

# ANNUAL REPORT

TRUMBULL COUNTY  
COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT

The Mission of Public  
Health Professionals is to  
Promote Health, Prevent  
Disease and Maintain &  
Improve a Healthy  
Environment for the  
Protection of the Citizens  
in their Communities

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2022

# *Our Values...*

We serve our communities, our organization and each other with trustworthiness, collaboration, communication, helpfulness and dedication.

# *Our Mission...*

We are committed to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of our community and prevent disease, disparity and harm to our residents.

# *Our Vision...*

Our programs and services result in healthy people, safe environments and thriving communities.

*Our Goal...Building Healthy  
Communities*





**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**Trumbull County**

# Trumbull County Board of Health Members

**John Messersmith  
President**

**Term Expires: March 2023**

**John "Jack" Simon, Jr.  
President Pro  
Tempore**

**Term Expires: March 2025**

**Robert Biery, Jr.  
Licensing Council  
Representative**

**Term Expires: March 2027**

**Dr. Harold Fister**

**Term Expires: March 2024**

**Kathy Salapata, RN**

**Term Expires: March 2025**

**Thomas Borocz**

**Term Expires: March 2026**

**Gregory Dubos**

**Term Expires: March 2026**

**Qualifications for Appointment to 5-Year Term on the  
Trumbull County Board of Health**

U.S. Citizen

Elector (Registered Voter)

Reside Within the Health District

(Residents of the City of Warren are Ineligible)

# OUR STAFF



**Health District Staff**  
As of 12/31/22

**Health Commissioner 1**  
**Director of Nursing - 1**  
**Director of Environmental Health - 1**  
**Accreditation Coordinator - 1**  
**Grants Coordinator - 1**  
**IT Specialist/Fiscal Officer - 1**  
**Public Health Emergency Coordinator - 1**  
**Administrative Coordinator - 1**  
**Health Educator - 1**  
**Public Health Sanitarians - 10**  
**Plumbing Inspector - 1**  
**Epidemiologist - 1**  
**Public Health Nurses - 2**  
**Family Support Specialist Program Coor. - 1**  
**Family Support Specialists - 3**  
**Clerical Staff - 7**

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- **Stacey Altieri, Family Support Specialist**
  - **Lindsay Adams, Public Health Nurse (Resigned 10/26/22)**
  - **Jenna Amerine, Grants Coordinator**
  - **Sharon Bednar, Secretary**
  - **Johnna Ben, Administrative Coordinator**
  - **Daniel Bonacker, Accreditation Coor.**
  - **Michael Burke, Public Health Sanitarian**
  - **Julie Callen, Secretary**
  - **Alexandria Chiaberta, Public Health Sanitarian (Resigned 6/17/22)**
  - **Janet Chickering, Secretary**
  - **Ericka Clark, Epidemiologist**
  - **Susan Coleman, Emergency Preparedness Coor.**
  - **Beverly Cope, Secretary**
  - **Andrea Cramer, Secretary**
  - **Richard Curl, Public Health Sanitarian**
  - **Daniel Dean, IT Specialist/Fiscal Officer**
  - **Jennifer Francis, Family Support Specialist Program Coordinator**
  - **Kevin Francis, Public Health Sanitarian**
  - **Jodi Gearhart, Public Health Sanitarian**
  - **William Gootee, Public Health Sanitarian**
  - **Gregory Hall, Public Health Sanitarian**
  - **Rodney Hedge, Public Health Sanitarian**
  - **Steven Kramer, Public Health Sanitarian**
  - **Kristopher Kriebel, Health Educator**
  - **Tomi Liptak-Cardinale, Public Health Nurse**
  - **Tara Lucente, Family Support Specialist**
  - **Teresa Merrick, Public Health Nurse (Resigned 10/28/22)**
  - **Frank Migliozi, Health Commissioner**
  - **Julia Paolone, Secretary**
  - **Steve Pop, Plumbing Inspector**
  - **Kathy Parrilla, Public Health Nurse**
  - **Dianne Simon, Public Health Sanitarian**
  - **Faith Smith, Family Support Specialist**
  - **Lisa Spelich, Secretary**
  - **Sandra Swann, Director of Nursing**
  - **Anthony Veitz, Public Health Sanitarian**
  - **Kristofer Wilster, Director of Environmental Health**
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# Frank Migliozi, MPH, REHS

