



A New Department With A New Look



Director



Business Recruitment, Retention & Expansion



Community Improvements

Matt Springer, MPA



Zoning Inspector



Permitting of Improvements



Development of Record Retention

Sue Schultz



Code Enforcement Officer



Property Maintenance



Neighborhood Revitalization

Jeff Newman



Administrative Assistant



Program Development



GIS Implementation

Shawna Gfroerer, MPA

Core Focus of Department

Strategic Land Planning

- ❖ Subdivision Design
- ❖ Coordinating Developments
- ❖ Land Assembly for Improved Land Use
- ❖ Comprehensive Land Use Planning
- ❖ Land Bank



Community Engagement

- ❖ Volunteerism Projects
- ❖ Keep Copley Beautiful
- ❖ Neighborhood Associations
- ❖ Community Groups



Neighborhood Revitalization

- ❖ Property Maintenance Code
- ❖ Demolitions
- ❖ Beautification Programs



Public Space and Pedestrian Connectivity

- ❖ Strategic Land Acquisition
- ❖ Master Parks/Trail and Pedestrian Planning
- ❖ Grants and Funding for Public Space Improvements



Community and Economic Development

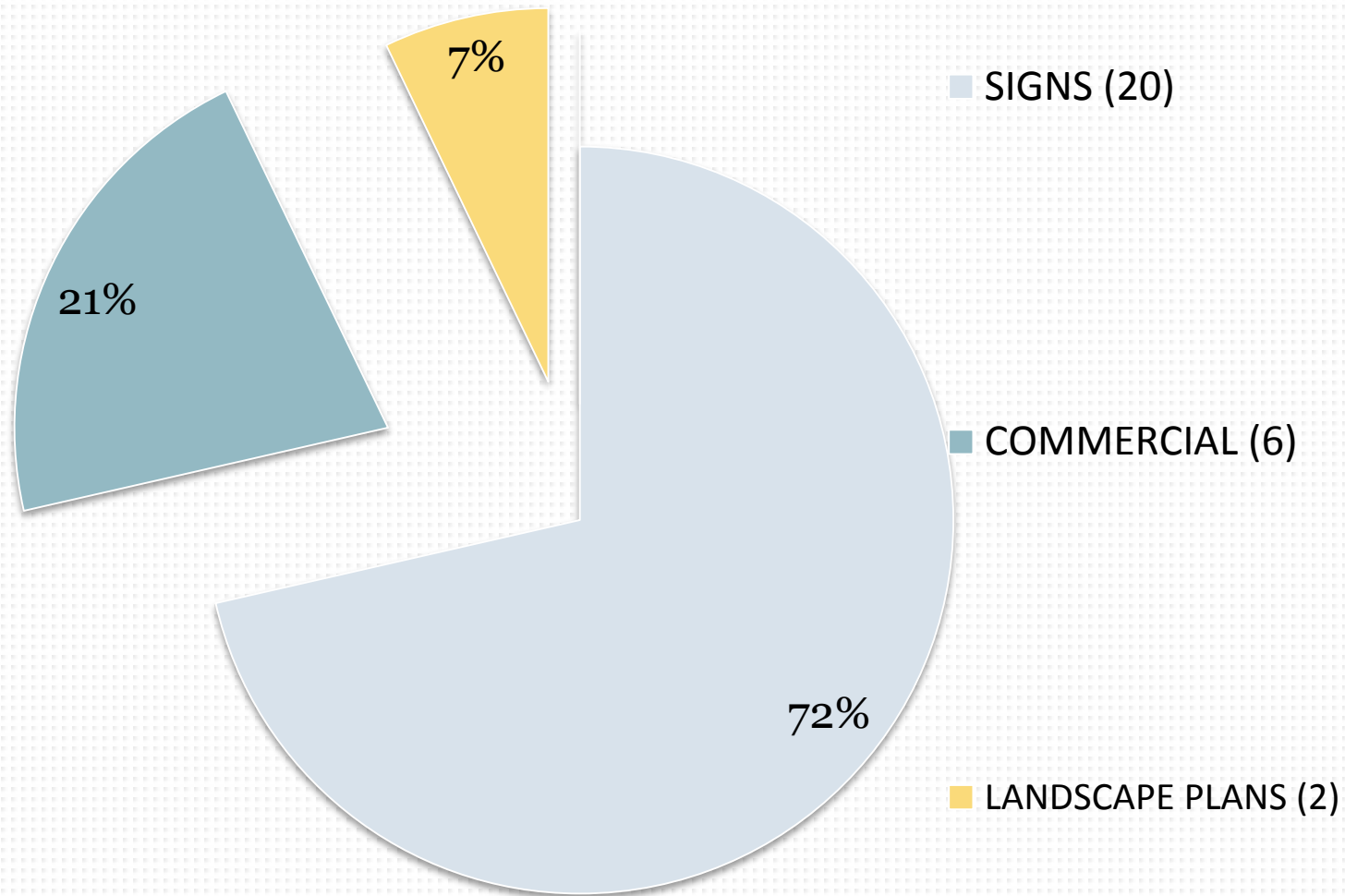
- ❖ Economic Development & Business Expansion
- ❖ Business Retention and Attraction
- ❖ Community Improvement Corp. (CIC)



Land & Historical Preservation

- ❖ Conservation of Significant Land
- ❖ Inventory and Identification of Historically Significant Features
- ❖ Collaboration with Copley Historical Society
- ❖ Scenic Byways



