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Planning Progress

Draft SCATS Crash Report Completed

SCATS has completed the latest Stark County Crash Report and Safety Work Plan based on data from the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT's) online Crash Analysis Module (CAM) Tool.

The study incorporates an analysis of crash data for the past three years (2023, 2022, and 2021) with geographic data to identify intersections and road segments that are dangerous. The report lists rankings for roads and intersections for each community in Stark County as well as a top-ten list which includes more detailed information. This data has resulted in a number of scheduled (and completed) projects to make traveling in Stark County safer.

Below is a table of the Top-Ranked Dangerous Intersections in Stark County:

Jurisdiction	1ST STREET	2ND STREET	2023	2022	2021	3 Yr	Possible Injury	Non Incapacitating Injury	Incapacitating Injury	Total Injury	Total Fatal	2023 ADT	Crashes Per Year	Hazard Rating
ODOT	US 30 Trump Ave	Lincoln St SR 172	16	26	26	68	8	8	1	17	0	27,800	22.67	57.12
ODOT	SR173	Paris Ave	6	11	6	23	4	9	2	15	0	6,140	7.67	56.22
Canton	13th/12th St NW	I-77 Ramps Mercy Hosp.	26	20	19	65	5	4	0	9	0	21,040	21.67	54.51
ODOT	SR172	Perry Dr	16	20	32	68	11	7	1	19	0	30,760	22.67	52.96
Canton	US 62	Harmont Ave/Lesh St	34	26	29	89	6	13	1	20	0	38,780	29.67	52.24
County	Everhard Rd	Whipple Ave	28	20	38	86	15	10	0	25	0	39,075	28.67	51.15
ODOT	I-77	Belden Village & Whipple	15	30	32	77	9	12	1	22	0	38,350	25.67	49.62
County	Portage St	Strip Ave	14	26	23	63	4	6	0	10	0	23,200	21.00	49.01
County	Frank Ave	Portage St	18	28	17	63	6	11	1	18	0	32,035	21.00	46.26
Canton	15th St NE	Walnut Ave NE	8	5	5	18	3	3	1	7	0	3,250	6.00	46.05

Moving Stark Forward 2050 Plan

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) and Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS) are excited to launch the update to the Stark County 2050 Transportation Plan.

The long-range transportation plan is one of several plans required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in order to qualify projects to receive federal funds. It includes road, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle projects for at least the next twenty years.

The long-range plan is created by asking your local township, village, and city governments; the Stark County Engineer; the Ohio Department of Transportation; adjoining counties, and the public to incorporate everyone's transportation needs in one place.

To see what is proposed through the year 2050, you can use the online interactive map at:

<https://scrpc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingPolling/index.html?appid=62593b0e22a04131a621791739bfb44e>

or click this link: [Stark County 2050 Interactive Map](#)

Once you are at the map you will see a “key” identifying the types of projects. When you close that box, you can “left click” on a project marked on the map or from the list on the right of your screen. To see the key again, “left click” on the question mark at the top right of your screen. Note: the “Filter list by map” does not function at this time.

To leave general comments or ideas for projects “right click” on “General Public Comments” at the top of the list of projects.

You can also email or leave a message to Karl Lucas, Senior Planner, at kblucas@starkcountyohio.gov or (330) 451-7386.

The SCATS staff has been seeking input throughout the county.



Community Transportation Planning Studies Selected

SCATS is pleased to announce that two new local transportation planning studies are in progress after accepting applications this August. Both are for school travel plans; studies that are required in order to qualify for funds from ODOT to make improvements to encourage children to walk and bicycle to school.

The city of Canton applied for a study for Plain Local's Frazer Elementary and Glenwood Intermediate Schools. These schools are on the north side of Canton in areas that may have gaps in pedestrian facilities. Canton City Schools were recently awarded \$500,000 as a result of the school travel plan completed this past year that SCATS assisted in funding. Improvements will be made around Crenshaw Middle School and Gibbs and Youtz Elementary Schools. Hopefully this plan will also result in improvements to increase the safety of students as they travel to school on the north side of the city.

