

# VANPOOL PROGRAM UPDATE

Air Quality Subcommittee

March 20, 2026

# **ACTION REQUESTED**

**No action requested. This item is for information and presentation.**

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

**The Air Quality Subcommittee receives periodic updates on this agenda item.**

# BACKGROUND

- A vanpool program is a structured commuter transportation arrangement in which a group of employees who live in a similar geographic area share a van to travel to and from work on a regular schedule.
- Vanpool programs are designed to reduce individual commuting expenses, decrease traffic congestion, and lower environmental impacts while improving access to workplaces.



# BACKGROUND



Resolution 2021-031 recommended that a regional Vanpool Program be established by NOACA and funded through the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program. The Ohio Statewide Urban CMAQ Committee approved funding for this program shortly thereafter.

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In 2022, NOACA developed the regional Vanpool Program. It includes three subsidy categories to encourage and support new vanpools that:

- provide transportation for workers who do not have fixed-route public transit options to commute to work; or
- have participants that live in a NOACA Area of Persistent Poverty; or
- have full ridership.



# BACKGROUND

- NOACA contracted with Commute with Enterprise (CWE) in 2022 and renewed the contract for SFY26
- CWE provides and maintains the vehicles, provides insurance coverage, and co-markets the program with NOACA
- As of January 2026, 28 vanpools were participating in the regional program



# BACKGROUND

## 2025 Air Quality Impacts



**1,143 tons**  
**CO2 Savings**

*The amount of CO2 saved from entering the atmosphere is equivalent to **1,040 acres** of forests removing that amount of CO2 from the atmosphere in one year.*



**\$1,828,187**  
**Commuter Savings**

*Commuters saved an average of **\$709** per month commuting by vanpool.*

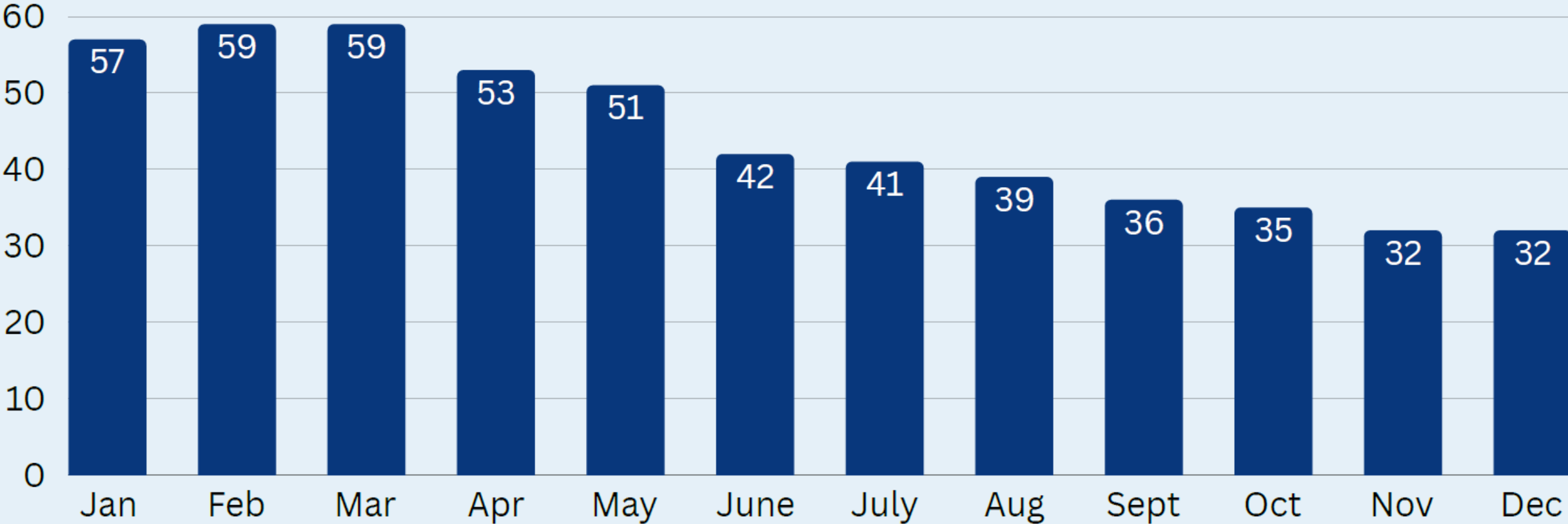


**45,273**  
**Cars Off the Road**

*In addition to reducing CO2 and wear and tear on your vehicle, vanpooling helps to **alleviate traffic congestion** while **reducing parking demand** for areas with limited parking.*