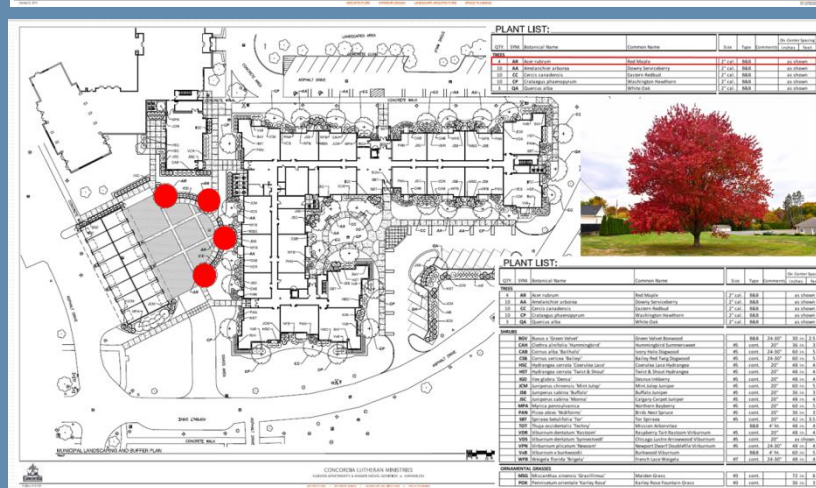


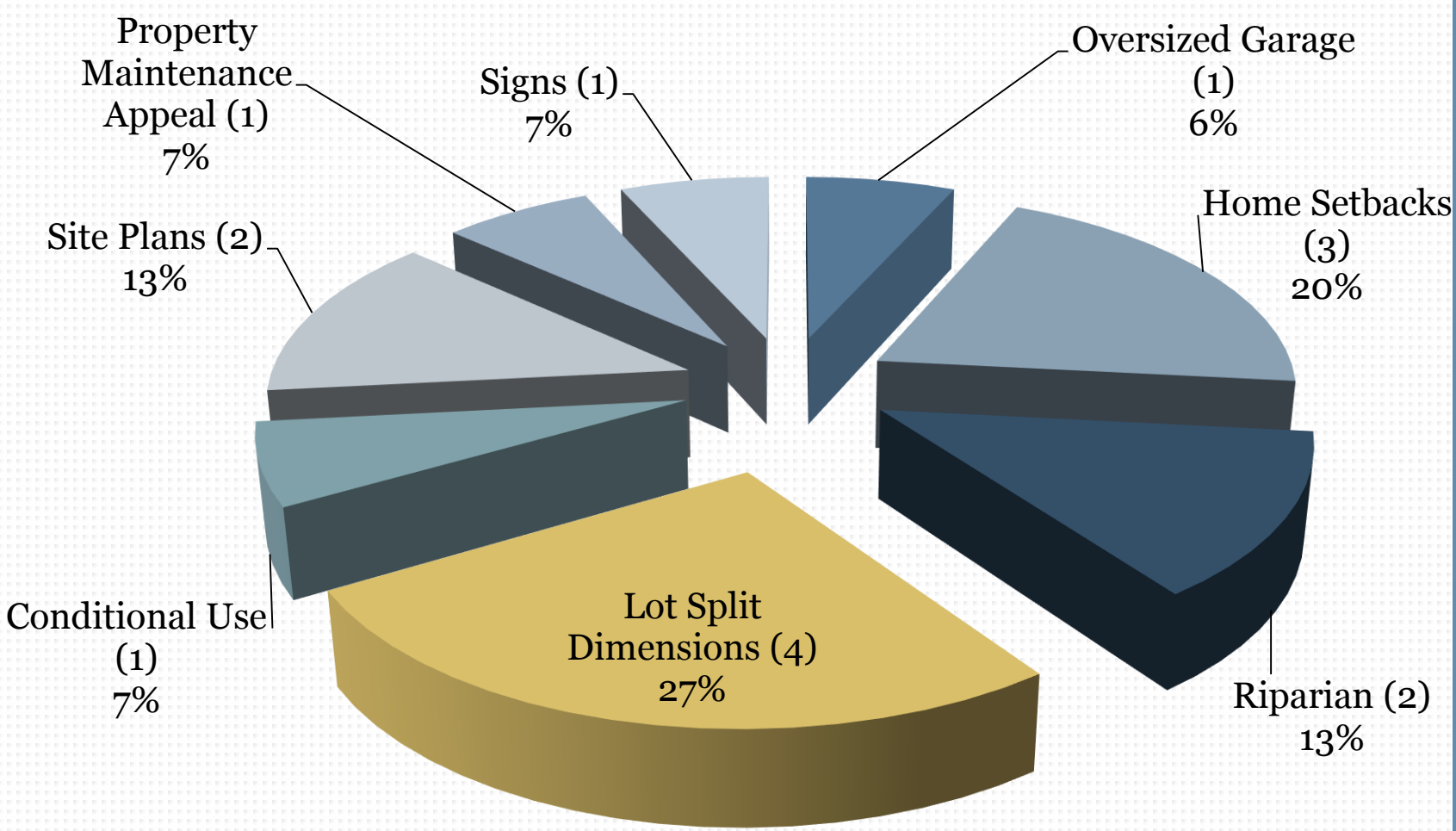
2017 Applications (28)

■ SIGNS (20)

■ COMMERCIAL (6)

■ LANDSCAPE PLANS (2)





2017 Applications (15)

SWAN LAKE DAM IMPROVEMENTS

Swan Lake Phase 1-4
Swan Lake Phase 5-6

0 750 1500 Feet

Tom Lavery
962 Jacoby Rd.
Industrial (I)

Property Maintenance Appeals

Request:
To appeal the CEO's order to comply with the Property Maintenance Code

Explain the Practical Difficulties/Hardship:
Totally impossible burden at current time, severe financial + time/ recovery/property limitations; also, owner's health.

How would the granting of an appeal affect neighborhood and community?
Unknown; total speculation

APPEALING SECTION(S)

- §5.02 Structural Soundness
- §5.10 Inoperable or Junk Motor Vehicles
- § 7.01 General
- § 7.02 Unsafe Structure
- § 8.01 General
- § 8.02 Order

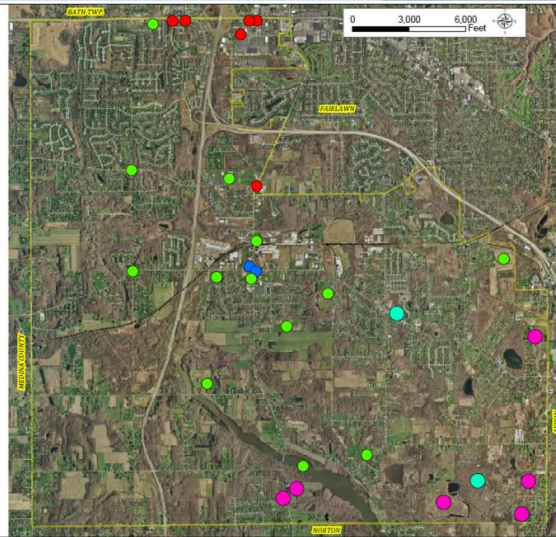
REQUEST SUMMARY

The applicant and landowner is requesting approval to subdivide an existing 13.2 acres which presently consists of a single family home. The proposed lot split would create a 10.04 (existing single family home) while a new and 3.17 acre lot is created for a future single-family home. The Summit County Health Dept. has issued approval for the lot split. The proposed 3.17 acre parcel would require a variance from §3.01 (D), 2 which requires a minimum lot width at the building setback line of 150' (60 proposed). Lots along Paxton were created during the 40's, 50's and 60's to build existing homes.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL



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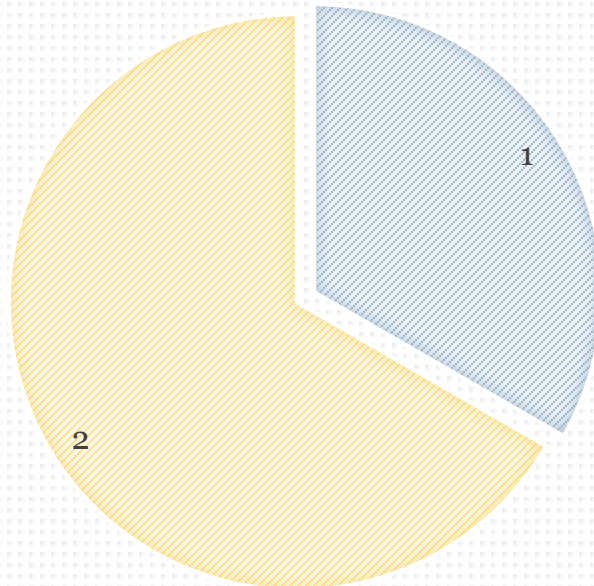
**2017 Attributes/Challenges**

