

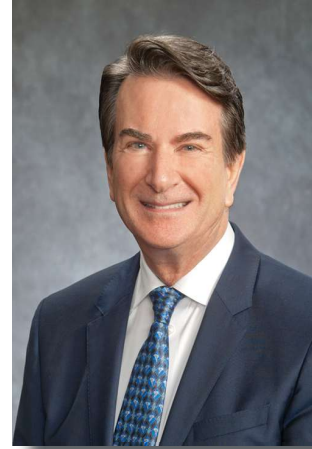


STARK COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Annual Report
2024



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Executive Director



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President

Mission Statement

“To improve the quality of life in Stark County and its communities through an effective regional forum characterized by communication, collaboration, facilitation, and planning assistance.”

Agency Message

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) is a member-based regional partnership charged with helping provide solutions to the challenges facing our member communities. Many of these challenges transcend political boundaries and require regional strategies and collaboration efforts. As a regional forum characterized by communication and collaboration, the SCRPC is well suited to serve in this role.

According to the 2025 Wall Street Journal Housing Market Ranking, Canton-Massillon ranked as the nation's top housing market. Affordable housing has long been a big issue in certain parts of the country. It has become a major issue in Ohio and Stark County as housing costs have increased substantially in recent years. The "missing middle housing" shortage is apparent as our communities struggle with housing supply shortages and a lack of affordable housing for our workforce. In 2024, the Stark County Economic Development Board published a Housing Needs Analysis outlining strategic recommendations for increasing housing affordability. A number of their recommendations intersect with activities the SCRPC is actively involved in, which are addressed in the Stark County 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The 2040 Plan encourages mixed-use and inclusionary zoning updates and promotes senior housing development and aging-in-place practices. The Planning Department is working on a development portal that will streamline development review and allow transparent access to review the status of projects. The department also completed housing studies in Canton and Plain Townships. The studies will allow for the creation of Community Reinvested Areas, which permit tax incentives for redevelopment and entice new development. The Stark County Commissioners' Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is administered by SCRPC, funded the construction of a new water line in a low-income neighborhood in North Canton to benefit the residential homes. This past year, the Commissioners' program funded sixty-two housing rehabilitation projects for low-income residents around Stark County.

Since 2014, the Stark County Land Bank has worked to revitalize tax-delinquent, vacant, and abandoned properties and put them back to productive use. Since its inception, the Land Bank has acquired over 1,500 tax delinquent properties and put them back on the tax rolls. The Land Bank works with community partners, including Habitat for Humanity and Canton For All People, to build infill affordable housing in our legacy cities. Through its Demolition Assistance Program, the Land Bank funded the demolition of 15 blighted properties and helped fund the Canton Palace Theater's demolition of an adjacent property to make way for the theater's expansion and renovation.

On the transportation front, the Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for transportation planning and funding in Stark County. In 2024, SCATS funded over \$10 million in transportation projects in Stark County. Some of the funded projects include two roundabouts in Jackson Township and the Stark Parks Trail Paving project. SCATS also funded several community studies including Safe Routes to Schools Studies for Canton City Schools, Canton's Harmont & Route 62 intersection study, Hall of Fame Parking Study, Canal Fulton's Locust Street Corridor Study, and the Stark Parks Trail User Study. These studies are essential because they can lead to important construction projects.

The SCRPC's role in providing a framework for regional cooperation and problem solving assists our local communities in meeting the diverse needs of their citizens. Thanks to the leadership of our commission and our dedicated staff, we are committed to our mission of improving the quality of life in Stark County.



SCATS

Stark County Area Transportation Study

SCATS is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for transportation planning in Stark County. This includes developing and maintaining a *Long-Range Plan* with a minimum 20-year horizon and a *Transportation Improvement Program* (TIP) with projects occurring within the next four years. Projects must be listed in the Long-Range Plan and TIP in order to qualify for funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Authority (FTA). Major planning efforts completed in 2024 include:

- initiated planning and project solicitation for the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program while maintaining the FY 2024-2027 TIP
- initiated additional Community Transportation Planning Studies while assisting with in-progress studies. Recently awarded studies include an update of the Fairless Local Safe Routes to School Plan and a Glenwood Intermediate and Frazer Elementary Schools Travel Plan. SCATS also solicited for the completion of a Stark County Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan (SS4A) in order to be eligible to receive funding from a new Federal roadway safety program
- completed the 2023 Stark County Crash Report and Safety Work Plan
- completed the FY 2024 District 19 Public Works Integrating Committee and the Natural Resources Assistance Council annual programs of funding

Some highlights of projects added to the **FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program** this year include:

- a roundabout at 12th Street and Perry Drive in FY 2029 because this intersection has consistently been one of the most hazardous in Perry Township
- improvements at the Applegrove Street and Freedom Avenue intersection in Jackson Township in FY 2029. The high volume of traffic on Applegrove Street is impeded due to a lack of a turning lane for west bound Applegrove Street traffic
- the Fulton Drive/25th Street/Harrison Avenue Roundabout Safety Project planned for FY 2029 is a complex project in a difficult location. The angles and close proximity of Harrison Avenue and 25th Street intersecting Fulton Drive make the current signal operation awkward and time consuming for traffic flow
- a number of major paving projects are scheduled: In FY 2026 Main Street from 7th to Rose Lane in North Canton; in FY 2027, Applegrove Street between Pittsburg Avenue and N. Main Street, in the city of North Canton; in FY 2028, 12th Street from Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks to SR 153 in the city of Canton; in FY 2029, Portage Street from Frank Avenue to Lorraine Avenue in Jackson Township; in FY 2030, Cleveland Avenue from Wright Road to Pontius Street in Lake Township
- Stark Parks is in a multiyear project to replace Sippo Valley Trail Bridges, as well as the Minerva Connector Trail Sandy Creek Bridge in Bicentennial Park in the village of Minerva. Additionally, several high-use and high-wear multipurpose trails will be paved to improve accessibility and to lower maintenance costs where washouts annually occur

The 2024 round of the **Community Transportation Planning Studies Program** resulted in two studies being initiated, with several in progress. Contracts being finalized in 2024 include:

- an update of the Fairless Local School Travel Plan. The previous plan, one of our first Community Transportation Planning Studies, was completed in 2018 and resulted in an award of more than \$300,000 to connect the elementary and primary schools with a multi-purpose path. Plans are required to be updated at least every five years in order to be eligible for Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) grants. The program now allows high schools to be included in the plans
- with the success of the NE Canton School Travel plan and the \$500,000 ODOT award for improvements around Crenshaw Middle School, Gibbs Elementary School, and Youtz Elementary School, the city of Canton applied for a School Travel Plan for the Plain Local Schools Frazer Elementary and Glenwood Intermediate School Travel Plan
- SCATS has initiated a Stark County Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan. Once completed, entities in Stark County will be eligible to apply to the new roadway safety program that was created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program provides \$5 billion over five years to fund projects to address preventable deaths on roads, streets, and highways

The **2023 Stark County Crash Report and Safety Work Plan** reviews accident statistics provided by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The data from the past three years is used to determine hazard ratings for intersections and road segments throughout the county. Factors used include the number of crashes, their severity, and the traffic volume where the accidents occurred.