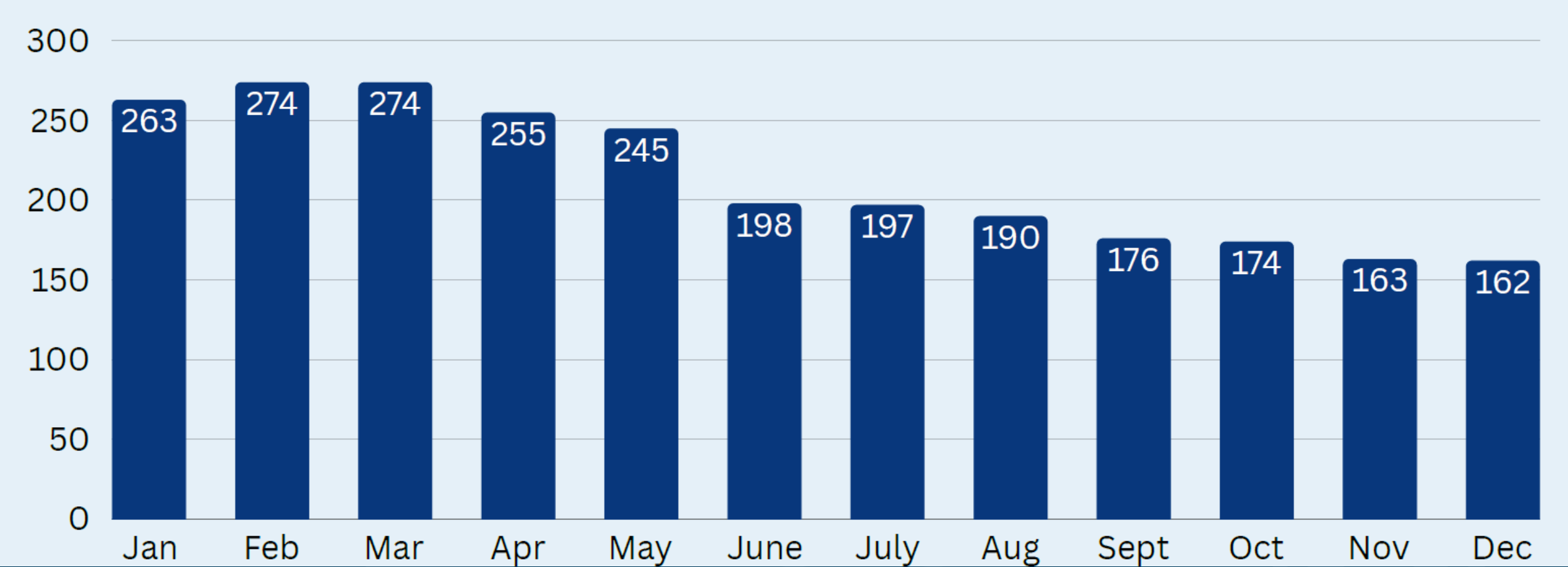
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## 2025 Vanpools per Month