## Health Commissioner

In 2022, we entered year three of the COVID-19 pandemic. As you may recall, in year one, 2020, we were in the containment & mitigation phase to limit the spread of the virus primarily through testing, as well as isolation & quarantine measures. In year two, 2021, we began the vaccination phase of the pandemic. We were successful in vaccinating well over 40,000 individuals, which encompassed the primary dose series, as well as booster shots. With the combined efforts of providers, we reached the vaccination status of 60% for all eligible Trumbull County residents. By achieving this milestone, in year three, 2022, we entered the recovery phase of the pandemic, where we assisted many organizations on safety protocols to resume services, including our agency. I have attached our COVID-19 dashboard for 2022 to this report.

As we worked through the pandemic, our agency conducted yearly evaluations of our abilities to respond to emergencies through after action reports and drafted improvement plans. As a result, there were several amendments made to our existing plans to make us more prepared in domains such as bio-surveillance, community resilience, incident management, information management, counter measures & mitigation, as well as surge management. Collectively, the Trumbull County Emergency Response Coalition determined the need to strengthen our efforts to adequately communicate and respond to persons with functional needs. Fortunately, our agency learned of a national funding opportunity for emergency response to persons with disabilities, and we were one of 12 agencies across the United States to successfully receive this funding. Our agency was awarded this \$75,000.00 grant from NACCHO (the National Association of County & City Health Officials). With this funding, we have contracted with Easter Seals of Mahoning, Trumbull & Columbiana Counties to support a Disability Specialist who will coordinate activities and ensure that issues important to people with disabilities are included in emergency planning and response efforts.

Moreover, one of the important steps that our Board of Health took with regard to emergency planning and response was to enter into a Regional Mutual Aid Agreement among public health agencies in Northeast Central Ohio (Region 5) to assist in response and/or receive assistance during large scale events. By doing so, we may solicit or provide services to help manage a timely response during a disaster. As such, we were recently requested to give assistance to Columbiana County for water sampling due to the recent train derailment in East Palestine.

As the demand for COVID-19 vaccines diminished, we were able to divert personnel from staffing clinics to resume all of our normal duties, including areas of accreditation, home visiting, reproductive health, overdose harm reduction and tobacco cessation, just to name a few. As we completed another 3 year comprehensive community health needs assessment (CHA) with Mercy Health and several of our governmental agency and private partners, we identified 3 priority areas to focus our combined resources. They are mental health and substance abuse, access to care and community concerns, with a focus on safety. Once priorities are established, our improvement plan is established with goals, strategies and action steps that will be taken, as well as how they will be implemented in an equitable manner, to improve health outcomes in these specific areas. I am pleased to say that many of our programs mentioned are the strategies to improve the quality of life in our county as we partner with several organizations in the coming months and years.

I am confident that the residents of Trumbull County will benefit from the level of services they receive from our dedicated staff, making Trumbull County a great place to live and work.

Thank you.



# Trumbull County Combined Health District 2022 COVID-19 Case Summary Report

Totals are subject to change as more information is gained.  
Data was extracted on 1/18/2023 and date displayed is by Event Date  
Data Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System  
Trumbull County Combined Health District includes both Trumbull County and Warren City  
Created by: Erin Almeter, MPH

Overall Confirmed & Probable\* Cases for 2022

17,385

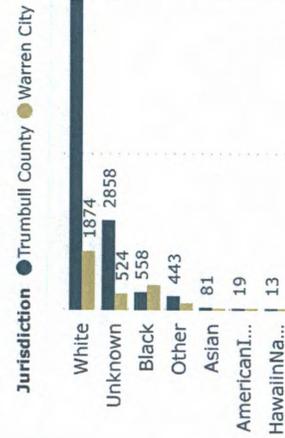
\*Cases labeled as "Not a Case" or duplicate were excluded