The village of Brewster applied for a study to update the Fairless School Travel Plan that was completed in 2018. That plan resulted in Fairless Local Schools receiving more than \$300,000 from ODOT for a shared-use path between the Fairless Elementary and Middle Schools and a crossing on US 62 between the old high school bus drive and the middle school. Plans must be updated every five years to qualify for funding and to incorporate any changes in local conditions. The village of Brewster should be commended for the more than \$500,000 in pedestrian infrastructure work that they have expended over the past five years. More than \$1 million in total for shared-use paths, crosswalks and other improvements has been spent to make the village and schools a more walkable and bikeable community.

CDBG Funding

Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) administers grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the Board of Stark County Commissioners. Annually, SCRPC holds virtual workshops for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs which commence the open application periods.

A virtual CDBG application workshop was held on August 9, 2024 for the FY 2025-2027 funding cycle. The FY 2025 HOME workshop will be held virtually on October 4, 2024 at 9:00am.

See some common Question & Answers regarding these programs below.

Who can apply for funding?



CDBG funding is available to nonprofit organizations, public and private for-profit organizations, institutions of higher learning, and Community Based Development Organizations (CBDOs), just to name a few. All political subdivisions within Stark County except the cities of Canton, Massillon, Alliance and the villages of Hills & Dales and Wilmot may apply for county CDBG funds. HOME funding is available to non-profit organizations, sponsors, developers, and public housing authorities.

What activities are eligible?

CDBG has vast pool of eligible activities. For more information on eligible activities, we suggest you visit the [HUD Exchange](#). HOME funding is exclusively limited to housing related activities such as new construction or housing rehabilitation.



When are applications due?



CDBG applications are due October 18, 2024 at 12:00pm. HOME Applications are due December 6, 2024 at 12:00pm. For more information on how to submit an application, please visit the Stark County Regional Planning Commission [website](#) and review the workshop materials.

How much funding is available?

Stark County received approximately \$1.3 million of CDBG funds and slightly more than \$800,000 of HOME funding in FY 2024. Annual allocations fluctuate slightly.



Who should I contact for questions?



Please contact Lisa Snyder, Senior Community Development Planner lsnyder@starkcountyohio.gov or Diane Sheridan, Chief of Community Development dmsheridan@starkcountyohio.gov for CDBG or HOME related questions.



Housing Rehabilitation Assistance



Attention Stark County Homeowners!

Stark County Regional Planning Commission operates a housing rehabilitation program for qualified homeowners in Stark County. Program funds are received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. Projects cannot exceed \$25,000.00 and are limited to owner occupants of single-family homes outside the cities of Canton, Massillon, Alliance, and the villages of Hills & Dales and Wilmot. Homeowners must live in the home for one year to be eligible and total household income must be at or below 80% of the current Area Median Income (AMI). The purpose of this program is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing for low- to-moderate-income homeowners. General home remodeling is not permitted.

Eligible assistance may consist of:

Emergency and Accessibility

- Urgent housing deficiencies that are a threat to the health and safety of the occupants as determined by the Housing Rehab Specialist are addressed. These could include items such as accessibility projects (e.g. wheelchair ramp, roll-in shower), water service issues, HVAC, plumbing, electrical and severe roofing issues. Projects cannot exceed \$25,000.00 and are provided as a grant.

Full Rehabilitation

- These projects must bring a property up to applicable property standards and will address health and safety deficiencies first. Items such as windows and exterior doors may be permitted. Total project cost cannot exceed \$25,000.00 with half (\$12,500.00) provided as a grant and half (\$12,500.00) provided as a zero percent interest deferred loan.

Septic/Sewer

- Projects will connect homes to the county sanitary sewer system or repair or replace the septic system where sanitary sewer does not exist. Homeowners will receive assistance in the amount necessary to either repair or install a new septic system. Assistance is provided in the form of a zero percent interest deferred loan.

Multiple project types may be permitted. For program information or eligibility information, please contact Jill Ross, Housing Counselor at jeross@starkcountyohio.gov or 330-451-7399.



Stark County Fair Housing

The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to consider race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or familial status in rental, sales or mortgage lending.



DID YOU
KNOW?