- Heritage Woods/Traffic
- Montrose West Intersection
- Springside Dr./S.R. 18 Intersection
- Flight Memorial Dr./ S.R. 18 Intersection
- Red Roof Inn
- High Density Development
- Ridgewood/ Cleve-Mass Intersection
- Ridgewood/ Jacoby Intersection
- Copley Circle
- Jacob's Parcel "Copley Greens"
- Copley/Bath Fire Station
- Roundabout
- Copley High School
- Shisler's
- Boughton Farm
- Hametown/ Copley Rd. Intersection
- Copley Cemetery
- CVS
- Copley Feed
- Copley Community Park
- Arrowhead School
- Bender's Farm Market
- Barberton Reservoir
- Whimsical Pig Bed and Breakfast
- Wolf Creek Winery
- Akron Rugby Club
- Pigeon Creek Trail
- Panzner/U of Akron Wetland Preserve
- Bessie Williams USEPA Superfund Site
- Copley Square USEPA Superfund Site
- Graf Growers

2009 Attributes (13) 2009 Challenges (6) 2009 Inconclusive (2) 2017 Gained Attributes (6) 2017 Ongoing Challenges (2)

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■ Text Amendments (1) ■ Map Amendments (2)



Zoning Commission (ZC)

Strategic Land Planning

Draft Text Amendment – Event Centers

Conditional Use Within:

- R-LD
- R-MD
- O-C

** Not in S-M/F or 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.

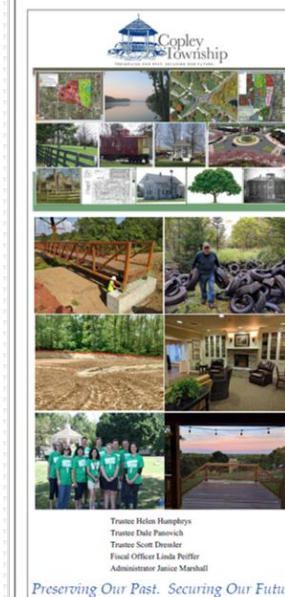


Shivya, Vyom & Rohit Prakash

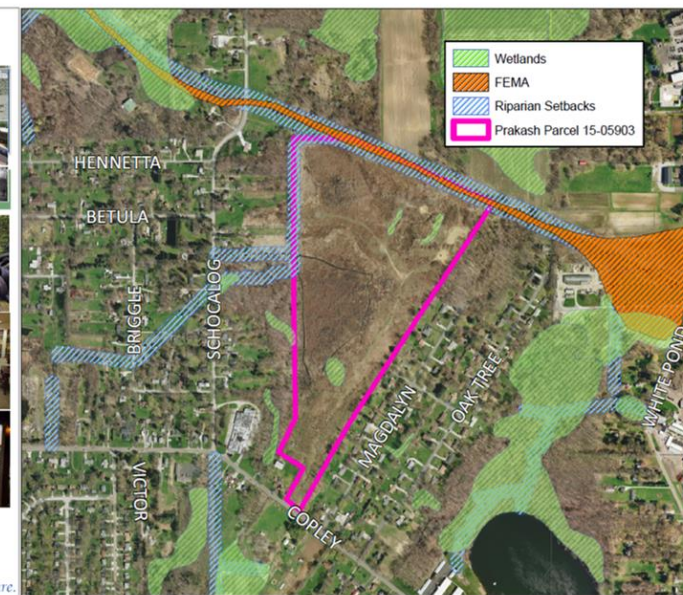
Parcel 15-05903 Copley Rd.

55 Acres

Open Space Conservation



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Prakash Map Amendment - Environmental Conditions

OVERVIEW/SUMMARY REQUEST

The subject site (parcel 15-05903 Copley Rd.) is currently zoned Open Space Conservation (O-C) and consists of 55 acres. The site has frontage along Copley Rd. which is a sixty (60) foot right-of-way and is maintained by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The site has public access via Copley Rd. and potentially through Dexter Rd. which is part of the Marks Subdivision. The site has access to City of Akron water but sewer is not currently available without an extension and pump-station.

The requested map amendment would change the zoning from Open Space Conservation to Residential - Medium Density (R-MD) with the intent of developing the land under the Conservation Development standards (§3.06).

