

# VOTE \* MAY 8

## **Issue 1 - Congressional Redistricting Reform**

The Ohio Legislature voted to put redistricting reform for U.S. Congressional districts on the Ohio ballot. The new way of drawing and adopting district maps requires bipartisan involvement and approval. This reform includes new rules to limit gerrymandering and encourages compact districts. If Issue 1 passes, two public meetings are required before a map can be adopted, and the public would be able to submit district maps.

The League of Women Voters and the Fair Districts-Fair Elections Coalition endorse Issue 1. They urge voters to vote YES on Issue 1 on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Issue 2 - Oxford's Recreational Trail System**

This 10 year tax levy is for the completion of the Oxford Area Trail, a multi-use recreational trail that will loop around the city. Part of the trail has already been completed, but additional funds are needed for planning, engineering design, construction, and the maintenance of the trails. Ten of the 12 miles of trail will be within the City of Oxford. The ballot language states:

An additional tax for the benefit of the City of Oxford for the purpose of parks and recreation at a rate not exceeding three and twenty-five hundredths (3.25) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-two and five-tenths cents (\$0.325) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019.

The League of Women Voters of Oxford, Ohio supports Issue 2 based on the League's Local Positions on transportation, recreation, and parks.

