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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

Regional Planning involves fostering partnerships and cooperation among government organizations. While the economy has improved, challenges continue for our local governments as state and federal resources decline. Investment in our infrastructure is necessary to provide a foundation for sustainable economic development.

Stark County communities are focusing on “fix it first” strategies to help repair our crumbling roads and aging infrastructure. Canton is investing over \$50 million in the next few years rebuilding bridges and roads along the 12th Street and Mahoning Road Corridor. Safety and preservation are also important as the County’s first round-about was built this year at Paris Avenue and Easton Street in Nimishillen Township, and CDBG funds were used to improve the traffic circle around the historic well house in the Village of East Sparta.

The RPC’s administration of the Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation (i.e. Land Bank) has been a major undertaking this year. Our initial focus has been on demolition through the Moving Ohio Forward and Neighborhood Initiatives programs because of the deadlines associated with these grants. The Side Lot program, which allows neighbors to take ownership of vacant, adjacent properties, has been very popular. As we move forward with the Land Bank program, additional tools will be utilized to revitalize neighborhoods and promote economic development.

This year the Fair Housing Department settled a major housing discrimination lawsuit involving the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, U.S. Department of Justice and a landlord. A significant financial settlement was awarded to the plaintiffs for discrimination based on race and familial status. This will hopefully serve as a deterrent for further discrimination in the county.

The Planning Department has seen increased activity in commercial development, and new hotels are sprouting up to accommodate growth associated with the Utica shale play. The department is developing a Joint Community Plan for Osnaburg Township and East Canton to accommodate the extension of US 30 to SR 44. The RPC was also awarded a \$600,000 Brownfield Assessment grant from the USEPA to inventory brownfields and fund phase I and II environmental assessments. It is imperative to get these challenged sites cleaned up and put back into productive use.

The SCRPC will continue to help improve the quality of life for all of our citizens through an effective regional forum to promote collaboration of our citizens. Thanks to the hard work of our staff and leadership of our Commission, we will continue to work to improve Stark County for all.

Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS)

SCATS is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for transportation planning in Stark County and provides planning documents and processes to assist local governments with policies, programs and projects needed to identify, develop, and maintain the county's transportation infrastructure.

Two major products associated with the planning process are the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), updated every four years, and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), updated every two years. The LRTP provides a 20 year (minimum) projection of recommended transportation improvements whereas the TIP shows projects that are scheduled for implementation within the next four years.

The SCATS Policy Committee updates the TIP by adding projects every two years with local project sponsors (County, Cities, ODOT, SARTA) competing for a very limited amount of funding based on a scoring methodology developed to fund projects that best address the county's needs. This scoring methodology is born out of the Goals, Objectives and Strategies identified in the LRTP. A major objective of the SCATS LRTP is to provide a safe transportation system and one of the strategies to assist in reaching that goal is to identify and target high crash locations for safety improvements.

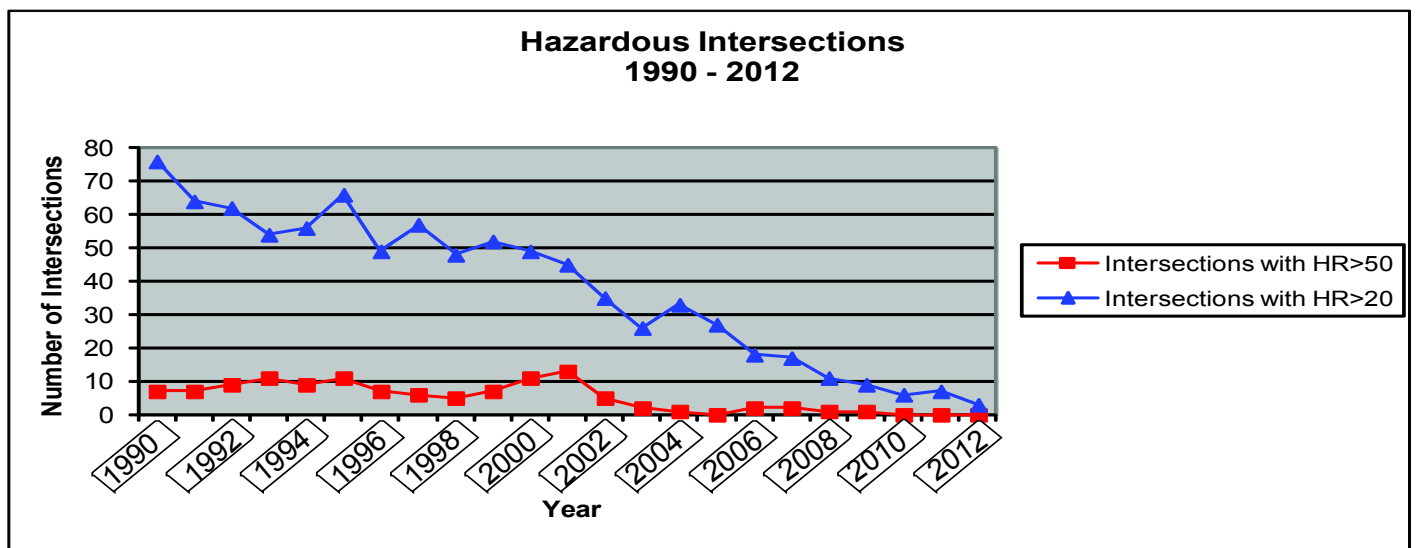
The Stark County Crash Report, developed by SCATS and updated annually, provides a summary of intersection accidents in the county over the past three years and ranks them based on data received from the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

SCATS identifies high crash locations using a formula that accounts for the hazardous rates (HR) and severity index (SI) of crashes per year at all county intersections connecting arterial or collector streets. The table below shows the highest ranked intersections in Stark County as identified in the 2013 Crash Report.

