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Frank T. Bow Building Deed Transfer

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Retired Congressman Ralph Regula
sharing some history of the building



Commissioner Dr. Peter Ferguson accepting
the deed from GSA's Ann P. Kaliyal

A commemorative ceremony for the conveyance of the Frank T. Bow Federal Building to the County was held on November 29th. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) granted the landmark property to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the benefit of the public and for historic monument purposes. The County plans to utilize the building as government office space for various programs of the Common Pleas Court and for the Public Defender's Office.

The Bow Building, located at 201 Cleveland Avenue SW in downtown Canton, was built in 1933 as the original Canton Post Office. Over the last 80 years, the building has housed various offices such as the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, military recruitment offices, the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Marshal's Service, just to name a few. The lobby of the Bow Building showcases 13 large murals from the 1930s depicting various steel manufacturing scenes.

Dr. Ann P. Kaliyal, the GSA Regional Administrator, presented the deed for the Bow Building to Commissioner Dr. Peter Ferguson in a ceremony that also included remarks from retired Congressman Ralph Regula, Presiding Judge John Haas, and Court Administrator Marc Warner. The Stark County Regional Planning Commission provided feasibility studies and grant application assistance throughout the conveyance process.

OPWC Projects Approved for 2012

The District 19 Public Works Integrating Committee (OPWC) met on November 17, 2011 to review the program year projects. The following projects were approved by the committee:

SCIP

The following projects will be funded under the State Capital Improvement Program and funds will be available in July 2012.

Applicant: City of North Canton
Project: Water Tower Painting

Project Cost: \$398,000
OPWC Funds: \$398,000

The City of North Canton will receive a loan to fund the painting and repair of the 750,000 gallon water tower. The project consists of exterior repainting with a zinc epoxy. The project also includes various health and safety upgrades to the tower.

Applicant: City of North Canton
Project: Sanitary Sewer Lining Program

Project Cost: \$496,918
OPWC Funds: \$496,918

The City of North Canton will receive a loan to fund the lining of sanitary sewer lines in the southwest part of the City. The project includes cleaning existing sewers and installation of a cured in place pipe liner system. Approximately 670 feet of 8 to 18 inch pipe will be lined.

Applicant: City of Alliance
Project: SR 183 Grade Lowering

Project Cost: \$6,155,396
OPWC Funds: \$534,693

The City of Alliance will receive a grant for improvements to Union Avenue (SR 183). The primary component of the project is the lowering of the grade beneath the railroad bridge. The project also includes improvements to the Main St. and Ely St. intersections.

Applicant: City of Alliance
Project: Water Plant UV Lights

Project Cost: \$2,364,100
OPWC Funds: \$1,182,050

The City of Alliance will receive a loan to add an Ultraviolet Light Oxidation process to the existing water treatment plant. Two UV light reactors will be added in series along existing water lines. This process improves taste and odor as well as reduces bacteria.

Applicant: Stark County
Project: Baum St. Bridge

Project Cost: \$730,000
OPWC Funds: \$600,000

The County Engineer will receive a loan for the replacement of the bridge on Baum Street over the Nimishillen Creek in Canton Township. The project will replace the existing bridge superstructure with a new concrete deck and approach slabs. The existing bridge was built in 1957.

Applicant: City of Canal Fulton
Project: Wooster St. Storm Sewer

Project Cost: \$145,000
OPWC Funds: \$145,000

The City of Canal Fulton will receive a loan for the construction of the Wooster St. Storm Sewer. The project consists of a 2,400 cubic yard retention basin and 500 feet of 18" storm sewer. The project is in the southwest portion of the City and ends at an existing storm sewer near the intersection of Wooster and Alabama Court.

Applicant: Village of East Sparta
Project: Water Plant Relocation

Project Cost: \$4,065,161
OPWC Funds: \$1,000,000

The Village of East Sparta will receive a loan for the relocation and replacement of the water treatment plant and main distribution lines. The project consists of a 200,000 gallon per day treatment facility, new wellfield and 200,000 gallon storage facility and associated piping.