Top Ten Hazardous Intersections County-wide																
Jurisdiction	1ST STREET	2ND STREET	2023 Total	2022 Total	2021 Total	3 Year Total	Possible Injury	Non Incapacitating Injury	Incapacitating Injury	Total Injury	Total Fatal	2023 ADT	Severity Index	Crash Rate	Crashes Per Year	Hazard Rating
ODOT	US30 Trump Ave	Lincoln St SR 172	16	26	26	68	8	8	1	17	0	27800	1.71	2.23	22.67	57.12
ODOT	SR 173	Paris Ave	6	11	6	23	4	9	2	15	0	6140	3.22	3.42	7.67	56.22
Canton	13th/12th St NW	I-77 Ramps @ Mercy Hospital	26	20	19	65	5	4	0	9	0	21040	1.34	2.82	21.67	54.51
ODOT	SR 172	Perry Dr	16	20	32	68	11	7	1	19	0	30760	1.75	2.02	22.67	52.96
Canton	US62	Harmont / Lesh	34	26	29	89	6	13	1	20	0	38780	1.66	2.09	29.67	52.24
County	Everhard Rd	Whipple Ave	28	20	38	86	15	10	0	25	0	39075	1.70	2.01	28.67	51.15
ODOT	I-77	Belden Village & Whipple	15	30	32	77	9	12	1	22	0	38850	1.81	1.83	25.67	49.62
County	Portage St	Strip Ave	14	26	23	63	4	6	0	10	0	23200	1.41	2.48	21.00	49.01
County	Frank Ave	Portage St	18	28	17	63	6	11	1	18	0	32035	1.84	1.79	21.00	46.26
Canton	15th St NE	Walnut NE	8	5	5	18	3	3	1	7	0	3250	2.28	5.05	6.00	45.05

A number of these intersections have had recent improvements or are scheduled for improvements in the next several years. This report assists local jurisdictions in identifying and prioritizing where safety enhancement projects will help the most.

The **Ohio Public Works Commission** (OPWC) was created in 1987 to administer the **State Capital Improvement Program** (SCIP) which was soon joined by the **Local Transportation Improvement Program** (LTIP). These programs run concurrently and are solicited, scored, and selected by the 19 District Integrating Committees according to each district's schedule.

Stark County District 19 is one of seven singular county districts. For Fiscal Year 2026, Stark County had a total of 19 submitted projects; one deemed ineligible (outside of Stark County, three rescinded by applicants, and 15 that were approved). These 15 projects represent the most comprehensive number of projects submitted for funding in the history of District 19, with applications coming from cities, townships, villages, and the Stark County Engineer's Office (SCEO). District 19 awards for this year totaled \$9,009,000 across both the SCIP and LTIP programs.

State Capital Improvement Program

Applicant	Project	Project Type	Grant Request	Loan Request	Total Request	Total Cost
Canton	Gross Ave. NE - Water Main Improvements	Water Supply	\$600,000	\$900,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,238,619
Canton	West Manor - Water Main Improvements Phase 1	Water Supply	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,372,450
SCE	Robertsville Ave. SE	Bridge	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$1,035,000
Minerva	McDaniel Ave. - Waterline Replacement	Water Supply	\$156,484	\$107,920	\$264,404	\$539,600
Brewster	Wabash Ave. S. - West Side Manhole Project	Wastewater	\$41,030	\$34,330	\$75,360	\$83,734
Canal Fulton	Locust St. Improvement Project - Phase 1	Road	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Canal Fulton	East Side Water Tower Improvement Project	Water Supply	\$144,432	\$337,008	\$481,440	\$481,440
Canton	Cleveland Ave. SW - Reconstruction Phase 2	Road	\$577,730	\$0	\$577,730	\$1,179,040
Canal Fulton	W. Cherry St. - Sanitary Sewer Extension	Wastewater	\$0	\$436,440	\$436,440	\$436,440
SCE	Perry Dr. SW/Southway St. SW - Traffic Signal Replace	Road	\$236,180	\$0	\$236,180	\$482,000
		COLUMN TOTAL	\$3,380,856	\$3,440,698	\$6,821,554	\$12,348,323

Local Transportation Improvement Program

Applicant	Project	Project Type	Grant Request	Loan Request	Total Request	Total Cost
SCE	Cherry Rd. NW - Bridge	Bridge	\$330,000	\$770,000	\$1,100,000	\$4,675,000
Hartville	Sunnyside St. SW - Improvement Project	Road	\$160,300	\$0	\$160,300	\$366,300
Sugarcreek	Day Ave. SW - Chip/Seal Road Project	Road	\$28,571	\$0	\$28,571	\$58,308
Alliance	E. State St. - Traffic Signal Replacement	Road	\$327,000	\$0	\$327,000	\$718,000
Brewster	Chestnut Ave. NW - Widening and Resurfacing Project	Road	\$27,524	\$0	\$27,524	\$56,172
		COLUMN TOTAL	\$873,395	\$770,000	\$1,643,395	\$5,873,780

The District 19 Natural Resource Assistance

Council of Stark County approved a funding request of \$626,818 for site improvements at Stark Parks Magnolia Flouring Mill. This project will coincide with upgrades to the mill itself, funded by a state capital grant. The goal of the site work is to provide public access to the mill and the surrounding grounds, improve parking, as well as provide for ADA accessible restrooms. The site improvements will allow for bus visits and increase parking for the general public, schools, and tour groups. It will also provide connectivity and improved access to the adjacent village park and encourage collaboration between Stark Parks and the village of Magnolia for joint activities and events.



Major road projects completed or begun in 2024 included:

- The Strausser Street & Lake O'Springs Avenue Roundabout Project. In 2020 this intersection was identified as the fifth most dangerous intersection in Stark County, leading the Stark County Engineer's Office to initiate this safety project. Dave Torrence, P.E., P.S., Chief Deputy Engineer, Stark County Engineer's Office states, "This project will improve traffic flow and more importantly reduce the possibility for serious injury accidents or worse at this location. This intersection has had a somewhat elevated Hazard Rating for many years, but has never had enough traffic to warrant a signal, so a roundabout was a much better option."



- Another roundabout project by the Stark County Engineer's Office is the third roundabout added to Pittsburg Avenue at its intersection with Mt. Pleasant Street. The roundabouts on Pittsburg Avenue were identified in a land use study sponsored by SCATS as a solution to congestion in this area of the county. Dave Torrence states, "This project will greatly improve traffic flow in the intersection. SCEO partnered with the city of Green for the improvements to this intersection. With the proximity of the Akron-Canton Airport and several recent industrial developments, this project was a much-needed improvement."

- Dressler Road resurfacing from Belden Village Avenue south to Fulton Drive. "Dressler Road carries between 15,000 and 20,000 vehicles per day in this area of Belden Village. By being able to utilize SCATS funds, our office is able to further spread our local dollars and keep more of our roads in good condition. Over the last several years we have been able to increase our Pavement Condition Index county-wide by over 25%, partially due to SCATS funding," states Dave Torrence.



Aerial views provided by Stark County Engineer's Office.



Stark Park's Middle Branch Trail Accessibility Improvements. "Paving sections of our most heavily used trails is key to upgrading our trail network to be more accessible for all users. It will provide a more reliable and consistent surface. Paving will minimize the need for ongoing repairs after heavy rains, thus reducing maintenance costs and making Stark Parks a more sustainable entity," said Stark Parks Executive Director, Dan Moeglin.

Dan Moeglin, Stark Parks Director, and Milton Young, President of the Paralyzed Veterans of America Buckeye Chapter at reopening dedication.
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Subdivision Engineering

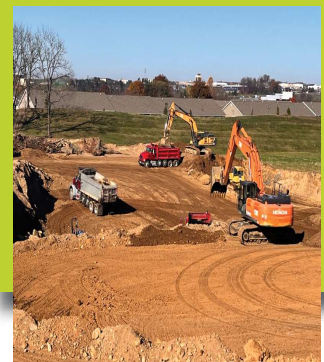
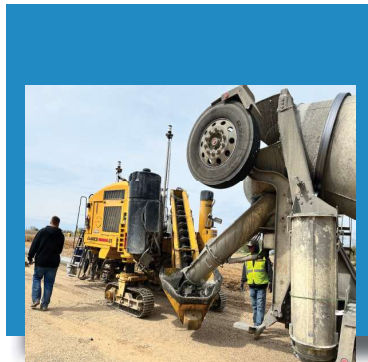
SCRPC administers the Subdivision Engineering Program on behalf of the Stark County Board of Commissioners. Some of the work performed by the Subdivision Engineer included:

- reviewed new residential, commercial, and industrial allotments' preliminary plans, construction drawings, construction variances, and final plats for compliance with the Subdivision Regulations
- performed construction inspections of the public improvements installed in new allotments to ensure compliance with the Subdivision Regulations and accepted construction standards; and handled any questions or drawing revisions occurring during construction
- performed inspections, in conjunction with the townships, for project completion for the release of performance and maintenance bonds
- established dollar amounts of performance and maintenance bonds for new allotments, reviewed performance and maintenance bonds, bond collateral reduction requests, and maintained all current, approved bond forms on the SCRPC website for public use
- reviewed private utility company installation drawings for new allotments
- archived and subsequently maintained allotments' project documents including as-built construction drawings, stormwater management reports, bond related files, construction inspection reports, variances, off-site easements, etc.
- reviewed private commercial and industrial site improvement plans for compliance with the Subdivision Regulations, and made recommendations to SCRPC for any variances requested



Frank Farms No. 1 & 2
Riding the
Compaction Roller
Jackson Township

Julian Farms No. 2
Curb Machine
Jackson Township



Mt. Pleasant Detention
Basin Expansion
Excavating & Hauling
Plain Township



SR 21 (Erie Ave.) & Ortt St. SW
New Sheetz Access Road
Perry Township



Sparwood Farms No. 1
One Lane Paved
Plain Township



Saratoga Hills No 7
New Intersection
Plain Township



Treemont Estates No. 3
Paving & Curb
Canton Township



- performed monthly inspections of the county's Zimmer Ditch Detention Basin B concrete dam as required by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for Class I Structures and obtained bids and administered the contract for the yearly maintenance work required for the Zimmer Ditch Detention Basins A and B
- assisted various townships with drainage related issues and reviewed construction plans for new condominium developments, both on an as-requested basis
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit related work included:
 - prepared the county's 2024 Annual Report
 - maintained/updated the county's comprehensive stormwater conveyance system map for all county owned and operated facilities and roadways within the urbanized areas
 - maintained the maps and inspections of the 414 individual county outfalls
- assisted the Stark County Board of Commissioners with design plan reviews, bidding, and construction inspection of the \$1.59 million Mt. Pleasant Detention Basin Expansion project

The Glens of Jackson
No. 1 & 2
Assembling a
Box Culvert
Jackson Township



The Fountains at
Edgewood No. 5
Building a Model Home
Plain Township



Community Development

Community Development Block Grant

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 with the goal of developing viable communities through flexible activities. Stark County is an entitlement community and receives an annual allocation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are granted to the Board of Stark County Commissioners and Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) is under contract to administer the county's CDBG allocation.

Throughout the County's last program year, CDBG funds were allocated toward a variety of eligible activities which were aimed at assisting low-income persons and improving communities.

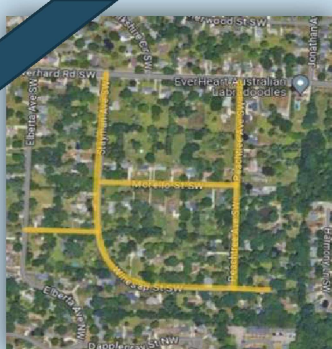
CDBG Public Service

CDBG funds were granted to several subrecipients to support public service activities. These activities are generally targeted to serve specific populations and assist those most in need.

- Alliance for Children & Families, Inc.
- CommQuest Services Inc.
- Stark Mental Health & Addiction Recovery
- The Stock Pile
- Vantage Aging

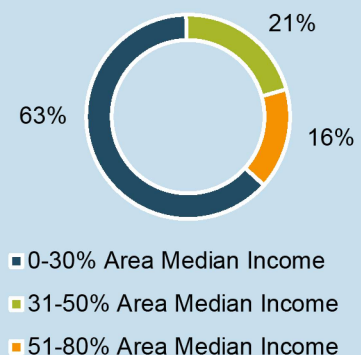
CDBG Infrastructure

CDBG funds supported a waterline replacement project in a low-income neighborhood in the city of North Canton. The replacement of waterline lines along with new hydrants provides increased water pressure and fire protection services to a residential area.



Total CDBG beneficiaries 2,461

Beneficiary income levels



CDBG Economic Development

Funds were used to support Kent State University's Small Business Development Center. Services through this program assist business owners and potential business owners with customized services such as development of business plans, linkage to financing options, and area resources.



HOME Investment Partnerships Program

The Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 created the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program. This Act was a response to the nation's substandard housing stock and lack of opportunity for homeownership. The HOME program is the largest federal block grant that provides annual allocations to states and communities for affordable housing activities. The Board of Stark County Commissioners is the county's recipient of HOME funds with SCRPC administering the program. The county is the lead entity and shares the funds with the cities of Alliance and Massillon. In the last program year, HOME funds supported the housing activities below.

Community Housing Development Organization Rental Rehabilitation



Interior and exterior rehabilitation of two duplexes owned by a Community Housing Development Organization, ICAN Housing. This work brought the properties up to Residential Rehabilitation Standards and supports a safe and habitable environment for low-income renters.

New Construction

Construction of two single-family homes by Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio. Both homes were sold to low-income households who received 0% interest mortgages.



Construction of one single-family home by Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity. Upon completion, the home will have a 0% interest mortgage and will be sold to a low-income household.

Housing Rehabilitation

The County carves out a portion of both CDBG and HOME dollars to undertake housing rehabilitation for qualified homeowners in Stark County. Rehabilitation projects are limited to owner occupants of single-family homes who have been the owner of record for at least one year and have a household income at or below 80% of the current American Median Income. The purpose of the program is to provide safe and sanitary housing for low-income homeowners. General home remodeling is not permitted.

Before



Common project types:

Electrical

HVAC

Plumbing

Roof replacement

After



Accessibility



Roof replacement

62

Rehabilitation
projects
completed last
program year

Consolidated Plan

The Community Development Department finalized and submitted to HUD the 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan. The yearlong planning process involved community needs assessment surveys and other public outreach. This plan is a high-level analysis of housing and community development needs in Stark County.

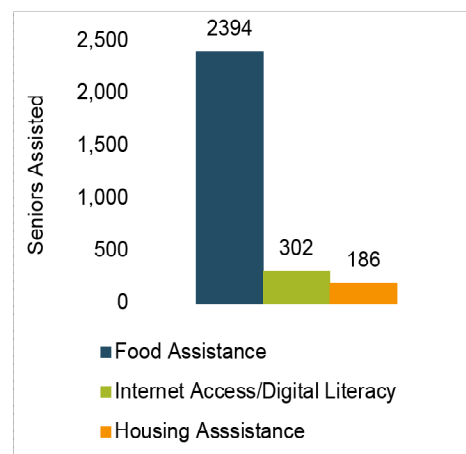


HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

- The Board of Stark County Commissioners received an allocation of HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) dollars in 2021. These dollars are specifically designed to address homelessness and supportive services.
- Stark County's allocation of \$3,228,483.00 is geared toward preservation or creation of affordable rental housing and supportive service activities.
- Applications were solicited in the summer of 2024 and funding recommendations are expected to be presented before the Board of Stark County Commissioners early next year. Projects are anticipated to begin later in 2025.

Ohio Healthy Aging

- On behalf of the Board of Stark County Commissioners, SCRPC administered a one-time grant from the Ohio Department of Aging.
- Ohio Healthy Aging funds specifically targeted seniors over the age of 60. SCRPC solicited for applications and funds were awarded to nine organizations to carryout programming for seniors.
- The grant concluded in October 2024 and resulted in assistance being provided to more than 2,000 Stark County seniors.





Stark County Land Bank

Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation

Land Bank Program

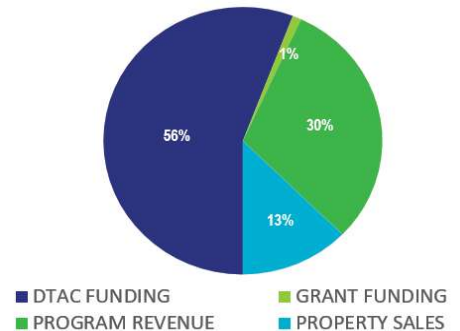


SCRPC has been under contract with the Land Bank since 2014, providing administrative services for the Land Bank's programs, grants, finances, and oversees day-to-day operations.

