

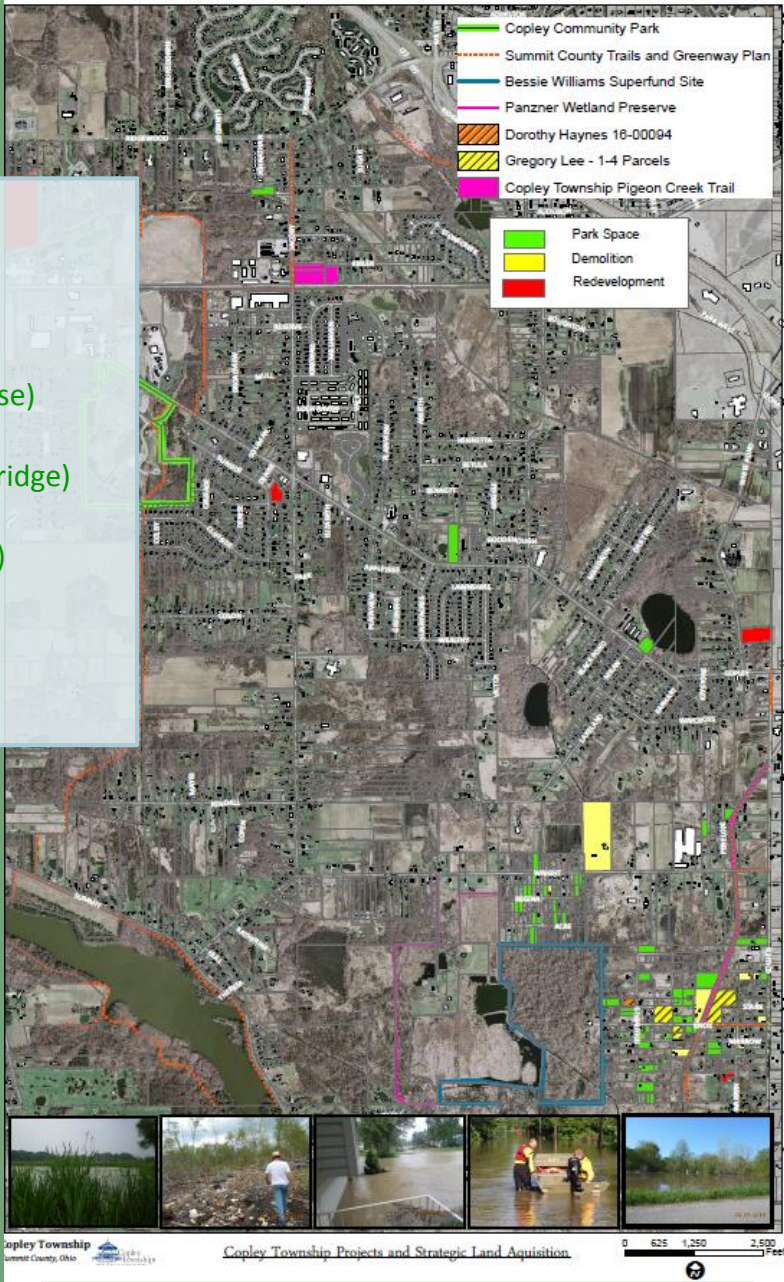
# Township Annual Board Meeting



# EVALUATING 2016 & IMPLEMENTING THE LAND USE PLAN

## LAND USE PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Balance community design with open space conservation ([Summit County Land Bank – Strategic Land Acquisition](#))
- Promote and beautify entranceways into the Township ([Demo of structures & Land Acquisition @ Entrance](#))
- Maintain and expand the tax base and provide employment opportunities ([\\$23.8 Million Improvements +21% Permit Increase](#))
- Protect and enhance the environmental integrity of Copley Township ([Watershed Conservancy District](#))
- Create walkable neighborhoods with sidewalks and trails; encourage pedestrian networks ([Miller Farm Trails & Pedestrian Bridge](#))
- Maintain and enhance recreational opportunities ([Little Farms – 60 Parcels](#))
- Use redevelopment as an economic tool to protect land values ([Restoration of Residential & Infill Commercial Development](#))
- Encourage citizen participation ([Volunteer Cleanup Events](#))



Demolition of Blighted Residential Structures



Volunteer Cleanups



Community Entrance Signs – 8 Total

Summit County Land Bank – 60 Parcels for Preservation





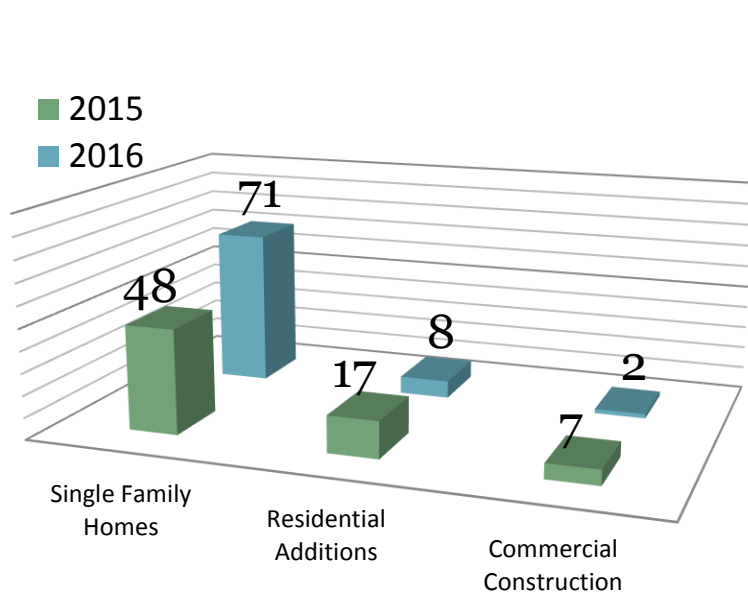
## Copley Township Zoning Department: December 2016 Monthly Report

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2016 TOTAL	2015 TOTAL
SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	3	4	10	8	5	7	6	6	1	2	13	6	71	48
ATTACHED SINGLE FAMILY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	8	17
COMMERCIAL CONST.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	7
GARAGES	1	1	3	3	0	4	2	0	4	0	0	1	19	14
DECKS	0	0	3	4	8	8	3	2	3	0	2	1	34	17
ACCESSORY BLDGS	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	3	3	0	0	14	15
BUS. USE CERTIFICATES	5	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	11	24	20
TEMP. SIGNS	0	2	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	12	17
SIGNS	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	6	2	3	0	5	27	16
POOLS	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	6	4
HOME OCCUPATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
MISCELLANEOUS	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	2	1	2	0	12	3
<b>TOTAL PERMITS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>FEES COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$ 803</b>	<b>\$ 1,092</b>	<b>\$ 2,429</b>	<b>\$ 1,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,677</b>	<b>\$ 1,593</b>	<b>\$ 1,278</b>	<b>\$ 2,695</b>	<b>\$ 670</b>	<b>\$ 778</b>	<b>\$ 2,647</b>	<b>\$ 1,972</b>	<b>\$ 19,433</b>	<b>\$ 20,230</b>
<b>EST VAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 889,866</b>	<b>\$ 1,225,280</b>	<b>\$ 2,077,471</b>	<b>\$ 3,045,090</b>	<b>\$ 1,354,224</b>	<b>\$ 1,961,660</b>	<b>\$ 3,465,402</b>	<b>\$ 2,094,758</b>	<b>\$ 359,051</b>	<b>\$ 968,006</b>	<b>\$ 3,797,375</b>	<b>\$ 2,502,149</b>	<b>\$ 23,740,332</b>	<b>\$ 25,405,041</b>
ARB APPLICATIONS	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	3	3	5	1	4	28	36
VARIANCE APPLICATIONS	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	1	16	17
ZONING COMMISSION	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	12
PLANNING COMMISSION	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	6	8

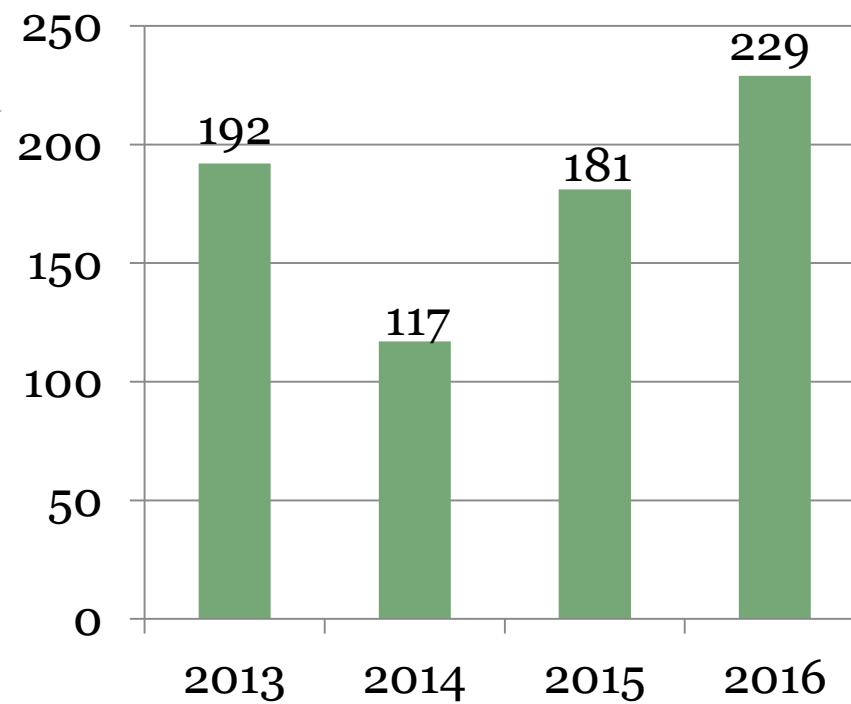
Miller Farm : 59 Homes Constructed (167 Total)