1ST STREET	2ND STREET	2010 Total	2011 Total	2012 Total	ADT	3-Year Total	3-Year Injury	3-Year Fatal	Alcohol Related	SI	Rate	AVG	HR	CVT
13/12th St	I-77 Ramps TM Hospital	19	22	12	19,000	53	14	0	1	1.53	2.55	7	45.82	Canton
Central Plaza	Tuscarawas St	19	14	10	19,100	43	10	0	0	1.47	2.05	3	28.76	Canton
US 62	Harmont Ave/Lesh St	17	18	17	32,060	52	16	0	0	1.62	1.48	3	27.63	Canton
6th St NE	North Ave	6	1	5	2,200	12	3	0	0	1.50	4.98	4.00	19.91	Massillon
Fohl St	Shepler Church Ave	6	3	5	3,050	14	3	0	0	1.43	4.19	4.67	18.62	Bethlehem Twp
30th St NW	Harvard	14	5	5	11,750	24	10	0	0	1.83	1.86	8.00	18.23	Canton
11th St SW	Harrison Ave	9	4	7	9,850	20	12	0	1	2.20	1.85	6.67	18.12	Canton
I-77	Belden Village & Whipple	18	12	14	36,350	44	14	0	0	1.64	1.10	7	17.67	Jackson Twp
Beech St	Beechwood Ave	9	3	4	7,600	16	12	0	0	2.50	1.92	5.33	17.08	Washington Twp
12th St N	Market Ave N	12	12	9	23,575	33	8	1	0	1.82	1.28	0	17.03	Canton

Crash Report/Safety Planning

To further emphasize the importance of this program and the benefits recognized in Stark County, the graph below indicates how the application of this methodology together with the allocation of federal transportation dollars has successfully improved the safety of hazardous intersections across the county.



Hazard Ratings range from zero for locations with no crashes to greater than 100 for locations with high crash rates and high severity indexes. SCATS considers locations with a Hazard Rating over 20 to be in need of a crash pattern analysis. Locations with a rating over 50 are definite candidates for improvements. In 2001, there were 12 locations with a Hazard Rating greater than 50, and 52 locations with a Hazard Rating greater than 20. In 2012, there were zero locations with a Hazard Rating greater than 50 and three locations with a Hazard Rating greater than 20. Of the three locations with HR greater than 20, one has already been improved, one is in final design and headed for construction and one is being evaluated for improvements in the near future.

The above information demonstrates that over the last 20 plus years, SCATS and local project sponsors, based on data from this report and utilizing the most advanced and fiscally sound methods available, have made the necessary improvements to systematically decrease accident rates and improve safety.

Below are two of the many projects that SCATS undertook this year: the 55th Street bridge in Plain Township and the Easton/Paris/Meese roundabout in Nimishillen Township.



In March of 2011, the 56-year old bridge was swept from its foundation by flooding, necessitating the placement of a temporary truss bridge while its replacement could be designed and built. The bridge, costing almost \$2 million, was completed in July of 2014 and is expected to last up to 70 years.

The first modern roundabout in Stark County opened on September 26, 2014 at the intersection of Paris Avenue and Easton Street in Nimishillen Township. This is the first of three roundabouts planned in Stark County.

Roundabouts have been shown to lessen congestion, are safer than traditional cross or "T" intersections, and are less maintenance intensive than intersections with traffic lights.



Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Projects

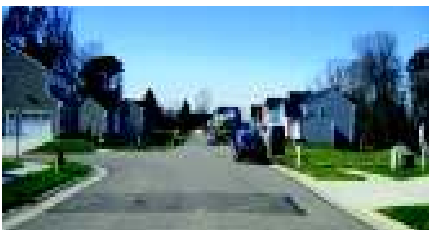
The District 19 Public Works Integrating Committee oversees the distribution of State Capital Improvement Program funds (state bond issue) and Local Transportation Improvement funds (gasoline tax). The program funds assist local communities in improving their basic infrastructure and will be made available to applicants July 1, 2015. The approved projects are listed below.

Applicant	Project	Total Project Costs	OPWC Funds
Beach City	Sewer Lift Station Replacement	\$248,890	\$227,900
Stark/Nimishillen	Beck Avenue Bridge	\$982,000	\$805,000
Canton	53rd Street Water Reservoir	\$725,340	\$725,340
Canton	Westmoreland Waterline	\$2,604,600	\$1,500,000
Stark County	Rockhill Bridge	\$1,495,000	\$238,720
Canton	Mahoning Road NE Phase 2	\$13,000,000	\$1,500,000
Stark/Hills & Dales	Hills & Dales Paving	\$288,000	\$143,000
Canal Fulton	Cherry/Locust Intersection	\$2,938,000	\$991,700

Subdivision Engineering

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

- Subdivision Engineering
 - Reviewed new allotments' preliminary plans, construction drawings, final plats and offsite public drainage easements for compliance with the Subdivision Regulations as well as process any requested construction variances
 - Performed construction inspections of the public improvements installed in new allotments to insure compliance with the Subdivision Regulations and for release of performance and maintenance bonds. Handled any questions arising during construction
 - Established the dollar amount of performance and maintenance bonds for new allotments. Also, reviewed performance and maintenance bonds, bond substitution requests, bond reduction requests, etc. related to new allotments. Maintained all current, approved bond forms on the SCRPC website for public use
 - Reviewed private utility company installation drawings for new allotments
 - Prepared a Subdivision Engineering Department Procedures Manual
 - Maintained and subsequently archived new allotment project documents including as-built construction drawings, storm water 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. Made recommendations on variances requested for such projects





- Ohio EPA NPDES Permit related work including:
 - Prepared the county's 2014 Annual Report
 - Maintained the county's comprehensive stormwater conveyance system map which updated all county owned and operated facilities and roadways within the urbanized areas
 - Monitored over 400 individual county outfalls
 - Prepared the city of Alliance's 2014 Annual Report
 - Monitored over 150 individual outfalls for the city of Alliance
- Performed the 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 as well as maintaining the inspection and maintenance logs. Obtained bids and administered the contract for the yearly maintenance work required for the Zimmer Ditch Detention Basins A and B
- Assisted various townships and the Board of Stark County Commissioners with drainage related issues and/or problems on an as-requested basis
- Served as Project Manager to the Court of Common Pleas for the Courthouse Plaza Renovations Project
- Served as Project Manager to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the Office Building Concrete Repairs Project
- Served as Project Manager to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the Office Building Facade Repairs Project
- Provided assistance to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the Data Center Parking Lot Expansion Project
- Served on the NEFCO General Policy Board and District 19 Public Works Committee



Economic Development

The RPC is under contract with the Stark County Commissioners to provide assistance to members of all county Tax Incentive Review Councils (TIRC) and provides the 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 such previously designated area and committing to retain/hire employees.

