enhancing the economic development and growth opportunities ... to act as a regional planning commission.”
- OVRDC is a regional planning and economic development agency which coordinates federal, state and local resources to encourage development in 12 southern Ohio counties

# Public Regional Planning Commission



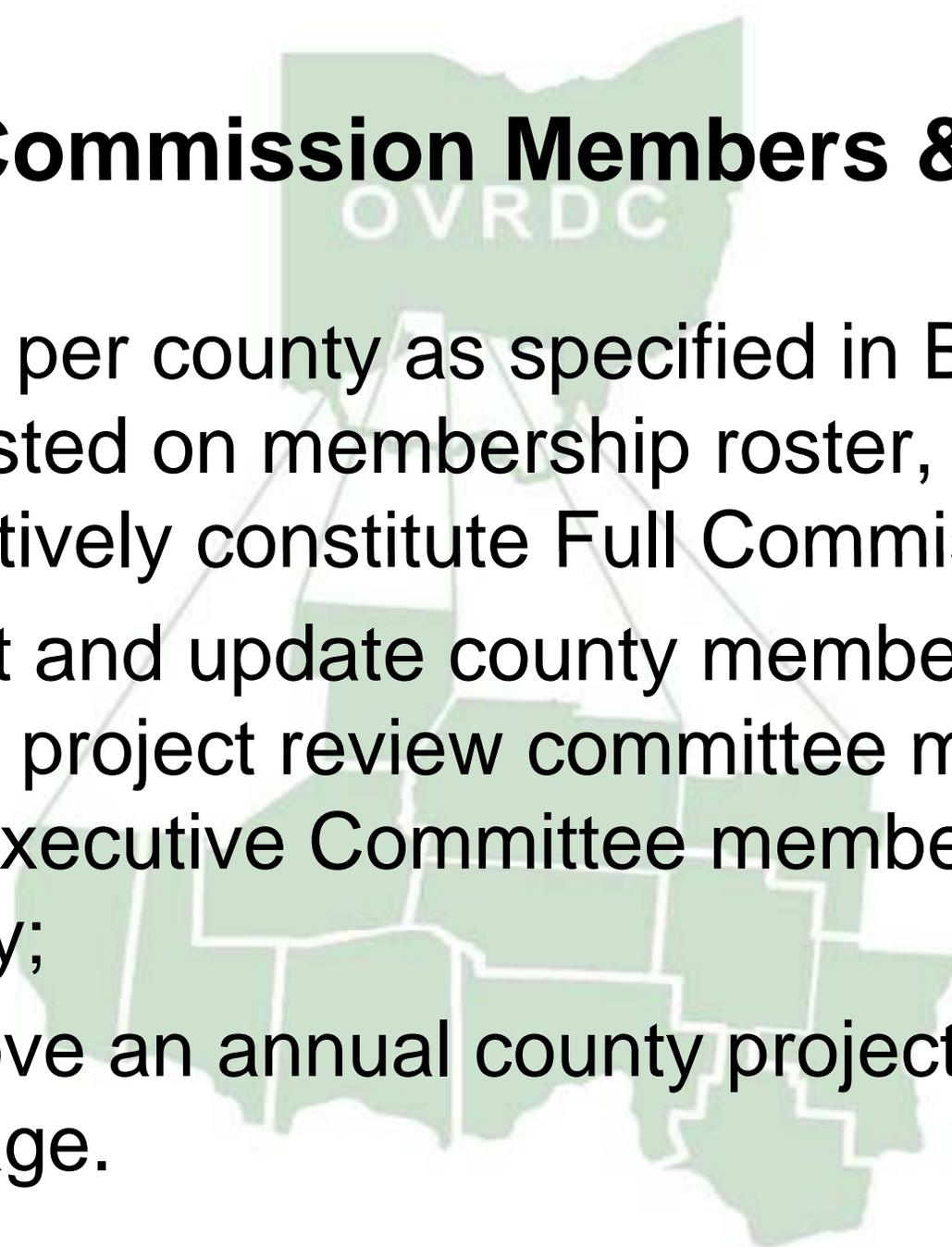
- Area -- 12 member counties (Adams, Brown, Clermont, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton)
- Economic Development District (EDD) -- recommended by the Governor and approved by Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Local Development District (LDD) -- recommended by the Governor & approved by Appalachian Regional Commission, 11 counties

# Structure of Full Commission

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- Membership -- Categories specified in Bylaws for each of 12 counties, totals 177 (174 actual) members (Caucus members are Full Commission members);
- Authority -- Final review and approval of all actions of the Executive Committee, annually elects Executive Committee members and officers;
- Meetings -- Twice a year, March (annual elections) and September (annual appreciation).

# Full Commission Members & Roles



- 14-17 per county as specified in Bylaws and listed on membership roster, collectively constitute Full Commission;
- Select and update county membership, select project review committee member and Executive Committee members from county;
- Approve an annual county project package.