Arbor Chase: 27 Homes Constructed (66 Total)

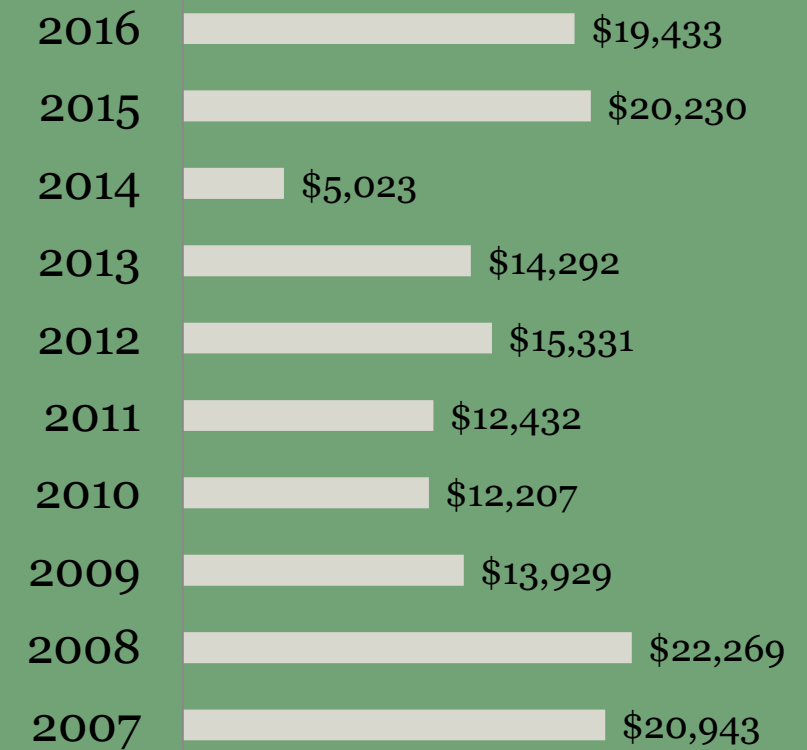
Hillside Estates Ph. 4 : Zero Homes Constructed (37 Total)



**Permits Issued by Year**



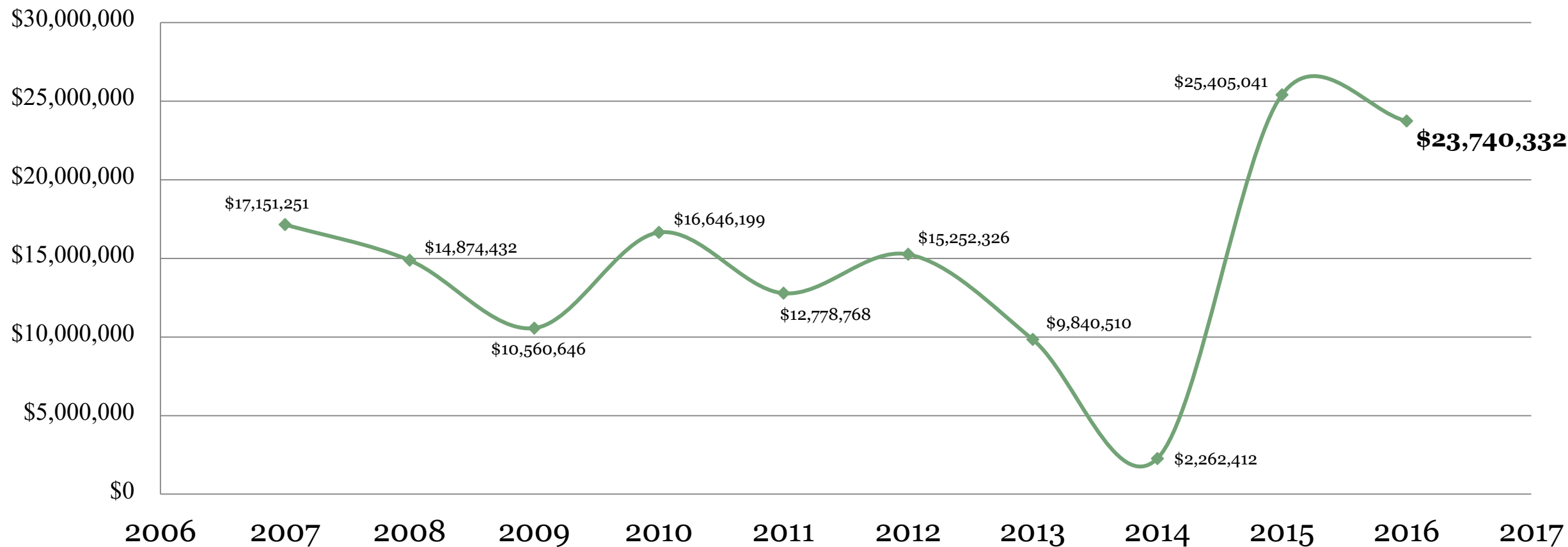
■ Annual Fees Received





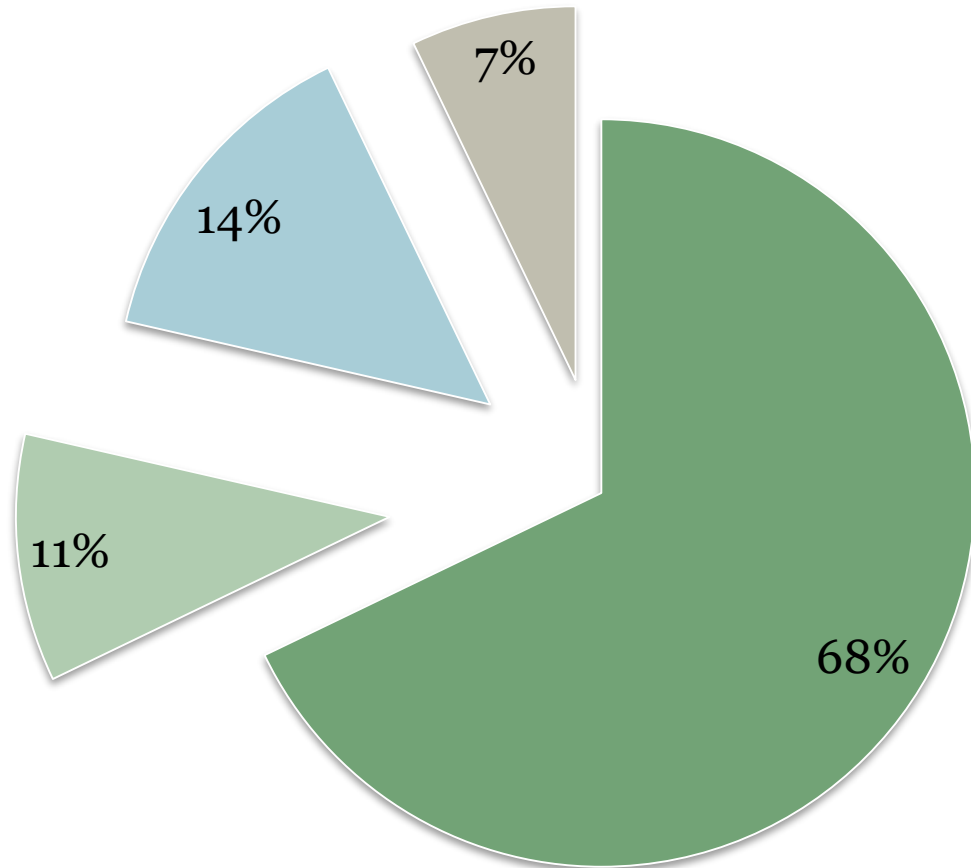


# Decade Perspective - \$148.5 Million Invested





## 2016 Applications (28)

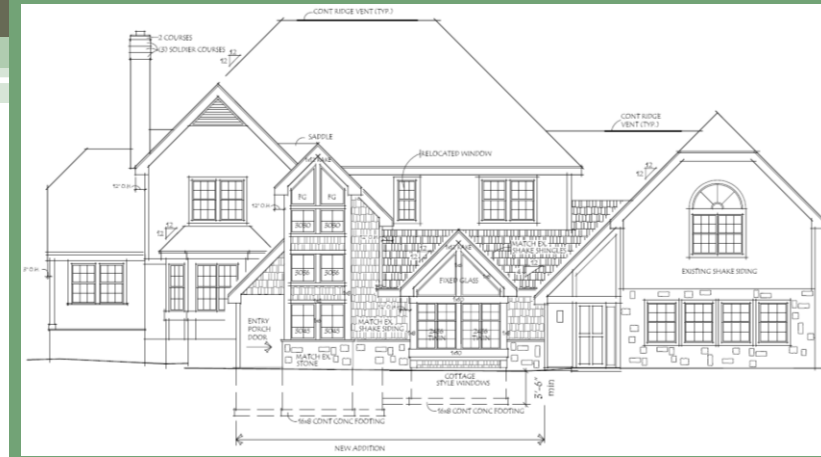


■ SIGNS (19)

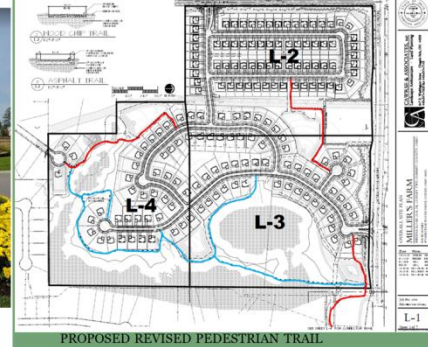
■ COMMERCIAL (3)

■ LANDSCAPE PLANS (4)

■ PEDESTRIAN TRAILS (2)