Except for the cities of Canton, Alliance and Massillon, who monitor their own programs, the county's designated Enterprise Zone Manager is responsible for five enterprise zones – EZ360C (Minerva); EZ342C (Brewster); EZ360C (Canal Fulton); EZ234C, which includes parts of East Canton, Navarre, Canton, Perry and Osnaburg Townships and all of the city of Louisville and Nimishillen and Plain Townships; and EZ252C, which includes parts of Lake and Jackson Township and the city of North Canton.

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

TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL 2014

- Reviewed 10 EZ agreements and one CRA agreement with recommendations sent to the Board of Stark County Commissioners

BOARD OF STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2014

- Agreed to the recommendations made by the TIRC with seven EZ agreements being continued and three expiring and the one CRA agreement in Plain Township being continued
- Approved a new EZ agreement in Perry Township for the Timken Company

Community Development

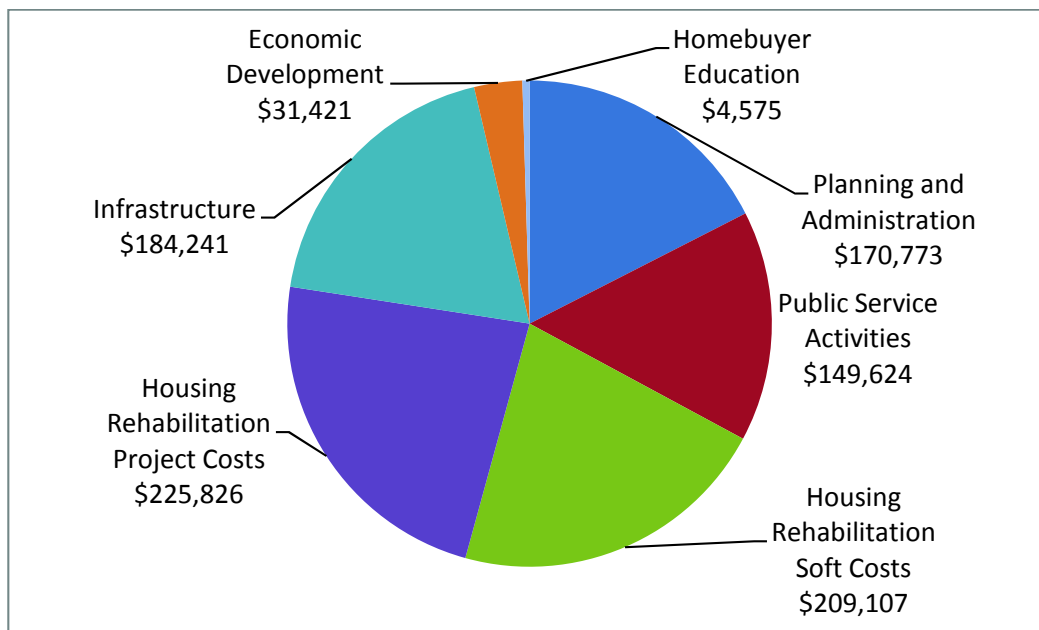
FY '13 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Under contract to the Board of Stark County Commissioners, the Stark County Regional Planning Commission provides the overall administration of the CDBG program, including administration, planning, fair housing and housing rehabilitation. Stark County is designated an "Urban County" under the CDBG program. During FY '13 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014), various housing, public service, economic development and public infrastructure projects were undertaken. All of the projects were developed and implemented to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment or expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate-income (LMI) persons, prevent or eliminate slum or blight, or meet an urgent need that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of a community when no other funding options are available. Locally 100% of the projects/activities undertaken during FY '13 benefited LMI persons or families.

CDBG funds available during FY '13:

Unexpended FY '12 funding	\$ 606,580
FY '13 Allocation	\$1,127,340
Program Income	\$ 86,545
TOTAL	\$1,820,465

Total CDBG Expenditures \$ 975,567



2013 Stark County CDBG Activities

Public Infrastructure	Public Services
Marlboro Township - Storm Sewer Project	Fair Housing
Minerva Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements	The Family Living Center Homeless Shelter
East Sparta Main & Walnut Roundabout	The Stock Pile-Building Materials Reuse Warehouse
North Canton Hillcrest & Royer Avenue Waterline	Alliance Emergency Residence Homeless Shelter
Lawrence Township Sanitary Sewer Design	Prescription Assistance Network
Housing Activities	Administration
Emergency Rehab	Comprehensive Planning
Housing Rehab Program	CDBG Administration
Housing Rehab Septic/Sewer Program	
Homebuyer Education	
Economic Development	
KSU Micro Enterprise Development	

FY '13 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Stark County participates in the HOME Program of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a Designated Consortium with the cities of Alliance and Massillon, with the county being the lead entity. The SCRPC is under contract to the Board of Stark County Commissioners to administer the HOME program. The HOME Program is designed exclusively to create affordable housing opportunities for low-income (0 – 80% of area median income) households.