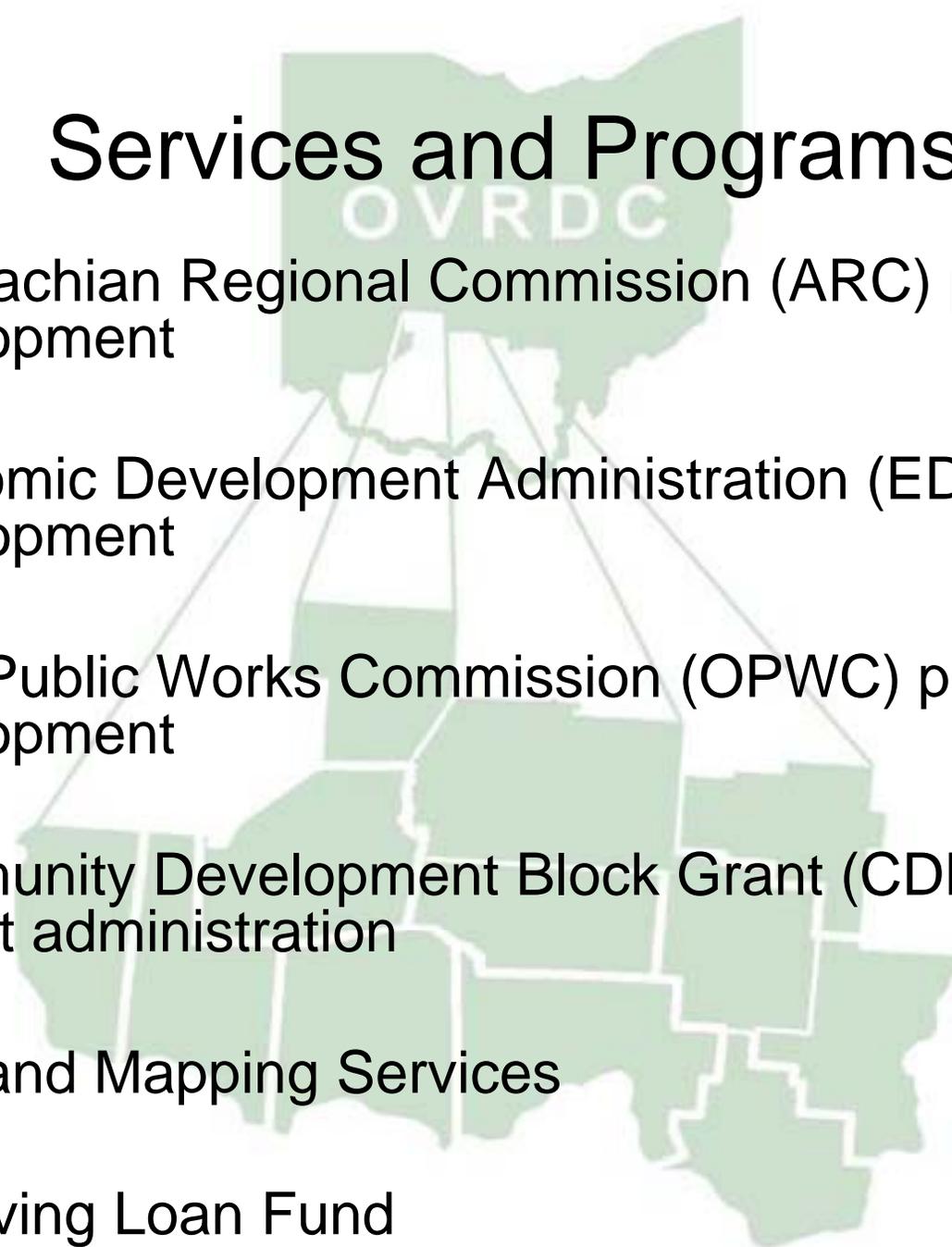
# Structure of Executive Committee

- Membership – 27 members -- Caucus Chairman for each county, six private sector members, six members-at-large (chamber, workforce development, labor, post-secondary education), minority member, mayors of Chillicothe and Portsmouth, and officers;
- Officers -- Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Executive Director serves as Secretary;
- Authority -- “All of the powers and duties of OVRDC (as specified in Section 5.02 of the Bylaws) ... shall be possessed and may be exercised by the Executive Committee; OVRDC’s “governing body”.

# Structure of Executive Committee (Continued):

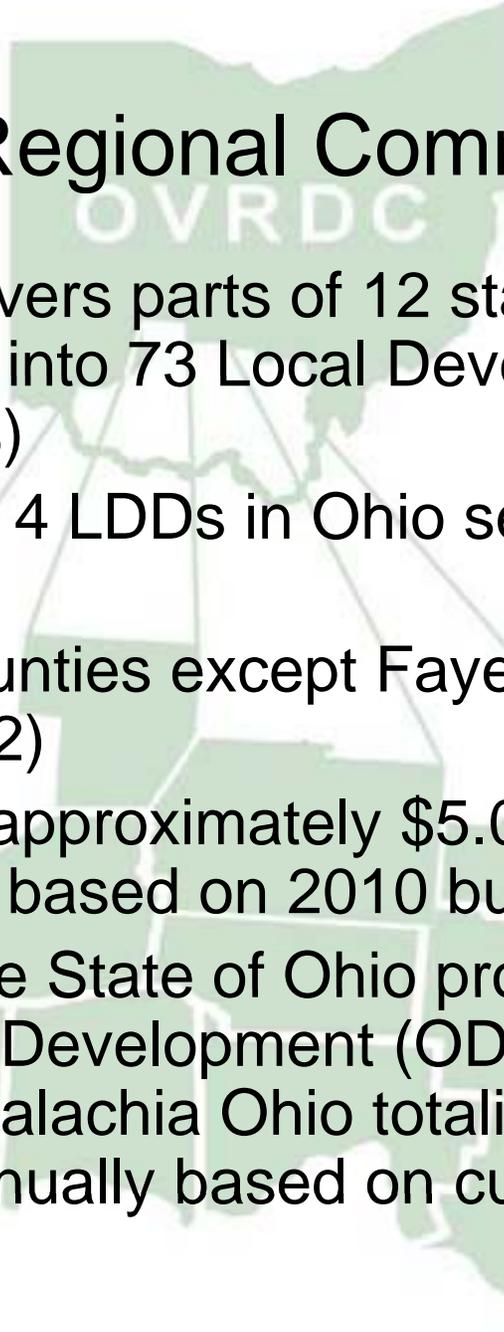
- Review our annual CEDS report before we submit to EDA
- Review and recommend regional EDA project package for submission to EDA
- Reviews and recommends regional ARC project package for submission to the Governor's Office of Appalachia and ARC
- Approves all grant applications and contracts over \$5,000
- Meetings – At least 8 times annually; by the last Thursday of the month; (except July and December)
- Quorum -- Representatives from at least 7 counties

