



Comprehensive Land Use Plan

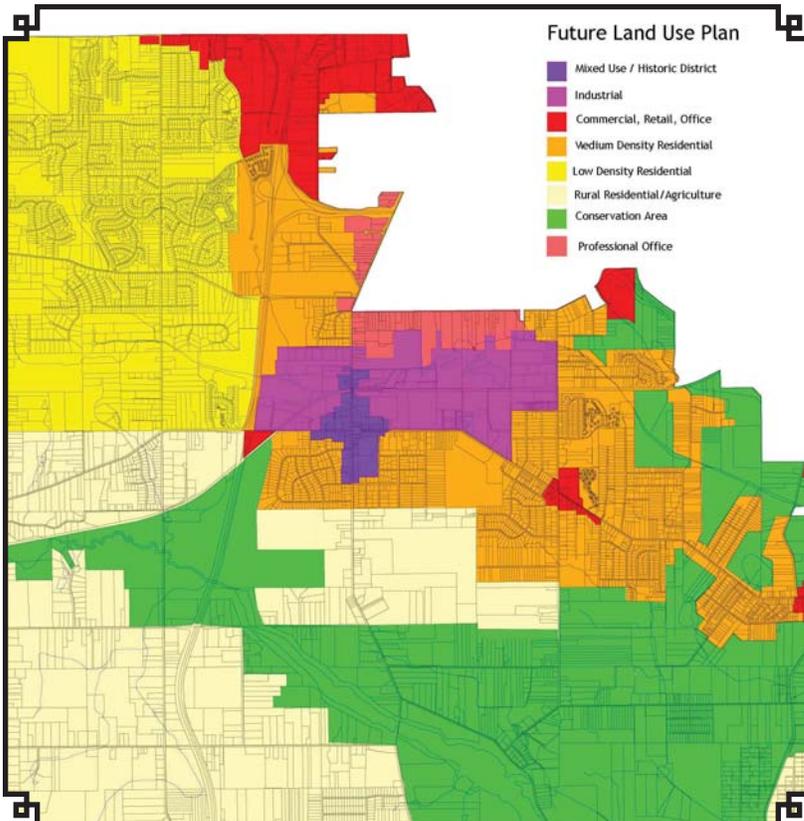
The Comprehensive Land Use Steering Committee has been working for over a year putting together a document that will guide the Township's future development. They have prepared a final draft which is posted on the Township's website and available at Town Hall.

The draft document is organized with an Executive Summary at the beginning, followed by demographic information, current land use, a summary of the Community Survey and Visionary Workshop held last summer, a Future Land Use Map with Concept Areas and numerous Goals, Initiatives and Policies proposed by the Steering Committee members. There are also extensive maps showing the Township's watersheds, riparian and

floodplains, wetlands and soils, open space prioritization, environmental constraints to development, potential development areas and other critical details about our Township.

If you are not able to read the entire document, please take the time to read the Executive Summary and review the Future Land Use Map in order to get an overview of the information contained in the document.

The purpose of the Land Use Plan is to provide a framework using many sources of information that will assist officials in the Township to make the best development and land use decisions possible over the next ten years. This document will also be the basis for amending the Township's Zoning Resolution.



The Steering Committee would like additional input from the community prior to making the final recommendation of the Plan to the Board of Trustees. The Committee would like residents to take one final look at the Future Concept Map and the Goals, Initiatives and Policies to make sure they are representative of the community.

The Steering Committee has scheduled a Public Hearing for **Wednesday, June 18th** at Town Hall, 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road. The program will start with an Open House at 5:00 p.m. where residents may review maps, charts and other documents with the consultants, members of the Steering Committee and Staff, followed by a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. At the Public Hearing, the consultants will give a very short overview of the Land Use Plan and then open the program to hear comments from the residents.

It is important that we hear from all interested residents. If you cannot attend the Public Hearing, please feel free to give us your comments in writing or email us at township@copley.oh.us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Copley Community News...