<http://www.copley.oh.us/zoning/resolution-rewrite>

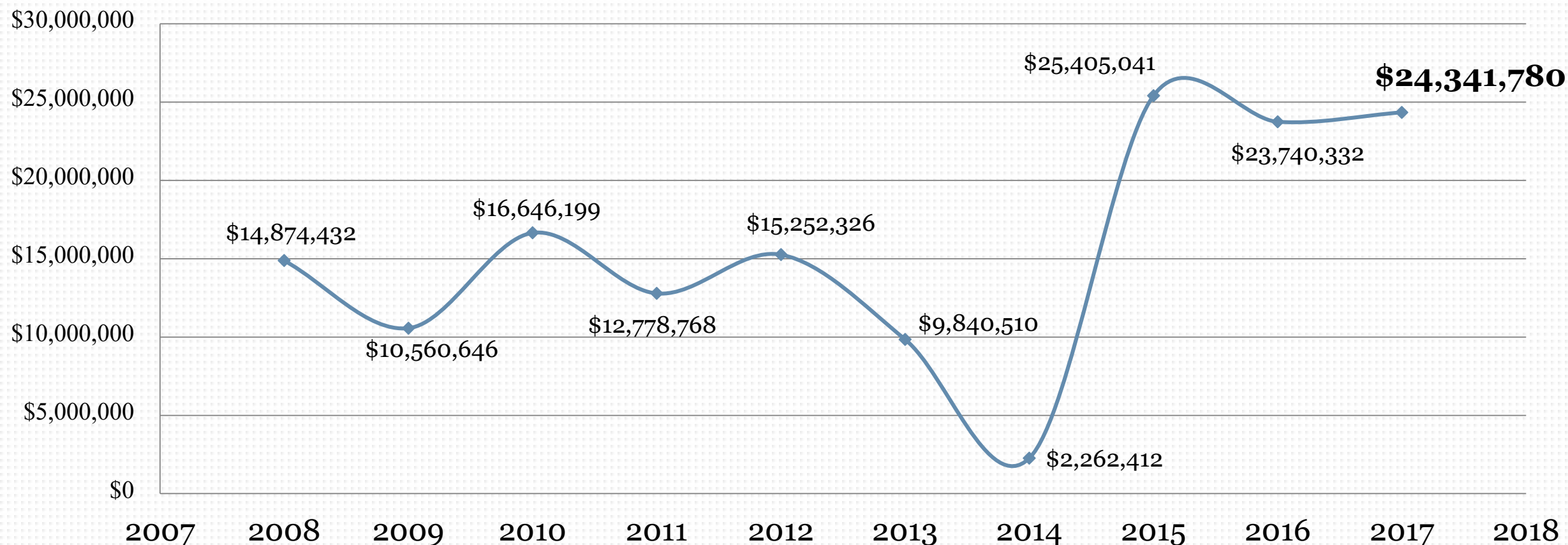


Community & Economic Development - December 2017 Monthly Report

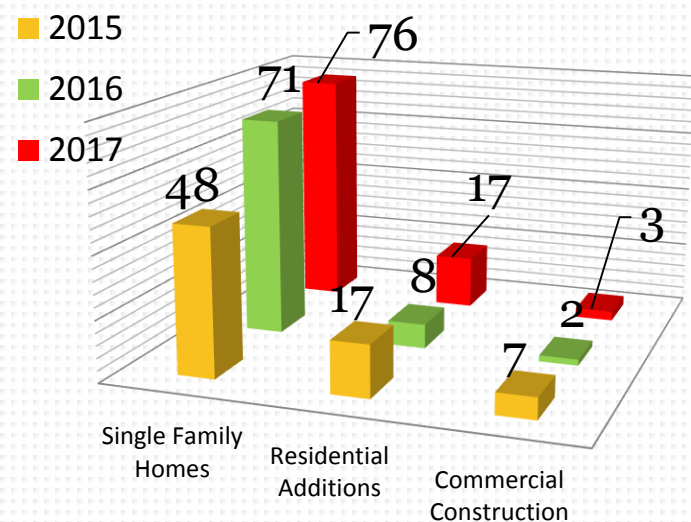
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SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	13	4	6	8	7	5	4	5	2	8	4	10	76	71
ATTACHED SINGLE FAMILY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	2	0	2	0	3	1	3	2	0	2	1	1	17	8
COMMERCIAL CONST.	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2
GARAGES	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	5	19
DECKS	0	0	3	0	5	1	9	6	2	2	1	1	30	34
ACCESSORY BLDGS	0	0	0	1	5	1	1	1	0	4	1	0	14	14
BUS. USE CERTIFICATES	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	5	12	24
TEMP. SIGNS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	12
SIGNS	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	2	4	0	1	1	16	27
POOLS	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	6
HOME OCCUPATIONS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	15	12
TOTAL PERMITS	17	7	15	14	24	14	24	19	13	20	10	18	195	229
FEES COLLECTED	\$ 4,597	\$ 1,537	\$ 3,387	\$ 3,456	\$ 3,396	\$ 2,190	\$ 2,294	\$ 3,931	\$ 1,623	\$ 3,538	\$ 1,771	\$ 4,047	\$ 35,767	\$ 19,433
EST VAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 4,391,340	\$ 1,060,575	\$ 1,959,688	\$ 2,505,581	\$ 2,012,870	\$ 1,514,258	\$ 1,229,300	\$ 2,014,675	\$ 610,945	\$ 2,627,900	\$ 1,215,640	\$ 3,199,008	\$ 24,341,780	\$ 23,740,332
ARB APPLICATIONS	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	5	5	0	2	1	28	28
VARIANCE APPLICATIONS	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	4	1	1	2	2	15	16
ZONING COMMISSION	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	10	12
PLANNING COMMISSION	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	7	6
PROP. MAINTENANCE SITES	10	18	37	29	35	38	84	49	15	44	35	34	428	



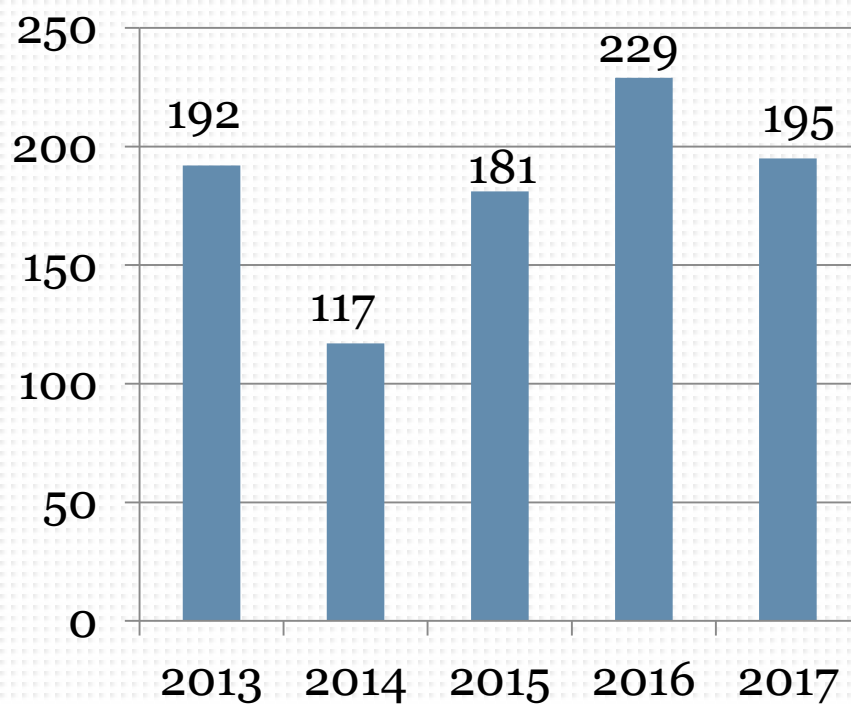
Decade Perspective - \$155.7 Million Invested