# Services and Programs



- Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) project development
- Economic Development Administration (EDA) project development
- Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) project development
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project administration
- Data and Mapping Services
- Revolving Loan Fund

# Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

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- ARC region covers parts of 12 states and all of W.Va.; divided into 73 Local Development Districts (LDDs)
- OVRDC is 1 of 4 LDDs in Ohio serving a total of 32 counties
- All OVRDC counties except Fayette are in ARC region (11 of 12)
- Ohio receives approximately \$5.0 million in ARC funds annually based on 2010 budget figures
- Additionally, the State of Ohio provides Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) funds for projects in Appalachia Ohio totaling approximately \$4.5 million annually based on current budget figures

# Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

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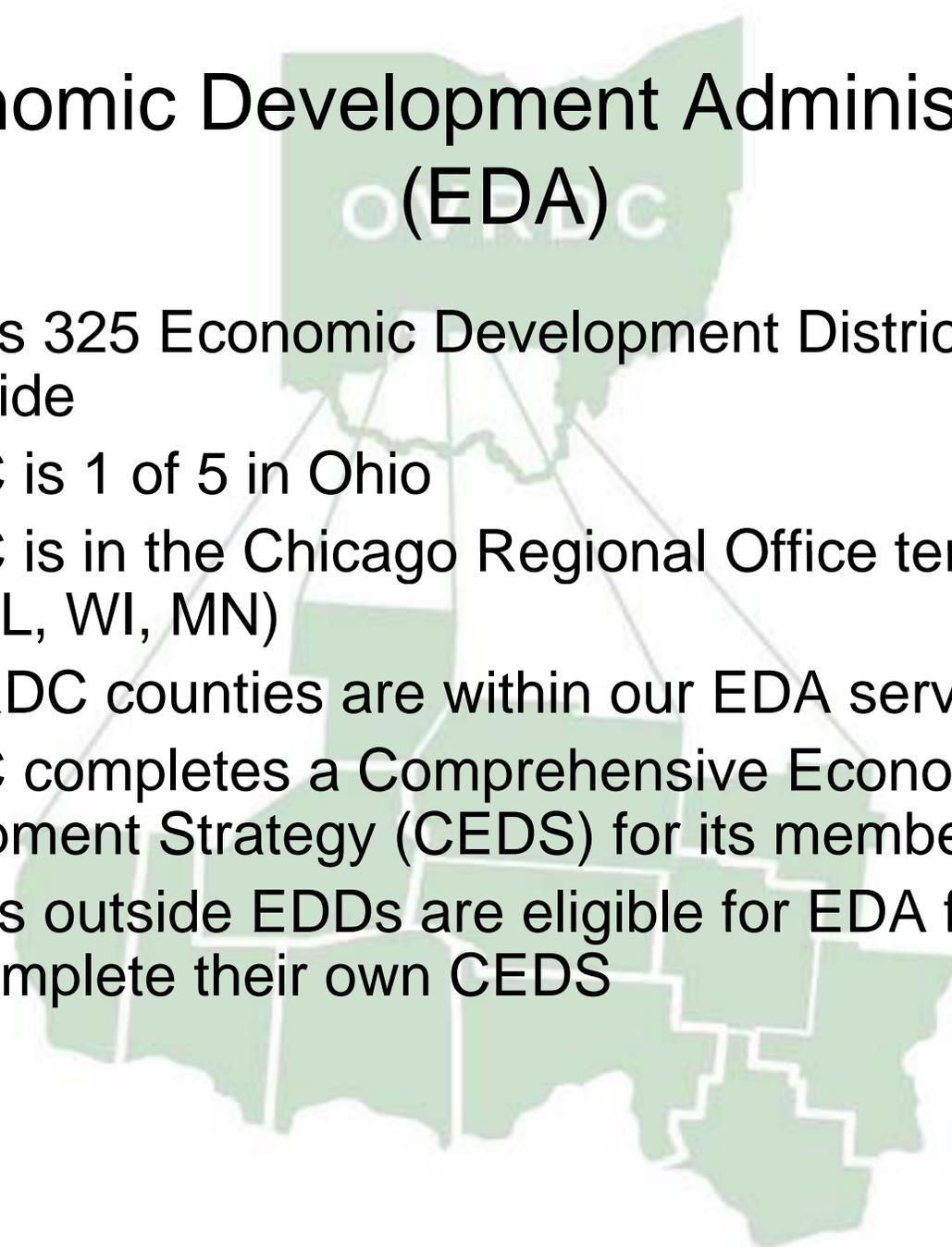
- Four Goal Areas:
  - Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia to reach parity with the nation.
  - Strengthen the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy.
  - Develop and improve Appalachia's infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive.
  - Build the Appalachian Development Highway System to reduce Appalachia's isolation.
- Eligible projects must meet objectives under one or more of these four goal areas

# Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)



- Distressed counties for FY'2012
  - Adams, Pike and Vinton Counties
  - Total of seven (7) in Ohio
  - Eligible for 80% grant rate
  - 50% of ARC funds to be invested in these counties
- At-Risk Counties for FY'2012
  - Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, and Scioto
  - Total of nine (9) in Ohio
  - Eligible for 70% grant rate
- Transitional counties for FY'2012
  - Brown, Clermont, Highland, and Ross
  - Total of 16 in Ohio
  - Eligible for 50% grant rate
- Competitive counties for FY'2012
  - None
- Attainment counties for FY'2012
  - None

# Economic Development Administration (EDA)



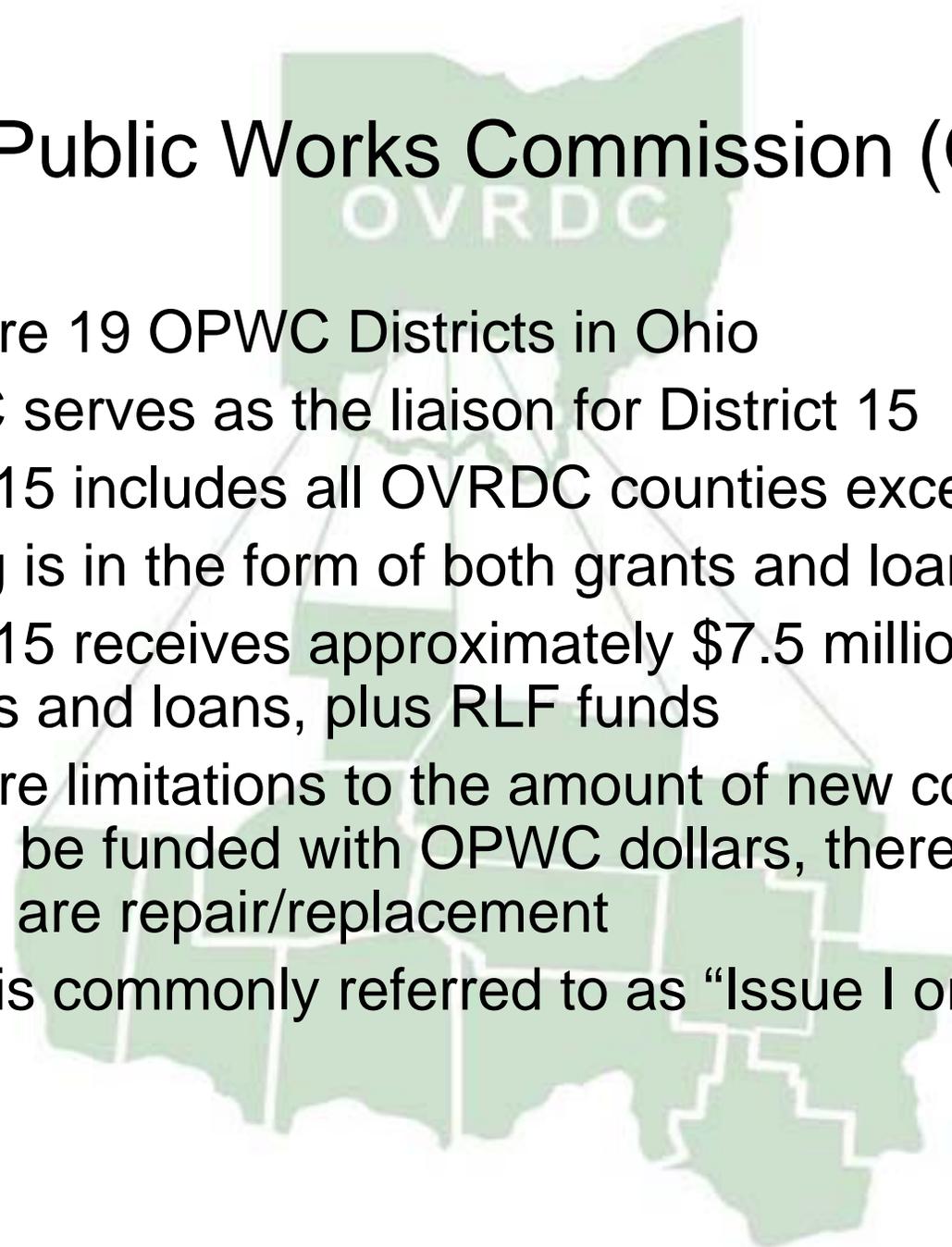
- EDA has 325 Economic Development Districts (EDDs) nationwide
- OVRDC is 1 of 5 in Ohio
- OVRDC is in the Chicago Regional Office territory (OH, MI, IN, IL, WI, MN)
- All OVRDC counties are within our EDA service region
- OVRDC completes a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for its member counties
- Counties outside EDDs are eligible for EDA funding but must complete their own CEDS