Total Cases in Trumbull County	13948	Hospitalizations in Trumbull County	639	COVID Deaths in Trumbull County	183
Total Cases in Warren City	3437	Hospitalizations in Warren City	247	COVID Deaths in Warren City	44

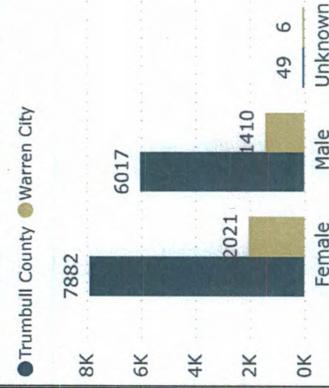
Cases by Event Date



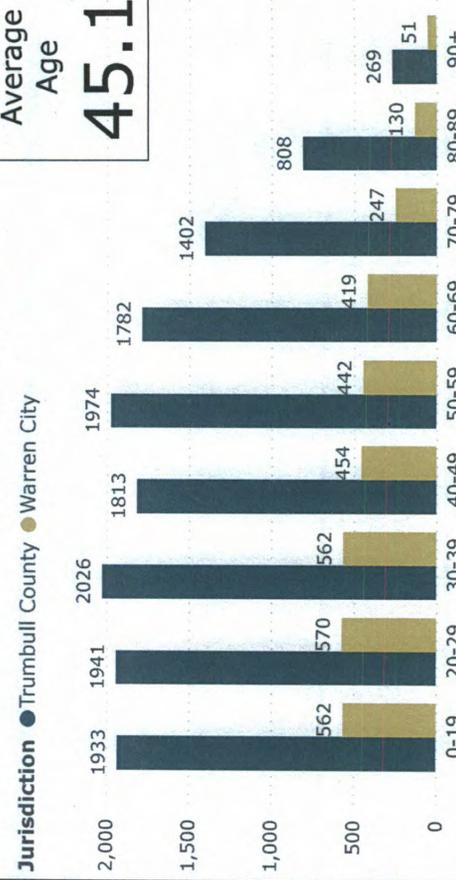
## Cases by Race



## Cases by Gender



## Cases by Age



# Funding

Local health districts are funded through:

- Local Funding Sources (Fees & Inside Millage)
- State Funding Sources (Competitive & Pass Through Federal Grants and Per Capita Subsidy from the Ohio Department of Health)
- Federal Sources (Targeted Federal Grant Monies)

**Trumbull County Combined Health District's** funding is 65% local funding and 36% state funding. In 2022, you will see that we received over \$2,000,000.00 in grant funding. This grant funding aided in our delivery of quality preventative health care services to our community. Through this funding, and our other local funding, our health district provides the following services:

- **Environmental Health Services**, such as water safety, institution inspections (schools & jails), nuisance abatement, food safety (restaurant & grocery store inspections), campground inspections, public swimming pool & spa inspections, tattoo & body piercing registration, plumbing inspections and sewage system inspections.
- **Nursing Health Services**, such as child, adult & COVID-19 immunization clinics, communicable disease outbreak investigation, trending & disease prevalence and morbidity/mortality reporting, tuberculosis prevention & investigation and linking people to health services to make sure they receive needed medical care.
- **Health Promotion & Prevention Services**, such as health education and policy, systems & environmental change, chronic disease prevention, which includes tobacco, physical activity & nutrition, injury prevention/preterm birth prevention and infant mortality/preterm birth prevention.
- **Other Services**, Child Fatality Review, Animal Bite Investigation & Rabies prevention, car seat program, Help Me Grow Home Visiting Program, Project DAWN (Narcotics Distribution & Education), emergency preparedness & response, community engagement, community health assessment and improvement planning and partnerships.