Applicant: Village of Hartville
Project: West Maple Signal Coordination

Project Cost: \$403,000
OPWC Funds: \$76,600

The Village of Hartville will receive a grant for the West Maple St (SR 619) Signal Coordination. The project will upgrade, interconnect and coordinate four traffic signals. The project's limits are Market St. to Kent Avenue. The system will utilize a radio based interconnect system and includes four LED signals with back plates.

Applicant: Stark County/Canton
Project: 55th St. NE Bridge

Project Cost: \$2,733,637
OPWC Funds: \$886,637

The County will receive a grant for the replacement of the bridge over Nimishillen Creek on 55th St NE. The original bridge was built in 1955 and severely damaged during a flooding event in the spring of 2011. A one lane temporary bridge is now in place. The project includes the left turn lane and the replacement of a Canton water line damaged in the flooding.

Applicant: Stark County
Project: Sanitary Sewer Project 567, Plain Interceptor

Project Cost: \$2,050,000
OPWC Funds: \$1,020,000

This combination loan and grant will allow the Sanitary Sewer District to proceed with Project #567. The project consists of the construction of a trunk sewer in southern Plain Township. A 43 year old damaged section of sanitary sewer will be replaced with a 42" trunk sewer. An additional 2,440 feet will be repaired with a cure in place pipe lining system.

LTIP

The following projects will be funded under the Local Transportation Improvement Program and funds for these projects will be available July 1, 2012.

Applicant: Stark County/Jackson Twp.
Project: Frank Avenue Widening, Ph. 2

Project Cost: \$3,142,940
OPWC Funds: \$1,500,000

The Stark County Engineer will receive a grant for the widening of Frank Avenue from north of Portage St. to north of Applegrove in Jackson Township. Frank Avenue will be widened from 2 to 4, 5, and 6 lanes. Additionally the intersection of Frank and Huckleberry will be upgraded with a profile adjustment.

Applicant: Jackson Twp./Stark County
Project: Lake O Springs/Brunnerdale Paving

Project Cost: \$696,692
OPWC Funds: \$150,000

Jackson Township will receive a grant for a joint project with Stark County. Brunnerdale will be repaved from Hills & Dales to Fulton. Lake O Springs will be repaved from Fulton to Shuffel. The existing pavement will be ground and repaired where necessary.

Applicant: City of North Canton
Project: Main St. Signal Coordination

Project Cost: \$807,250
OPWC Funds: \$201,450

The City will receive a grant for a project to coordinate traffic signals on Main Street. The project will begin at Everhard and extend to Applegrove. The project will interconnect individual traffic signals within the Main St. corridor. A few intersections will require the installation of a 5-section signal head to allow for left turn phases.

Applicant: Stark County/Jackson Twp.
Project: Dressler Road Paving

Project Cost: \$557,672
OPWC Funds: \$150,000

The County will receive a grant for a joint project with Jackson Township. Dressler will be repaved from Fulton Drive to Everhard Road. The existing pavement will be ground and repaired where necessary.

Applicant: Canton Twp./Meyers Lake
Project: North Park Ave. Improvement

Project Cost: \$91,879
OPWC Funds: \$45,021

The Township will receive a grant for a joint project with the Village of Meyers Lake. The project includes the full depth removal and replacement of the pavement on North Park Avenue from Parkway NW to Sally Ann NW. There will also be two dry wells installed and improvements made to the existing storm water drainage system. Contact Jeff Dotson at 330-451-7402 for information about OPWC projects.

Facebook



SCRPC recently launched a new page on Facebook. All of our latest meetings, projects, events, photos, and information will be posted. We welcome your comments and suggestions.



Save the Date

SCRPC, in conjunction with the Stark County's Prosecutor's Office, will be sponsoring a **Governmental Law Seminar on Saturday, February 18, 2012**. The seminar will be from 9:00 - 2:00 at Walsh University's Barrett Center. Topics will include: Sustainable Planning, Nuisance Abatement, Fundamentals of Zoning, Agricultural Preservation & Zoning, Complete Streets & Aging, Village Concerns, Variances & Non-Conforming Uses, and Internet Cafes.

An **Ohio Sunshine Law Training Session will be held Thursday April 26, 2012** at Stark Parks' Education Gateway. The Ohio Attorney General's Office will be presenting the training and certification will be given to those who complete the 3-hour session. This free training will be from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

RPC's Annual Dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at Skyland Pines. The guest speaker will be Bob Fonte, Executive Director of Stark County Park District.