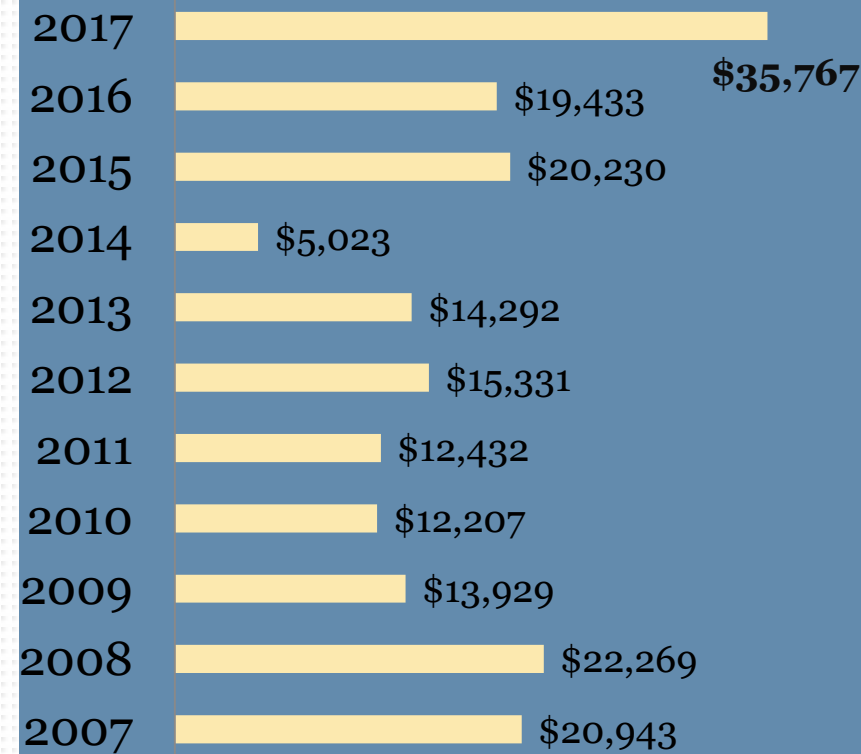
Community & Economic Development



Permits Issued by Year



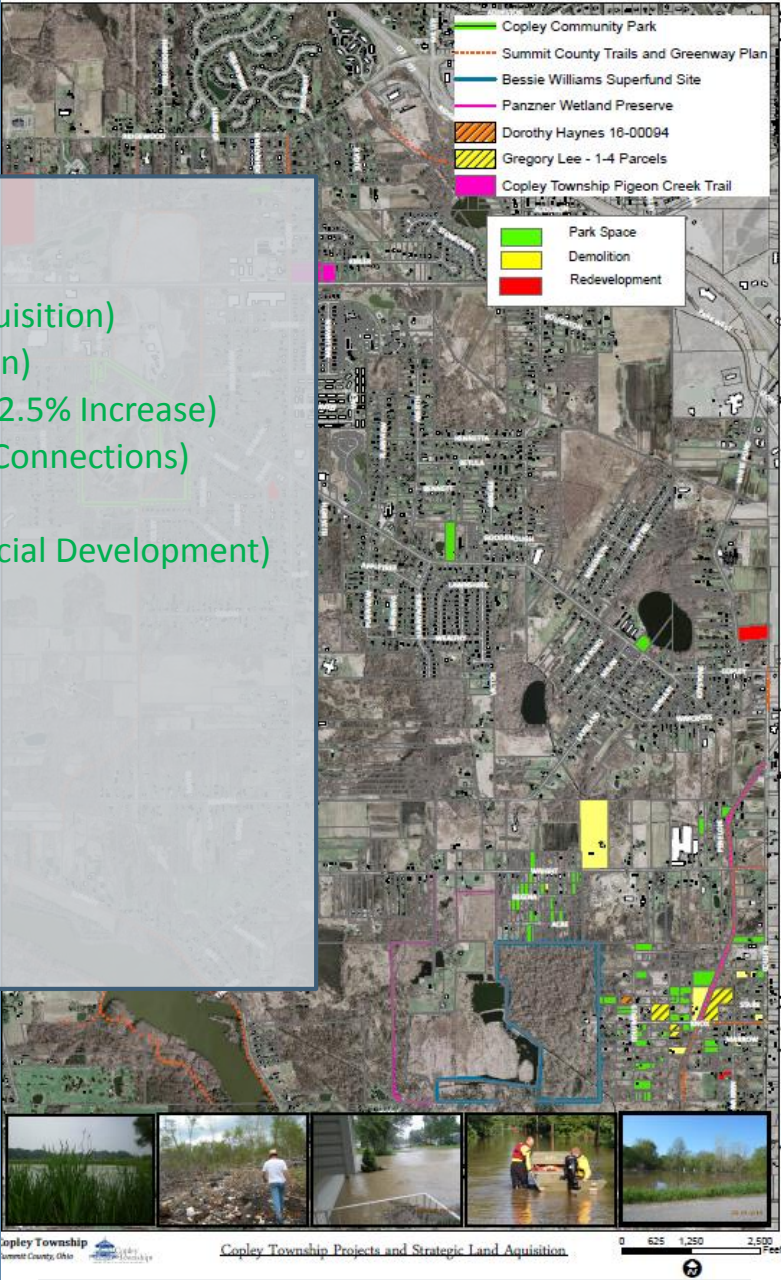
Annual Fees Received



EVALUATING 2017 & IMPLEMENTING THE LAND USE PLAN

LAND USE PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

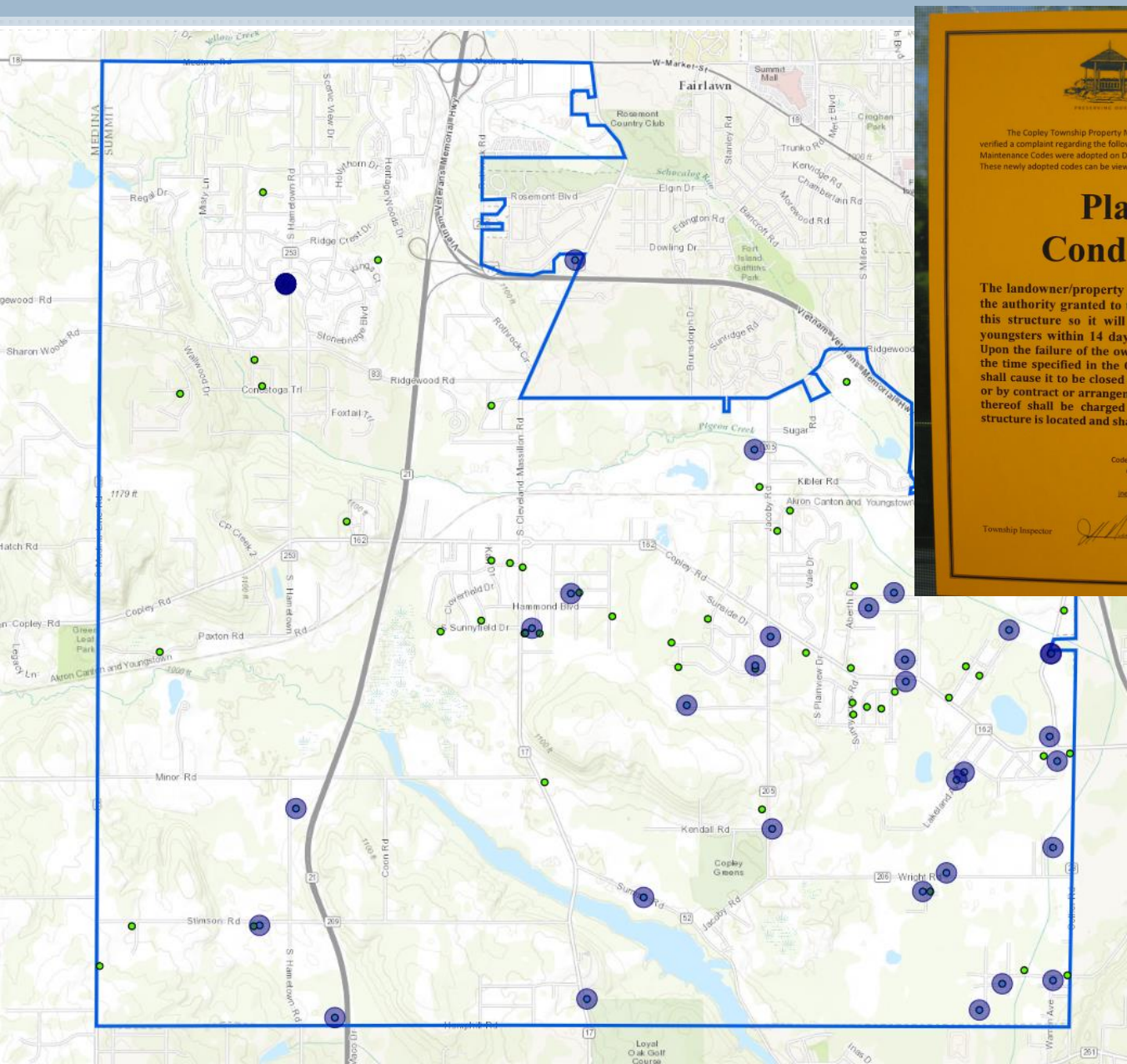
- Balance community design with open space conservation (Summit County Land Bank – Strategic Land Acquisition)
- Promote and beautify Township Gateways (Ace Tire Environmental Testing/Acquisition & Gateway Sign Plan)
- Maintain and expand the tax base and provide employment opportunities (\$24.3 Million Improvements = 2.5% Increase)
- Create walkable neighborhoods with sidewalks and trails; encourage pedestrian networks (Hillside Estate Connections)
- 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 & Neighborhood Stabilization Efforts)



