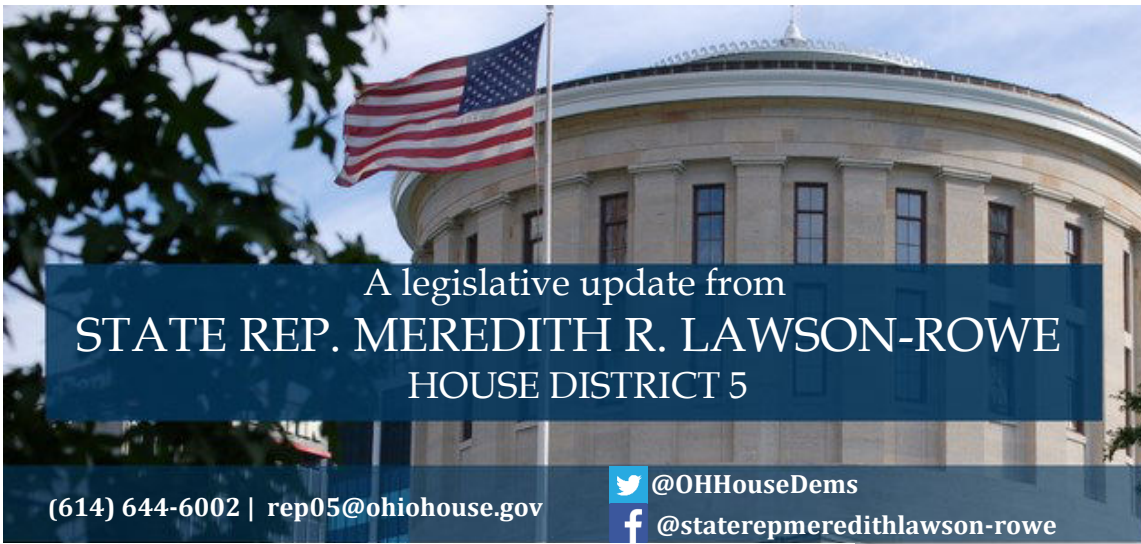




A legislative update from
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Dear Neighbor,

As we dive enter the “dog days” of summer, I want to remind you that I am still working hard for you as your state representative!

Though the legislature is on recess, I am still out in the community every day, meeting with constituents and leaders alike to address the needs and concerns of House District 5. Also, I am still researching and drafting legislation to tackle some our state’s biggest issues. In short, I am still **AT WORK** for you!

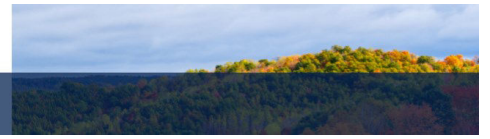
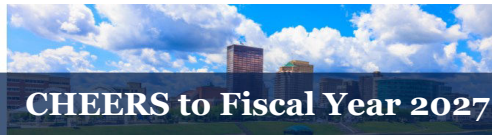
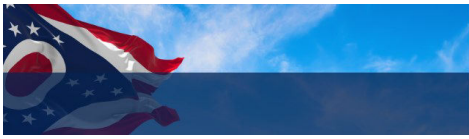
It’s July, and as such, I hope you had a safe, enjoyable and memorable 4th. 250 years as a sovereign, democratic nation is something I celebrate and commemorate everyday. Though we are not perfect, I am proud to live in and be an American and am working daily to ensure the democracy that we reside in continues to be forward thinking and sustainable.

As always, I am here to be a resource for you. If you need anything, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Meredith R. Lawson-Rowe
State Representative
Ohio House District 5





CHEERS to Fiscal Year 2027

July 1 marked the start of the new fiscal year. Last month, I was proud to support Senate Bill 450, Ohio's capital appropriations bill for fiscal years 2027 and 2028, which allotted nearly \$3.7 billion in funds for construction and renovation projects around the state.

Included therein was nearly \$22 million in funding for close to 50 worthwhile projects in Franklin County encompassing areas such as housing, nature and recreation, behavioral health, arts, and history.

I am elated to share that \$1.5 million of these dollars are being directly invested in House District 5 for the following projects:

- **HEART Market and Resource Hub Pantry**

Located in the *heart* of Reynoldsburg, \$200,000 in funding was secured for HEART Food Pantry and will go towards an expansion of their current facility. The expansion will facilitate much more efficiency of service and will empower neighbors to take advantage of critical needs classes and key tools for advancement.



- **McGill Park Old Town Connector**

\$250,000 in funding was secured for McGill Park in Canal Winchester for the construction of a new trail to connect residents of the historic Old Town neighborhood to the park. The 10 feet wide asphalt trail will be approximately 1200 feet in length. It will extend north, traversing Walnut Creek, continuing north along the west side of Lithopolis-Winchester Road right-of-way to the transition to East Columbus Street and the City's Old Town neighborhood.

- **Canal Winchester Historical Society**

The Canal Winchester Area Historical Society (CWAHS) secured \$605,00 in funds. This money will be used to complete several planned restorations within the CWAHS capital footprint, which include renovations to historically sensitive foundations, roofing, designs, general construction and electrical work.



- **Great Southern Metro Park**

\$500,000 was secured by the Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks for the opening of the 23rd metro park, the Great Southern Metro Park, which opened on April 1 on the South Side of Columbus. Capital dollars from the state will be used to add amenities such as wetland development, playground facilities, picnic shelters, and more to the park for the enjoyment and leisure of the residents of the Far South Side area and vicinity.

Congratulations to all of these worthy projects on receiving state funding and I encourage you to go visit and support these amazing sites in House District 5!



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