Marine Corps Facility Earns LEED Platinum Rating

Camp Pendleton, CA is home to the largest Marine Corps base on the West Coast. The 125,000-acre base is considered a top-notch training facility. Included on its grounds is the Wounded Warrior Battalion-West. This \$24 million, 66,000-square-foot facility provides assistance to wounded, injured, and ill Marines. It aims to minimize long-term problems and get Marines back on their feet.

Camp Pendleton is the largest undeveloped area along the southern California coastline. There are tremendous efforts across the military bases nationwide to adopt sustainability practices, including a trend toward conforming to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) building standards.

The base needed to focus on a system that would not only meet but exceed the new stormwater regulations.

With the Wounded Warrior facility spanning approximately six acres, and the given pollutants of concern, a more sophisticated treatment system was needed. Pollutants of concern for the site included sediments, dissolved metals, dissolved phosphorus, nitrates, soaps, and oil and grease.

To address the challenges, Bio Clean Environmental incorporated the Nutrient Separating Baffle Box (NSBB) with an advanced Up Flow Media Filter. The NSBB- Up Flow Media Filter is a self-contained three stage

treatment system with an inclined screening system that stores gross solids and trash in a dry state to eliminate nutrient leaching and minimize maintenance costs. This filter media is capable of removing 69% of dissolved phosphorus, along with high levels of bacteria, dissolved metals and other hard-to-remove pollutants.

All runoff is collected by multiple catch basins and drains to a single 24-inch HDPE pipe before entering the treatment system. After being filtered through the media, the treated runoff flows into a collection pipe to be discharged into a detention basin. The cost of the system was just under \$60,000.

After experiencing severe storms, the Nutrient Separating Baffle Box they installed performed exceptionally well removing trash, debris, and large sediments.



With more than 1,000 species of plants, fish, and animals, some of which are threatened or endangered, the base makes protection of wildlife and habitat a top priority. This project earned the base a LEED Platinum certification, using features like cool roof technology, low-emitting carpet and paint materials, and operable windows to reduce heating and cooling needs.

Stormwater
November/December 2011

Neighborhood Stabilization Program Update

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) is continuing to implement the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) in Stark County by working with local partners to purchase, rehabilitate and resell vacant and foreclosed homes. Since the inception of the program to date, the following has occurred:

- * 20 vacant, foreclosed properties, purchased and rehabilitated and subsequently 13 sold to qualified households
- * made homeownership a reality for 14 families after having provided down payment assistance and housing counseling for them
- * demolished 12 blighted structures
- In selling the 14 properties, the County has received in excess of \$1.3 million in program income
- Satisfaction of a demolition lien brought an additional \$3,850
- A proposed amendment has been approved and adopted by the Board of Stark County Commissioners to allocate \$500,000 to Aquisition/Rehab/Turnkey- the properties will be turned over to a non-profit agency to rent to low income veterans and their families

See the Road Conditions and Traffic Before You Get There



Now that bad weather is here, remember to go to www.buckeyetraffic.org for winter road conditions on roads maintained by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). At this website you can also see data from road sensors, images from highway traffic cameras, text from highway message signs, traffic speed in congested areas, and more.

Stark County Storm Water Conveyance System Mapping



As part of the Ohio EPA's NPDES General Permit, Stark County is required to implement a program by January 29, 2014 to detect and eliminate any illicit discharges from the storm water conveyance systems that the County owns and operates. Only the urbanized areas of the County are under the current permit.

In order to meet this requirement it was necessary that the County's existing storm water conveyance systems be mapped with the location of every outfall determined. An outfall being the point location where the system discharges to the surface waters of the State of Ohio. Each outfall is required to be monitored as well as tested when the discharge is suspect to insure no illicit discharge is occurring. Monitoring of the County's outfalls is currently being done by the Stark County Health Department.

The County's permitted storm water conveyance systems includes those various facilities and roadways owned and operated by the County within the urbanized area. Some of the County facilities mapped include the Engineers Office Main Facility, Engineers Outposts, Safety Building and Sanitary Engineers Main Facility to name a few. There were 141 miles of County roadways mapped.