# Economic Development Administration (EDA)



- 70% Grant Rate Counties
  - Vinton County
- 60% Grant Rate Counties
  - Adams County
- 50 % Grant Rate Counties
  - Brown, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, and Scioto Counties
- Counties Not Targeted for EDA Assistance
  - Clermont County

# Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

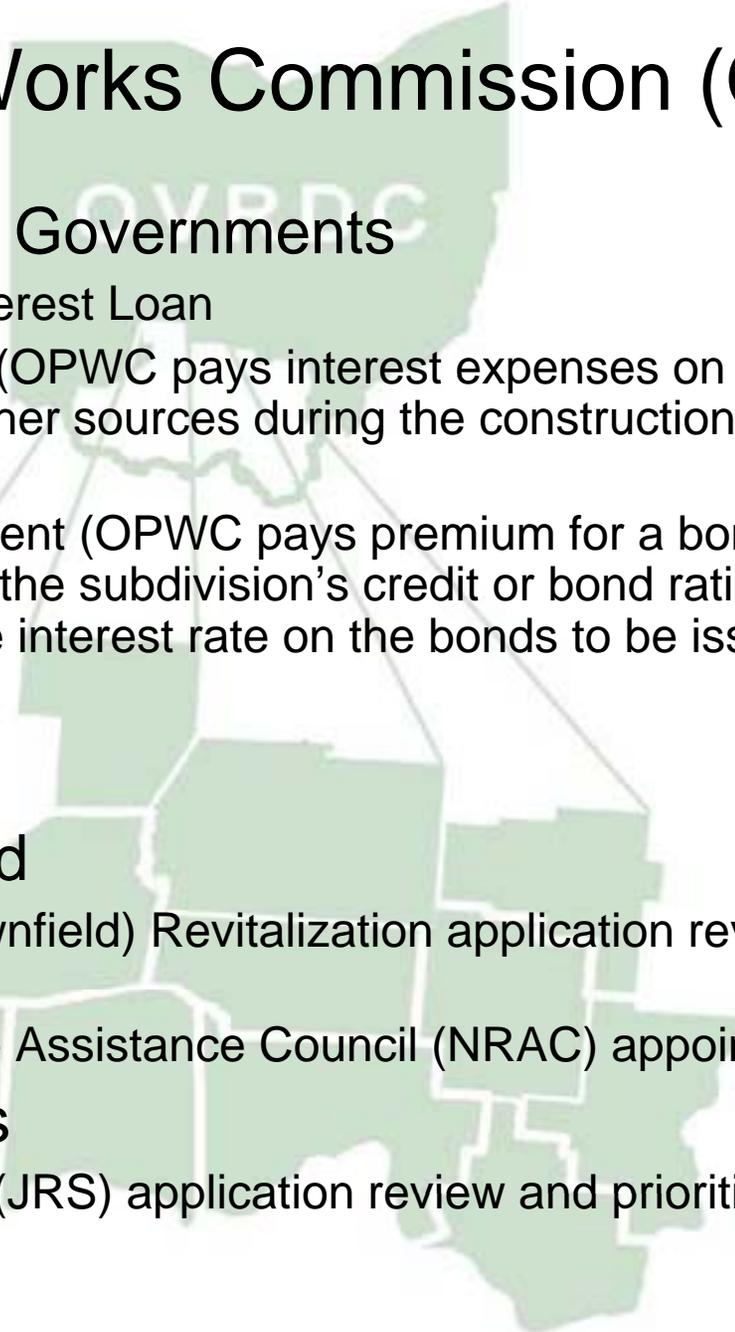


- There are 19 OPWC Districts in Ohio
- OVRDC serves as the liaison for District 15
- District 15 includes all OVRDC counties except Clermont
- Funding is in the form of both grants and loans
- District 15 receives approximately \$7.5 million annually in grants and loans, plus RLF funds
- There are limitations to the amount of new construction that can be funded with OPWC dollars, therefore, most projects are repair/replacement
- OPWC is commonly referred to as “Issue I or II”