VACANT LOT REUSE



The Land Bank spends much of its efforts on the revitalization of tax delinquent, vacant, and abandoned property through its Side Lot and Vacant Lot Programs. While the qualifications, pricing, and applicant eligibility differ between these programs, they continue to be successful in bringing abandoned properties back into productive use. Between these programs, the Land Bank was able to acquire and transfer 94 properties to new ownership in 2024.



These programs, as well as the other activities/programs offered by the Land Bank are funded through the revenue generated each year. In 2024, the Land Bank's revenues totaled \$1,286,398.62. Of this, approximately 30% was received from program revenue for the Side Lot, Vacant Lot, and TAAP programs.

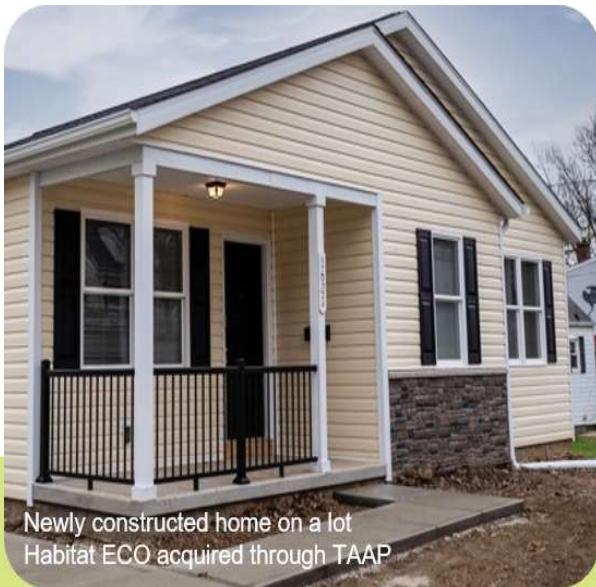
The chart to the upper-right depicts the distribution of the various 2024 revenue sources.

TARGETED ACQUISITION



The Targeted Acquisition Assistance Program (TAAP) supports the strategic acquisition and transfer of vacant, abandoned property to facilitate redevelopment projects and the improvement of neighborhoods and targeted areas throughout Stark County.

Overall, in 2024, the Land Bank transferred a total of 189 properties through the TAAP. Of those, 32 properties were conveyed to Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio (Habitat ECO).



Newly constructed home on a lot
Habitat ECO acquired through TAAP

"Since 2016, Habitat for Humanity ECO has partnered with the Land Bank in the cities of Canton and Massillon to acquire 162 parcels, primarily through the Targeted Acquisition Assistance Program (TAAP). To date, these acquisitions have been redeveloped into 42 new construction homes and 4 existing homes preserved to like-new status, resulting in 46 local, low-income families who are now first-time homeowners with zero-interest mortgages. Additionally, six or more families are estimated to be affordably housed in 2025 on properties acquired through the Land Bank. Habitat ECO is immensely grateful to the Land Bank for this partnership and hopes it continues for many more years as we endeavor to create and preserve affordable housing through the redevelopment of vacant, tax-delinquent properties."

- Habitat for Humanity ECO



DEMOLITION FUNDING ASSISTANCE



The Land Bank's Demolition Assistance Program (DAP) assists Stark County, its political subdivisions, and qualified non-profit organizations with strategic demolition work by providing matched funding reimbursement up to 50% of hard-costs of the project. In 2024, the Land Bank was able to provide \$328,422.36 in funding for the demolition of 15 projects (14 residential demolitions and 1 commercial demolition). Pictured above is the 'before' and 'after' of the commercial project completed on 6th Street NW in the city of Canton. The DAP applicant, Canton Palace Theatre Association, received \$216,392.50 towards the project. The demolition will make way for the expansion and renovation plans to the Canton Palace Theatre.

DEMOLITION & BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION GRANT FUNDING

FY 2024-25 application funding rounds for the Building Demolition & Site Revitalization Program (BDSR) and Brownfield Remediation Program opened in October 2023 and closed April 1, 2024. These programs are administered by the Ohio Department of Development. The Land Bank applied for grant funding under both programs and, in late 2024, was awarded \$500,000 for demolition projects through the BDSR program and a total of \$3,626,258 for three (3) cleanup/remediation projects through the Brownfield Remediation Program. Work under these new grants are expected to begin in early 2025.



Alliance Project



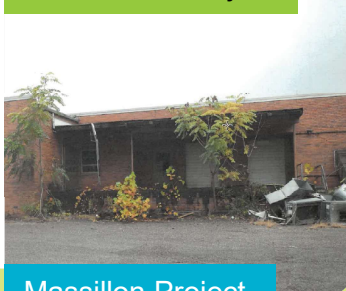
Stark Parks Project



Stark Parks Project



Massillon Project



Massillon Project



Massillon Project

Pictured above are the structures to be demolished utilizing the recently awarded Building Demolition & Site Revitalization Program funding



Fair Housing

Stark County Fair Housing Department's mission is to eliminate housing discrimination, racial and sexual harassment, and to ensure housing opportunities for all people regardless of a person's race, color, sex, religion, military status, national origin, ancestry, handicap, or familial status. Landlord and tenant counseling, fair housing counseling, compliance monitoring, testing, investigation, and sponsoring educational programs are provided to the citizens of Stark County and the city of Alliance.

Through research, investigation, mediation, and advocacy, the staff conducted the following activities in 2024:

- staff was one of two panelists at Massillon's Fair Housing Luncheon. The theme for the day: "The Struggle is R.E.A.L." Approximately 55 people were in attendance
- gave a presentation to the SCRPC staff and Commission on the 56th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act
- gave a presentation at the Governmental Law Seminar on Fair Housing and Zoning
- gave presentations at two public hearings on the Consolidated Plan Updates for 2024-2028
- completed the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Report for the city of Alliance and Stark County for inclusion in the FY'23 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER)
- gave a presentation on FY'23 CAPER fair housing activities
- calculated and completed the HUD Performance Outcome Measurement system form for FY'23
- staff was one of three speakers at the Canton Fair Housing Seminar. Topic: "What Is Housing Discrimination?", approximately 35 people were in attendance
- conducted a training to the Stark County Real Estate Investor's Association on the 56th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and Familial Status. There were approximately 75 people in attendance
- conducted a 2-hour training to Hayes Property Management staff on race, religion, and the 56th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. The training was to satisfy the requirements of a Conciliation Agreement. Approximately 15 persons were in attendance
- met with the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Manager, Community Building Partnership of Stark County, to discuss Revitalizing Neighborhoods
- participated in NeighborWorks America training that was held at Walsh University Global Learning Center. The topic was: "Working with tenants and small landlords to revitalize the neighborhood"

- conducted a training for 10 staff persons from the YWCA on the Fair Housing overview, LGBTQ, and criminal records
- developed, designed, and distributed the Fair Housing newsletter on a quarterly basis to 1,200 individuals including county personnel, representatives of social service agencies, city of Alliance administration, landlords, and property investors to educate them on housing discrimination
- spoke to countless individuals from community-based organizations to help them identify residents' right to fair housing and to increase the awareness of the fair housing law
- 442 households were counseled on the rights, obligations, and responsibilities under the landlord-tenant and fair housing laws
- 1,457 persons were trained and educated on the fair housing law
- 11 presentations and/or trainings were conducted
- 10 landlords were monitored due to possible discriminatory rental practices in the past
- 200 educational brochures were distributed to housing providers, tenants, elected officials, Alliance Municipal Court, city of Alliance, Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA), Alliance for Family and Children, Stark County Real Estate Investor's Association, and Hayes Property Management
- published ads, news releases, and articles in The Repository, Alliance Review, SCRPC website, SCRPC Annual Report, SCRPC Newsletter, Facebook, and Instagram.
- completed the Fair Housing Action Plan
- assisted disabled individuals on the landlord-tenant and/or fair housing laws
- conducted a tester training session to obtain new testers to assist in fulfilling our mission to ensure everyone has access to housing free from discrimination in Stark County
- met with stakeholders around the county to discuss Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, including:
 - Mayor Andrew Grove, city of Alliance
 - Jennifer Merriman, Deputy Director of Planning and Development, city of Alliance
 - Staci Gurney, Deputy Director of Planning and Development, city of Alliance
 - Terrie Lewis, Deputy Director, Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority
 - Pete Wearstler, Planning Director, city of Alliance
- received, processed, investigated, and filed complaints of housing discrimination with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission

Investigated, conciliated, and/or settled the following 16 cases in 2024:

Protected Class	Location	Reason for Complaint	Finding
Disability	Canton Twp.	Reasonable Accommodation	Pending
Disability	Hartville	Reasonable Accommodation	Settled
Disability	Navarre	Harassment Due to Disability	Settled
Disability	Jackson Twp.	Reasonable Accommodation	No Probable Cause
Disability	Plain Twp.	Charging Pet Fee, Notice to Terminate	Pending
Disability	Plain Twp.	Reasonable Accommodation	Pending
Disability	Plain Twp.	Reasonable Accommodation	Complainant Withdrew Complaint
Disability	Plain Twp.	Reasonable Accommodation	Settled
Disability	Plain Twp.	Reasonable Accommodation	Pending
Familial Status	Jackson Twp.	Overly restrictive rules for children	Pending
Familial Status	Jackson Twp.	Overly restrictive rules for children	Pending
Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation	Lake Twp.	Termination	Closed Because Complainant Did Not Pursue
Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation	Lake Twp.	Discouraging to Rent	Closed Because Complainant Did Not Pursue
Race	Plain Twp.	Difference of Treatment	Pending
Race	Alliance	Falsely Denying Housing Available	Settled
Race & Sexual Orientation	Hartville	Termination	Pending

Equal Employment

- developed and filed, with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Stark County's biennial Information Report for all of the county departments and agencies a demographic workforce data analysis establishing compliance with lawful employment practices by all departments and agencies
- assisted the Stark County Sheriff's Office and the Stark County Prosecutor's Office in obtaining operational Federal grants by assisting in the development of Equal Employment Opportunity planning requirements in employment practices, and filing necessary reports establishing compliance with Ohio and Federal law



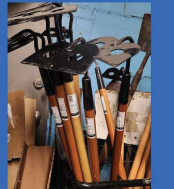
The Stock Pile

The Stock Pile (TSP) is the SCRPC's non-profit building material reuse store, which the Fiscal Department assists with administration, personnel, and grant management. Located at 1387 Clarendon Avenue SW, Canton, TSP draws customers and donors from all over northeast Ohio.

In 2024, The Stock Pile:

- served over 3,000 low- to moderate-income families (since opening) by providing affordable materials for home repairs
- partnered with 115 non-profit agencies by supplying items for their projects
- served as a work site for Municipal Court Referrals, McKinley High School, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, CommQuest, and Vantage Aging with over 1,420 volunteer hours worked
- took in over \$150,900 in handling fees, representing approximately \$453,000 in materials, and diverted more than 480 tons of reusable materials from landfills (total since opening - 4,880 tons)
- reinvested \$2.75 million in handling fees in the program (since opening), which represents well over \$8.25 million worth of materials returned to useful life
- provided an outlet for over 100 companies to remove overstock and scratch and dent items from their warehouses, which helped reduce their disposal costs
- sold 714 gallons of recycled paint through our Second Coat recycle paint program since the beginning of the program

Gardening Tool
\$15.00 each



Carpet
Sizes vary
\$0.50 per sqft



Flex Seal
\$25.00 per box



6 pc Table Set
\$320.00



"Been to several chain stores looking for an exterior door but could not find one under \$1,000. I heard of the Stock Pile through Facebook. Staff was great! Had the door we wanted under \$300. Thanks Stock Pile Staff! Will be back soon!"

-Heidi W.





Planning

The Planning Department administers the subdivision review process, makes recommendations on zoning, operates house numbering, handles public relations for the agency, coordinates prevailing wage monitoring and storm water education, and carries out long-range planning activities.

In 2024, the department:

- co-hosted with the Prosecutor's Office a Governmental Law Seminar for elected officials and zoning inspectors
- completed a comprehensive plan for Perry Township, which is anticipated to be adopted in 2025
- conducted prevailing wage rate monitoring for the Board of Stark County Commissioners, city of North Canton, village of Brewster, Stark Parks, and SCRPC Community Development Department on various public projects
- carried out stormwater education for the Board of Stark County Commissioners through educational workshops, the SCRPC website, brochures, articles, advertisements, contests, booths, and Public Involvement/Public Education (PIPE) Committee meetings
- coordinated SCRPC's public relations work, including public meetings, press releases, advertising, the annual dinner, annual report, SCRPC's quarterly newsletter, SCRPC's Fair Housing quarterly newsletter, the agency's website, and Facebook and Instagram pages
- presented information on careers in planning at Sandy Valley High School and Perry High School
- attended various conferences and workshops pertaining to planning and zoning

Is PLANNING the career for ME?



Do you want to work with people from various backgrounds to develop a better community or interested in positive social, economic, environmental and physical change?

Do you like to communicate with others about ideas, programs and plans?

Do you have interest or experience with mapping technologies to communicate, perform analysis, share information or solve complex problems?

Do you think about the future, about what could be, rather than what is?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, a career in planning may be for you. Planning is a systematic, creative way to influence the future of neighborhoods, cities and rural and metropolitan areas.

Urban and regional planners use their professional skills to serve communities facing social, economic, environmental and cultural challenges by helping community members:

- Develop ways to preserve and enhance quality of life;
- Find methods to protect the natural and built environment;
- Identify policies to promote equity and equality;
- Structure programs to improve services to disadvantaged communities and individuals;
- Determine methods to deal effectively with growth and development

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) is a member-based service organization providing planning services to Stark County communities targeted to the diverse needs of our membership. SCRPC houses several departments that operate a number of programs for the betterment of the county. These departments include Community Development, Comprehensive Planning, GIS, Land Bank, Subdivision Engineering and Transportation Planning.

SCRPC's mission is "To improve the quality of life in Stark County and its communities through an effective regional forum characterized by communication, collaboration, facilitation and planning assistance."

If you are interested learning about the agency and functionality of working in an office environment, please scan the QR code to the right to fill out an informational survey



Kennedy Winkhart Pfeiffer Intermediate School 5th Grade

Board of Stark County Commissioners
Stormwater Education Program

Stark County Governmental Law Seminar



Saturday, March 2, 2024
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

R.G. Drage
Career Technical Center
2300 Riverside Dr. SE
Massillon, OH 44846

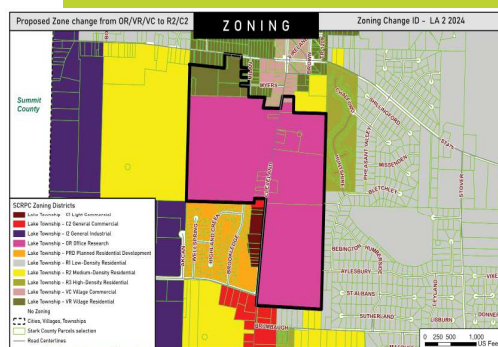
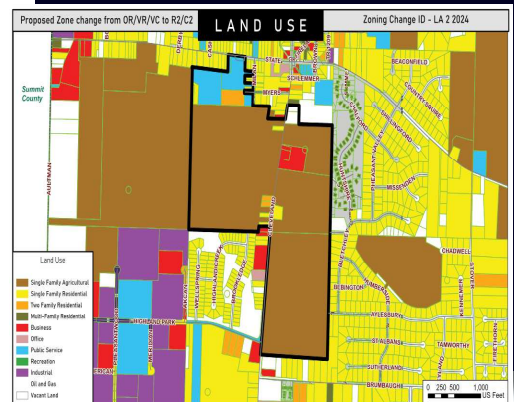
The Governmental Law Seminar is sponsored by:
Stark County Prosecutor's Office
and
Stark County Regional Planning Commission

Street Vacations / Annexation Recommendations:

- recommended to the Board of Stark County Commissioners on five proposed street vacations involving six roadways
- recommended to the Board of Stark County Commissioners on three annexation requests

Zoning:

- reviewed and made recommendations on 15 township zoning amendments
- organized four Zoning Inspector “Mutual Assistance” Meetings on various topics including:
 - Stark County Farm Bureau
 - Land Bank Update
 - Trends in Zoning