COPLEY HERITAGE - COMMUNITY DAY

This year, the Copley Heritage Day celebration will take place on Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. All the festivities will take place at Copley High School. There will be a parade at 7:00 p.m. and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. There will be booths, food vendors, skydivers, a kids area, teen area with a rock climbing wall, dunk tank and marshmallow and hot dog roasting, a car show sponsored by Magic City Cruisers, and a 50/50 raffle. The Summit County Sheriff's Office will have demonstrations throughout the day and there will be a Chinook Helicopter on display.

There will be a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Copley Fire Association on Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. It will be held at the Copley Fire Station at 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road.

The following is a list of contact names and numbers. You can also check our website, www.copley.oh.us for an up to date list of all events and times, and application forms.

TIMES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Steve Flight - Chairperson - 330-666-4706

Kay Daniel - Booths - 330-666-5582

Roberta Sanders - Parade - 330-867-3455

Fire Department News...

POOL SAFETY

Summer is here and the pool season is upon us. Here are a few tips to keep your kids safe and avoid injuries:

- Install fencing around the pool at least 4 ft high.
- Gates should be self-closing and self-latching.
- Doors from house to pool should be protected with an alarm.
- Never leave children unsupervised!
- If your child is missing, CHECK THE POOL FIRST!
- Keep rescue equipment by the pool.
- Learn CPR.
- Never swim alone.
- Do not swim if it's storming.



Please see our website www.copley.oh.us for a complete list of pool safety rules.

NOVELTY LIGHTERS

Children are attracted to novelty lighters because they look like toys. One lighter is nearly identical to the popular rubber ducky bath toy - it even quacks! There are also toylike lighters that look like tools such as tape measurers, drills, hammers, and paint brushes. Ironically, there are even lighters that mimic a Dalmation donning a fire helmet, a red fire truck, or fire extinguisher.

In 2002, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimated 13,900 child-playing structure fires were reported in the United States, with associated losses of 210 civilian deaths, 1,250 civilian injuries, and \$339 million in direct damage.

We urge parents and others to avoid purchasing or keeping these novelty lighters in your home. The risk is too great for the "fun" of having or using one of these lighters.



This lighter is designed to look like a toy frog.
PHOTO COURTESY OF OREGON STATE POLICE/
OREGON OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Copley Township Brick Order Form

The Copley Heritage Day Committee sold bricks during the Millennium as a fund raiser for Heritage Days. The bricks are now in the walls of the announcement signs that are erected in Copley Circle.

The Township Trustees plan to continue the sale of bricks. This new program will compliment the brick walls. The bricks sold now will align the walkways to the walls.

Your inscription is limited to three (3) lines and 20 characters per line. Character count includes spaces between words. Cost per brick is \$25.00.

Please make checks payable to Copley Township.

Please complete the form and mail with check or money order to:

Copley Township Brick Program
1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road
Copley, Ohio 44321

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BRICK ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Inscription - Please Print

Your inscription is limited to 3 lines and 20 characters per line.

Character count includes spaces between words.

You will be notified when bricks are placed in the Circle.



Service Department News...

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spring is here, and the rainy season is upon us. This can cause many problems for the homeowner and also for the Service Department. Our responsibility is to maintain the ditches, culverts and storm lines throughout the township. We have to keep these areas clear of debris so the storm water can flow smoothly. When an obstruction does occur, the ditches and storm lines can back up and overflow, causing flooding.

Residents can help keep the water flowing by removing leaves, branches and other debris that has collected during the winter in the ditches and around catch basins.

Please call the Service Department at 330-666-0365 if you think a more serious problem exists.

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend our sincere thank you to the many residents who cooperated with the township to remove obstructions along the edge of township roads. Many residents did not realize how these objects could cause a danger to the traveling public. Once they were made aware of the danger, they were more than willing to cooperate with us to move the objects back or remove them entirely. Thank you for making our roads safer for everyone!