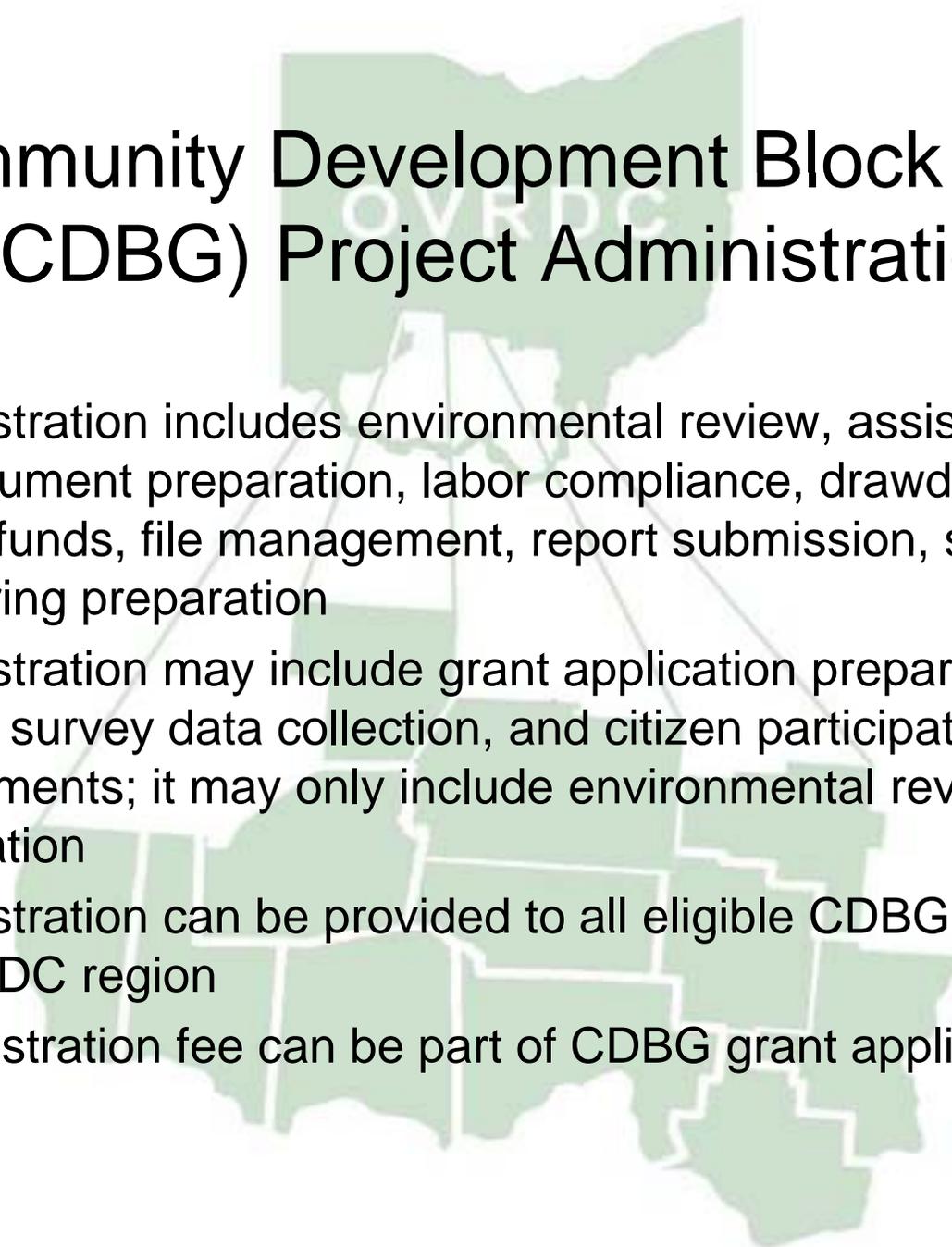
# Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

- Three Chances for Funding
  - State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP); aka District fund
    - Eligible applicants: counties, cities, villages, townships, and ORC 6119 sanitary districts and water & sewer districts
    - Eligible uses: public roads, bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater system, solid waste facilities, and storm water systems (8-year minimum useful life)
  - Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP)
    - Eligible applicants: counties, cities, villages, and townships
    - Eligible uses: public roads, bridges, and culverts (8-year minimum useful life)
  - Small Governments Program
    - Eligible applicants: villages and townships with population of 5,000 or less
    - Eligible uses: Same as those for SCIP except there is no minimum useful life requirement

# Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)



- **SCIP and Small Governments**
  - Grant and 0% interest Loan
  - Loan Assistance (OPWC pays interest expenses on money borrowed from other sources during the construction period, plus one year)
  - Credit Enhancement (OPWC pays premium for a bond insurance policy, improving the subdivision's credit or bond rating, and consequently, the interest rate on the bonds to be issued)
- **LTIP**
  - Grant only
- **Clean Ohio Fund**
  - Clean Ohio (Brownfield) Revitalization application review and prioritization
  - Natural Resource Assistance Council (NRAC) appointments
- **Job Ready Sites**
  - Job Ready Sites (JRS) application review and prioritization