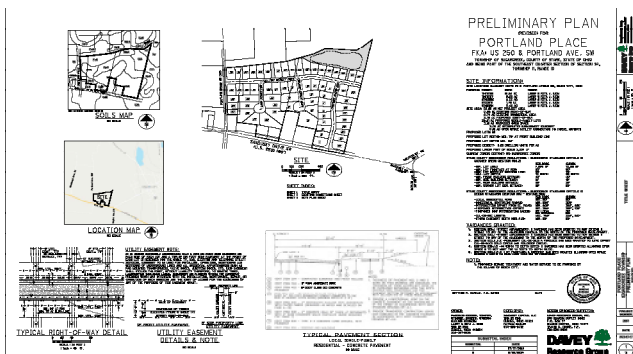


House Numbering:

Total House Numbers Issued	471
Single Family	341
Multi Family	5
Condos	22
Commercial/Industrial/Ag	64
Electric/Utility	39

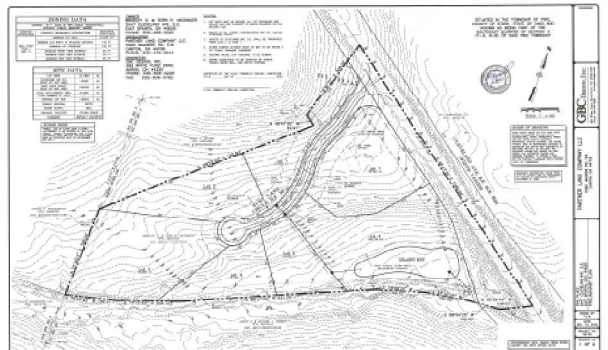
Subdivision Review Subcommittee and staff reviewed:

- 6 preliminary plans (2 revised)
- 55 final plats (9 new subdivisions, 46 replats, 5 resubmittals)
 - Resulting in: 198 new lots
 - 3.14 miles new residential streets
- 62 site plans (commercial, industrial, and multi-family uses)
- 33 administrative waivers of formal site improvement plan reviews
- 8 variance / appeals requests
- 245 divisions of property without plat (lot splits)



Portland Place

Preliminary Plans reviewed in 2024



Pike Place

Project Highlight

With an expected 2025 late spring opening date, Willowberry Farm, a new event venue proposed in Marlboro Township, will host weddings and special events for up to 160 guests. Currently in the framing stage of the project with builder, RK Builders, the space will feature an approximately 1,600 square foot pavilion, 1,000 square foot deck, walkways, paving, parking, and access drive, once completed. Jason Kovach, owner of Willowberry Farm, states there will be “a pavilion which includes a catering room and upscale restrooms”. He further adds, “The property is park-like with an 18-acre lake that includes many locations useable for outdoor ceremonies or to add large tented spaces.”.

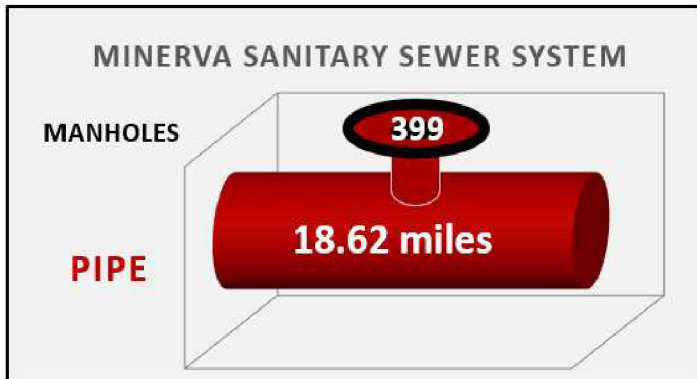




Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Sewer Infrastructure Inventory – Village of Minerva

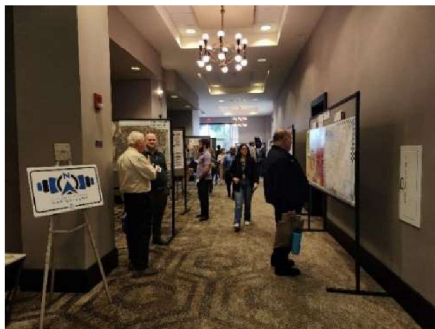
Mapping and field verification of sanitary manholes and associated gravity mains took place in early summer 2024. The updated GIS map layers are now added to the Minerva Water Infrastructure web map application linked on the SCRPC GIS Hub page.



Ohio GIS Conference 2024

The Ohio GIS Conference (originally known as the "First Annual Workshop") was established in 1991 by the County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) and the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP)/Ohio Department of Administrative Services. With a common purpose of coordinating statewide geospatial initiatives, technology advancements, and training, the conference experienced significant growth over the years becoming what is now known as the Ohio GIS Conference™ and officially being trademarked by CEAO in 2009.

The 2024 Conference was attended by nearly 400 people and the Map Gallery had 60 submissions! SCRPC sent 4 employees to this conference which offered 46 different choices of courses, from Web Based Mapping to Building Dynamic Mobile GIS Solutions.



City Engine – ESRI 3D Software

ArcGIS CityEngine is advanced 3D modeling software for creating massive, interactive, and immersive urban environments in less time than with traditional modeling techniques. The cities created using ArcGIS CityEngine can be based on real-world geographic information system (GIS) data or showcase a fictional city of the past, present, or future. CityEngine models can be brought to life by virtual reality gaming software Twinmotion through vehicle and pedestrian animation video.

SCRPC acquired this software in early 2024 to first help visualize the proposed Perry Township S.R. 172 Corridor improvements.



Nonspecific shapes are generated from the Stark County Building Footprints GIS layer.



Buildings are modified to realistic shape and texture, and any planned features are added to the scene.



The CityEngine scene is imported into Twinmotion where fly-through videos are created with moving vehicles, animated pedestrians, and lighting effects.

STIC 2024 Grant Funding

SCRPC applied and is approved for the 2024 STIC grant from ODOT and FHWA. The department will acquire additional hardware and software in support of our drone program.



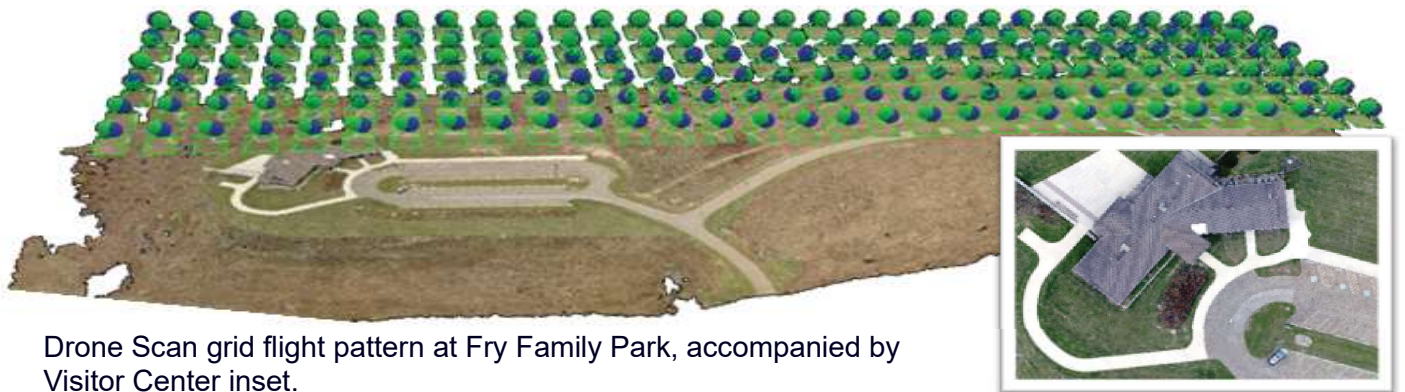
State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Grant 2024		
Item	Comment	Price
3D Scan for S2+ (Perpetual)	Software upgrade for smaller drone	6,599.00
Drone Accessories	Extra Batteries, Beacon lights, handheld transceiver	3,371.00
GNSS Equipment	Ground Control Point hardware	7,465.74
Dell PC's and monitors	3 work stations	13,466.08
Grand Total (2024):		\$ 30,901.82
STIC Funding Awarded (2024):		\$ 24,721.46
SCRPC Cost Total (2024):		\$ 6,180.36
Combined Grand Total (2023 & 2024):		\$ 67,999.22
Total STIC Funding Awarded (2023 & 2024):		\$ 57,252.46
SCRPC Cost Total (2023):		\$ 4,566.40
SCRPC Cost Total (2024):		\$ 6,180.36
SCRPC Total Cost Investment:		\$ 10,746.76