# 2022 Funding Sources & Expenses



2021 Carry Over Balance	\$3,105,067.12
Inside Millage/Taxes	\$494,979.61
Patient Fees (i.e. Immunizations)	\$6,308.13
TB Contract w/ County Commissioners	\$60,000.00
Environmental Health Fees	\$2,778,216.01
Car Seat Donations	\$4,236.35
Help Me Grow Home Visiting, MAC & NACCHO, Mosquito & Vaccine Equity Contracts	\$698,089.22
Misc. Income (Copier Rebate & Copies)	\$1,213.33
State Subsidy	\$114,178.23
ODH State Funding Projects/Grants	\$1,910,797.33
<b>2022 Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$9,173,085.33</b>

State & Local Remittances	\$691,549.00
Labor Costs	\$3,514,310.28
Non-Labor Costs	\$1,731,090.15
<b>2022 Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,936,949.43</b>

# Grant Awards

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## **The Trumbull County Combined Health District was Awarded over \$2,700,000 in Grant Funding in 2022**

- Creating Healthy Communities
- Cribs for Kids
- Maternal & Child Health
- Get Vaccinated Ohio
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Drug Overdose Prevention
- ODMAP (Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program)
- Tobacco Use Prevention & Cessation
- Integrated Naloxone Access & Infrastructure
- Public Health Workforce
- Moms Quit For Two
- Community Health Worker – Breast & Cervical Cancer Program
- Partnering with Centers for Independent Living (CILs) to Increase Vaccine Access for People with Disabilities
- Minority Health Month
- COVID-19 Vaccination
- COVID-19 Vaccine Equity
- COVID-19 Enhanced Operations
- COVID-19 Detection & Mitigation in Confinement Facilities
- COVID-19 Detection & Mitigation in Congregate Living Facilities
- Mosquito Control Program

## Inside Millage Breakdown

### Inside Millage

	*2020 <u>Population</u>	Value <u>Estimated</u>	2022 Proposed Dollars Generated From <u>.15 Inside Millage</u>	2022 Per Capita Expenditure From <u>.15 Inside Millage</u>
Bazetta	5,912	\$166,735,050	\$ 25,010.26	\$4.23
Bloomfield	1,249	24,656,230	3,698.43	\$2.96
Braceville	2,467	60,329,490	9,049.42	\$3.67
Bristol	2,704	60,268,370	9,040.26	\$3.34
Brookfield (Incl. Yankee Lake)	8,447	146,527,970	21,979.20	\$2.60
Champion	9,381	192,995,070	28,949.26	\$3.09
Farmington (Twp. & Village)	2,993	55,010,910	8,251.64	\$2.76
Fowler	2,360	56,047,260	8,407.09	\$3.56
Greene	950	21,150,860	3,172.63	\$3.34
Gustavus	834	23,697,480	3,554.62	\$4.26
Hartford	1,861	50,032,830	7,504.92	\$4.03
Howland	17,191	458,665,130	68,799.77	\$4.00
Hubbard	5,333	112,775,690	16,916.35	\$3.17
Johnston	1,739	41,511,250	6,226.69	\$3.58
Kinsman	1,751	39,867,050	5,980.06	\$3.42
Liberty	11,936	243,981,300	36,597.20	\$3.07
Mecca	2,319	50,172,440	7,525.87	\$3.25
Mesopotamia	3,404	51,571,180	7,735.68	\$2.27
Newton Falls (Twp. & Village)	8,618	138,434,420	20,814.78	\$2.42
Southington	3,731	77,979,860	11,696.98	\$3.14
Vernon	1,337	30,941,460	4,641.22	\$3.47
Vienna	3,978	106,420,960	15,963.14	\$4.01
Warren	4,744	78,371,470	11,755.72	\$2.48
Weathersfield	8,072	167,305,240	25,095.79	\$3.11
<b>TOTAL TOWNSHIPS</b>	<b>113,311</b>	<b>\$2,455,448,970</b>	<b>\$ 368,366.97</b>	<b>\$3.25</b>
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Niles	18,443	288,087,310	43,213.10	\$1.94
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<b>TOTAL ALL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<b>162,776</b>	<b>\$3,363,628,100</b>	<b>\$ 504,593.84</b>	<b>\$3.10</b>

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## SANDRA SWANN, BSN, RN, DIRECTOR OF NURSING

In 2022, as the Nursing Division continued its vaccination efforts to reduce the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff resumed their normal public health activities. These activities included services to reduce and eliminate the burden of smoking.