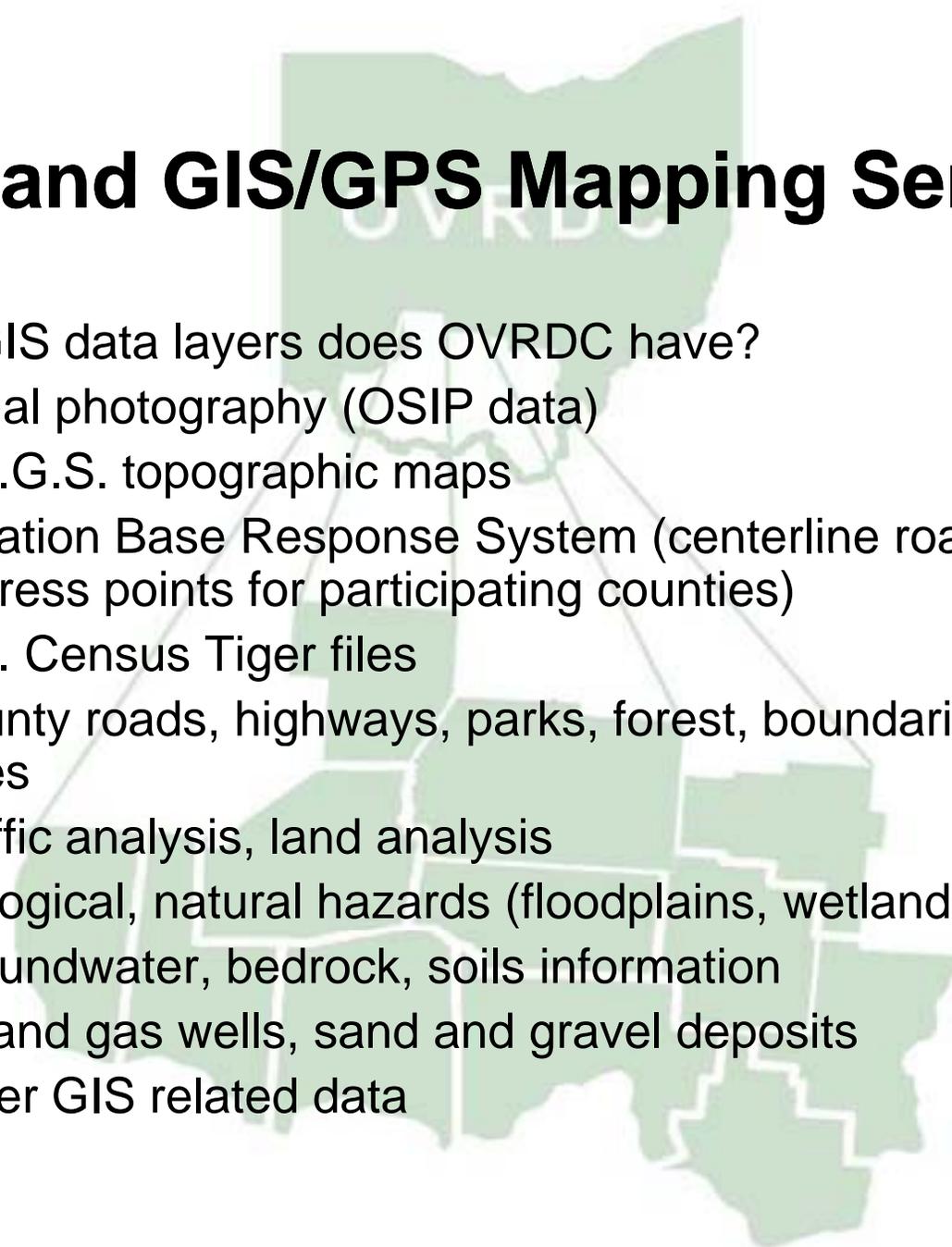
# Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Administration

- Administration includes environmental review, assistance with bid document preparation, labor compliance, drawdown of CDBG funds, file management, report submission, state monitoring preparation
- Administration may include grant application preparation, income survey data collection, and citizen participation requirements; it may only include environmental review preparation
- Administration can be provided to all eligible CDBG subdivisions in OVRDC region
- Administration fee can be part of CDBG grant application

# Data and GIS/GPS Mapping Services

- OVRDC is a Regional Data Center affiliated with the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Strategic Research
- What type of data does OVRDC maintain?
  - U.S. Census Data and County Profiles
  - OVRDC Library resources
  - Ohio Department of Job and Family Services data
  - Selected environmental and natural resource reports and studies on OVRDC communities
  - Selected business, economic, export, infrastructure, and other databases and resource on the region
  - Comprehensive GIS database of the region
- What is GIS (Geographic Information System)?
  - A GIS is mapping software that combines layers of information about a place to give you a better understanding of that place
  - The power of a GIS over paper maps is your ability to select only the information you need for analysis

# Data and GIS/GPS Mapping Services



- What GIS data layers does OVRDC have?
  - Aerial photography (OSIP data)
  - U.S.G.S. topographic maps
  - Location Base Response System (centerline road and 911 address points for participating counties)
  - U.S. Census Tiger files
  - County roads, highways, parks, forest, boundaries, rivers, lakes
  - Traffic analysis, land analysis
  - Biological, natural hazards (floodplains, wetlands)
  - Groundwater, bedrock, soils information
  - Oil and gas wells, sand and gravel deposits
  - Other GIS related data

# Data and GIS/GPS Mapping Services

## **What is GPS (Global Positioning System)?**

Global Positioning System (GPS) is a space-based radio-positioning and time transfer system constellation of 24 satellites developed, launched, and maintained by the United States Air Force that provides positioning, timing, and navigation signals free of charge to both military and civilian users worldwide. GPS satellites orbit the earth every 12 hours, emitting continuous navigation signals that enables properly equipped users to determine precise time and velocity and worldwide latitude, longitude and altitude to within a few meters. GPS has proven beneficial in the commercial and civil markets for transportation, surveying and rescue operations and are used to locate features such as manholes, fire hydrants, bridges, road centerlines, buildings, and etc.