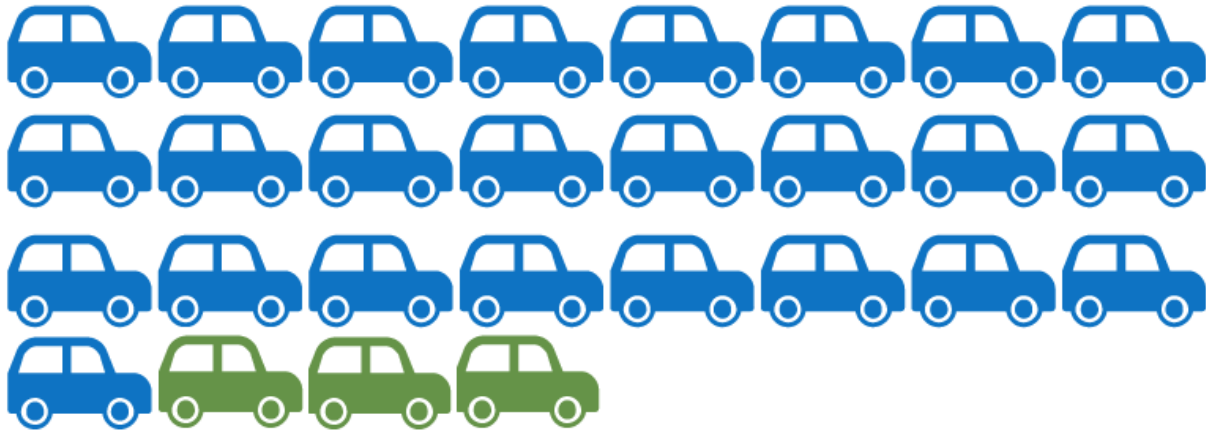
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## 2025 Vanpool Users per Month




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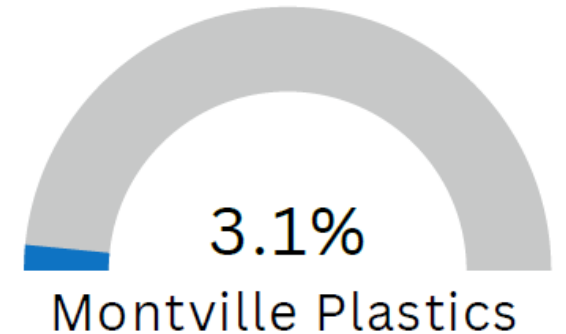
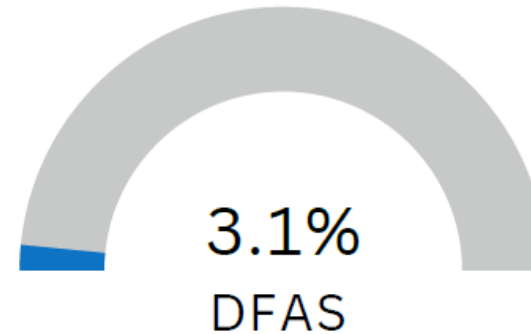
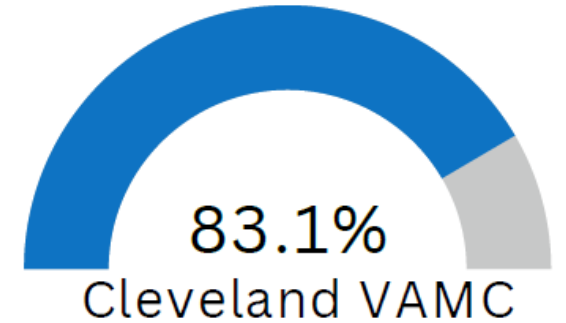
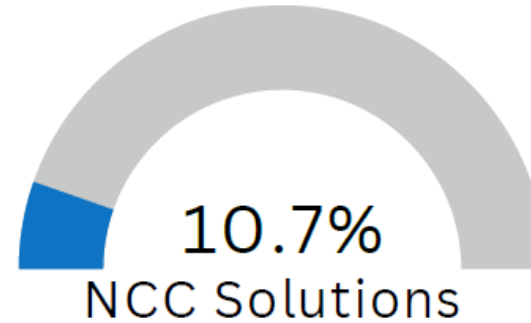
## 2026 Vanpool Statistics



