Oakland County Information Sheet

Oakland County is home to nearly 1.3 million people in 62 cities, villages and townships across 907 square miles. The county government provides services ranging from law enforcement and courts to parks, property records, election administration, public health and social services. It is governed by a County Executive, who is elected countywide, and a 19-member Board of Commissioners, who are elected from districts across the county. Other countywide elected officials include Clerk, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Treasurer and Water Resources Commissioner.

Facts About Oakland County

- **Geography & Population:** Located in Southeast Michigan, it is the second-most populous county in the state.
- **Unique Distinction:** It is the most populous county in the United States that does not have a city with over 100,000 residents.
- **History:** Founded in 1820, the county seat is Pontiac.
- **Economy:** Considered an "innovation powerhouse," the county is a leader in automotive, mobility, aerospace/defense, and technology industries.
- **Natural Resources:** Known for having more natural lakes than any other county in Michigan, featuring over 1,400 lakes.
- **Recreation:** The county park system has grown to over 7,000 acres, featuring 17 parks, 100+ miles of trails, and numerous golf courses and dog parks.