Community & Economic Development

Summit County Land Bank – 60 Parcels for Preservation

Summit County Pilot Program: Property Maintenance & Compliance Status



Potential Violation

Other

Inspection Comments

Open structure, appears to be in disrepair. Vegetation is overgrown. The property is a hazard to the public.

Violation(s) Verified

5.03, 5.04, 7.01, 7.05

Action Taken

Issued a Placard of Condemnation. Posted on building.

Inspection Date

7/10/2017

Parcel Number

1505166

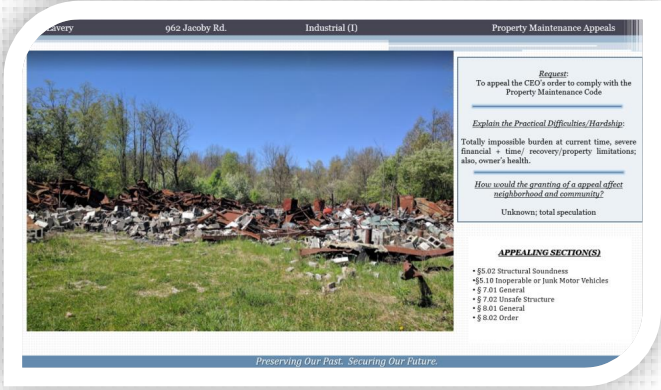
Action Taken Date

7/11/2017

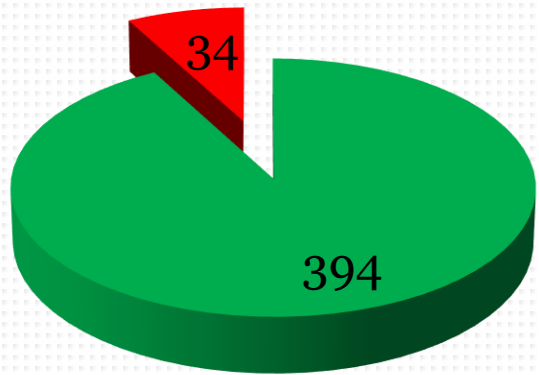
Action Taken

Sent notice to property owner regarding Placard of Condemnation placed on building.

Action Taken Date 2



Property Maintenance Complaints



Resolved Complaints

Pending Sites



Copley Township

@CopleyTownship

Demolition 🚧 Day has begun and we're removing vacant blight as part of our Neighborhood Revitalization initiative. [#keepcopleybeautiful](#)



5:36 AM - 16 Nov 2017 from Cuyahoga Falls, OH

4 Likes



Neighborhood Revitalization

Volunteers help keep local woman from losing her home

POSTED 5:55 PM, AUGUST 25, 2017, BY DAVE NETHERS

FACEBOOK

TWITTER

GOOGLE

PINTEREST

LINKEDIN

EMAIL

Group rebuilds home

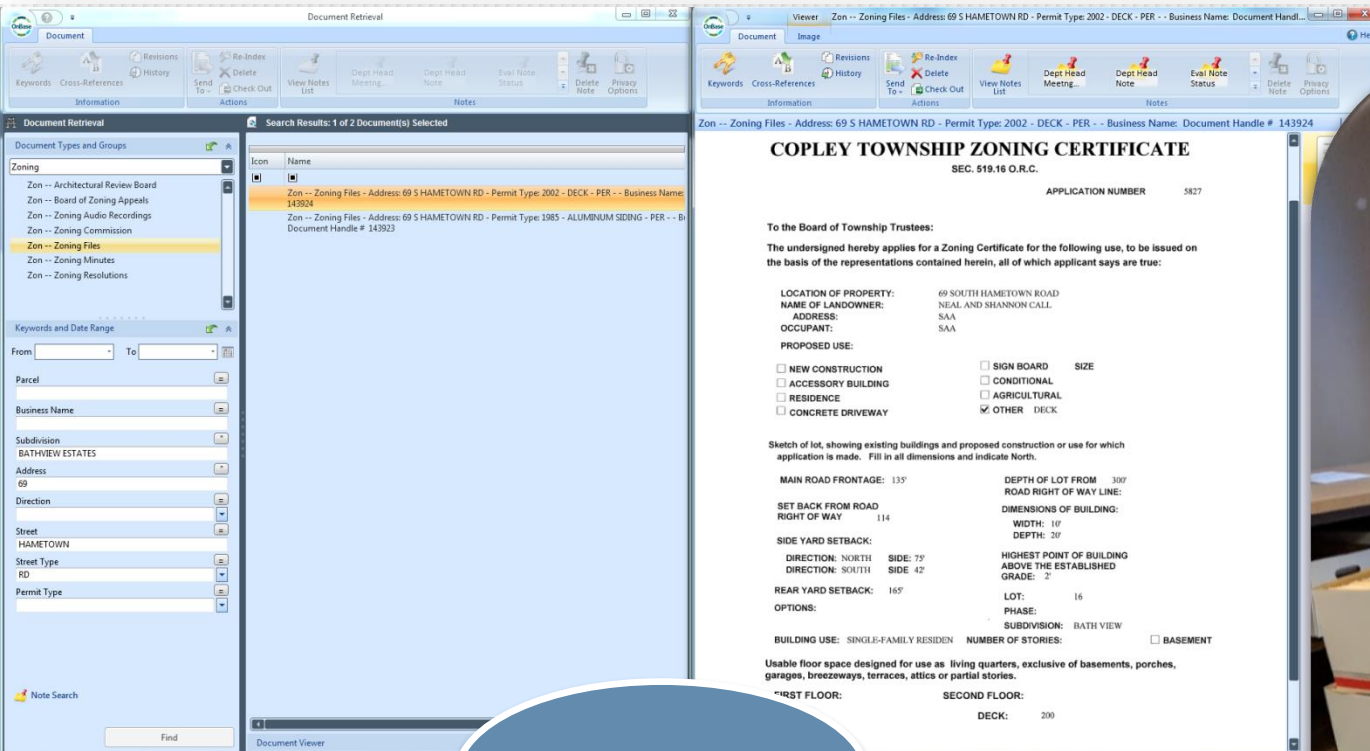


COPLEY TWP., Ohio - In January, Copley Township adopted a code enforcement policy