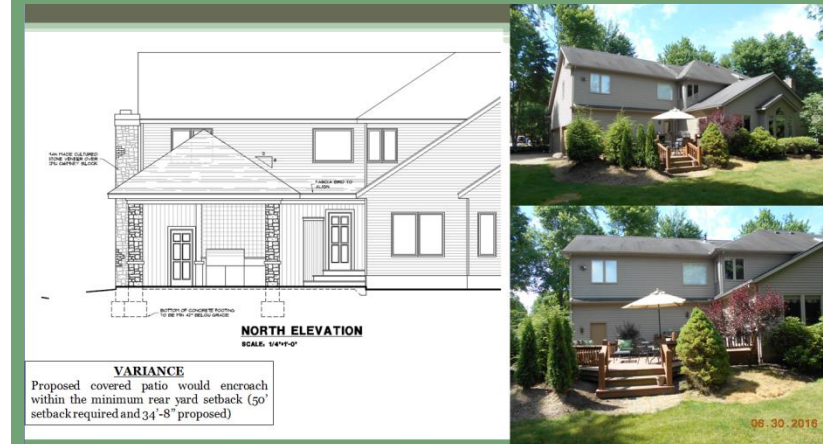
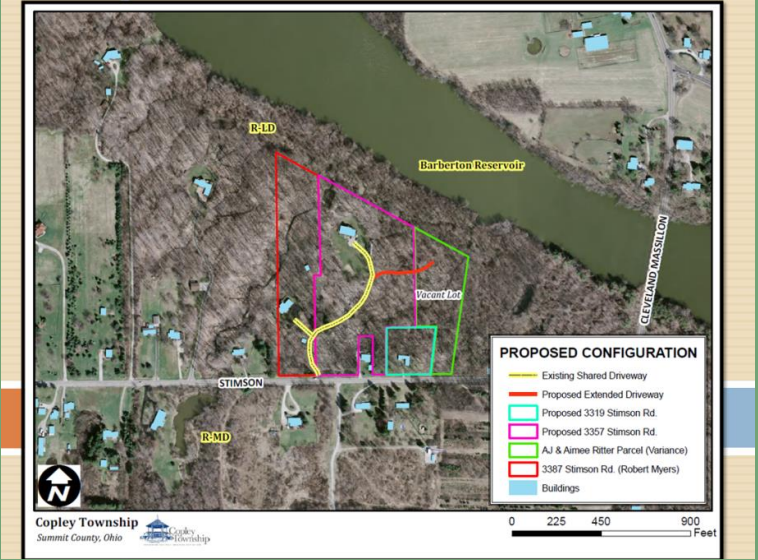
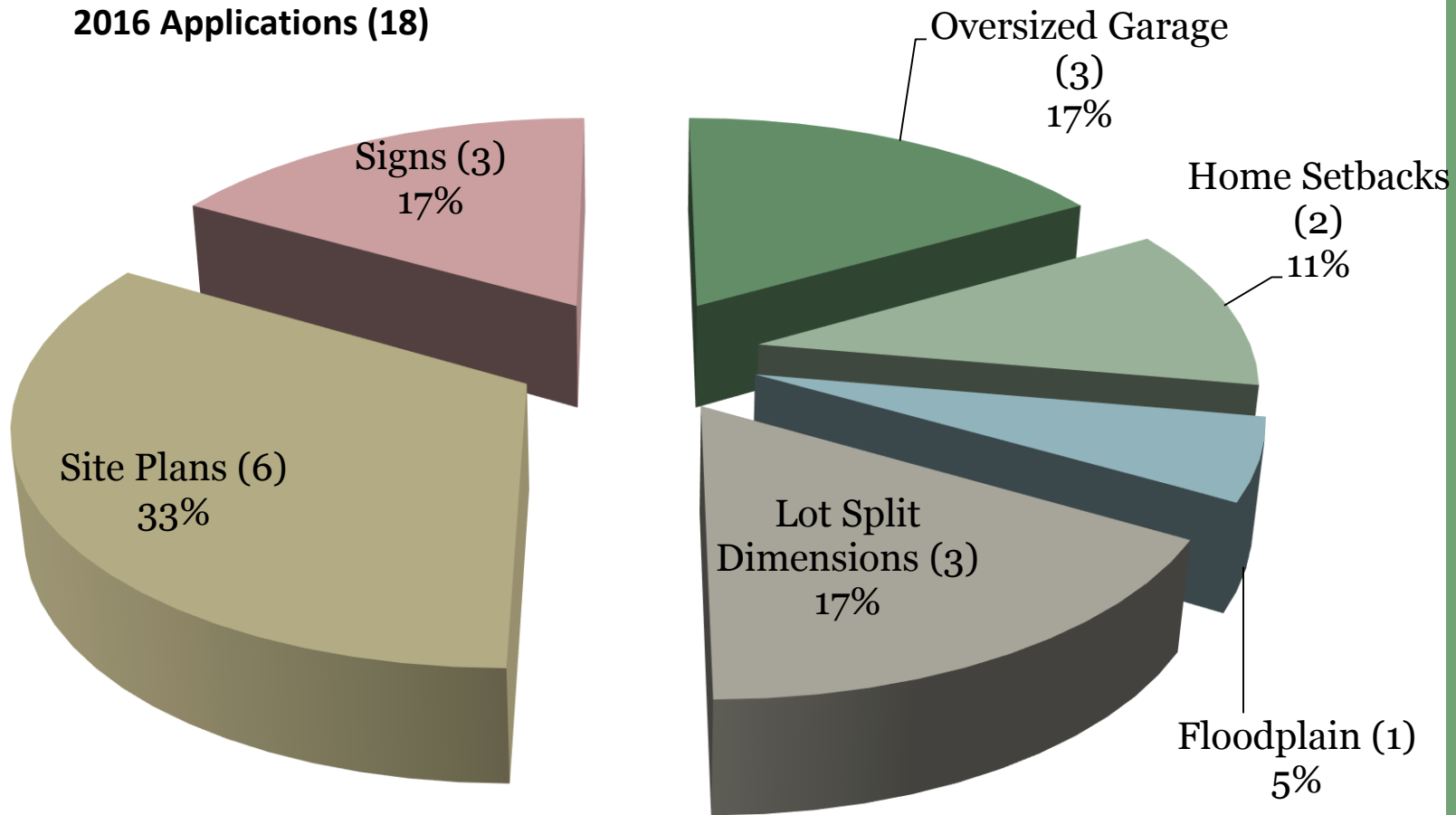


## Pedestrian Trail – Open Discussion



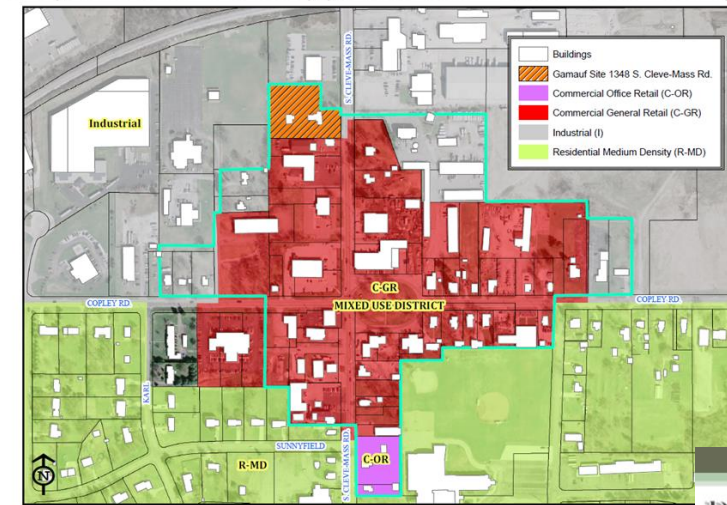


## 2016 Applications (18)





## Map Amendment Application – Current Zoning



Applicant: Copley DG, LLC.  
Landowner: John, Thomas, Timothy Gamauf  
Current Zoning: Industrial  
Proposed Rezoning: Commercial - General Retail (C-GR)

### OVERVIEW/SUMMARY REQUEST

The subject site (1348 S. Cleve-Mass Rd.) is currently zoned Industrial (I) and is located within the Copley Circle Mixed Use Overlay District. The site has frontage along S. Cleve-Mass Rd. which is a sixty (60) foot right-of-way and is maintained by the Summit Engineers (COSE). Access to the site would be limited to a single curb-cut along S. Cleve-Mass Rd. The site has access to City of Akron water and sewer and would become part of the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) once a commercial use is established. The current use of the site is single-family. However, an application is on file to demolish existing structures and redevelop the site for a 9,200 sq. ft. retail use. The site consists of 1.39 acres.

The requested map amendment would change the zoning from Industrial to Commercial - General Retail (C-GR).

## Draft Text Amendment – Event Center

### Conditional Use Within:

- R-LD
  - R-MD
  - O-C
- \*\* Not in S-M/For R-HD \*\***

- Parking to comply with Article 9 of Zoning Resolution
- Access to public right-of-way approved by local jurisdiction
- 10 acres (small), 20 acres (intermediate), 40 acres (large) size of venue
  - Small = less than 100 guests.
  - Intermediate = less than 200 guests.
  - Large = less than 300 guests.
- 200' event center setback to property lines (50' setback for parking)
- Not to exceed 40 events per calendar year
- Noise Specifications
- Notice to Property Owners (600 feet) @ beginning of season
- Hours of Operation:
  - Friday & Saturday - 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
  - Sunday through Thursday - 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Signs in Commercial and Industrial Districts - Temporary Signs (§8.07G)

Temporary A-frame ground signs are not required to obtain a permit and may contain changeable copy messages. The temporary A-frame sign shall be located on the premises which the sign advertises but may not be located in any area dedicated to parking. Each business is allowed to display one (1) temporary A-frame sign but it must be removed at the conclusion of business hours and may resume using the A-frame at the next opening of business. All A-frame signs shall be separated by no less than fifteen (15) feet from another A-frame sign and shall not be placed in a location that would compromise the line-of-sight for vehicular traffic. The minimum setback for an A-frame sign is one (1) foot from the road right-of-way.