# **Data and GIS/GPS Mapping Services**

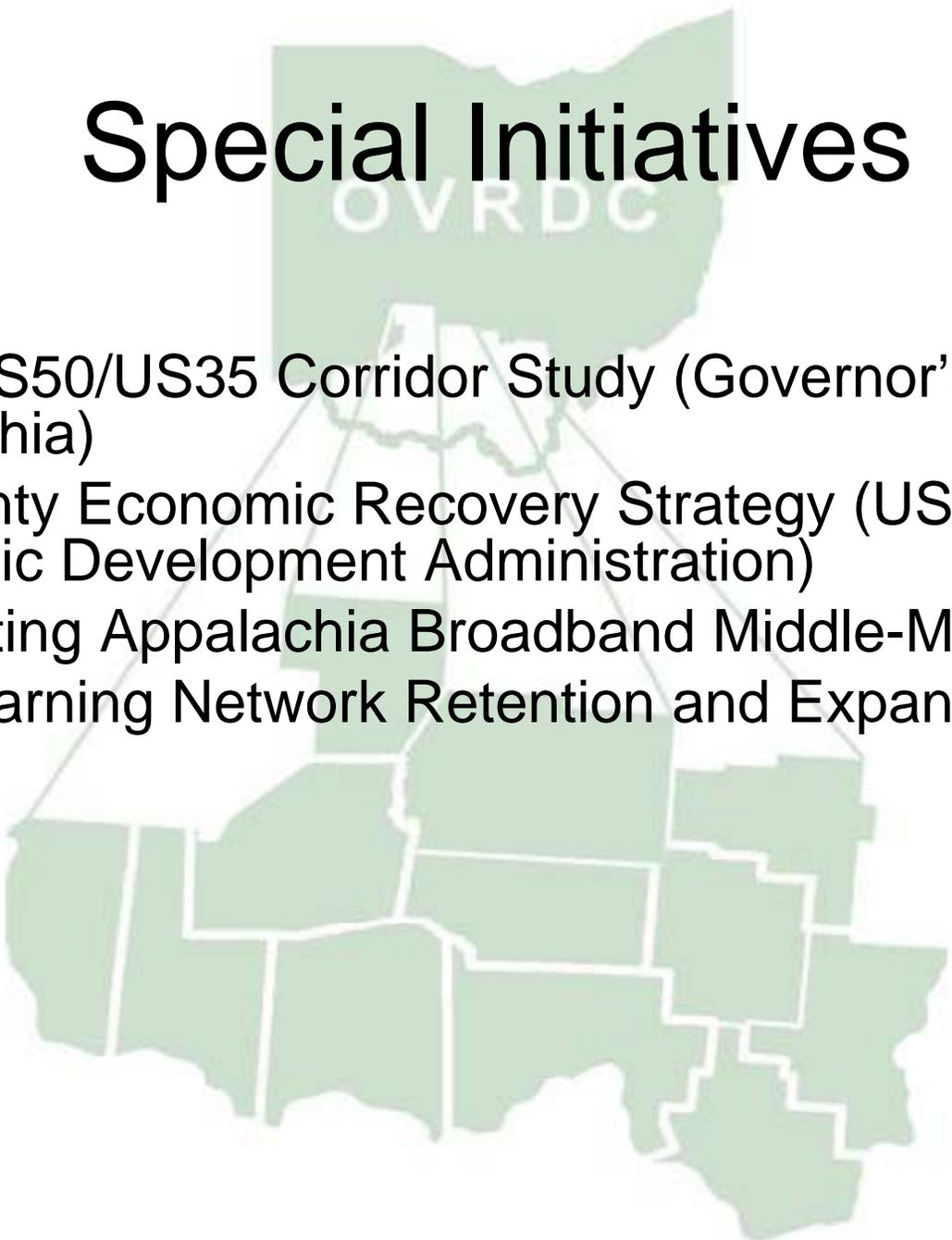
## **What are some of the different activities that OVRDC uses GIS/GPS for?**

- Mapping of census data, demographic, and unemployment rate changes.
- Data creation (lines, points, polygons – i.e. trails, bus stops, road centerlines, surface area)
- Inventory collection (fire hydrants, manholes, bridges, wells, signs, parking meters, etc.)
- Accurate locating of facilities (fire stations, EMS, dwelling locations, etc.)
- Promote economic development by industrial site marketing, grant support activities, assist with planning and funding of infrastructure, and tourism promotion through data and map creation.
- Technical assistance such as landuse, land capabilities, and green-way analysis; watershed analysis; natural hazard mapping; and other activities.
- Creation of general maps on demand such as street and road maps of communities, demographic maps, topography maps, groundwater maps, hydrologic maps, and other map requests.
- Conducting hazard mitigation mapping projects.

# Revolving Loan Fund

- Two funds capitalized by ARC and EDA
- Loans to private for-profit businesses
- Interest from existing loans is placed back into fund to loan to new clients, thus “revolving”
- Businesses in all OVRDC counties are eligible (some restrictions do exist)
- Gap financing; private lender required as well as 10% equity from borrower
- \$200,000 maximum (some restrictions do apply)
- Can be utilized for Fixed Assets (10 years maximum term) or Working Capital (5 years maximum term)
- Fixed interest rate of 4%

# Special Initiatives



- SR32/US50/US35 Corridor Study (Governor's Office of Appalachia)
- Tri-County Economic Recovery Strategy (USDOC Economic Development Administration)
- Connecting Appalachia Broadband Middle-Mile Project
- Early Warning Network Retention and Expansion Project

# Future Initiatives



- Rural Transportation Planning
- Regional Retention and Expansion Program
- Regional Economic Development Marketing
- Marcellus/Utica Shale Boom
- Last Mile Broadband Implementation



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Questions?

Thank you!!