

WARREN, OHIO

COMMUNITY PROFILE



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HISTORY



The city of Warren, Ohio was established in 1801 as the Trumbull County seat (City of Warren, n.d.).

Read more about Warren's rich history on the city's website here:

<https://www.warren.org/visiting/about-warren/our-history>

Route 45 was a significant part of the Underground Railroad, and ran through Warren.

Warren resident Judge Leicester King (1789-1856) was a conductor on the Underground railroad and is honored by the Ohio Underground Railroad Association and the Friends of Freedom Society (Wintermantel, 2013). This sign (pictured to the right) is located on Mahoning Avenue.



ECONOMIC HISTORY

Due to a delay in rail line construction, Warren saw less urban and economic growth than other towns in the area, until the early 1900's (City of Warren, n.d.).



Industrialization and population growth were not delayed forever, and in the early 1900's the first steel mill was founded in Trumbull County, near Warren (City of Warren, n.d.).



The local economy was heavily reliant on the steel industry and its decline in the 1970s severely impacted the economy in Warren and Trumbull County (City of Warren, n.d.).

Small businesses in Warren and its proximity to airports and state routes are highlighted as key assets of the city's current economy (City of Warren, Ohio, 2012).

GOVERNMENT

Warren operates under the Mayor-Council form of government, where the mayor holds veto-power over the city council.

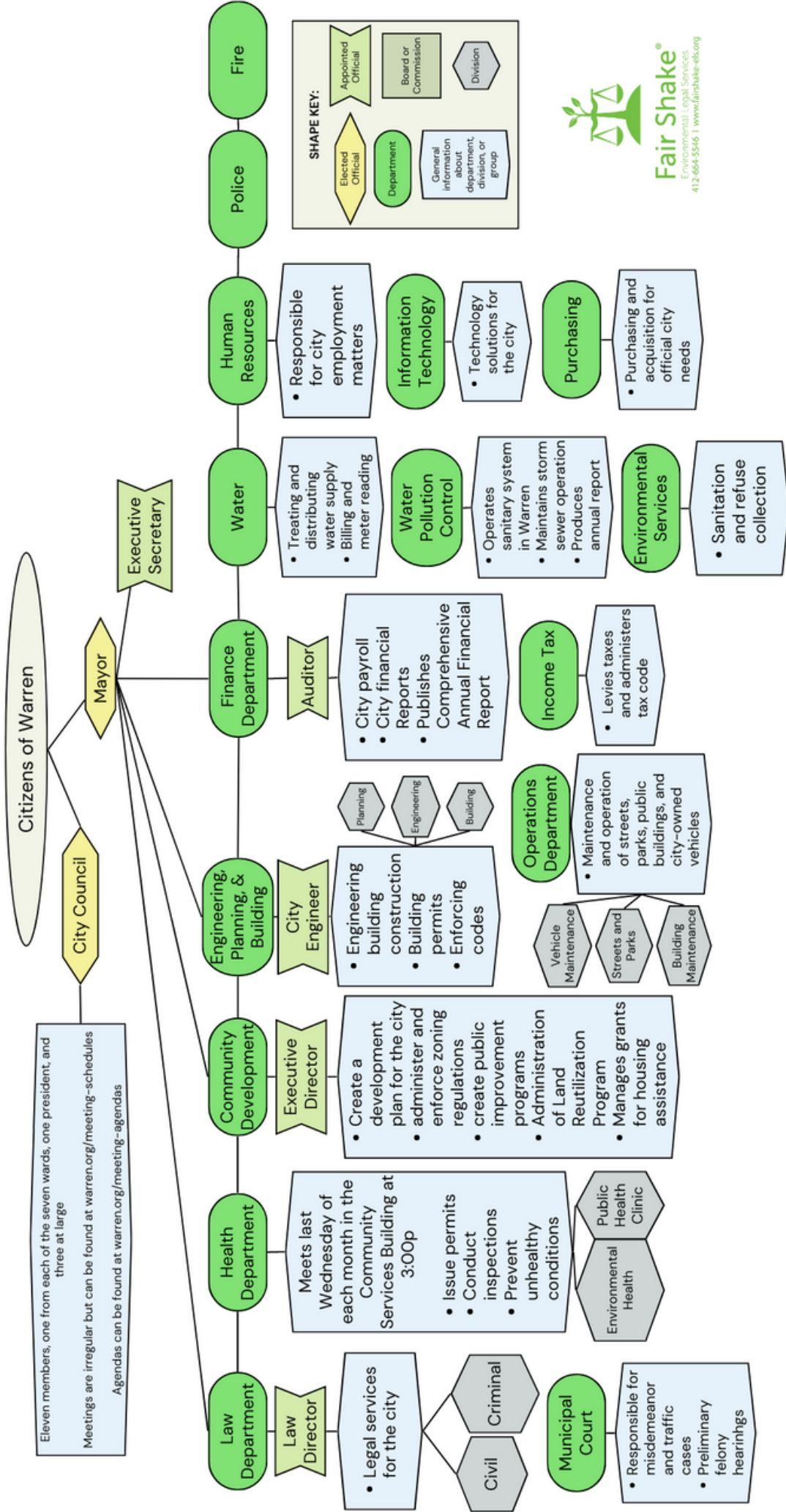
The mayor and city council members are elected by the citizens of Warren.