Summit County Planning Commission & Zoning Commission/ARB

**BACKGROUND**

- Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2009) – Preservation of Natural Areas
- Article 16: Tree Preservation was adopted on November 4, 2012
  - 3 Residential Subdivisions
  - 1 Industrial
- Purpose (§16.01 A – E) is to encourage responsible development and minimize negative environmental impacts
- Encourage preservation of trees to help reduce negative environmental impacts (air, water, soil, noise, etc.)
- Ensures careful planning to maintain existing trees on site while developing
- Ensures development integrates the natural features of the site into the development
- Improve property value by ensuring that mature trees are conserved, which studies show increase the value of real estate

**Residential Development §16.02 (B)**

- 50% Preservation of Mature Woodlands
- 25% Preservation of Young Woodlands

**Commercial Development**

- Trees within the development area may be removed (parking, buildings, sidewalks, etc.)
- Outside the "development area", 50% of mature and 25% of young preserved

**Exemptions (§16.04)**

- The removal of dead trees and diseased or damaged trees
- Any lot in a residential district with less than 10 acres
- Lots which are not intended for development

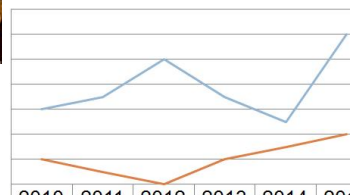


### Y. Private Garage - Attached or Unattached

A private garage, attached or unattached, shall not have an area of over nine hundred (900) square feet. Limit - one (1) unattached garage per lot. An unattached garage shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet from the main building. If any portion thereof is located to the side of the main building, a fifteen (15) foot side lot line must be maintained. If located fifteen (15) feet to the rear of the main building, it shall not be located closer than five (5) feet from the rear or side lot line. No unattached garage shall be located further forward than the closest forward structural corner of the main building. The maximum overall height for an unattached garage shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet.

- On lots containing up to and including five (5) acres, excluding road right-of-way, a private unattached garage shall not have an area of over nine-hundred (900) square feet.
- On lots exceeding five (5) acres, excluding the road right-of-way, a private unattached garage shall not have an area of over eighteen-hundred (1,800) square feet.

## GARAGES AND VARIANCES



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Detached Garages	6	7	10	7	5	12
Variances	2	1	0	2	3	4

■ Text Amendments (4) ■ Map Amendments (3)



# Zoning Commission (ZC)

Chair: Jane Scott  
Vice: Bill Daniel



# Connecting Communities Planning Grant - 2016



## Copley Circle Mixed Use District "Concept Plan"

### Application

#### 1. Applicant/Sponsor (Implementing Governmental Agency Only).

Community/Agency	Copley Township Board of Trustees
Community Project Manager	Matt Springer – Copley Township Planning Director
Phone Number	(330) 666-0108
Fax Number	(330) 666-2245
Email Address	<a href="mailto:mspringer@copley.oh.us">mspringer@copley.oh.us</a>
Mailing Address	1540 S. Cleve-Mass Rd. Copley, OH 44321

#### 2. Project Co-Sponsor (If applicable. Please indicate which agency and project manager will lead).

Community/Agency	Copley Circle Advisory Board (CCAB)
Community Project Manager	Allison Taylor-Chrien
Phone Number	(330) 697-0374
Fax Number	n/a
Email Address	<a href="mailto:copleycircle@gmail.com">copleycircle@gmail.com</a>
Mailing Address	3461 Hemphill Rd. Norton, OH 44203

Community/Agency	Copley Chamber of Commerce
Community Project Manager	Lauren Kassinger, CPA
Phone Number	(330) 864-5600
Fax Number	(330) 864-1909
Email Address	<a href="mailto:laurenk@shields-blice.com">laurenk@shields-blice.com</a>
Mailing Address	3020 West Market St. Fairlawn, OH 44333

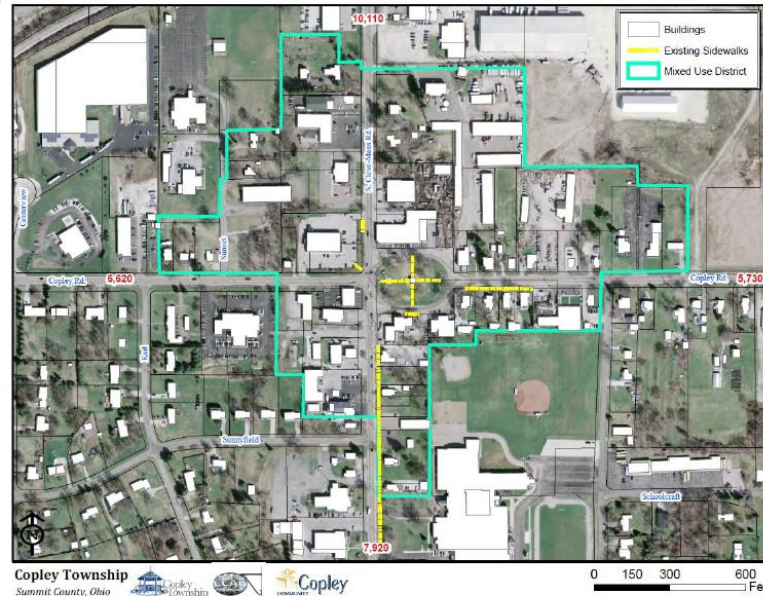


Exhibit A

- Poor Access & Design
- Economic Disinvestment
- Public Perception
- Wayfinding & Parking
- Pedestrian Safety
- Road Design & Speed

- **Poor Access and Design:** The District has a unique grouping of land uses (i.e. commercial, retail, governmental and residential) which indicates its ability to serve numerous functions and to bring many to the area. However, the District lacks pedestrian connectivity and way-finding. Crumbling sidewalks often merge abruptly into driveways making it increasingly difficult to safely navigate the District. Sidewalks that may exist typically fail to comply with Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements. Of the sidewalks which do exist, most have widths less than two (2) feet and are buckled/cracked or silted over with dirt and standing water. The sidewalks are less than inviting and often present hazardous conditions. The goals of the Connecting Communities is to explore improved multi-transportation options which includes sidewalks which connect people and places. The Plan would promote the future installation of sidewalks in critical locations which in return would support the complete streets and alternative transportation objectives. The addition of a pedestrian connectivity plan would serve as a vital alternative to the current model which has been predicated on serving the automobile at the cost of all other forms of transportation.



- **Economic Disinvestment:** The District has opportunities for potential traffic calming and streetscaping in the form of repurposing interior roadway islands which presently exist. Some islands are curbed and contain stone and limited vegetation while others contain impervious asphalt and do little to aid in the reduction of automobile speed (see page 6 depicting existing road islands). In all scenarios, the existing road islands fail to provide crosswalks or any pedestrian connectivity. The Plan would further identify where traffic calming street designs may be appropriate and how crosswalks could be implemented. Consideration should be given to the streetscape and appropriate vegetation within the islands. The District would be enhanced as a result of these safety improvements.



- **Exploring Multi-Modal Transportation:** The District is not currently serviced by Metro Regional Transportation Association (RTA) and therefore multi-modal access is relegated to the automobile alone. Recently however, discussions have resumed with RTA and potential routes through the District are being explored. The Plan should give some consideration to transit through the District in the future. Such consideration may include layover space on underutilized property, bus stop amenities including but not limited to waste receptacles, places to sit, planters, street trees and outdoor furniture areas. The surrounding residents and businesses could be enhanced through such services in the future.

- **Creating an Attractive Look:** The Plan will be critical in providing the necessary architectural concepts to guide future investment within the District. As properties are improved or developed/redeveloped, the Plan will be a critical tool implemented by the Township's Architectural Review Board (ARB). The ARB will refer to the Plan as a



# Public Input

Copley Circle Advisory Board

Summary Design Survey Collect Responses Analyze Results

**DESIGN SUMMARY**

**Copley Circle Advisory Board**  
Created on 3/1/2016

Questions: 11, Pages: 1

Survey language: English

Theme: Copy of Aqua

Logo added

No logic added

Edit Design Preview Survey

**RESPONSE SUMMARY** 🔔 SURVEY ALERTS: ON

**172**  
Total Responses

**OPEN**  
Overall Survey Status

**Collectors**

Collector	Responses	Since	Status
Facebook Post 1	36	3/24/2016	OPEN
Digital Link	92	3/1/2016	OPEN
Business Card Link	25	3/30/2016	OPEN
Web Link - Manual Entry 1	19	4/16/2016	OPEN

**Responses Volume** 3/27/2016 - 4/25/2016

Analyze Results

**SEE HOW YOUR RESULTS STACK UP**

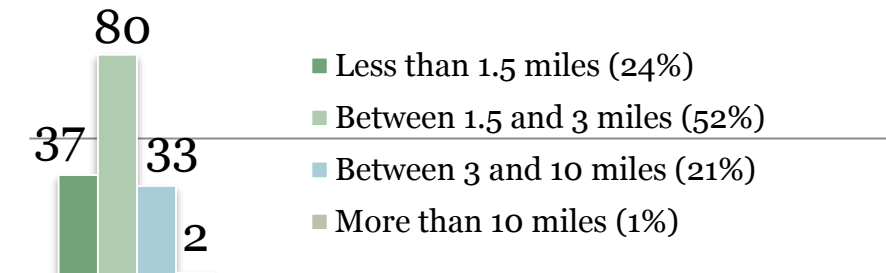
Use benchmarks to see how your results compare to industry leaders and get the context you need to:

