



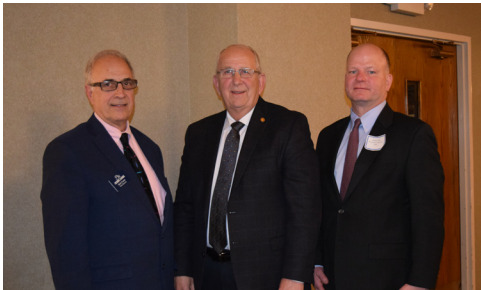
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Annual Dinner

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Over 150 guests attended this year’s Annual Dinner at Skyland Pines on March 15th. This year’s guest speaker was Richard Jusseaume, President of Walsh University. Jusseaume’s presentation was titled “Growth with a Purpose.” He gave the history of the university back to its origins and incorporated the RPC mission statement into his message as he stressed the importance of having a “Mission, Vision, and Passion” to be truly successful.

During his tenure, full-time undergraduate enrollment has increased by more than 80%, while academically the University has more than doubled its number of undergraduate majors and launched its first doctorate programs. Propelled by his leadership, Walsh has also raised more than \$50 million, and the University’s endowment has grown from \$2 million to more than \$22 million in 2016. Over the past 15 years, the number of buildings on Walsh’s North Canton campus has more than doubled from 11 to 26 buildings on 136 park-like acres, with 10 residence halls, state-of-the-art athletic facilities and new academic buildings equipped with the latest technology. With his guidance, Walsh also expanded internationally with the additions of a campus in Rome, Italy, and a Master’s program in Uganda. President Jusseaume is currently spearheading the We Believe Campaign for Walsh University, the largest comprehensive campaign in the University’s 55 year history.

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Stark County Housing Rehab

Stark County Regional Planning Commission administers the Housing Rehab Program on behalf of the Board of Stark County Commissioners, utilizing funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Program Basics-

- Combination grant/deferred loan
- Brings home up to code – safe and sanitary conditions
- Work could include electric, plumbing, roofs, windows, siding, etc.
- Projects can be up to \$25,000

Qualifications-

- Properties must be owner-occupied
- Homeowner must be owner of record for at least one year
- Applicants must be income-qualified according to HUD's most current median income limits
- Must live in Stark County **excluding** the cities of Canton, Massillon, Alliance, and the village of Hills & Dales
- Cannot be delinquent in their mortgage payment or monies owed to any government entity, nor have any outstanding liens, judgments, or suits

Emergency Repair Program- repairs under this program are for emergency situations that occur or have occurred in the past three months and include such things as furnace repairs, water wells, roof repairs, etc. that pose an immediate threat to the health or safety of the occupants.

For more information or to get on the waiting list, please call 330-451-7399.



When it comes to housing,



little things shouldn't make a difference.

If you have children or pregnant and a landlord refuses to rent to you, requires a higher security deposit, limits the use of facilities, or says you can only live in certain areas of a housing complex... that could be discrimination. **Housing discrimination because of familial status is against the law. It is also unlawful to discriminate in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability.**

This April marks the 49th Anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act. While much has been accomplished since the passage of the law, more work remains in our struggle to achieve equality and racial justice.

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, contact

Stark County Fair Housing Department

330-451-7775

**Fair Housing is not an option,
it's the law!**



Happy 5th Birthday Stark County Lank Bank



This year the Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation (also known as the “Land Bank”) turns 5!

On March 21, 2012 the Land Bank was created by Stark County Commissioner’s Resolution based on ORC 5722.02. Just 5 years later, the Land Bank is operating multiple programs to help address the issues related to blighted/abandoned houses and delinquent non-productive vacant properties across Stark County.

Here are some quick highlights from the Land Bank’s first 5 years –

- 431 residential demolitions completed under the Moving Ohio Forward Program
- 269 residential demolitions completed under the Neighborhood Initiative Program so far
- 481 tax delinquent vacant lots transferred / brought back to productive use throughout the County
- 11 non-residential properties acquired and transferred to assist local projects/ redevelopment
- 5 programs currently in operation

Former Republic Storage Assessed with USEPA Grant Funds



In 2014, the Stark County Brownfields Coalition was awarded a \$600,000 USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. Over the past three years, the Brownfields Coalition has assessed properties throughout Stark County, including the former Republic Storage property, located at 1038 Belden Ave. NE in the City of Canton.

The former Republic Storage is a 45 acre commercial property that stretches over six parcels, and is comprised of over 50 interconnecting structures totaling over one million square feet. The property was first developed in 1897 as a steel production facility. Operations transitioned from steel production to steel fabrication after the 1960s; most recently, the facility manufactured steel lockers and other storage containers. The property has been vacant since April 2015, and Partners Environmental identified environmental contamination due to decades of industrial use.