The city council makes legislative decisions, like reviewing and passing ordinances and rules.

The mayor oversees the administration and enforcement of city ordinances and rules.



WARREN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



SHAPE KEY:

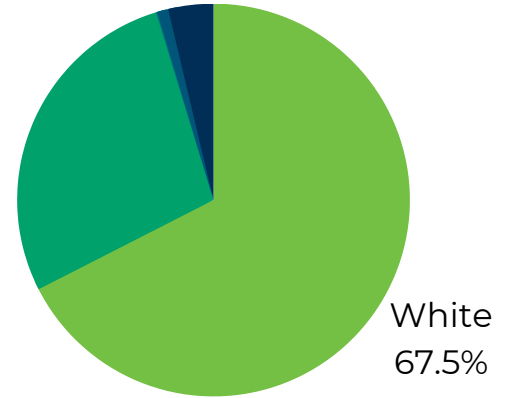
- Yellow Diamond: Elected Official
- Green Oval: Department
- Green Hexagon: General information about department, division, or group
- Green Trapezoid: Board or Commission
- Green Circle: Division

CITIZENS

In 2021, the United States Census Bureau reported that Warren has approximately 39,020 residents.

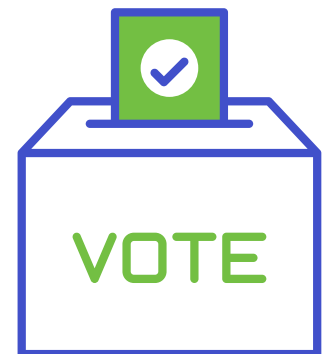
Black or African American
27.8%

Latino/Hispanic
3.7%



The median household income is ~\$30,377 and around 53% of residents own their own home (United States Census Bureau, 2021)

In the most recent local election, approximately 24,101 Warren residents were registered to vote. About 39.73% of those registered voters cast a ballot on at least one election or issue in November of 2022 (Ohio Secretary of State, 2022).



Find out how to register to vote here:
<https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>

CITY ATTRACTIONS



- Dave Grohl Alley- Warren-born Foo Fighters singer Dave Grohl is celebrated through public art near Franklin Street. View more information here:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dave-Grohl-Alley-Warren-Ohio/208609855844219>

- Women's Park- near 321 Mahoning Ave., this park is dedicated to women
- The First Flight Lunar Module- Astronaut Neil Armstrong lived in Warren when he was a child. Visitors can see the First Flight Lunar Module at 2553 Parkman Road N.W., or view more information here:
<http://www.firstflightwarren.org/>

More information and attractions can be found here:
<https://www.warren.org/index.php/visiting/memorials>

LOCAL INFLUENCES

Warren has several hospitals and medical centers:

- Mercy Health- St. Joseph Warren Hospital
- Trumbull Memorial Hospital
- Mercy Health St. Elizabeth Boardman Hospital



Warren is home to a regional campus of Kent State University

The Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership is a local nonprofit organization working in the Warren community.

Contact: info@tnpwarren.org
Or visit their website to find more information: <http://tnpwarren.org/>



ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

The United States Environmental Protection Agency reports that the city of Warren has these environmental issues:

- **Waste Water:** Warren has higher levels of wastewater discharge than most other Ohio cities
- **Superfund:** There are more Superfund sites in and around Warren than a majority of other Ohio cities. Superfund sites are abandoned hazardous waste facilities that the government has marked for clean-up.
- **Air Pollution:** Warren also has higher levels of air pollutants that are known to cause health problems than a majority of other Ohio cities.

What is Environmental Justice?

"Environmental justice is based on the reality that certain groups in society bear unequal environmental and economic burdens like poor air and water quality, as well as unhealthy living conditions resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations and/or federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies [...] Environmental justice is made possible when all communities have access to information and decision-makers that enable them to take action and create positive change for themselves" (Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, n.d.).

Watch this [video](#) to learn more.

What environmental issues does my community have?

The state environmental data shown above gives a good picture of the environmental issues of the larger area, but communities within the same area can have very different living conditions.