This mapping has been ongoing over the last two years and just recently completed by Joe Underwood. All of the data collected was verified by field inspection and subsequently recorded as part of the County's overall GIS map. In total, the County's current storm water conveyance system consists of 4,292 catch basins, 756 manholes, 648,550 lineal feet of storm sewers, 477,676 lineal feet of ditches, 12 best management water quality practices and 515 outfalls.

More information on the County's entire Storm Water Management Program can be viewed on the Board of Stark County Commissioner's website:

http://www.co.stark.oh.us/internet/docs/commissioners/Storm_Water_Management_2009-2014.pdf

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application Review Process

The application deadline for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014, was Wednesday, November 2nd at Noon. A total of 23 applications were received from various municipalities and non-profit agencies. All applications submitted were deemed eligible for CDBG funding and are currently being reviewed. After being studied by staff and the CDBG Application Review Committee, a meeting will be held to present the results and rankings of these applications/projects to the public.

The 23 applications requested just over \$3,200,000 in CDBG funding for use over the next three fiscal years. During FY 2012-2014 (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015), it is expected that \$500,000 - \$700,000 will be available each year for use by applicants (the total CDBG yearly allocation is expected to be in the range of \$1,170,000). Thus, many of the eligible applications will fall below the funding threshold and will be unable to be funded. Also, CDBG regulations allow a maximum of 15% of the total CDBG allocation to be utilized for public service type activities, i.e. operation of homeless shelter programs, legal services for low-to-moderate income persons, parenting programs, family enhancement programs, etc., consequently less than \$175,500 will be allocated toward these types of projects during each of the three fiscal years.

After the public meeting is held to present application ranking results, a public hearing will be held in early spring with the Board of Stark County Commissioners to present the proposed FY 2012-2014 CDBG program. At that time, a 30-day comment period will commence; the Board of Commissioners will defer a final decision on the CDBG funding program until this comment period is completed. After Board adoption, the program will then be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and acceptance. Once CDBG funding becomes available for use after July 1, 2012, funded applications/projects will then commence.

Though CDBG applications are only accepted every three years, it is never too early to start planning for the next round. The CDBG program will again accept applications during the fall of 2014, so if your municipality, non-profit, or for-profit agency is interested in future CDBG funding, now is the time to begin development. Though an application workshop won't take place until mid-to-late summer 2014 for potential CDBG applicants, the CDBG staff is available to discuss your future application ideas between now and then. You can call Lynn Carlone, Community Development Administrator at 330-451-7774 or Beth Pearson, Chief of Community Development at 330-451-7395, to discuss future projects.

Stark County's FY 2012 HOME Funding



The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is under contract to the Board of Stark County Commissioners to administer the Stark County HOME program. Stark County receives this federal funding as a direct entitlement grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Last year, the County received approximately \$826,257 in HOME funding. It is expected that the HOME program will take at least a 37% cut in FY '12, thus the County will receive approximately \$520,542 in their HOME allocation. This funding will be available for use between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013.

Stark County participates in the HOME program as a consortium with both of the cities of Massillon and Alliance, thus a portion of Stark County's HOME funding will be provided to each. The cities will receive 18.35% and 20.25%, respectively, of the HOME allocation for use in their jurisdictions.

HOME eligible activities are housing-related projects that benefit low-and moderate-income persons/households. Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) are encouraged to apply. The County plans to allocate up to \$78,082 of HOME funding to such activities.

A HOME "Request for Proposal" workshop was held on November 16th, with applications for this upcoming HOME program being due by Friday, January 13th at Noon. After the applications are received, they will be reviewed; a decision in regard to the 2012 program is expected to be presented to the public by mid-March, with a public hearing to take place in early April presenting the proposed program to the Board of Stark County Commissioners. For questions about the HOME program, please contact Lynn Carlone, Community Development Administrator at 330-451-7774.



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January

3	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
3	SCRPC	7:30 PM
23	SCATS	1:30 PM

February

6	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
7	SCRPC	7:30 PM
27	SCATS	1:30 PM

March

5	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
6	SCRPC	7:30 PM
26	SCATS	1:30 PM

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