

1. What is a Facility Planning Area?

Facility Planning Areas (FPA) are where local decisions are made about wastewater treatment.

An FPA is the geographic area inside which a sanitary sewer management agency has the lead responsibility for planning for waste water treatment. It can be drawn by drainage areas (slope) or by political boundaries or a combination of the two.

Local wastewater treatment plans and their associated FPA are the cornerstones of the regional water quality management plan. These plans protect water resources and ensure communities remain healthy and thriving into the future.

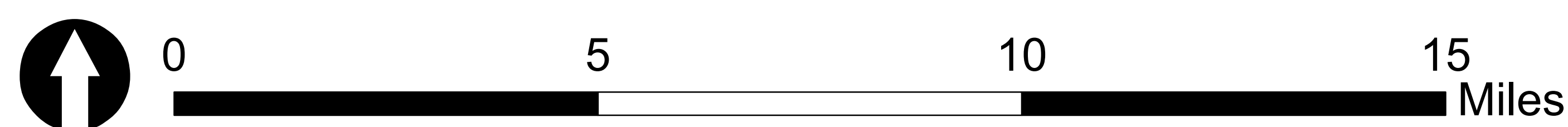
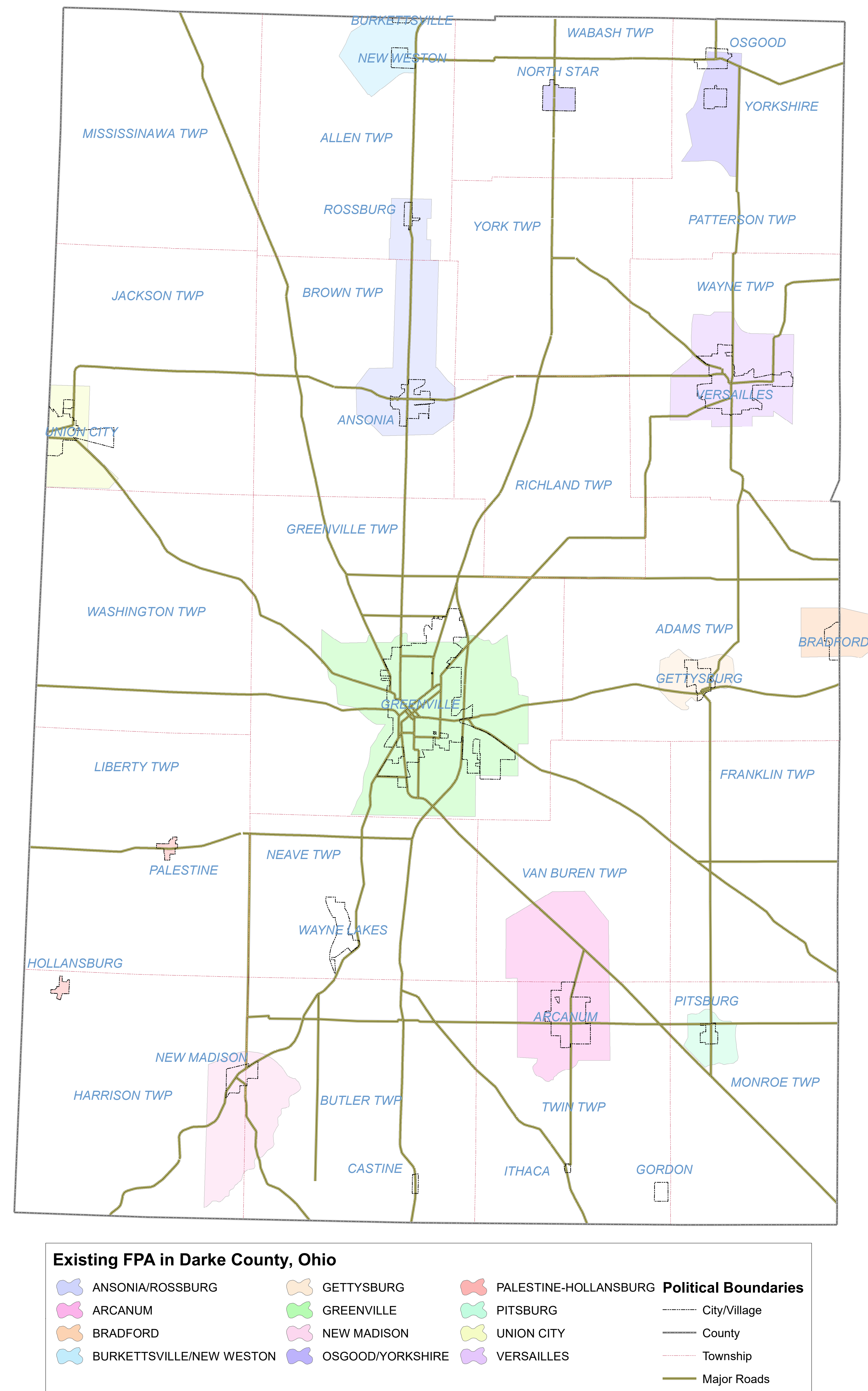
The map here displays the currently existing FPAs within Darke County. Each community in the county which is served by sanitary sewers has a defined Facility Planning Area.

What is a Designated Management Agency (DMA)?

The DMA is a public entity that is responsible for planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of a sanitary sewer collection and/or treatment system within the boundaries of a Facility Planning Area. Municipalities, Counties, and Sewer Districts are examples of organizations that may serve as DMAs.

DMAs undertake many important planning tasks:

- Define the service area
- Evaluate sewer system conditions
- Evaluate need for additional sewer service area
- Delineate future service areas
- Develop wastewater treatment prescriptions for areas without sewers in their FPA
- Evaluate wastewater treatment capacity
- Evaluate future wastewater treatment capacity needs
- Develop general plans for capital improvements



Why is a Facility Planning Area important?

The location of the FPA is one of the considerations used by Ohio EPA to issue permits to install (PTI) for sanitary sewers. A sanitary sewer PTI generally cannot be issued outside of an FPA.

The FPA and its associated facility plan can also inform the development community about the form of development that is expected in an area. The Designated Management Agency, in coordination with community or comprehensive plans, can indicate where sanitary sewers will be provided, supporting denser development patterns. The Facility Planning process can also indicate locations that will not be served by sewers, signaling the need for low-density development.

Some more points about FPAs

- The Village of Wayne Lakes will be listed as the "Designated Management Agency" (DMA) for the Wayne Lakes FPA. The DMA has the lead role in determining waste water collection and treatment in all parts of the FPA.
- Including an area within an FPA does not constitute a promise to serve that area with sanitary sewers.
- A DMA may decide that an area within its FPA will not be served by sanitary sewers, and must utilize on-site treatment.
- A DMA may decide that an area within its FPA will be served by another agency other than the village (such as Darke County).
- Including areas outside the village corporate boundary does not change home rule powers: the village may require annexation for sanitary sewer service, if that is desired.
- Parcels the village reasonably expects to serve in the next 20 years should be included in the FPA.