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Planning Progress

Stark County Regional Planning Commission's Annual Dinner

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) will be holding its Annual Dinner on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the Holiday Inn (Belden Village) and all local officials and residents are encouraged to attend. A cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 7:00 p.m.

This year's guest speaker will be President & CEO of Visit Canton, Allyson Bussey. The title of her speech is "The Power of Tourism" which will focus on the true economic value of tourism in the region. It will highlight the many destinations that are driving visitor spending in Stark County.

Plan now to attend. Registration deadline is March 11th. The cost per person is \$43. For additional information or to register, please call 330-451-7405 or email mrwatkins@starkcountyohio.gov.

2024 Governmental Law Seminar

Save the Date!

Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**R. G. Drage
Career Technical Center
2800 Richville Dr. SE
Massillon, OH 44646**

Sessions

The Future of Solar Development in Ohio - Keynote Address
Land Bank
RPC Grants
Sunshine Law
Basics of Zoning
Employment Law
Nuisance Abatement
Fair Housing in Zoning
Contracting with a Public Entity
Public Records and Records Retention
Stark County Off Road Drainage/Ditches Program
Cultivating an Understanding of Agricultural Exemptions

Participating Agencies



STARK COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION



Ohio

Power Siting
Board

Healthy Aging Grant

The Community Development Department has been given the opportunity to work with new one-time funding. Through an administration agreement with the Board of Stark County Commissioners, Regional Planning will be administering a Healthy Aging Grant provided by the Ohio Department of Aging. The intent of the funding is to enable older residents (60 years of age and older) to stay in their homes, maintain connections with their communities, preserve personal assets and foster a healthy, independent and active lifestyle. The county has received an allocation of \$1,041,703 and funds are to be used in the following manner:



Ohio's 2023-2026 State Plan on Aging Priorities



If you would like to receive notification about grant funding opportunities, contact Lisa Snyder at lsnyder@starkcountyohio.gov to be added to the stakeholder email list.

Ohio Public Works Commission Update

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) offers grants and loans to local governments for public infrastructure improvements. Eligible applicants include counties, cities, townships, villages, water and wastewater districts. The program is divided into two main categories; State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP). Of the annual statewide SCIP allocation, \$20 million is set aside for the Small Government Program established for villages and townships with populations in the unincorporated areas of less than 5,000 in population.

The State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) was created in 1987 and renewed in 1995, 2005 and 2014 by amendments of the Ohio Constitution. Funding is provided through grants, loans, and loan assistance or local debt support. Grants are available for up to 90% of the total project costs for repair/replacement, and up to 50% for new/expansion. Loans can be provided for up to 100% of the project costs. Grant/loan combinations are also available. There is no minimum or maximum loan amount with a term of one to 30 years, not exceeding the useful life of the project. The interest rate is 0%.

The Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) was created by the legislature in 1989. The OPWC currently receives less than one penny of the annual gasoline tax receipts (approximately \$61 million). Since the use of such receipts is constitutionally limited to roads and bridges, only counties, cities, villages and townships may apply for these funds. Applicants may apply for grants up to 100% of the project cost.

This year's SCIP winning applications were as follows:

1. Canton – Perry Heights water main replacement - \$1,500,000 in funding
2. Louisville – Steeplechase storm sewer and sanitary repairs - \$1,500,000 in funding
3. Canton – Harter Heights water line replacement - \$1,500,000 in funding
4. Stark County Engineers – Beaumont Ave. bridge replacement - \$204,000 in funding
5. Plain Township – Orion St. NW stormwater improvements - \$1,394,800 in funding
6. North Canton – Arrowhead water supply well installation - \$1,500,000 in funding

This year's LTIP winning applications were as follows:

1. Stark County Engineers – Dressler Rd. improvements - \$1,252,820 in funding
2. North Canton – East Maple St. repaving - \$250,000 in funding
3. Massillon – Lincoln Way improvements - \$379,383 in funding

Four applications were submitted for Small Government funding consideration:

1. Brewster – West Main St. reconstruction - \$293,700 in requested funding
2. Brewster – Tuscarawas Ave. repaving - \$99,982 in requested funding
3. Marlboro Township – Osborne Ave. repaving - \$203,130 in requested funding
4. Osnaburg Township – Parks Ave. repaving - \$98,357 in requested funding

Stormwater Update



The theme for Stark County's Stormwater Education Program this year is "It's Not too Hard to Clean Up Your Yard."

The Public Involvement/Public Education (P.I.P.E.) Committee has decided to undertake several of the same successful activities as in the past. There will be a Coloring/Billboard Contest for grades K-5, a booth at the Stark County Home & Garden Show, a radio advertising campaign, a new brochure, workshops, the Nimishillen Creek LEAP (Litter, Elimination, Awareness, and Prevention) CleanUp, and presentations as requested.

For more information, contact Malia Burgasser at 330-451-7405 or visit our website at www.rpc.starkcountyohio.gov.

January

8	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
9	SCRPC	7:00 PM
22	SCATS	1:30 PM

February

5	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
6	SCRPC	7:00 PM
26	SCATS	1:30 PM

March

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

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