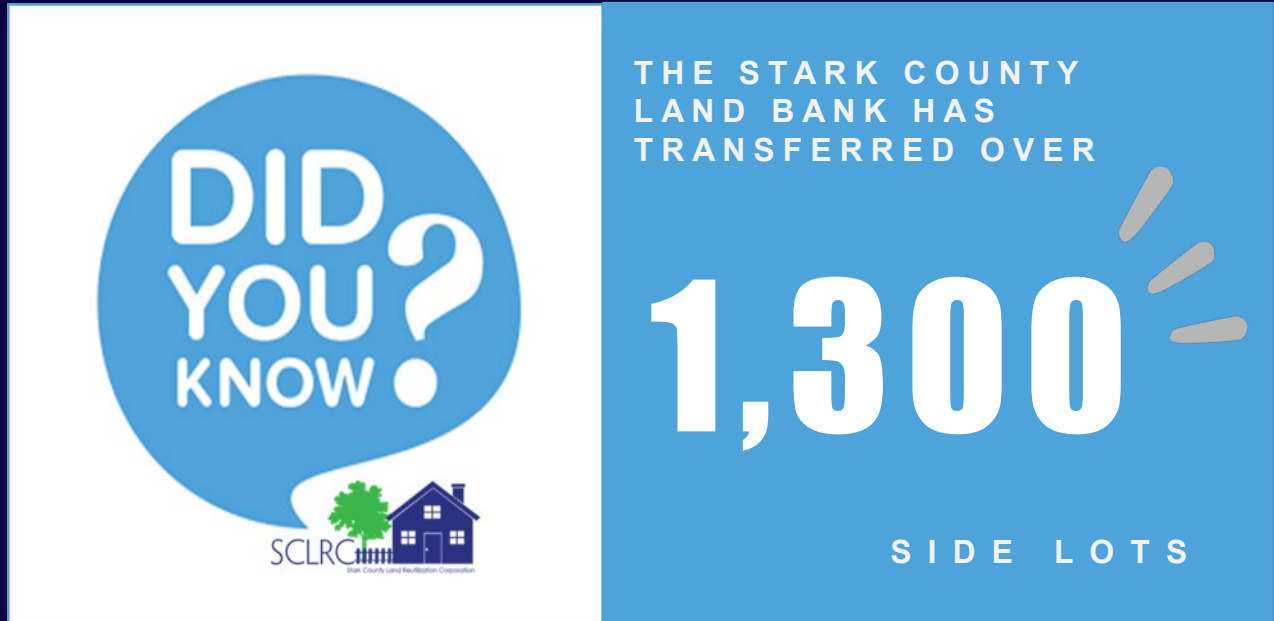
HOUSING DISCRIMINATION
IS ***ILLEGAL!***

It is illegal to:

- Steer families to certain floors, buildings, or neighborhoods.
- Have rules that target or restrict children.
- Deny housing or evict because you have a child or are pregnant
- Charge higher rent or an additional deposit because you need a service animal to assist with your disability.
- Refuse to make reasonable accommodations/modifications for persons with disabilities.
- Use overbroad criminal history-related bans.
- Deny individuals because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Utilize land-use regulations or actions that treat groups of persons with disabilities less favorably than groups of non-disabled persons.
- Deflate property values through appraisals.
- Have unwelcomed and uninvited sexual advances by a landlord towards a tenant.

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, contact the Stark County Fair Housing Department at (330) 451-7775.

Land Bank Side Lot Program



DID YOU KNOW?

THE STARK COUNTY LAND BANK HAS TRANSFERRED OVER

1,300

SIDE LOTS

SCLRG Stark County Land Bank

THESE PREVIOUSLY ABANDONED LOTS ARE NOW BEING MAINTAINED BY THEIR NEW OWNERS & ARE BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS.

IS THERE AN EMPTY LOT BESIDE YOUR HOME THAT IS TAX DELINQUENT?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT IF IT QUALIFIES!

starkcountylandbank.org

Creek Clean Up Canceled

The annual Nimishillen Creek LEAP (Litter Elimination Awareness and Prevention) Clean Up is typically held the 3rd Saturday in September. Unfortunately, it was unable to take place this year. It will be back next year – watch for details!

October

7	Subdivision Review	1:30 AM
8	SCRPC	7:00 PM
28	SCATS	1:30 PM

November

4	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
5	SCRPC	7:00 PM
25	SCATS	1:30 PM

December

2	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
3	SCRPC	7:00 PM

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