Ongoing & Future Drone Capabilities

With the purchase of the drones & software, the GIS Department is able to provide assistance for various programs at SCRPC including:

- **General Aerial Map Products** – Orthomosaic (Bird's Eye View), DSM (Digital Surface Model), Point Cloud, 3D Mesh Model, Photography & Videography
- SCATS – TIPs progress reporting & traffic analysis
- Subdivision Engineer – Construction progress mapping & site inspection
- Planning Projects – Up to date mapping & imagery for areas of interest
- Inspection – optical and/or thermal inspection of roads, buildings, towers, bridges, etc.
- Indoor/Outdoor 3D Scan – modeling interior/exterior of large facilities and features mentioned above
- In-House Studies – On-demand access for department needs and timelines, and the ability to customize what is actually needed versus what consultants may offer, to help increase cost savings



Drone Scan grid flight pattern at Fry Family Park, accompanied by Visitor Center inset.

Fiscal

	2024 Actual Income	2025 Projected Income
Taxes	\$ 4,024.67	\$ 4,000.00
Charges for Services	\$ 7,366.96	\$ 10,500.00
Licenses and Permits	\$ 24,137.57	\$ 26,000.00
Intergovernmental - includes Federal, State, Local Reimbursements & Contract Services	\$ 2,650,633.86	\$ 3,133,602.00
Other Revenue	\$ 5,785.99	\$ 3,020.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,691,949.05	\$ 3,177,122.00
	2024 Actual Expenses	2025 Projected Expenses
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 2,239,290.57	\$ 2,533,711.00
Supplies	\$ 30,879.35	\$ 47,900.00
Purchased Services	\$ 403,469.59	\$ 376,365.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 38,281.51	\$ 120,321.00
Other	\$ 35,274.72	\$ 98,825.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,747,195.74	\$ 3,177,122.00

SCRPC's financial records were audited in 2024 by State Auditor Keith Faber's office. The audit was completed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and there were no findings or questioned costs for the year 2023.



Economic Development

The SCRPC provides assistance to members of the county Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) and provides required monitoring of companies with tax incentive agreements under the Enterprise Zone (EZ) and Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) programs. Such programs must comply with state law and rules adopted by the Ohio Development Services Agency.

- Enterprise Zone (EZ) - designated area where business and industry may locate and/or expand/improve their property, and by committing to retain and/or hire employees, may realize reduced real estate and personal property taxes
- Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) - primarily a program to encourage revitalization of existing housing; however, retail and other businesses may also receive real property tax relief by improving property in previously designated areas and committing to retain/hire employees

Except for the cities of Canton, Alliance, Massillon, North Canton, Louisville, and Canal Fulton, who monitor their own programs, the county's designated Enterprise Zone Manager is responsible to report for EZ and CRA agreements in the following villages and townships: Minerva (EZ 326C); Brewster (EZ 342C); East Canton and Navarre, parts of Perry and Osnaburg Townships, and all of Canton, Nimishillen, and Plain Townships (EZ 234C); and parts of Lake and Jackson Townships (EZ 252C).

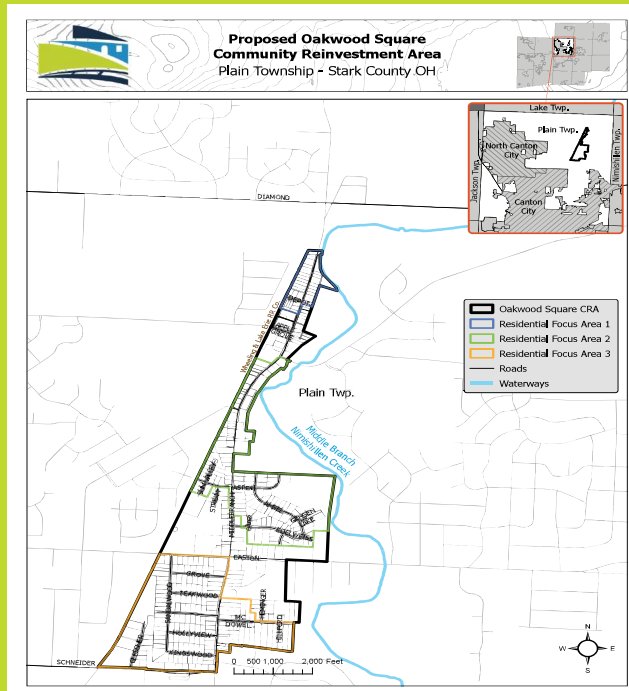
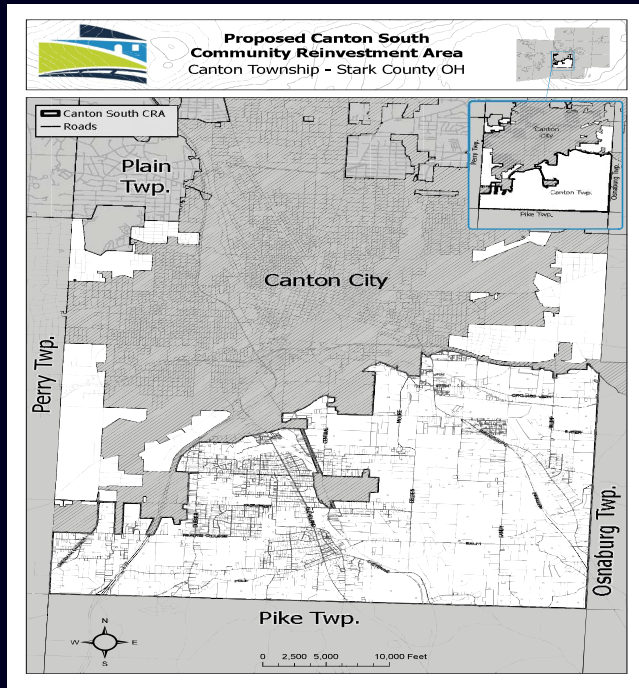
- Members of the Tax Incentive Review Council
 - Stark County Auditor or representative serves as Chairperson
 - Three members represent the Board of Stark County Commissioners
 - Two members appointed by local township/municipality
 - One school district representative

TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (TIRC)

On March 11, 2024, the TIRC met to review reports from companies receiving tax abatements under the program as of December 31, 2023. The TIRC reviewed 10 Enterprise Zone agreements and six CRA agreements. After the TIRC's review, their recommendations were submitted to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for final action. The Commissioners agreed to the recommendations of the TIRC to continue 9 of the 16 agreements for another year, with five no votes needed, one no action taken, and one EZ agreement being expired.

Housing Studies

As a requirement for creating a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA), a housing study must be included. SCRPC staff completed housing studies for Canton Township at the end of 2023 that helped to create one additional CRA within the Township in 2024. Staff also completed a housing study for Plain Township around the Oakwood Square Plaza. CRAs are created in an effort to entice business expansion within the townships.





2024 SCRPC Members

President: Joseph Skubiak
Vice-President: David Thorley
Secretary: Robert Nau

Executive Committee

Janet Weir Creighton, Commissioners - retired 11-24
Kyle Stone, County Prosecutor
Andrew Grove, City of Alliance
Pete Wearstler, alt.
William Sherer II, City of Canton
Chris Hardesty, alt., Donn Angus, alt.
Jamie Slutz, City of Massillon
Ted Herncane, alt.
Wayne Schillig, Marlboro Township
*Robert Leach, County-at-Large
*David McAlister, County-at-Large
*Anthony Peldunas, County-at-Large
*Robert Sanderson, County-at-Large
*Joseph Skubiak, County-at-Large
*David Thorley, County-at-Large
*Kris Vincent, County-at-Large
*Personnel Committee

County Office Members (all ex-officio)

Commissioners

Janet Weir Creighton - retired 11-24
Richard Regula
William Smith

Administrator

Brant Luther

Sanitary Engineer

James Troike
Tom Davis, alt.