- Assess performance metrics more accurately
- Set realistic goals
- Make targeted improvements

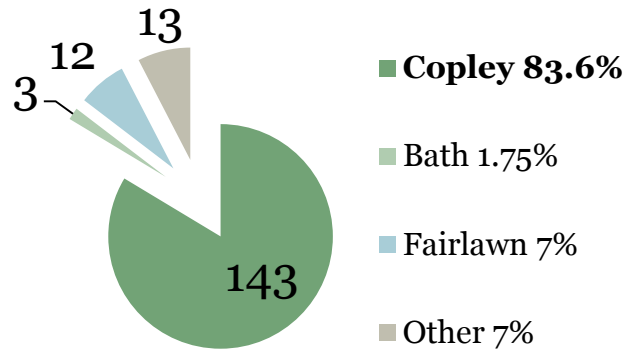
YOUR DATA

OTHERS LIKE YOU

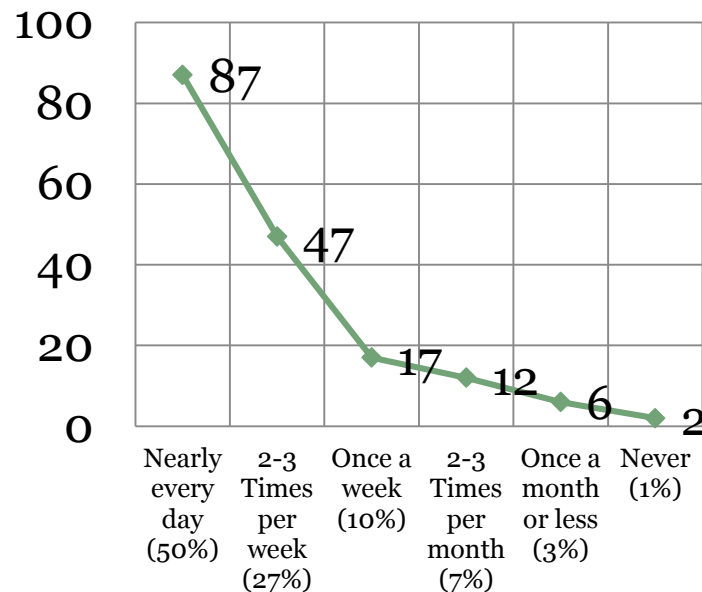
## How far do you live from the Circle?



## Where do you live?



## How often do you find yourself in the Copley Circle area?



## CCAB SURVEY



1. Where do you live?
2. How far do you live from the Circle?
3. How often do you find yourself at the Circle?
4. What brings you to the Circle
5. What do you like most about the Circle area?
6. What would you change about the Circle?
7. What future do you envision for the Circle?
8. What kinds of things are other communities doing that you would like to see at the Circle?
9. Any other comments?
10. Would you like to get involved?

## PRELIMINARY SURVEY SUMMARY

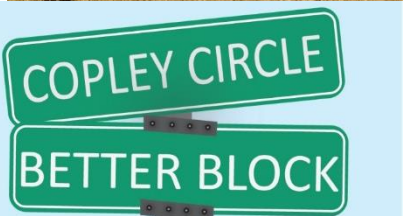
- Cafés and Bakeries
- Restaurants
- Boutique stores
- Sidewalks and pedestrian friendly access
- Live entertainment
- Family friendly events
- Improved aesthetics

Copley Circle Advisory Board





# Copley Circle Advisory Board – Better Block



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COPLEY BETTER BLOCK SITE PLAN



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The Copley Circle Better Block represented the fourth community event of its kind in Greater Akron. Similar Better Block events held in North Hill, Middlebury (East Akron), and Cuyahoga Falls had the similar goal of educating, equipping, and empowering communities to reshape and reactivate built environments to promote the growth of healthy and vibrant neighborhoods. Copley's event, led by Romi Brozeit, Sylvia Chinn-Levy, Allison Taylor-O'Brien, and Matt Springer, was funded by private donations and contributions from Copley Township and Summit County Public Health.

Despite a severe thunderstorm, the Better Block attracted hundreds of people from Friday to Sunday who shopped at 20+ vendors in "Pop-Up Row" and "The Book Nook & Boutique," sipped coffee in the Community Coffee Shop, relaxed in a temporary pub with a Thirsty Dog craft brew or wine from Wolf Creek Winery, or rode their bikes around the block. Nearby food trucks provided snacks and meals throughout the weekend, people relaxed or played games on the green while enjoying live entertainment, and the Copley Creekside Farmers Market moved to the circle for a special Sunday market.

The Better Block's theme, "Copley: a Giving Community," was reinforced by the CCAB's decision to donate all proceeds from its alcohol and used bookstore sales (just over \$700) to the Copley Cares project, sponsoring the living room in the new Battered Women's Shelter facility in Akron. It is the goal of Copley Cares to raise \$15,000 by the end of September, and this contribution put them just over halfway (for more information, visit the Copley Cares Facebook webpage).

Metrics were gathered during the event via individual surveys and a feedback station. Of the 117 people surveyed, 90 individuals identified crosswalks as improvements they would like to see made permanent. Bike lanes were also desired. Of the vendors or shops they enjoyed the most, food was most popular, followed by the coffee shop, beer/wine, and art. These results will be provided to the Ohio Department of Transportation to discuss the possibility of future improvements at Copley Circle.



COPLEY BETTER BLOCK SITE PLAN



# Copley Circle Advisory Board – Better Block



Breakfast/Cafe  
Place to sip & talk

BIKE LANES  
ON ADJACENT  
ROADS!

Crosswalk from  
CVS area  
to Copley  
Circle

A book store  
+ coffee shop  
pedestrian friendly

Walkability

More places to  
eat + relax

Love the  
lights in  
trees.



# Copley Circle Advisory Board – Better Block



November 9, 2016

Joe DeFuria  
ODOT District Four  
2088 South Arlington Rd.  
Akron, OH 44306

Re: Copley Circle Right-of-Way Improvements

Dear Mr. DeFuria,

Thank you for meeting with Copley Township representatives on November 2, 2016 and allowing us the opportunity to offer feedback to the Copley Circle Better Block event. Through the granting of an ODOT right-of-way permit, several temporary roadway improvements were implemented, which aided in traffic calming, improved pedestrian safety and enhanced streetscaping/beautifying of the Copley Circle surroundings. A great deal of planning and effort was required for the Better Block event which attracted nearly 1,000 visitors and modeled how the greater Copley Circle area could be improved in ways that would ensure public safety and foster economic development opportunities for the future.

You had asked that we collect our thoughts and get back to you. To that end, consideration is requested for the following:

- **Pedestrian Sidewalks & Crosswalks** – temporary paint was used to delineate both sidewalks and crosswalks throughout the Copley Circle. These delineated areas resulted in positive survey responses which indicated an increased level of pedestrian safety. These temporary improvements were so successful that we ask assistance in pursuing the permanent installation of pedestrian sidewalks and crosswalks.
- **Enhanced Landscape Islands** – temporary silk-socks were used to further delineate islands and serve as a traffic calming and pedestrian safety zones. While existing island are present, their delineation comes in the form of white paint. Our experience leads us to believe that the automobile and certainly the pedestrian receive very little



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## Short Term Improvements

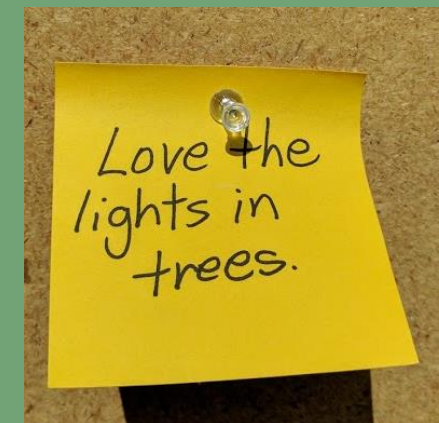
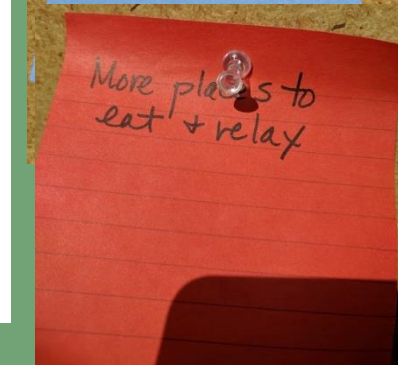
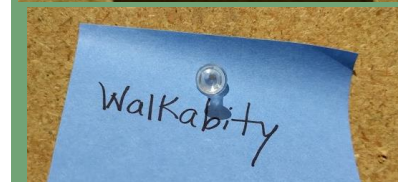
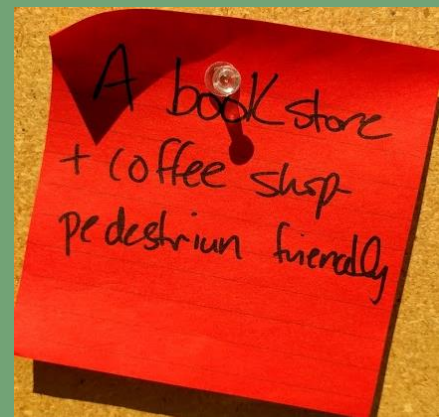
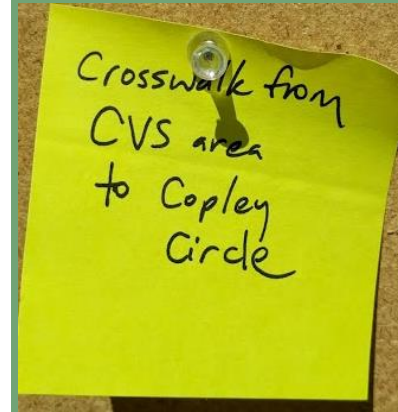
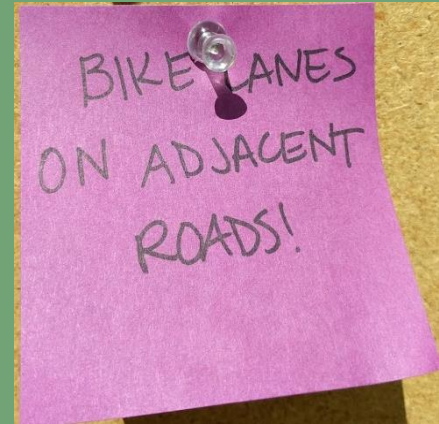
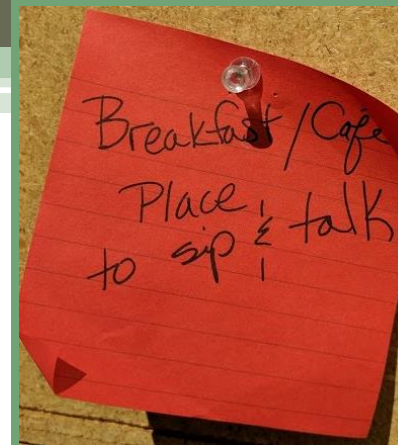
- Mid-Circle Crosswalks
- Special Lighting