In early 2016, the property was transferred to Belden Avenue Industrial Park LLC, a company associated with Eslich Wrecking Company, who worked with Partners Environmental to complete a Phase I Environmental Assessment of the property, to understand Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs) on the property. Partners Environmental then approached the Stark County Brownfields Coalition about using the USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant funding for a more in-depth Phase II Environmental Assessment. At that time, the Brownfields Coalition agreed to fund a limited Phase II Assessment of the property, which Partners Environmental finalized in late 2016.

In early 2017, the Brownfields Coalition agreed to fund another limited Phase II Assessment, which will give the owner a complete understanding of potential environmental contamination throughout the entire site, and move the property towards a “No Further Action” letter. It is anticipated that the Assessment will be completed by late summer 2017. In total, the USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant will have funded approximately \$150,000 of environmental assessments on the property. Eslich Wrecking has already begun selective demolition of unusable portions of the facilities, and intends to use the property as multi-tenant commercial/ industrial leased space.



Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (often referred to as a SWP3 or SWPPP) is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for industrial facilities as well as municipal facilities that facilitate operations such as vehicle maintenance facilities, bus terminals, composting facilities, impoundment lots, waste transfer stations, and road maintenance facilities. Essentially any facility that has been determined to have the potential to discharge pollutants into the storm water from the facility site is required to prepare and implement a SWP3. The SWP3 is one compliance component of the EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits.

The SWP3 must identify a facility's potential source(s) of storm water

pollution and provide a detailed description of the best management practices (BMPs) that will be implemented to eliminate or at a minimum reduce pollutants in the storm water discharge. Some of the other components of a properly prepared SWP3 is a description of the facility, site location map, detailed site plan, spill prevention and response procedures, storm water discharge sampling locations and reporting form, site inspection procedures and reporting forms, employee training program, and facility storm water pollution prevention inspection team.

Any township, city or private company needing assistance with preparing or updating an existing SWP3 for one or more of their facilities can contact Joe Underwood or Sean Phillips at SCRPC to find out more at 330-451-7389.

Workshop Series

The Homeowner's Workshop Series Stark Soil and Water Conservation District

The workshops listed below will present information to adults on how to implement best management practices around the home. Through the generosity of Stark County communities, the 2017 workshops will be held at multiple locations throughout the county. For registration, please call 330-451-SOIL(7645), or email rebecca.oneill@starkswcd.org.

Rain Gardens

Learn the basics of rain gardens, native plant species that increase infiltration, and how rain gardens improve ecosystems. Pre-register in order to construct a rain garden plan for your personal residence, using a GIS map of your property.

- * When: Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 6-8 pm
- * Where: Navarre Civic Center or Park
99 Canal St. W
Navarre, OH 44662

Rain Barrels

Identify the best management practices in water conservation and how to utilize rain barrels at your residence. Rain barrels will be available to purchase as part of the annual Stark Soil and Water rain barrel sale, and able to be picked up and assembled (with assistance) during the rain barrel workshop.

- * When: Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 6-8 pm
- * Where: Jackson Township Administrative Offices
5735 Wales Avenue NW
Massillon, OH 44646

Lawn Care and Fertilizer Reduction

Understand the best management practices for managing yard clippings and yard waste using non-chemical substitutes. Acquire information on fertilizers, pesticides, alternate growth methods, and runoff reduction techniques. Learn to be the neighborhood conservation steward for water infiltration, soil erosion, impervious surface reduction, and appropriate use of storm drains!

- * When: Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 6-8 pm
- * Where: Canton Township Administrative Offices
4711 Central Avenue SE
Canton, OH 44707

Compost Bins

Compost bins will be for sale, followed by a composting workshop to learn about effective compost methods for household and yard waste, as well as ways to use the nutrient rich humus around the home.

- * When: Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 6-8 pm
- * Where: Louisville Constitution Center
1022 W. Main Street
Louisville, OH 44641

Vermiculture

Learn the method of composting using red wigglers, or composting worms, to speed up the process of decomposition and obtain “worm juice” to use on household plants and gardens. Participants may choose to create their own vermiculture set-up for their home.

- * When: Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 6-8 pm
- * Where: The Plain Township Administrative Offices
2600 Easton Street
Canton, OH 44721



Stark County Regional Planning Commission
201- 3rd St. N.E.
Canton, Ohio 44702

Upcoming Events

April

3	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
4	SCRPC	7:30 PM
24	SCATS	1:30 PM

May

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

June

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

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