

Greenbelt Advisory Commission -- Boundary Subcommittee

After reviewing the farmland and natural features maps for each of the Townships, the subcommittee has narrowed the options for a boundary expansion to the 2 options outlined below.

Option 1:

- 1.) Expand the boundaries in Salem Township and Lodi Township to “square” off the boundaries. The Salem Township boundary would be extended 1 mile to the east so the eastern Greenbelt boundary would be consistent with Superior Township. The Lodi Township boundary would be extended 1 mile to the west and 1 mile to the south so the boundaries would be consistent with Scio Township and Pittsfield Township.
- 2.) Additionally, to allow one of the following:
 - a.) Greenbelt’s participation on any property that is adjacent to the Greenbelt boundary, or
 - b.) Greenbelt’s participation on any property that is adjacent to the Greenbelt boundary, or extends a contiguous block of contiguous protected land, that is within the Greenbelt boundary.

Option 2:

- 1.) Expand the boundaries in Lodi Township and Salem Township as described above.
- 2.) Create a 1-mile buffer area surrounding the Greenbelt boundary to allow the Greenbelt’s participation, for exceptional properties or if stricter criteria are met. The specific criteria are still to be determined, but examples included: a.) if there is a local partner willing to take the lead; b.) if it extends a block of protected properties that originates in the Greenbelt boundary; c.) significant for protection of Huron River Watershed; d.) higher percentage of matching funds; e.) or limiting the % of funds expended in “buffer” area.