This year, the Nursing Division was awarded the Moms Quit for Two program. The goal of this program is to get pregnant women to quit smoking while they are pregnant, and to stay quit after the birth of their child. Participants that enroll are given four sessions with a Public Health Nurse, who is a certified tobacco counselor, to help them quit smoking. They are monitored for smoke free, and if they remain smoke free, they will receive a monthly \$25.00 voucher for diapers for up to 12 months after the birth of their child. This program improves birth outcomes and reduces the burden of smoking on both the family and the newborn. In addition, it enhances other smoking cessation and education services already provided by the Nursing Division, such as the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation program and the Health Me Grow Program.

On the next page, you will find the epidemiology report prepared by Ericka Clark, our Epidemiologist that shows the communicable disease trend in our county for the past 5 years.

### **DANIEL BONACKER, MPH, REHSIT, ACCREDITATION COORDINATOR**

The Trumbull County Combined Health District has made incredible strides in its reaccreditation journey. It is important to note however, that many of our reaccreditation endeavors were temporarily halted while the health district responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Health District received initial accreditation in December 2019, and the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020.

During our priority response to COVID-19, we lost nearly two years of time to complete our reaccreditation work.

Fortunately, the staff and management within the health district have banded together over the last 18 months and completed a tremendous amount of work that included our Strategic Plan, Performance Management Plan, Quality Improvement Plan, Workforce Development Plan and many policy updates, all while collaborating with external partners to initiate and complete the Community Health Assessment and the Community Health Improvement Plan.

# 5 Year Communicable Disease Trend

Reportable Condition (data collected on 2-1-2023)	# of Confirmed and Probable Cases for 2022	# of Confirmed and Probable Cases for 2021	# of Confirmed and Probable Cases for 2020	# of Confirmed and Probable Cases for 2019	# of Confirmed and Probable Cases for 2018
Amebiasis	2	0	0	0	0
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0	1
Campylobacteriosis	13	14	4	20	13
Chlamydia infection	836	797	855	1216	1175
COVID-19	19,462	21,271	10,941	0	0
CP-CRE	8	17	16	24	0
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	0	1	1	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	13	6	5	11	11
Cyclosporiasis	0	1	0	0	0
E. coli - enterohemorrhagic (shiga toxin producing) - Not O157:H7	0	0	0	5	5
E. coli - enterohemorrhagic (shiga toxin producing) - O157:H7	3	6	0	0	0
Giardiasis	3	3	2	5	2
Gonococcal infection	445	393	501	362	303
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	6	4	5	10	2
Hepatitis A	0	1	2	8	24
Hepatitis B (including delta) - acute	1	3	0	0	5
Hepatitis B (including delta) - chronic	21	24	20	24	23
Hepatitis C - acute	1	3	11	5	7
Hepatitis C - chronic	201	206	213	376	348
Hepatitis C –perinatal	0	1	0	1	0
Influenza A - novel virus	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza-associated hospitalization	116	0	212	229	360
LaCrosse virus disease (other California serogroup virus disease)	0	1	1	1	0
Legionellosis - Legionnaires' Disease	4	13	10	15	20
Listeriosis	1	1	0	0	0
Lyme Disease	18	18	19	9	6
Malaria	1	0	0	0	0
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	11	6	6	9	7
Meningitis - bacterial (Not N. meningitidis)	1	0	1	1	0
MIS-C associated with COVID-19	2	4	0	0	0
Mumps	0	1	0	0	0
Pertussis	9	0	4	3	8
Rabies-animal	0	4	2	0	0
Salmonellosis	6	6	11	19	19
Shigella	8	1	1	1	0
Staphylococcal aureus - intermediate resistance to vancomycin (VISA)	0	1	1	0	0
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	28	10	14	15	6
Streptococcal - Group B -Newborn	1	0	0	0	3
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistance unknown or non-resistant	24	9	13	22	21
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistant/intermediate	9	1	2	2	4
Syphilis-unknown duration or late	10	5	0	0	0
Varicella	4	4	1	4	9
West Nile Virus	0	0	0	1	4
Vibriosis (not cholera)	1	0	0	0	0
Yersiniosis	3	2	2	1	2