The information and map on the next page show areas of concern within the community and the specific environmental justice burdens those areas face.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONCERNS

Area One: Northwest

- Flood Risk
- Asthma
- Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- Access to Transportation

Area Two: Northeast

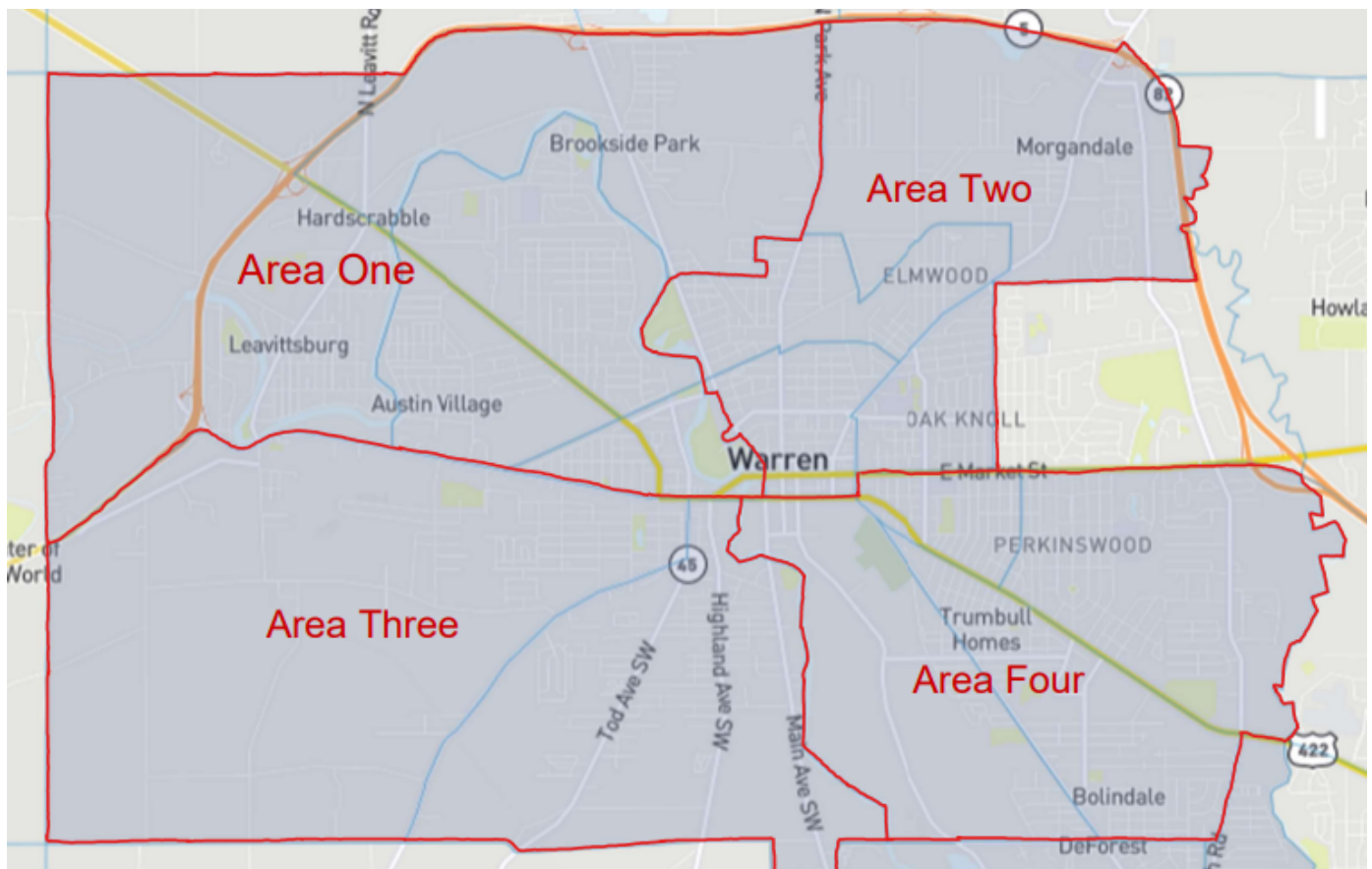
- Housing and Energy Costs
- Asthma
- Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- Low life expectancy
- Lack of indoor plumbing

Area Three: Southwest

- Energy Costs
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Access to Transportation

Area Four: Southeast

- Low life expectancy
- Heart Disease
- Asthma
- Lead Paint



Learn how to find more information about your community [here](#)

COMMUNITY VISION

Community members in Warren have shared with Fair Shake ELS that they are most interested in getting involved in their community and building connections and relationships. Warren citizens also want to gain skills and job training.

Citizens are also interested in creating programs and initiatives to benefit their communities and neighbors.

COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

Do you want to learn about how to get involved in your community and make positive change?

Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services is developing a Community Ambassador program to train citizens to become local leaders and engage their community.

Reach out to:
sreed@fairshake-els.org
234-255-0691
to learn more



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