Total HOME funds available in FY '13:

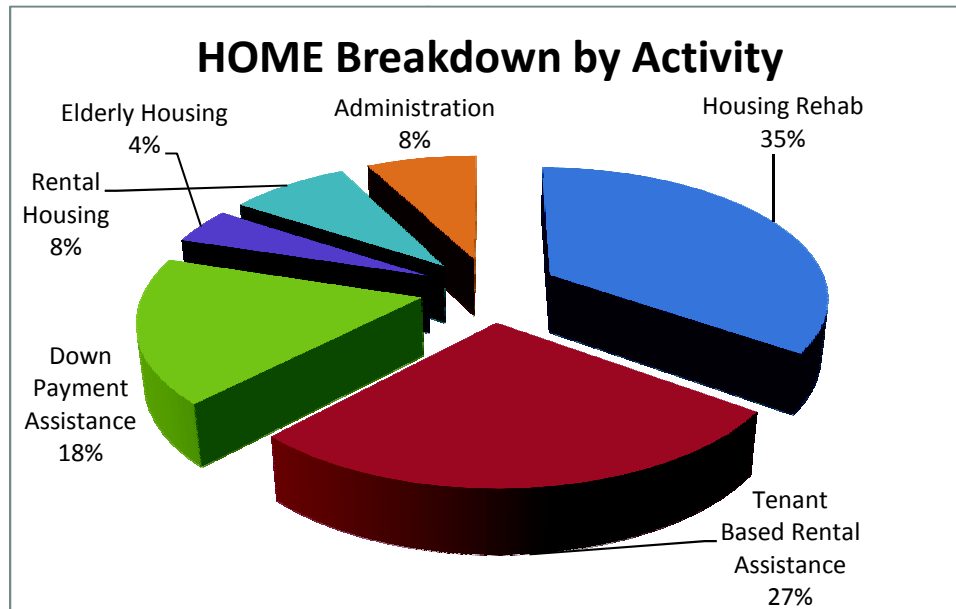
Unexpended FY '12 funds	\$1,005,568
FY '13 HOME allocation	\$ 651,471
Program Income	\$ 177,332
TOTAL	\$1,834,371

Total HOME Expenditures \$ 795,874



Stone Ridge Senior Housing Project during construction in Louisville





2013 Stark County HOME Consortium Activities

Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing
Stark County Housing Rehab	SMHA - HOPE Tenant Based Rental Assistance
City of Alliance Housing Rehab	SMHA - HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance
City of Massillon Housing Rehab	Villas at Windham Ridge
	ICAN Rehab of 220 S. Union
	ICAN Stone Ridge Village Senior Apartments
Down Payment Assistance	
Stark County DPA (Includes Alliance)	
City of Massillon	

Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Programs

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission was designated as the Collaborative Applicant for the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC).

During 2014, the following were undertaken:

- Coordinated the writing and submission of the FY 2013 CoC application, which included 19 individual projects
- Coordinated the writing and submission of the FY 2014 CoC application, including 18 individual projects
- Reviewed and submitted the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) application to the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) for a two year funding of \$256,000
- Administered the city of Canton's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Solicited, reviewed and made recommendations for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's Capital Funding to End Homelessness Initiative which is providing \$2 million in capital funding to Stark County. RPC will be submitting applications on behalf of the approved applicants during 2015

- Provided planning and staffing to the HCCSC which included planning for, assisting with and ensuring minutes were completed and posted on website for monthly board meetings, members meetings, four main committees, various sub-committees and other work groups
- Communicated with consultant, Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to ensure the needs of the HCCSC were adequately addressed and that CSH had necessary documentation in order to complete the Gaps Analysis and Transitional Housing Analysis
- Assisted with drafting and reviewing policies and procedures required by federal regulations for Continuum of Care to ensure compliance with the HEARTH Act
- Monitored all projects funded with CoC, ESG and HCRP funding via status reports and on-site monitoring, offering feedback and guidance to projects for increasing performance
- Communicated with the press regarding various issues surrounding homelessness
- Assisted with the annual Point In Time Count and the Project Homeless Connect event
- Regularly updated the HCCSC website
- Provided trainings on the Homeless Certificate and other policy and procedure changes
- Researched and obtained answers to various questions relating to regulations and requirements of project recipients

Home Sewage Treatment System

The Board of Stark County Commissioners received funding from the Ohio EPA for the replacement of failing septic systems within Stark County. A total of 23 qualified homeowners received new septic systems under the final allocation of these funds.

Land Bank Program

On May 19, 2014, the RPC entered into a contract with the Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation (SCLRC) to administer the overall Land Bank program. Under the program, the RPC completed the “Moving Ohio Forward” (MOF) demolition program. This residential demolition program received funding from the State of Ohio Attorney General’s office to provide for the removal of 431 vacant and blighted structures resulting in 494 units from 19 of Stark County political subdivisions.

The RPC is also operating additional programs for the SCLRC. The “Neighborhood Initiative Program” (NIP) is well underway and will allow for the demolition of a minimum of 169 vacant and blighted residential structures owned by the SCLRC through funding provided by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. Once these demolitions are completed, the vacant parcels will be available for reuse. The Side Lot program allows qualified persons to acquire certain vacant, tax delinquent parcels that are contiguous to a property they own. A total of 709 applications for side lots have been submitted, with 325 applications approved, and a total of 60 parcels have been transferred to new owners. The RPC is also developing additional programs, such as a Vacant Lot Acquisition program, a SCLRC Parcel Acquisition program, and general demolition programs. It is expected that as the RPC continues to administer the Land Bank program, operations will continue to evolve and grow.

Fair Housing

The 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, investigating alleged claims of housing discrimination, and sponsoring educational programs are provided to the citizens of Stark County and the city of Alliance.

