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Stark 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Future Land Use Map Review ~ Coming Soon! ~

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Example of Mixed-Use
Development

Source: [Economic Development.org](http://EconomicDevelopment.org)

A draft of the future land use map, created as part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan update, will be available on RPC's website for public review and comment in mid-October (www.rpc.starkcountyohio.gov). This map will assist the County in analyzing future growth and development. Please take a moment to review the map and submit any comments.

Once the future land use map is complete, it will be incorporated into the 2040 Plan, which will also be available for review and comment once a draft is finalized. The purpose of this county-wide, long-range plan is to serve as a guide in identifying and meeting the future land use and transportation needs of Stark County through the year 2040. The County's last comprehensive plan was prepared back in 2005. Further updates regarding the comprehensive plan will continue to be posted as they become available.

Need Home Repairs?

Money Is Available To Help!



Work may include:

Electric, plumbing, heating, roofs, gutters, windows, doors, siding, insulation, and more.

Homeowners living in Stark County* may qualify for a grant/deferred loan combination.

It's easy to see if you qualify!

Available through the Stark County Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program.

* (Program does not include residents living inside the city limits of Canton, Massillon, or the Village of Hills & Dales).



Contact Jill Ross
at 330-451-7399
for more information
and an application.

Annual Clean-Up

The 15th annual Nimishillen Creek LEAP (Litter, Elimination, Awareness, and Prevention) Clean-Up was scheduled to be held on September 17, 2016 at Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium. Several volunteers registered for the event. A free lunch was going to be provided for all of the volunteers as well as a free pass to the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum.

Unfortunately, it was cancelled due to weather concerns. This year's Creek LEAP organizers and supporters were the City of Canton, Stark Parks, William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum, Stark County Regional Planning Commission, Kent State University at Stark, Stark State College, Marathon Petroleum, and the Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization (NEFCO).

Moving Stormwater Public Education to Prime Time

All municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permits issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or a delegated state authority require public education as a strategy to improve stormwater and receiving water quality by changing public behavior. The public can reduce or eliminate behaviors that impair stormwater quality such as littering, using pesticides and fertilizers, dumping, and leaving pet waste.

Commercial advertising is the most basic example of a public education campaign designed to change public behavior. National advertising campaigns are viewed as the most effective. A national campaign approach has not yet been used for stormwater public education.

The National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) seeks to change this. NMSA is a new national stormwater organization focused on clean water for the nation through compliance with the MS4 stormwater program. NMSA was formed in close partnership with the Water Environment Federation and has been founded through the participation of state-level organizations of MS4 permittees. The organization works exclusively on issues and concerns directly related to the MS4 permitting program.

NMSA will be working with its membership, other non-governmental organizations and the EPA to create a national public education campaign for stormwater. NMSA's plans include:

- Develop a national message, based on existing and new material. This message will be used across the U.S., and will contain basic elements that will not be altered by the permittee. The message also will have elements that enable customization for local markets.
- The message content will be suitable for all types of media.
- Provide a tool(s) to determine the effectiveness of the message. Effectiveness will be assessed at the local, regional, and national level.
- Provide a feedback mechanism. Surface water pollutants that can be reduced through public education are the same nationally. The national advertising campaign can be modified as changes in public behavior are measured, focusing on the most acute problems.

The cost reduction and performance improvement potential of a national stormwater education campaign is substantial. NMSA will provide the leadership to make this strategy a reality. NMSA will coordinate with the EPA to ensure that the message and program meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act, as well as a credit system to ensure compliance with state NPDES permits.

Brownfield Assessment Grant Update

In 2014, the Stark County Brownfield Coalition was awarded a \$600,000 USEPA Brownfield Assessment Grant. In October 2016, there will be one year left on the Assessment Grant period, with approximately \$300,000 remaining.

- This grant is for assessments of commercial/industrial sites with real or perceived environmental contamination. These can include closed factories, dry cleaners, businesses, and gas stations.
- Assessing properties can help bring vacant/abandoned properties back to productive use; adding to a community's tax base, potentially creating jobs, and improving public health and environmental quality.
- The grant can also fund assessments which can be vital to meeting "All Appropriate Inquiry" requirements, which are essential for transferring property.
- The grant can fund assessments of abandoned gas stations, to assist with the "Class C determination" requirement of ODSA's new Abandoned Gas Station Clean-Up Grant.
- Some of the properties the Stark County Brownfields Coalition has assessed are:

The former Republic Storage property and Lehman School in Canton
The former Delbert-Smith Greenhouse on Mogadore Avenue in Lake Township
The former Doctor's Hospital in Perry Township
The three former Starfire Gas Stations in Canton and Plain Townships

If you are aware of a property that has real or perceived environmental contamination, please contact Emma Posillico at 330-451-7904 or emposillico@starkcountyohio.gov.

Market Avenue
Starfire Gas Station



Former Delbert-Smith
Greenhouse
Mogadore Avenue
Lake Twp.



NSP Homes for Sale

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) has two homes for sale. The purpose of the NSP program is redevelop vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed homes. Qualified homebuyers of NSP properties must be low to moderate-income individuals. (1 person household cannot exceed \$47,050, 2 person cannot exceed \$53,750, 3 person cannot exceed \$60,500) Down payment assistance is available. For more information on these two homes, contact Tony Flex (Hayes Realty) at 330-936-4454.

906 Milford St. NE (Plain Twp.) - \$81,000



3-bedroom, brick,
bungalow-1,536 sq. ft.

New kitchen-
stainless refrigerator
and dishwasher



Completely
updated
bath



New
furnace,
a.c., and
hot water
tank

4015 Gephart Ave. NE (Nimishillen Twp.) - Price TBD



3-bedroom, 1 bath
ranch-1,040 sq. ft.

Kitchen being
remodeled



Completely
remodeled
bath



This home will be completed and for sale in early October. It will have new windows, doors, siding, front deck, furnace, and water softener. There will be new paint and carpet throughout.



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Upcoming Events

October

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

November

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

December

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

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