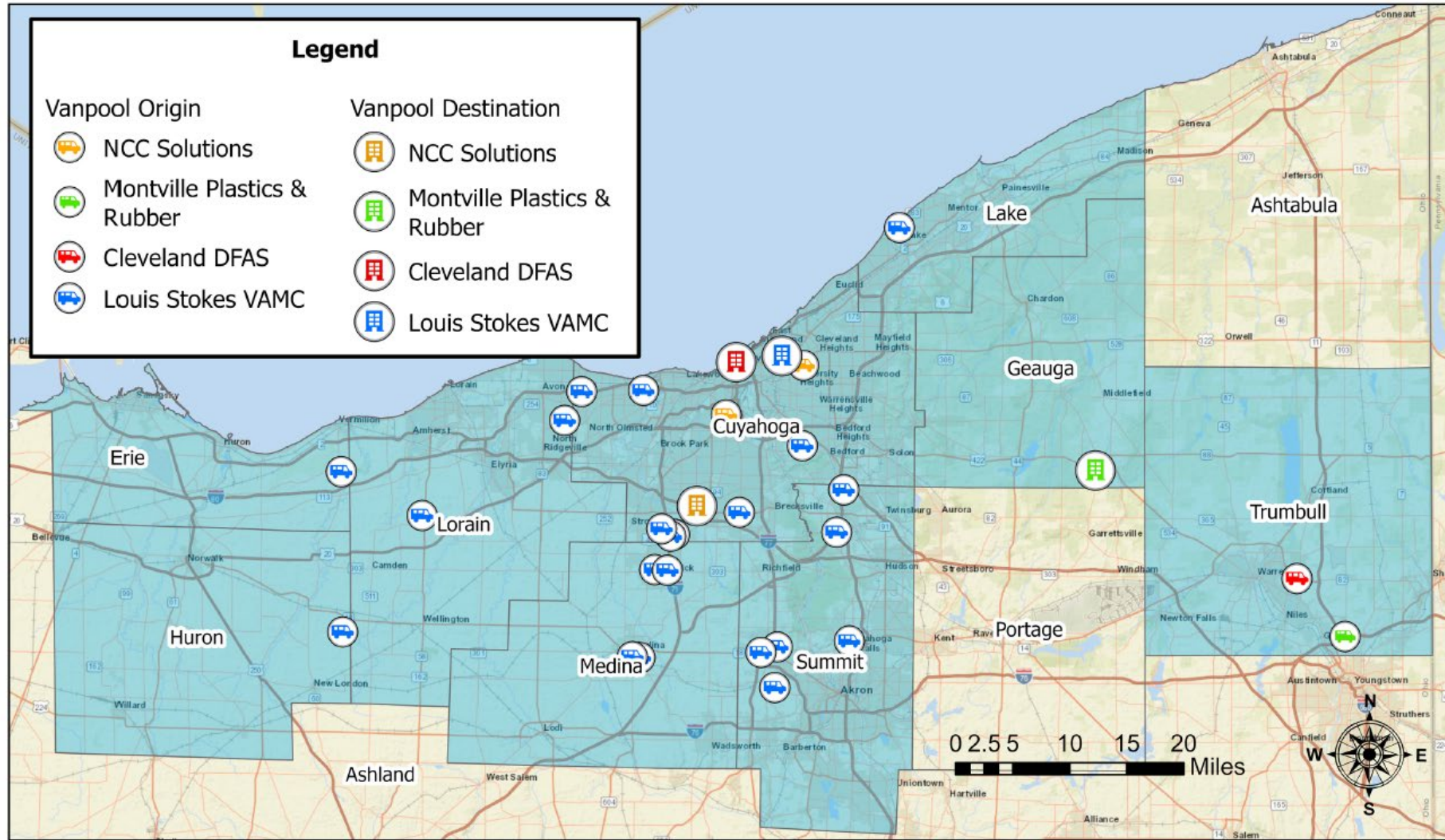
 = Base Subsidy

 = Base Subsidy/AoPP\* Subsidy

\*= Area of Persistent Poverty



# 2026 Vanpool Employer Map



# NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to manage the program through coordination with CWE and increased regional outreach, targeting major employers and regional employment centers.





# NOACA

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

NOACA will **strengthen** regional cohesion, **preserve** existing infrastructure, and **build** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **support** economic development and **enhance** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.