In 2014, the staff conducted the following activities:

Educational Workshops, Trainings, and Outreach

- Made presentations to Hoover High School students, Pathway Caring for Children, and the RPC Commission
- Conducted a training on "Fair Housing and Disability Rights" to the staff at ICAN Housing Solutions
- Trained respondents on the Fair Housing Law and how to provide equal housing opportunity to the residents of Stark County

Hearing Appeals Services

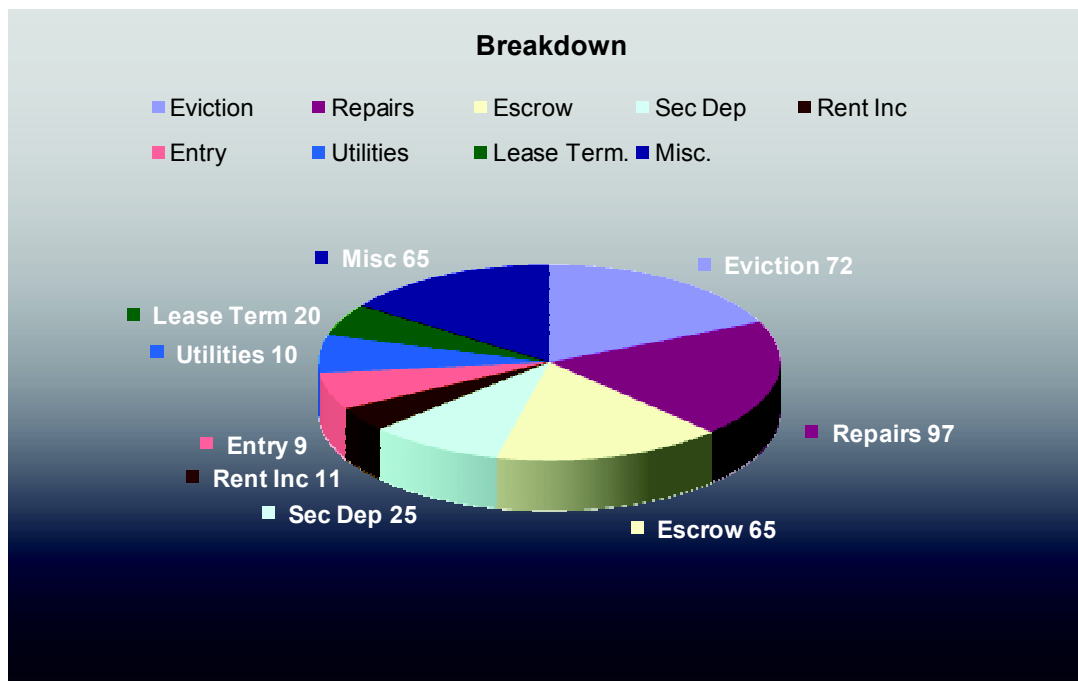
- Renewed agreement with the Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA) for the Fair Housing Coordinator to conduct hearings and write appeal decisions for applicants and tenants of SMHA
- Conducted 59 informal and formal grievance hearings for SMHA

Monitoring

- Monitored 13 property investment owners and managers due to some questionable or discriminatory rental practices in the past

Landlord-Tenant

- Counseled more than 800 landlords, tenants, and agency representatives on their rights, obligations and responsibilities under the landlord-tenant laws. Some individuals were referred to other agencies that could better assist them. A breakdown on the number of households and agencies counseled by category is as follows:



Advertisement and Public Awareness

- Distributed over 100 educational brochures to property owners, managers, tenants, landlords, students, lawyers, city of Alliance, Stark County Regional Planning Commission, Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority, ICAN Housing Solutions and Hoover High School
- Advertised in the Repository and Alliance Review newspapers

Discrimination Cases

- Investigated and/or processed 7 claims of housing discrimination
 - 1 race/color discrimination
 - 1 race & familial status discrimination
 - 1 sex discrimination
 - 2 familial status discrimination
 - 2 disability discrimination
- Settled 3 claims of housing discrimination

Canal Fulton: A tenant with a mental disability was subjected to additional fees after requesting to own a pet in her apartment. In order to alleviate her difficulties, enhance her ability to live independently, and fully use and enjoy her apartment, the tenant's doctor recommended she obtain an emotional support animal. In order to obtain a pet, the owner required a \$25 monthly fee and a \$100 security deposit. On behalf of the tenant, the fair housing staff requested a reasonable accommodation due to her mental illness. Specifically, staff requested that the owner waive the monthly pet fee and pet deposit. According to the Fair Housing Law, a housing provider must make reasonable

accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services when such accommodation is necessary to afford a person equal opportunity to use and enjoy the dwelling unit. Due to the staff advocating for her rights, the owner agreed to waive his policy of charging additional pet fees. In addition, the owner agreed to reimburse the tenant for the fees she had already paid.

Jackson Twp: After a long investigation, hearings, and mediations, the owners of four complexes in Jackson Township agreed to settle a lawsuit brought by Stark County, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, U.S. Dept. of Justice, and six individual plaintiffs. The lawsuit alleged that the owner discriminated on the basis of race and familial status. Specifically, the lawsuit alleged that the owners instructed managers to make bogus noise complaints to force families with children and black tenants out; steered families with children to certain buildings or to basement apartments; disregarded phone messages from individuals who sounded black; and falsely denied housing was available to families with children and African American home seekers. Due to a thorough investigation by the fair housing staff and advocating for the plaintiff's rights, the owners agreed to settle the case two months shy of a trial date. Without admitting liability or wrongdoing, the owners agreed to pay \$850,000, undergo fair housing training, hire a professional management company, distribute a non-discrimination policy to residents, provide reports on all rental activity on a quarterly basis, and post and prominently display the fair housing poster.



Valerie Watson, Fair Housing Coordinator, (center) celebrates the recent settlement with her clients and attorney at a reception in Washington, DC that was hosted by Relman, Dane & Colfax Law Firm. Pictured (from left) are January Fisher, Don Fisher, Attorney Reed Colfax, Consuella Green and Nat Prather.

Alliance: A home seeker was denied the opportunity to rent because of familial status. This mother called a complex to inquire about a two bedroom apartment. After she informed the manager that the unit would be occupied by herself and her teenage son, the manager told her nothing was available. Due to a thorough investigation by the fair housing staff, sufficient evidence of housing discrimination was obtained to file complaints with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC). The investigation showed that the housing provider maintained a policy of denying families with children. Without admitting wrongdoing, the owners agreed to settle the case after OCRC made a probable cause finding. The owners agreed to pay \$22,500, undergo fair housing training, place an advertisement in the newspaper, and distribute a non-discrimination policy to residents and employees.

