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Township Levies Have High Passage Rate in Nov. 8 Election

Despite recent cuts in local government funding and a difficult economy, township residents clearly recognize the need for essential services, such as fire and police protection, and cemetery and road maintenance. Support for townships was reflected in the high number of levies which passed recently. Statewide, 475 township levies were on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Of the 475, 408 passed for a rate of 85 percent. On the flip side, only 63 failed. The results of four levies have not been finalized due to close votes. Levies ranged from fire, police and EMS to general revenue, electric aggregation and parks. Fire protection accounted for the highest number of levies passed.

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) deems this a victory. “Our position has always been that townships are the closest to the residents they serve and provide more essential services than any other form of government. Voters backed this up last week,” said OTA Executive Director Matt DeTemple.

Since 2010, 817 township levies have passed.

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The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. The association was founded on June 28, 1928, and is organized in 87 Ohio counties. The association has more than 5,200 active members, made up of trustees and fiscal officers from Ohio's 1,308 townships, and more than 4,000 associate members.