# Kristofer Wilster, MPH, REHS

## Director of Environmental Health

### What we do...

- The programs under the environmental division are: Nuisance Complaints, Plumbing, Food Protection, Residential & Commercial Sewage, Private Water Systems, Public Swimming Pools & Spas, School Inspections, Tattoos/Body Art, Construction & Demolition Debris, Solid Waste, Parks/Camps and Smoke Free Ohio. Our job in the environmental health division, like our agency's other divisions, is to protect the public health; unfortunately however with the environmental division, it sometimes requires enforcement action to be taken to resolve public health nuisances. Our enforcement actions take the form of issuance of notices of violation, in-house administrative hearings, Board of Health Findings & Orders, and if we cannot achieve compliance through those actions, we ultimately must file court actions. In this section, I have listed the enforcement action trends seen in our sewage, solid waste and private water system programs. Overall, the programs analyzed, showed a trend of compliance after enforcement action had been taken. I have also listed the total number of inspections and violations in our food program.

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### Environmental Program Compliance Trends...

<b>Program</b>	<b>Compliance Achieved</b>	<b>Non-Compliance</b>	<b>Extensions Grant (Pending/In Process)</b>	<b>Overall Compliance</b>
Sewage	48%	4%	11%	85%
Solid Waste	38%	31%	31%	69%
Private Water Systems	27%	60%	13%	87%

Here is what the Compliance Trend Chart on the previous page shows:

- **Sewage Program** - Approximately 48% of the properties complied after an Administrative Hearing was held. However, 4% of the properties did not comply initially, and were sent to court. The remainder of the properties, approximately 11%, were granted an extension, or are pending/in process of complying. Overall, the Sewage Treatment Systems Administrative Hearings show a trend of 85% compliance when you add the Administrative Hearing compliance and the Court forced compliance.
- **Solid Waste Program** - About 38% of the properties complied after an Administrative Hearing was held. Another 31% of the properties did not comply initially and were sent to Court. The remainder of properties (31%) were granted an extension, or are pending/in process of complying. Overall, the Solid Waste Administrative Hearings show a trend of 69% compliance when you add the Administrative Hearings compliance and Court forced compliance.
- **Private Water Systems Program** - An estimated 27% of the properties complied after an Administrative Hearing was held. Another 60% of the properties did not comply and were sent to Court. The remainder of properties (13%) were granted or are pending/in process of complying. Overall, the Private Water System Program Administrative Hearings show a trend of 87% compliance when you add the Administrative Hearing compliance and the Court forced compliance.

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## 2022 Food Program Inspections...

	Inspections	Non-Critical Violations	Critical Violations
1st Quarter	441	584	190
2nd Quarter	355	565	167
3rd Quarter	380	521	179
4th Quarter	229	423	140
<b>Total</b>	<b>1405</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>676</b>

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## Changes in 2022...

- Our agency is collaborating with Portage County and Niles & Warren Cities assisting them with plumbing inspections. These respective political subdivisions issue the plumbing permits, and our Plumbing Inspector, Steve Pop, conducts the inspections for the permits, and the agencies are then invoiced on a monthly basis for those services. This collaboration alleviates the need for additional inspectors for those locations.
- As programs are growing we found a need to come up with a solution to the amount of paper documents that the agency was receiving. In November 2022 we began the process of completely going digital, scanning all documents as they come into the agency into a central database. By doing so, this will not only lessen the need with additional file cabinets, thus freeing up space, but also allow for better management of our files .
- Several years ago, in an effort to offer residents an additional payment method, we began accepting credit cards. In October 2022, we began offering online credit card payments for our Sewage Permit to Operate renewals. In that short 3 month timespan, 451 residents took advantage of that method of payment. We hope to work with the vendor to be able to expand online payments to some of our other programs.
- The state of Ohio conducts surveys on the state programs that we manage. In 2022, the state of Ohio conducted surveys on our public swimming pool & spa program and our solid waste program. Our agency passed those surveys, and continues to be on the approved list for those programs.