Planning

Stark County

Governmental Law Seminar

a seminar for local officials

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2014

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (registration begins at 8:30 am)

Place: Exploration Gateway (Sippo Lake)
5710-5712 12th St. NW
Canton, OH 44708

All attendees will get to attend the Keynote Session and select 3 breakout sessions in addition to lunch at noon.

Keynote Speakers: Attorneys David Bridenstine and Ross Rhodes
Topic: Sunshine Law/Running Public Meetings/Hearings

Breakout Sessions:

- Nuisance Abatement
- Employment Law
- Land Bank Update
- Rural Community Assistance Program
- Public Records & Records Retention
- BZA's/Zoning Enforcement
- Economic Development
- Fundamentals of Zoning
- NEOSCC Final Vision for the Region

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The Planning Department administers the subdivision review process, makes recommendations on zoning, oversees The Stock Pile, operates house numbering, handles public relations for the agency, coordinates stormwater education, and carries out long range planning activities. In 2014, the department:

- Completed an update to the Stark County Consolidated Plan, FY 2014-18
- Was awarded and started administering a U.S. EPA brownfields assessment grant
- Began the East Canton/Osnaburg Township Joint Community Plan
- Coordinated SCRPC's public relations work including public meetings, press releases, advertising, the Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC), the annual dinner, annual report, creation of RPC's quarterly newsletter, the agency's updated website and facebook page
- Hosted the Governmental Law Seminar in partnership with the Stark County Prosecutor's Office
- Served on Northeast Four County Planning Organization's Cooperative Economic Development Strategy Committee and the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township Recycling Station
- Carried out stormwater education for the Board of Stark County Commissioners through educational workshops, the RPC website, brochures, articles, advertisements, contests, a clean-up with the Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partnership, and hosted Public Involvement/ Public Education (PIPE) committee meetings
- Assisted the city of Alliance with the management of their stormwater education program

Subdivision Review Subcommittee and Staff Reviewed:

- 8 preliminary plans (1 revised)
- 7 final plats (5 new subdivisions, 1 replat and 1 revised)

Resulting in: 80 new residential lots
 10.5 miles new residential streets

- 77 site plans (commercial, industrial, and multifamily uses)
- 42 administrative waivers of formal site improvement
- 3 variance/appeals requests
- 224 divisions of property without plat (lot splits)

Street Vacations/Annexation Recommendations:

- Recommended to the County Commissioners on three proposed street vacations
- Recommended to the County Commissioners on four annexation requests

Zoning:

- Reviewed and made recommendations on 23 township zoning amendments
- Organized Zoning Inspector's "Mutual Assistance" meetings
- Co-hosted the 2014 Governmental Law Seminar

House Numbering:

- Issued 364 house numbers:
 - 257 single-family
 - 7 multi-family
 - 50 commercial/industrial
 - 6 agricultural
 - 31 electric for gas wells, oil wells, etc.
 - 2 replacement numbers
 - 11 other

The Stock Pile

- The Planning Department supervised administration, personnel and grant management for The Stock Pile (TSP), the RPC's non-profit building material reuse warehouse
- TSP partnered with 88 non-profit agencies by supplying items for their projects
- Served as work site for Senior Employment Services and Municipal Court Referrals, as well as Ohio Department of Job and Family Services with roughly 3,400 volunteer hours worked
- Took in over \$150,000 in handling fees, representing approximately \$450,000 in materials and diverted more than 260 tons of materials from landfills (total since opening 1,650 tons)
- Reinvested more than \$1.18 million in handling fees in the program (since opening), which represents well over \$3 million worth of materials to useful life
- Assisted 1,900 low- to middle-income families, by providing materials for home repairs
- Provided an outlet for dozens of companies to remove overstock and scratch and dent items from their warehouses and reduced their disposal costs
- Sold one home and purchased another for rehabilitation and transfer to ICAN for veterans rental housing, as part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- Carried out deconstruction on two model homes built by Schumacher Homes and a Comfort Inn Hotel in Dover, yielding excellent materials for TSP customers
- Started new hours in October, with the new schedule of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Tuesday through Saturday each week
- TSP had record breaking sales in nine different months during 2014 calendar year



Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

With the software release of ArcGIS Online (AGO) in 2013, Stark County Regional Planning Commission, with the help of the Stark County Auditor GIS Department in 2014, has implemented many different map services for a number of cities and townships in the county. Many of the townships and cities now have interactive map services running directly on their own website. These services include zoning and infrastructure data along with base data provided by the county auditor. New applications for smartphones and tablets have also been implemented. These apps allow the user to bring up the zoning, infrastructure and tax data out in the field to ensure accurate, relevant and up-to-date data.



ArcGIS Online homepage for Stark County Regional Planning Commission

In early 2014, the GIS department wrapped up the five year Storm Water inventory initiative required by the EPA. The required mapping only covered certain portions of the MS4 districts inside the urbanized area boundary set forth by the U.S. Census. Several jurisdictions have expressed interest in completing storm water inventory mapping outside the urbanized area to give them a data set that covers their entire political boundary. This inventory will be added to the ArcGIS Online data set for full use by each jurisdiction.

