

The City of Massillon is favorably located in the metal industry belt which extends between the Ohio Valley and the Great Lakes. Raw materials and markets are nearby; railroad facilities are good; power, fuel and water are available; fabrication from metal is already established as a dominant industry. These several factors result in classifying Massillon as an intensely industrial community entitled to the growth which is peculiar to such. A deterring consideration is the fact that this city has thus far lagged behind the progressive development of neighboring towns. Despite this fact, the forecast of population and the outline of manufacturing areas have been based upon the assumption of a rapid increase in growth and development.

Area

Established in 1825 and incorporated as a village and as a city in 1853 and 1868 respectively, Massillon has increased its area from 200 to about 2,400 acres.

A movement for the extension of city limits has assumed tangible direction, and is estimated to call for the addition of some 1,600 acres of contiguous area.

This study is therefore based upon an area of 4,000 acres (4,132) acres, immediately contributing, with allowance for drainage from exterior areas naturally tributary to the several trunks. Tabular statement of this is included elsewhere in the report.

Population

Forecast of population has been effected through comparison with the growth of other cities subsequent to the period when their populations were proximate to that of Massillon in 1920.

The cities selected were chosen to reflect the conditions of locality and industrialism as well as dependence upon the fabrication of metals as a major industry. These cities are listed in Table I.

Table I: Cities studied in forecast of Massillon Population.

1: Canton, Ohio,	Population	26,189	in 1890	and	87,091	in 1920
2: Lima, Ohio,	"	21,723	in 1900	and	41,326	in 1920
3: Youngstown, Ohio	"	15,435	in 1880	and	132,358	in 1920
4: Schenectady, N.Y.	"	19,902	in 1890	and	88,723	in 1920
5: Yonkers, N.Y.	"	12,753	in 1870	and	100,186	in 1920
6: Bridgeport, Conn.	"	18,969	in 1870	and	143,555	in 1920
7: Stamford, Conn.	"	15,997	in 1900	and	35,096	in 1920
8: Patterson, N.J.	"	19,586	in 1860	and	135,870	in 1920
9: New Castle, Pa.	"	11,600	in 1890	and	44,938	in 1920