COPLEY COMMUNITY PARK

We are pleased that many residents are taking advantage of our wonderful community park facility. Just a

reminder that pets must be on a leash the entire time they are in the park, with no exceptions. It is also the responsibility of the pet owner to clean up after their pets. Pet waste removal stations are located in the park for this purpose. Cleaning up helps us maintain the park and prevent water pollution.

GARAGE SALE SIGNS, MISSING PET SIGNS

Residents are asked to remember that garage sale signs, missing pet signs or any temporary private-made signs are not allowed to be mounted on any Township owned street signs in the road right-of-way, including utility poles. These signs include stop signs, speed limit signs, street name signs and the like. If a sign is found, it will be removed.

2008 SERVICE DEPARTMENT PROJECTS

Copley Meadows IV - Complete sidewalk-to-sidewalk replacement of Sunny Acres Drive and the remainder of Wealthy Drive.

Concrete Replacement Project - Replacement of concrete panels on various township roads.

Copley Community Park Path Paving Project - Paving of the remaining gravel paths including paths to pavilions.

405/409 Paving Project & 448 Asphalt Paving Project - Improvements made to various township roads.

Police Department News...

BIKE RODEO

The Copley Police Department is sponsoring a Bike Rodeo near the Home Depot at Market Square, 4066 Medina Road in Copley Township, June 7th from 1 - 4 p.m. The rodeo is an opportunity for children and their parents to learn how to stay safe while riding bikes this summer. Officers will be conducting bike safety inspections, bike licensing and Kid-Identifications. The children can win prizes, participate in riding events, meet the officers and enjoy a free hot dog and soda. There will be prizes and a drawing for new bikes.

This annual event is an extension of the Copley Police Department's community policing services and is an excellent opportunity for the area children to interact with their Police Department in a positive way. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sgt. Jack Simone at the Copley Police Department at 330-670-2714.



Recent Court Decisions

Copley Township has recently received two court decisions for several important cases impacting our township.

The Exotic Animal Farm, located on Columbus Road, has been closed by Common Pleas Court Judge Judy Hunter because of health code violations and animal mistreatment. The Board of Trustees authorized our legal counsel, Irv Sugerman, to pursue the injunction with the Summit County Board of Health to ensure the safety of our residents. The judge ruled that all the animals and cages must be removed so the property can be cleaned up within 45 days.

A visiting judge from Cuyahoga County has ruled that the proposed expansion of the **Barberton-Norton Mosquito District** is not needed and is a duplication of services already received from the Summit County Health District. The proposed district would have cost residents of the township additional property taxes without a vote by the electors. The judge ruled that this district will not expand into Copley Township.

The Board of Trustees is grateful to the Township's Law Director, Irv Sugerman, for his excellent work in representing the interests of our residents and the township in these two legal cases.



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Motor Vehicle License Tax to Copley Township

Please remember - when renewing your annual license plate/sticker, make sure you state you live in COPLEY TOWNSHIP so the Township rightly receives its portion of the license tax fee. Copley has six zip codes that range from Akron 44320, Akron 44333, Barberton 44203, Copley 44321, Norton 44203, and Wadsworth 44281. The registrar will write the city address name on your driver's license in the jurisdiction area unless you state you live in Copley Township!

Land Use Plan Open House/Public Hearing June 18, 2008

Copley Town Hall
1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road

Open House - 5:00 p.m.
Public Hearing - 6:00 p.m.

Review or download a copy of the Land Use Plan at
www.copley.oh.us

Written comments may be sent to:
1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road

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Copley Township Telephone Numbers

Emergency Police & Fire9-1-1
Non Emerg. Police & Fire330-666-8866

Administrative Offices

Fire330-666-6464
Police330-666-4218
Service330-666-0365
Zoning330-666-0108

Trustees

Helen Humphrys
Scott Dressler330-666-1853
Dale Panovich

Fiscal Officer

Janice Marshall330-666-1853

Township Administrator

Peggy Spraggins330-666-1853

COPLEY ONLINE

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