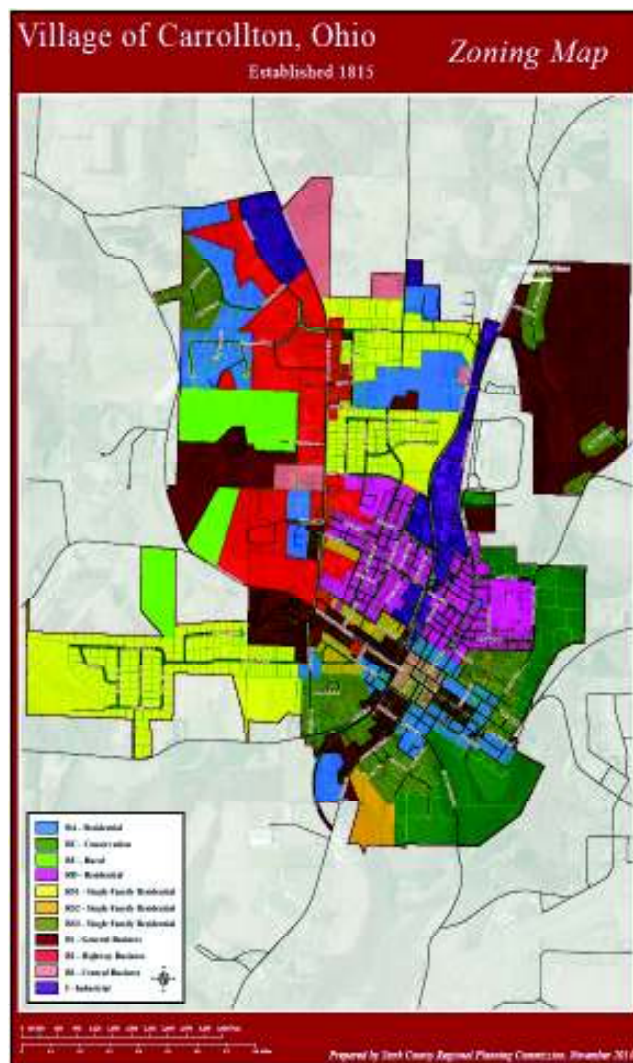
In an effort to cut back on redundant data, the SCRPC and several county offices have been working together to reduce and eliminate any duplication in data and services. This has resulted in a centralized database that feeds many of the map services now in use by many of the county's cities, villages and townships. The centralized database will allow for non-duplication of data, time/date/user editor tracking capabilities and has tools to make sure only the most current and accurate data is used.

Stark County Regional Planning Commission prides itself in being able to assist all the cities, villages and townships in Stark County with their GIS and mapping needs.

In an effort to increase the use of GIS products, the department has truly embraced the word regional in RPC's name. The GIS department recently finished a set of maps and map books for the Village of Carrollton in Carroll County. The project was a great success and the agency looks forward to branching out with other services to those in need in surrounding counties.

Maps like the one shown here and many others from around the state continue to be submitted at the Ohio GIS Map Gallery Competition held annually every September at the Ohio GIS Conference.

Stark County Regional Planning Commission GIS Department has had the honor of heading up the mapping committee for the past three years. The Map Gallery has grown each year as the committee continues to find new ways to inspire the mapping professionals throughout the state.



An initiative was kicked off earlier this year to update the Stark County Bike Map that was created back in the 1980's. The current effort is to create a level of service map based on industry wide formula. This formula will use data such as speed limit, traffic volume, truck traffic and other necessary information. Level of service will refer to the type of rider recommended for a certain stretch of road, such as, beginner, intermediate or advanced. In an effort to make sure this information gets into the public's hands, the data will be published in two ways. A printed map will be available at a number of establishments around the county, and it will be published on the new ArcGIS Online map service. This will ensure that the bike data is easily accessible by using the AGO app on either a tablet or smartphone.



Historic Preservation

The RPC's part-time Historic Preservation Administrator reviews the agency's housing rehab and other CDBG projects to comply with federal regulations (Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) requiring considerations of their potential effect on historic properties. Under terms of a Programmatic Agreement with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO), this eliminates the need to otherwise submit all such projects to the OHPO, whose reviews usually take a minimum of one or more months for completion. Similar reviews are also performed under contract with the city of Canton.

Within Stark County and the city of Canton, 96 historic preservation reviews (plus 32 programmatic exclusions signed by SCRPC) were completed in 2014.



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Equal Employment

- Processed eight equal employment discrimination telephone calls
- Investigated county-wide employee complaints relating to equal employment issues
- Provided employee mediation services
- Assisted in the development of Equal Employment Opportunity plans for one county department

Fiscal

	2014 Actual Income	2015 Projected Income
Taxes	\$3,817.78	\$4,000.00
Charges for Services	\$7,209.80	\$7,750.00
Licenses and Permits	\$19,845.39	\$20,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	\$65,000.00	\$0.00
Intergovernmental - includes Federal, State, Local Reimbursements & Contract Services	\$1,720,531.50	\$2,164,659.00
Other Revenue	<u>\$9,582.20</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,825,986.67	\$2,196,409.00

	2014 Actual Expenses	2015 Projected Expenses
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,629,450.43	\$1,744,359.00
Supplies	\$36,963.88	\$58,195.00
Purchased Services	\$106,362.32	\$334,474.00
Capital Outlay	\$12,252.16	\$42,889.00
Other	<u>\$10,082.68</u>	<u>\$15,950.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,795,111.47	\$2,195,867.00

The Regional Planning Commission's financial records were audited in 2014 by State Auditor Dave Yost's office. The audit was completed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The audit had no findings or questioned costs for the year 2013.

2014 SCRPC Members

President: Anthony Peldunas

Vice-President: Robert Fonte

Secretary: Wayne Schillig

Executive Committee

Tom Bernabei, President - Commissioners

Brant Luther, County Administrator

John Ferrero Jr., County Prosecutor

Alan Andreani, City of Alliance

William J. Healy II, City of Canton

Kathy Catazaro-Perry, City of Massillon

*James Benekos, City of North Canton

*Maurice "Mort" DeHoff, Washington Township

*Robert Leach, Village of Magnolia

*Wayne Schillig, Marlboro Township

*Fred Abraham, County-at-Large

*David McAlister, County-at-Large

*Carl Rose, County-at-Large

*Ronald Revlock, County-at-Large

*Anthony Peldunas, County-at-Large

*Robert Fonte, CAC President/St. Co. Park District

* Personnel Committee

County Office Members (all ex officio)

Commissioners

Tom Bernabei

Janet Weir Creighton

Richard Regula

Administrator

Brant Luther

Sanitary Engineer

James Troike

Tom Davis, alt.