## Medium Range Improvements

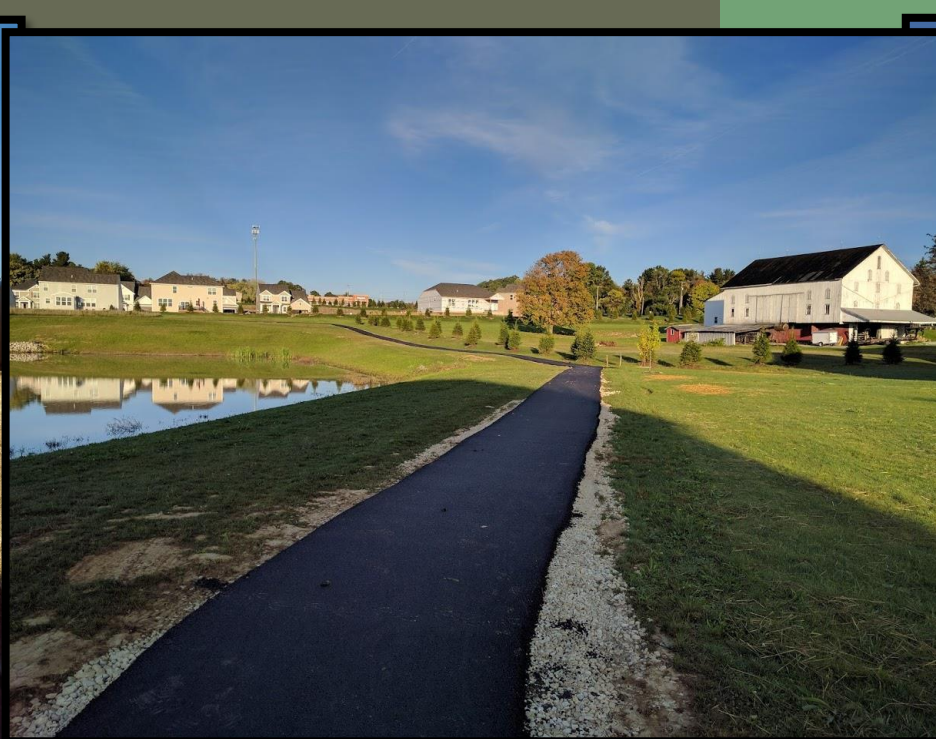
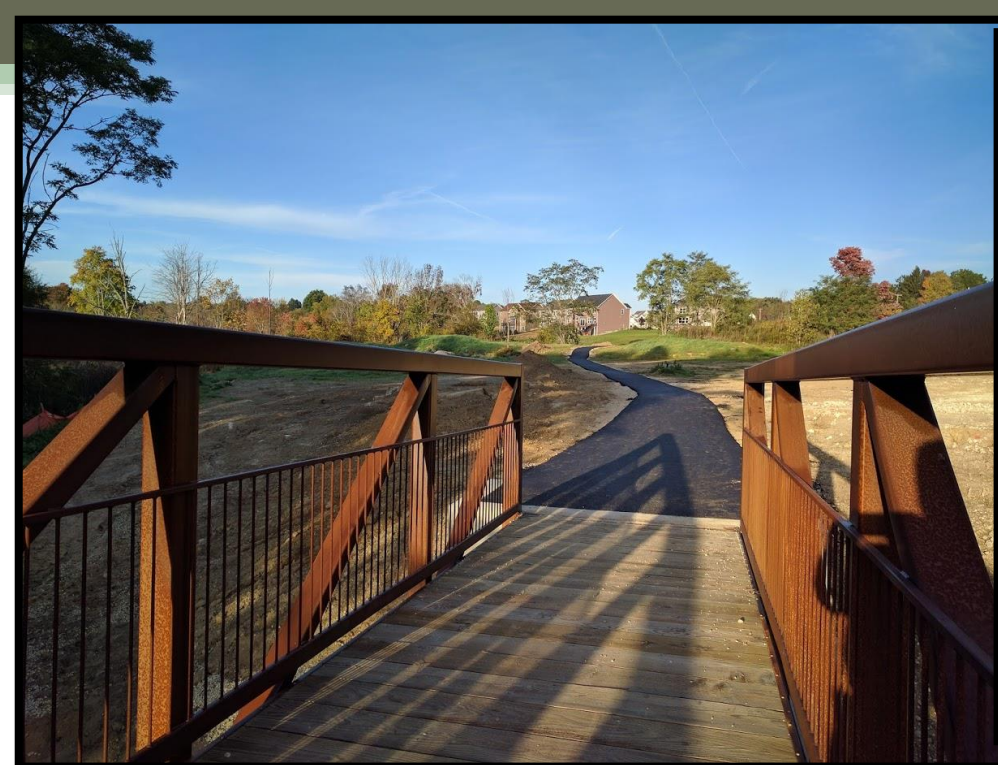
- Benches, lawn games, historical markers
- Varied, regular Circle gatherings
- Little Free Library made permanent

## Long Range Improvements

- Sidewalk, connectivity plan
- Wayfinding Signage
- Bike lanes, crosswalks
- Pedestrian Islands
- Property Maintenance Code
- Infrastructure & Funding to Incentivize redevelopment







**The Preserve at Miller Farm Pedestrian Bridge: 160 Foot Span & 63,000 lbs.**



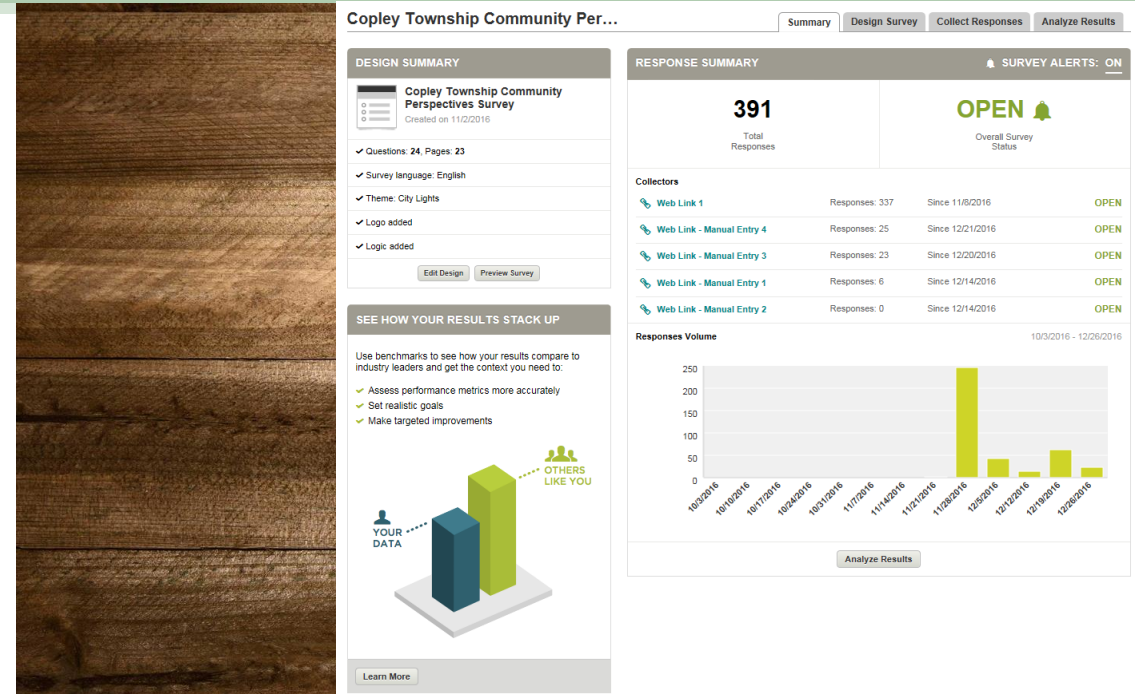
# Community Perspective Survey Themes

- Limit/Control Growth – Preserve Existing Land
- Improve the Copley Circle & Business Corridors
- Want Dog Park(s) & Recreational Center
- Great School District(s)
- Small Town Feel – Safe and Family Friendly
- Improve Access to Passive Recreation – sidewalks, trails etc.