Neighborhood Revitalization

Record Retention and Online Retrieval



Electronic Storage

Document Retrieval

Future Public Access





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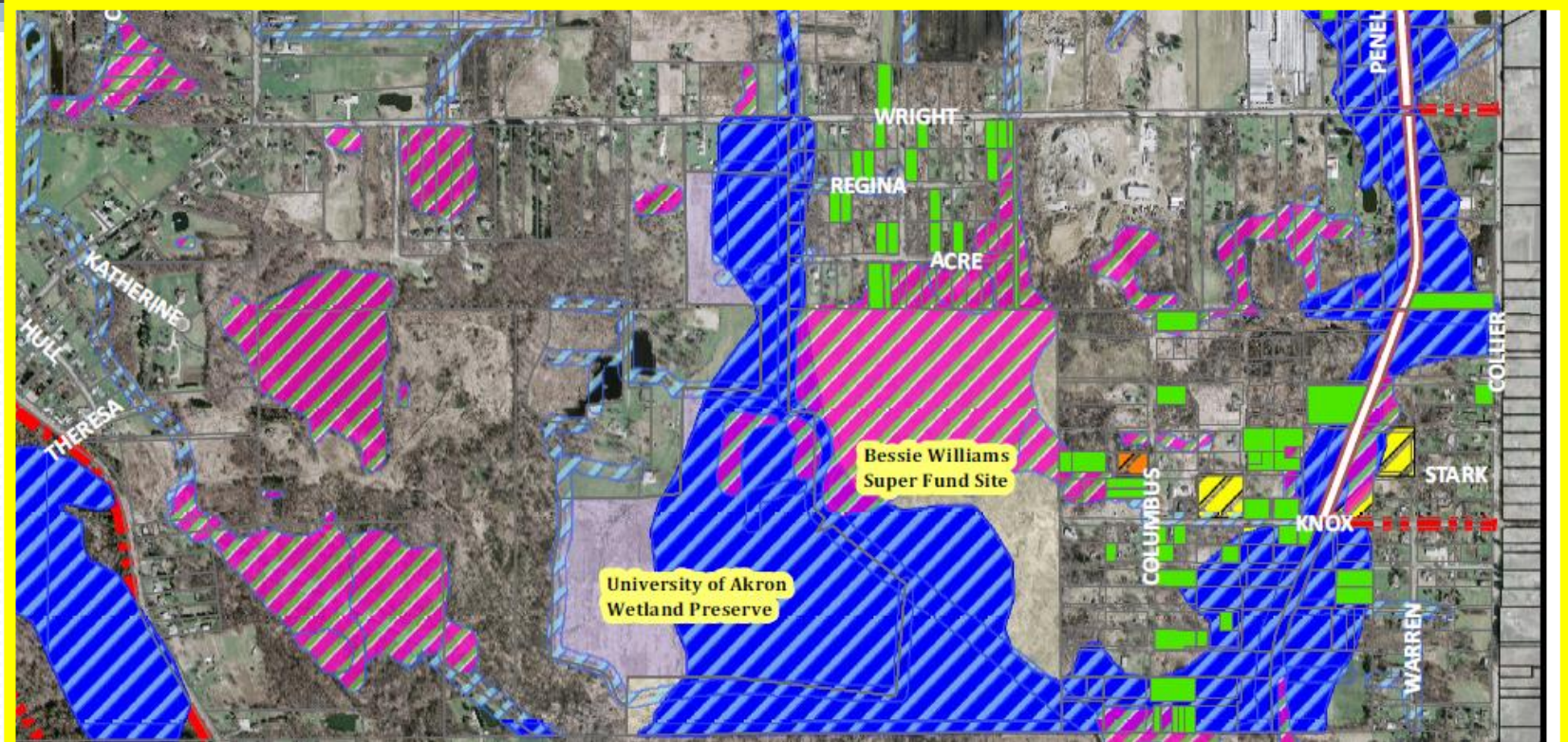
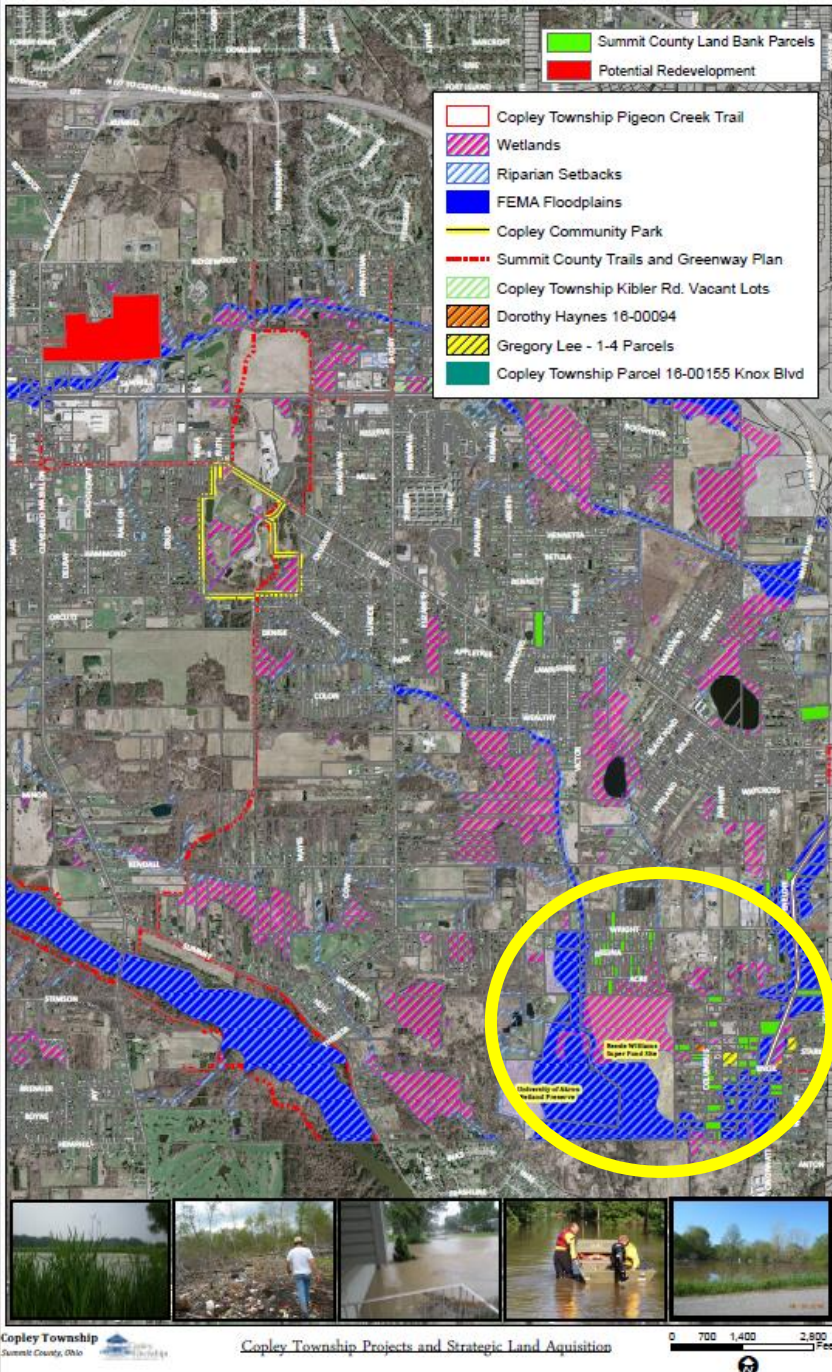
It's planting day in Copley. The start to over 400 🌳 in the Preserve at Miller's Farm. [#keepcopleybeautiful](#)