Engineer

Keith Bennett

Health Commissioner

Kirkland Norris
Todd Paulus, alt.

Stark County Park District

Dan Moeglin
Derek Gordon, alt.

Prosecutor

Kyle Stone

City Members

Alliance

Mayor Andrew Grove
Pete Wearstler, alt.

Canal Fulton

Mayor Joe Schultz

Canton

Mayor William Sherer II
Donn Angus, alt.
Chris Barnes, alt.
Chris Hardesty, alt.
JR Rinaldi, alt.

Louisville

Mayor Patricia Fallot
Dave Maley, alt.
Andrew Turowski, alt.

Massillon

Mayor Jamie Slutz
Jason Haines, alt.
Ted Herncane, alt.
Lori Kotagides-Boron, alt.

North Canton

Mayor Stephan Wilder
Robert Graham, alt.

County Appointments

Robert Leach
David McAlister
Anthony Peldunas
Robert Sanderson
Joseph Skubiak
David Thorley
Kris Vincent

Members Continued

Township Members

Bethlehem

Scott Borojevich

Canton

Christopher Nichols
Mark Shaffer

Jackson

Justin Hardesty
Todd Hawke
John Pizzino
Joni Poindexter, alt.
Mike Vaccaro, alt.

Lake

John Arnold
Steven Miller
Jeremy Yoder, alt.

Lawrence

Keith Blowers
Sean Roseman
Doug Swartz, alt.

Lexington

Jerry Moffett

Marlboro

Wayne Schillig

Nimishillen

Jeff Shipman
Jennifer Leone, alt.

Osnaburg

Cliff Varian
Randall Pero, alt.

Pike

Douglas Baum

Plain

Brook Harless
Scott Haws
John Sabo
Lisa Campbell, alt.

Sandy

Robert Fallot

Washington

Merrit Boyce

Village Members

Beach City

Mayor Beth Yoder

Brewster

Mayor Charles Hawk

East Canton

Mayor David Spencer

East Sparta

Mayor Donald Stropki

Hartville

Mayor Cynthia Billings

Hills & Dales

Mayor Mark Samolczyk

Magnolia

Mayor Travis Boyd

Meyers Lake

Mayor Mike Labriola

Minerva

Mayor Timothy Tarbet- (deceased 9-24)
Mayor Mason Boldizar

Navarre

Mayor Justin Cline

Waynesburg

Mayor Douglas Welch

Wilmot

Mayor Christina Hysong



2024 Committees

SCATS Policy Committee

Chair: Richard Regula
Vice-Chair: Keith Bennett

Members

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Chris Barnes
Keith Bennett
Bill Bryan
Janet Weir Creighton-
retired 11-24
John Highman
Gerald Hollinger
Ronald Macala
Dan Millsap
Gery Noirot
Richard Regula
Joe Schultz
William Sherer II
Jamie Slutz
William Smith
Dave Torrence
Stephan Wilder

Alternates

Michael Brand
Dan Bucher, Jr.
Sarah Buell
Kirt Conrad
Mark Cozy
Rick Flory - retired 9-24
Robert Graham
Doug Harris
Emily Kimble
Brant Luther
Nick Loukas
Greg McCue
Dan Moeglin
Vincent Mueser
Christopher Nichols
Lauren Phillis
Alex Pitts
Chad Root
Robert Sobnosky
Chris Tyson

Audit Committee

President: Joseph Skubiak
Vice-President: David Thorley
Secretary: Robert Nau
David McAlister

Citizens' Advisory Council

Members: all citizens working/residing
in Stark County.

Technical Advisory Committee

Chair: Dave Torrence

Amanda Archer	Greg McCue, alt.
Chris Barnes	Dan Millsap
Keith Bennett	Vincent Mueser
Dan Bucher, Jr., alt.	Robert Nau
Renato Camacho	Gery Noirot
Kirt Conrad	Lauren Phillis, alt.
Mark Cozy	Alex Pitts
Robert Graham	Chad Root, alt.
Nick Loukas, alt.	Dave Torrence

Subdivision Review Subcommittee

Chair: Todd Paulus,
Stark County Health Department

Vincent Mueser, City of Alliance
Matt Bailey, City of Canton
Jason Haines, City of Massillon
Robert Graham, City of North Canton
Keith Bennett, Stark County Engineer
Michael Chapin, alt.
James Troike, Stark County Sanitary
Engineer
Tom Davis, alt.
Julie Berbari, Stark Soil & Water
Conservation District
Mark Cozy, City of Canal Fulton
Nicole Wilkinson, Lake Township

(plus any interested SCRPC member)

2024 Planning Staff

Robert Nau, Executive Director

SCATS

Dan Slicker, P. E., Technical Director
Karl Lucas, Senior Planner
Jeff Brown, Principal Planner
Spencer Gibbs, Transportation Planner
Jaret Cole, Regional Planner

Community Development

Diane Sheridan, Chief of Community Development
Jill Ross, Housing Rehab Counselor
Lisa Snyder, Senior Community Development Planner
Steve Williams, Senior Housing Rehab Specialist
Wyatt Hayes, Housing Rehab Inspector
Gwen Arthur, Housing Rehab/Land Reuse Counselor

Fair Housing

Valerie Watson, Fair Housing Manager

Land Bank

Sarah Peters, Land Bank Manager
Gwen Arthur, Housing Rehab/Land Reuse Counselor

Subdivision Engineer

Curtis Bungard, P.E., Subdivision Engineer

Planning

Jonelle Melnichenko, Chief of Planning
Malia Burgasser, Senior Community Relations Planner
Patrick Shaw, Regional Planner (resigned 7-31)
Corine Valentine, Regional Planner
Jaret Cole, Regional Planner

GIS

Sean Phillips, GISP, GIS/IT Director
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Fiscal

Heather Cunningham, Chief of Finance
Barbara Buonaspina, Senior Fiscal Administrator
Kasie Atkins, Fiscal Administrator

Office Management

Jennifer Bayer, Executive Assistant
Carla Stokes, Administrative Assistant

Attorney

John Anthony, Staff Attorney



SCRPC Presidents



Congressman Ralph S. Regula, an 18-term Representative to Congress, had an early vision of the concept of regional planning, and was instrumental in starting the agency. Regula served as the Commission's first president from 1957-1959.



Robert K. Domer
1960



C.H. Michel
1961-62



Charles B. Olds
1963



Russell C. Youtz
1963-64



Raymond A. Studt
1965



Sam Stutz
1965



Albert M. Creighton
1966-67



Dale H. Corbett
1968-69



Edwin S. Rice
1970-71



Richard R. Hinterleiter
1972-73



Howard Robinson
1974-75



Paul Giovanini
1976-77



Carl W. Rose
1978-79



Maxine K. Indorf
1980-81



Karl H. Bielz
1981-82



David R. Dreger
1983



Stephen E. Singleton
1984-85



W. C. "Wib" Roberts
1986-87



Robert H. Leach
1988-89



Irene M. Hever
1990-91



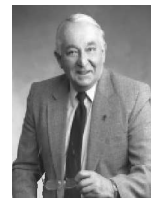
Ralph J. Miller
1992-93



Larry Krebs
1994-95



David McAlister
1996-97



Julius J. Tonges
1998-99



Ronald Revlock
2000-01



James Benekos
2002-03



Maurice DeHoff
2004-05



Fred Abraham
2006-07



Pamela Bossart
2008-09



Robert Sanderson
2010-11



Vincent Marion
2012-13



Anthony Peldunas
2014-15



Robert Fonte
2016-17



Wayne Schillig
2018-19



Kris Vincent
2020-21
2023



Galen Stoll
2022-23



Joseph Skubiak
2024-



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