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Slightly Important	Not at all Important	Total	Weighted Average
Create a more walkable / bikeable community	26.53% 26	33.67% 33	28.57% 28	11.22% 11	98	2.24
Increase / Improve lighting in public spaces	22.45% 22	33.67% 33	32.65% 32	11.22% 11	98	2.33
Revitalize Copley Circle streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and curb appeal	35.71% 35	32.65% 32	23.47% 23	8.16% 8	98	2.04
Increase and maintain bike lanes, trails, and paths	19.39% 19	25.51% 25	42.86% 42	12.24% 12	98	2.48
Improve connectivity of neighborhoods, open space, and commercial areas	14.43% 14	40.21% 39	34.02% 33	11.34% 11	97	2.42
Extend Sewer and Water Lines	61.22% 60	23.47% 23	10.20% 10	5.10% 5	98	1.59
Transportation improvements such as traffic signals, turning lanes	34.69% 34	38.78% 38	17.35% 17	9.18% 9	98	2.01
Other, (specify below)	50.00% 11	18.18% 4	0.00% 0	31.82% 7	22	2.14

Comments (17)

↔ = TRENDING



	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Historic Preservation / Arts / Culture	15.59% 53	14.71% 50	18.53% 63	21.76% 74	29.41% 100	340
Businesses / Job Growth	20.29% 69	21.76% 74	20.29% 69	17.94% 61	19.71% 67	340
Community Facilities / Transportation / Water Lines / Sanitary Sewer / Storm Sewer	29.41% 100	20.59% 70	20.88% 71	16.76% 57	12.35% 42	340
Recreation / Environmental / Open Space Preservation	19.41% 66	24.41% 83	20.00% 68	22.06% 75	14.12% 48	340
Neighborhoods / Housing	15.29% 52	18.53% 63	20.29% 69	21.47% 73	24.41% 83	340



## Copley trustees adopt property maintenance code

11/24/2016 - West Side Leader

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By Pam Lifke

The Copley Township trustees have approved the adoption of a property maintenance code and created the position of code enforcement officer.

"This is something we have been discussing extensively for years," said Trustee Helen Humphrys during the Nov. 16 meeting. "It will stabilize our neighborhoods and keep our property values up."

The code establishes enforceable standards for property maintenance. Trustees have said a property maintenance code will allow them to more effectively address nuisance properties and be more responsive to residents' complaints. The code will become effective Jan. 1.

"I appreciate all the time and effort that has gone into this from all departments. ... We've come up with what initially we think fits for Copley Township and obviously to be adjusted to fit the community and hopefully we've anticipated as much as we can," said Trustee Scott Dressler.

The new code enforcement officer will report to the township planning director.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### Copley volunteers clear illegal dump site



COPLEY — On Oct. 1, a small group of volunteers made a big impact when they

removed more than 300 illegally dumped tires from an abandoned residential prop-



erty on Copley Road. It took about an hour for the six volunteers to load the tires into

a large trash bin for proper disposal, said Copley Township Planning Director Matt Springer, shown at right. However, township resident Kevin Samarigan, shown above, spent several more hours before cleanup day removing the tires from their metal rims. Springer said township resident Mike Pritchett, shown at top left, also pitched in during the cleanup effort. Others working on the project included Springer's son Quinn and township residents Mitch Watson and Ron Drouin.



Photos courtesy of Copley Township

Springer said the project was the result of several conversations with Pritchett about cleanup projects in the township. Additional volunteers were recruited through a posting on Copley's Facebook page, Springer said. Preventing illegal dumping is

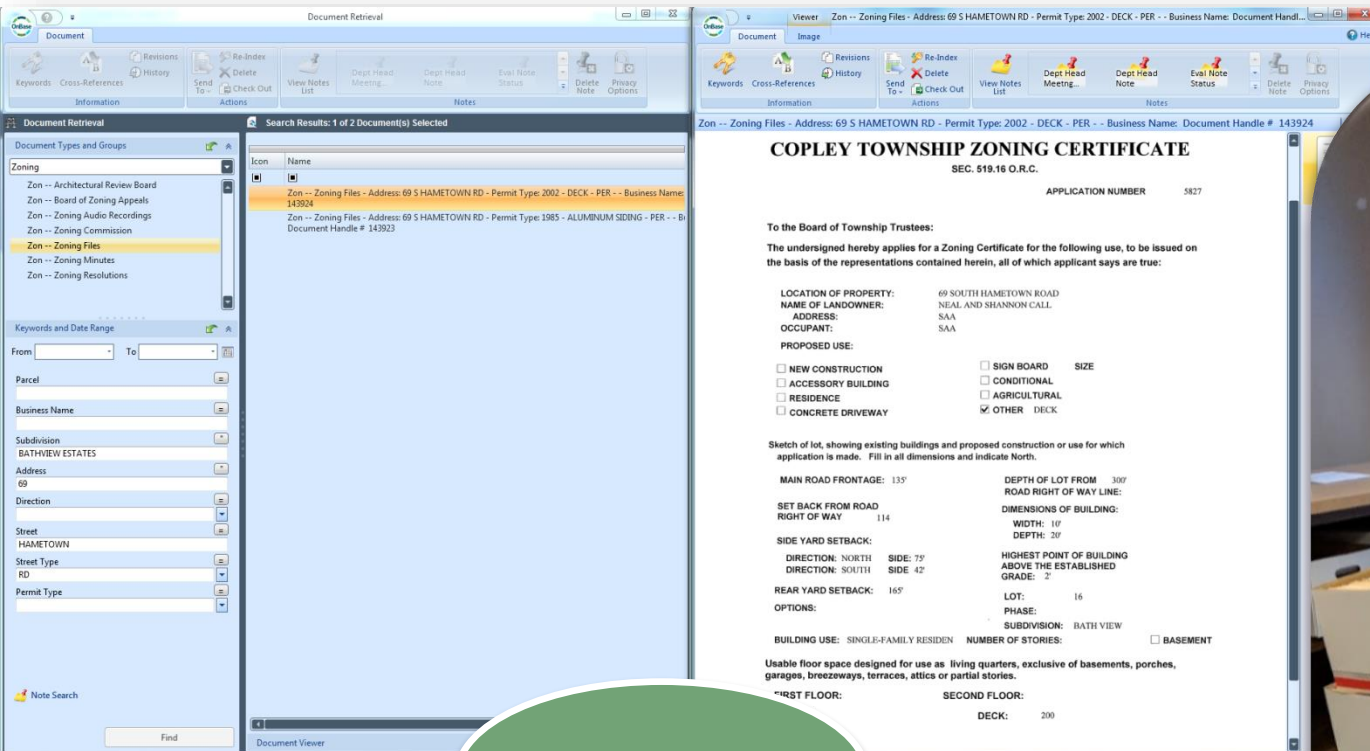
always a challenge, Springer said. The township often will try to block access to properties where illegal dumping is known to occur, he said. Springer encouraged township residents to report suspicious behavior to the police department.



Blight Prevention & Elimination ➡ Community Engagement ➡ Stronger Neighborhoods



# Record Retention and Online Retrieval



Electronic Storage

Document Retrieval

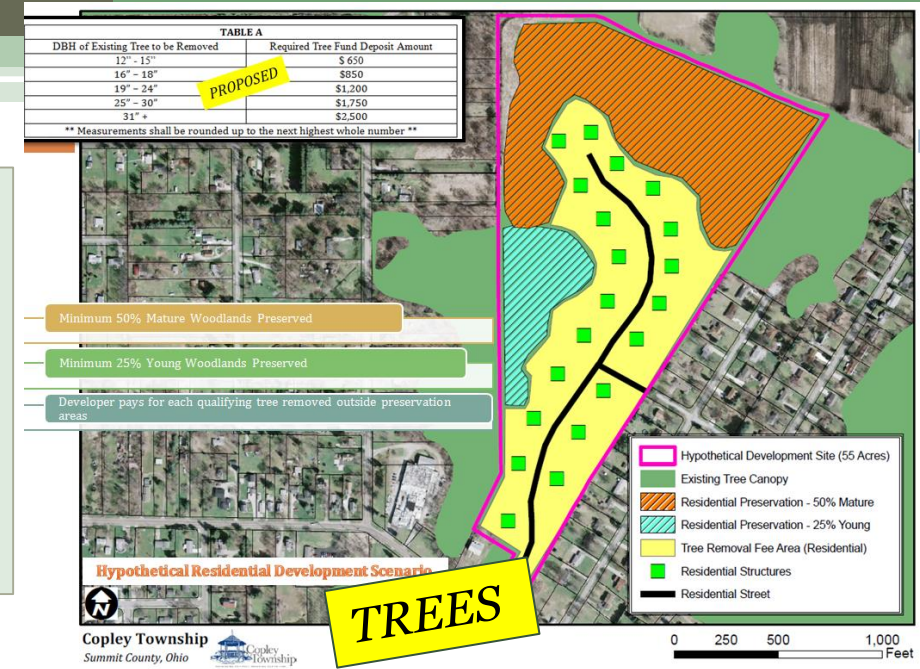
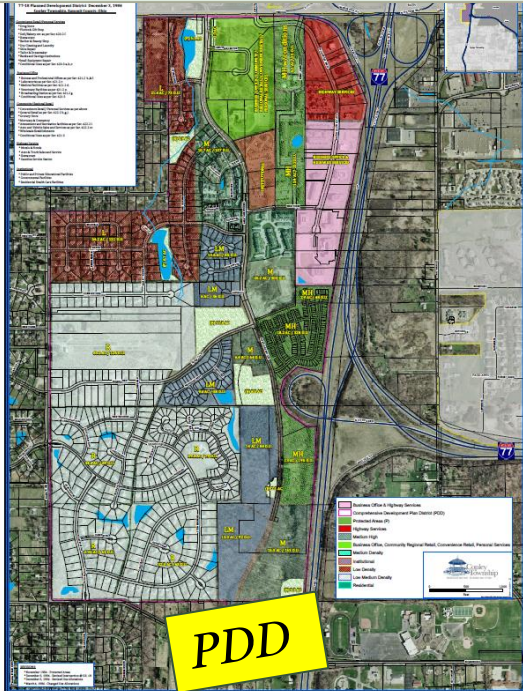
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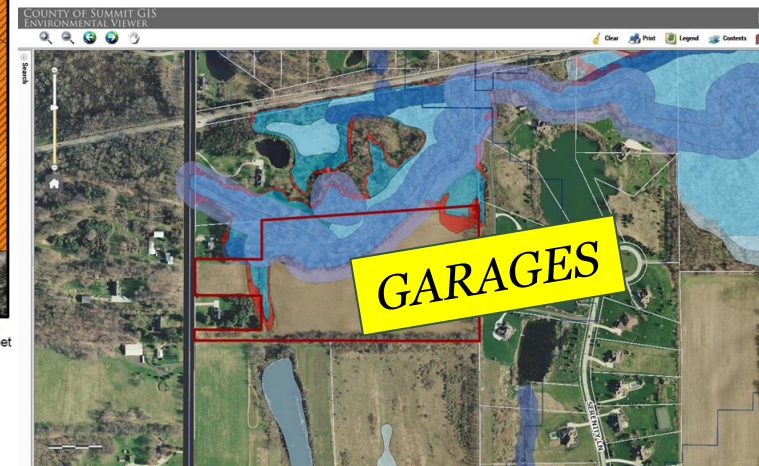


# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017 & BEYOND – DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ❖ Tree Preservation and/or Landscaping Improvements
- ❖ Development Agreement for new projects
- ❖ Size of Garages on Residential Lots
- ❖ Updating the Planned Development District (1984)
- ❖ Comprehensive Land Use Plan Goals and Objectives (2009-2019)
- ❖ Roles and Purpose of Boards (In-house Training)
- ❖ Micro Planning Efforts – Copley Circle, Wayfinding, Beautification



**12. Please explain the practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship which justify this application for a Variance.**  
 Answer: In addition to parking several cars for everyday use the home owners will need to store a tractor, lawn care and snow removal equipment, and various other tools that will be used to maintain this property.



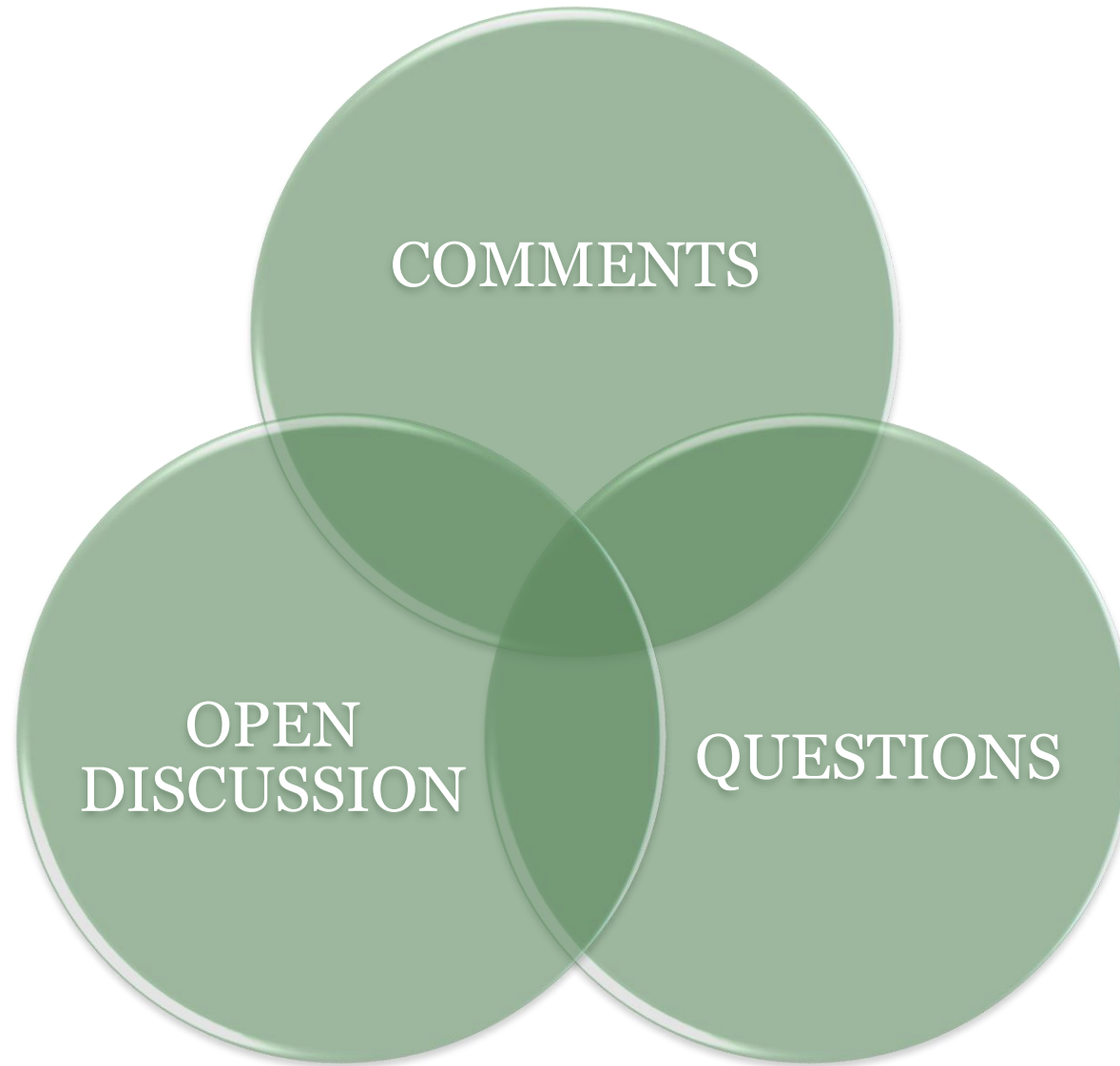
## OVERVIEW/SUMMARY REQUEST

The applicant and landowner is requesting to construct a 5,303 sq. ft. single family house with an attached 1,500 sq. ft. garage (900 sq. ft. allowed). The property consists of 19.5 acres and is located within the Low Density Residential District. The property is served by well and septic. While riparian and FEMA floodplains are present on the property, the new construction would be located entirely outside the environmental constraints. There would be one (1) driveway crossing over the riparian which is allowed under §15.15.05 (B) 2. There are no other detached structures proposed for the lot.

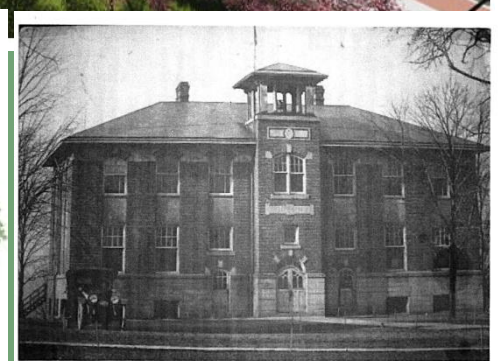
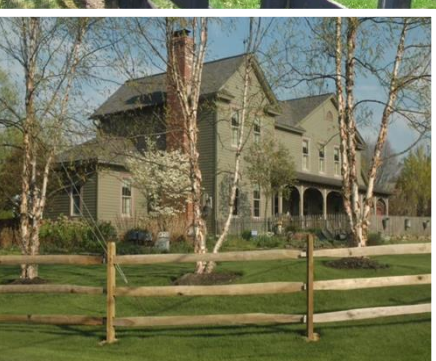
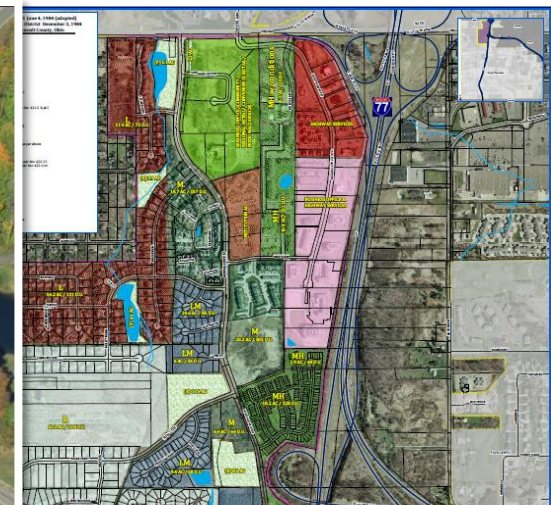
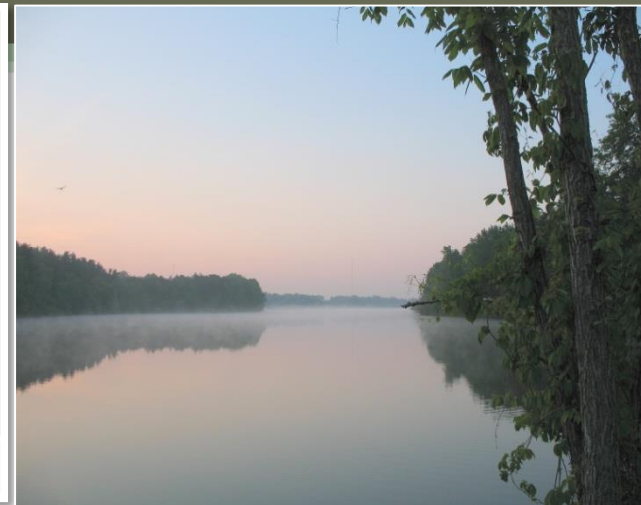
**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL**











# Township Annual Board Meeting