# TRUMBULL COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT FUNDING IN ACTION

## Burbank Park Welcomes New Playground

Park Improvements Help to Increase Access to Physical Activity

### Challenge

Participation in regular physical activity plays an important role in preventing obesity and chronic disease, and improving health outcomes. Trumbull County is ranked among the least healthy counties in Ohio, coming in at 72 out of 88 counties for health outcomes and health factors. According to County Health Rankings, 22% percent of Trumbull residents reported poor or fair health, 37% reported obesity and 32% reported physical inactivity. In addition to those health factors, 37% of Trumbull County residents report a lack of access to exercise opportunities. This data solidifies the need to expand and improve access to safe places for physical activity.

### Approach

Burbank Park sits back in a beautiful neighborhood near McGuffey Pre-K-8 School. The park is mostly utilized by the community for league baseball games. Playground equipment had previously been installed but the equipment was outdated, unsafe and not maintained for residents to use. The City of Warren and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership realized the need for upgrades to keep the park safe and accessible for its' residents and developed a citywide parks plan. Thanks to successful partnerships with Warren and TNP, and funding from the William Swanston Charitable foundation, the Trumbull County Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Coalition was able to help take on this park improvement.

### Results

Thanks to successful partnerships and effective collaboration between the City of Warren, Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership, Trumbull County CHC and community residents, a much-needed face lift was given to Burbank Park. The improvements brought positive attention to park from the community and its' residents. They included playground equipment such as swings, double slides, an orbitron and various kinds of climbing apparatuses, to name a few. Due to these improvements, roughly 5,500 children and residents will be positively impacted. This rejuvenation of Burbank Park helps to make it a staple of the community and the improvements won't stop there.



### At A Glance

Access to parks helps create a community that is connected and inclusive and provides a shared environment for people to interact. The City of Warren and Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership (TNP) decided to come together to work on a plan for all of the City's parks. A Parks Plan was created back in 2020 to help guide future projects. The Trumbull County Creating Healthy Communities Coalition partnered with TNP and the City of Warren to help start the process of making the plan come to fruition. By improving Burbank Park, roughly 5,500 children and residents will benefit.

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During the 2022 calendar year, we updated our major plans and planned a required tabletop exercise for 2023.

It is important to evaluate our plans, and during 2022, two major plans were updated, one being our Continuity of Operations Annex (COOP). The COOP Annex is an important plan, because in the event our facility becomes uninhabitable and we must relocate to an alternate location, activation of the COOP will provide all necessary information to establish operations at an alternate site. The Annex designates four alternate facilities that we have agreements with to establish operations should there be a need.

The COOP also provides Orders of Succession. In the event our Health Commissioner, Environmental Director or our Nursing Director become unable to fulfill his or her duties for any reason, our COOP outlines who will fill those roles. The COOP also includes a list of the eight essential functions (infectious disease on-call, disease surveillance, quarantine & isolation, mass prophylaxis for disease outbreak, animal bite reporting, food retail establishment investigations, TB treatment and public information & environmental safety inspection) that our health district must perform, and essential records that are to be maintained as we put aside other functions that are normally performed. A table of support functions that assist the essential functions is also contained within the document. The most recent addition to the COOP was a list of critical equipment and resources, including their functions that will be needed from wherever we are operating.

The other major plan that was evaluated was our Emergency Response Annex, which serves as a guidance document for conducting environmental assessments, investigations and mitigation within Trumbull County. The Annex was updated in 2022 to ensure that we stay current with county statistics, threats and regulations. The most recent update included the addition of the Situation section, which contains census information for the county, and it specifies potential health impacts for our region. The Situation section contains potential environmental hazards for Trumbull County, along with what the health district's role would be during them.

As a response to our evaluation of COVID, we realized that there was a gap with regard to persons with access and functional needs. As our Health Commissioner touched on in his section, we applied for and received two grants that will assist us in addressing the needs of individuals with access and functional needs. We are placing a strong focus on the access and functional needs community in all of our plans to eliminate this gap.