Engineer

Keith Bennett

Vincent Mueser, alt.

Health Commissioner

Kirk Norris

Todd Paulus, alt.

Stark County Park District

Robert Fonte

Prosecutor

John Ferrero, Jr.

Michael Bickis, alt.

Deborah Dawson, alt.

Ross Rhodes, alt.

City Members

Alliance

Mayor Alan Andreani

Canal Fulton

Mayor Richard Harbaugh

Johnson Belford

Mark Cozy, alt.

Canton

Mayor William Healy, II

Samuel Sliman, alt.

Amy Dreussi

Kevin Kennard

Dan Moeglin

Rhoderick Simpson

Louisville

Mayor Patricia Fallot

Vince Marion, alt.

Massillon

Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry

Keith Dylewski

Larry Marcus

James Johnson, alt.

Jason Haines, alt.

Dave Maley, alt.

North Canton

Mayor David Held

James Benekos

County Appointments

Fred Abraham

David McAlister

Erik Parker

Anthony Peldunas

Ronald Revlock

Carl Rose

Robert Sanderson

Members Continued

Township Members

Bethlehem

William McGovern

Canton

Christopher Nichols

William Mittas

Phyllis Schwinn, alt.

Hallie Umpleby, alt.

Jackson

Todd Hawke

John Pizzino

James Walters

Ralph Boger, alt.

Marilyn Lyon, alt.

Joni Poindexter, alt.

Lake

Ellis Erb

Galen Stoll

John Arnold, alt.

Lexington

Linda Chain

James Mathews

Marlboro

Wayne Schillig

Nimishillen

Lou Johnson

Dale Riggerbach

Lisa Shafer, alt.

Osnaburg

Kris Vincent

Brenda Griffith, alt.

Pike

Douglas Baum

Plain

Louis Giavasis

Scott Haws

Albert Leno

Lisa Campbell, alt.

Sandy

Bruce Weisburn

Washington

Maurice "Mort" DeHoff

Village Members

Beach City

Mayor Connie White

Brewster

Mayor Mike Schwab

East Canton

Mayor Kathleen Almasy

East Sparta

Mayor Mike Stephens

Hartville

Mayor Richard Currie

Rob Graham, alt.

Hills & Dales

Mayor Mark Samolczyk

Limaville

Mayor Troy Hansen

Magnolia

Mayor Robert Leach

Meyers Lake

Mayor Diana Stadelman

Minerva

Mayor James Waller

David Harp, alt.

Navarre

Mayor Robert Benson

Waynesburg

Mayor Kenneth Flesher

Larry Hawkins, alt.

Wilmot

Mayor Kenneth Posey

2014 Committees

SCATS Policy Committee

Chair: Keith Bennett

Vice-Chair: Keith Dylewski

Members

Alan Andreani
Tom Ault
William Bartos
Keith Bennett
Tom Bernabei
Ralph Boger
Jonathan Chastek
Janet Weir Creighton
Charles DeGraff
Dennis Fulk
Richard Harbaugh
William J. Healy II
David Held
Dan Moeglin
Andrea Perry
Kathy Catazaro Perry
Richard Regula
Anthony Urankar

Alternates

Chris Barnes
James Benekos
Rick Bodenschatz
Curtis Bungard
Kirt Conrad
Mark Cozy
Sherri Douglas
Keith Dylewski
Brant Luther
James Kinnick
Nick Loukas
Vince Marion
Joe Mazzola
Greg McCue
Steve Rebillot
Dave Torrence

Audit Committee

President: Anthony Peldunas

Vice-President: Robert Fonte

Secretary: Wayne Schillig

Fred Abraham

David McAlister

Citizens' Advisory Council

President: Robert Fonte

Vice-President: Jonathan Chastek

Members: all citizens working/residing in Stark County

Technical Advisory Committee

Chair: Dan Moeglin

James Adams
Tom Ault
James Benekos
Keith Bennett
Curtis Bungard
Kirt Conrad
Mark Cozy
Keith Dylewski
James Kinnick, alt.

Nick Loukas, alt.
Vince Marion, alt.
Dan Moeglin
Rick McQueen
Robert Nau
Steve Rebillot, alt.
David Torrence
Anthony Urankar

Subdivision Review Subcommittee

Chair: Ron Revlock, County-at-Large

Curtis Bungard, City of Alliance

Fonda Williams, City of Canton

Matt Bailey, alt.

Jason Haines, City of Massillon

Bruce Bernhard, City of North Canton

Todd Paulus, Stark County Health Department

Keith Bennett, Stark County Engineer

Vincent Mueser, alt.

James Troike, Stark County Sanitary Engineer

Tom Davis, alt.

Julie Berbari, Stark County Soil & Water

Conservation District- resigned 10/14

Richard Rohn, Stark County Soil & Water

Conservation District

Bill Sliwinski, Jackson Township Resident

(plus any interested RPC member)

2014 Planning Staff

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SCATS

Jeff Dutton, P.E., P.S.
Technical Director/Engineer
Dan Slicker, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
Jeff Dotson
Principal Planner
Karl Lucas
Senior Planner
Rick Keyes
Transportation Planner

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Community Development Planner
Natalie McCleskey
Continuum of Care (CoC) Planner
Jill Ross
Housing Counselor
Steve Williams
Senior Housing Rehab Specialist
Jeff Bartolone
Housing Rehab Inspector

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Fair Housing Coordinator

Fiscal

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Fiscal Officer

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Regional Planner
Malia Morrison
Community Relations Planner

Subdivision Engineering

Joe Underwood, P.E., P.S.
Subdivision Engineer

GIS

Sean Phillips, GISP
GIS Coordinator

Special Projects

Mary Lee Sponseller

Office Management

Jill Gerber
Office Manager
Jennifer Young
Secretary

Staff Attorney

Dave Thorley