SHADE TREES

- 2-1/2" CAL.
- WHEN A LOT IS 80' WIDE, TREES ARE TO BE 40' APART
- WHEN A LOT IS 70' WIDE, TREES ARE TO BE 35' APART
- AUTUMN BLAZE MAPLE
- BRANDYWINE RED MAPLE
- PRINCETON AMERICAN ELM
- GREENSPIRE LINDEN
- SKYLINE HONEYLOCUST
- LONDON PLANETREE
- JAPANESE ZELKOVA

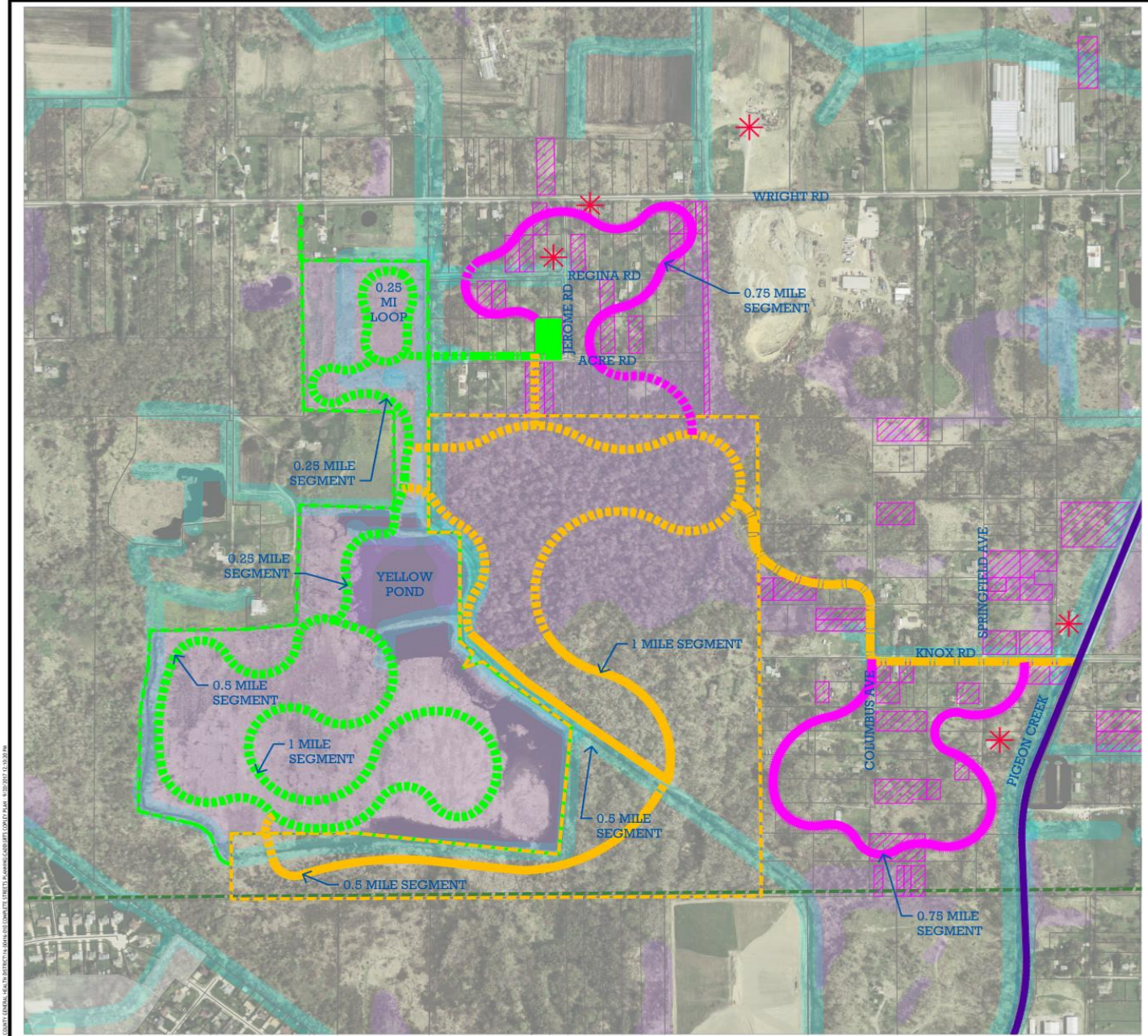




Land Bank

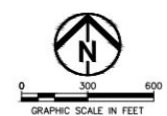
- 60 Parcels (\$217k)
- Located in environmentally sensitive areas (Little Farms)
- Open Space Conservation & Passive Recreation – Trails
- Wetland Banking

Public Space Enhancements



- NOTES:
- 1. TOTAL TRAIL MILEAGE APPROXIMATELY 6.5 MILES.
 - 2. "SEGMENT" REFERS TO TRAIL BETWEEN INTERSECTIONS.

- LEGEND:
- PROPOSED TRAIL - BOARDWALK
 - PROPOSED TRAIL - AGGREGATE SURFACE
 - PROPOSED TRAIL - PAVED
 - THREE CREEKS TRAIL
 - UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WETLANDS TRAIL
 - BESSIE WILLIAMS SUPERFUND SITE TRAIL
 - COPLEY TOWNSHIP TRAIL
 - PLANNED DEMOLITION BY COPLEY TOWNSHIP
 - PARCEL PURCHASED BY COPLEY TOWNSHIP
 - BESSIE WILLIAMS SUPERFUND SITE BOUNDARY
 - UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WETLANDS BOUNDARY
 - LITTLE FARMS NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARY
 - DRIVEWAY/PARKING
 - RIPARIAN SETBACK
 - WETLAND



DRAFT

AKRON / CLEVELAND / COLUMBUS
440 GRAND ST. AKRON, OH 44301
P: 330.375.1280 F: 330.375.1290
ENVIRONMENTALDESIGNGROUP.COM

811
Any underground utility
Call before you dig

**LITTLE FARMS TRAIL
PLAN**

SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
COPLEY TOWNSHIP

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DATE: _____

REVISIONS		
NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
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0002	0001	0000
0003	0001	0000
0004	0001	0000
0005	0001	0000
0006	0001	0000
0007	0001	0000
0008	0001	0000
0009	0001	0000
0010	0001	0000

PROJECT NO.: 16-00416-010
DRAWN BY: RSW
CHECKED BY: KJL
DATE ISSUED: SEPT. 13, 2017

Recipient of the 2017 Complete Street's Planning Grant – Montrose Sidewalk Cost Opinion

LEGEND:



CROSSWALK



PROPOSED CURB

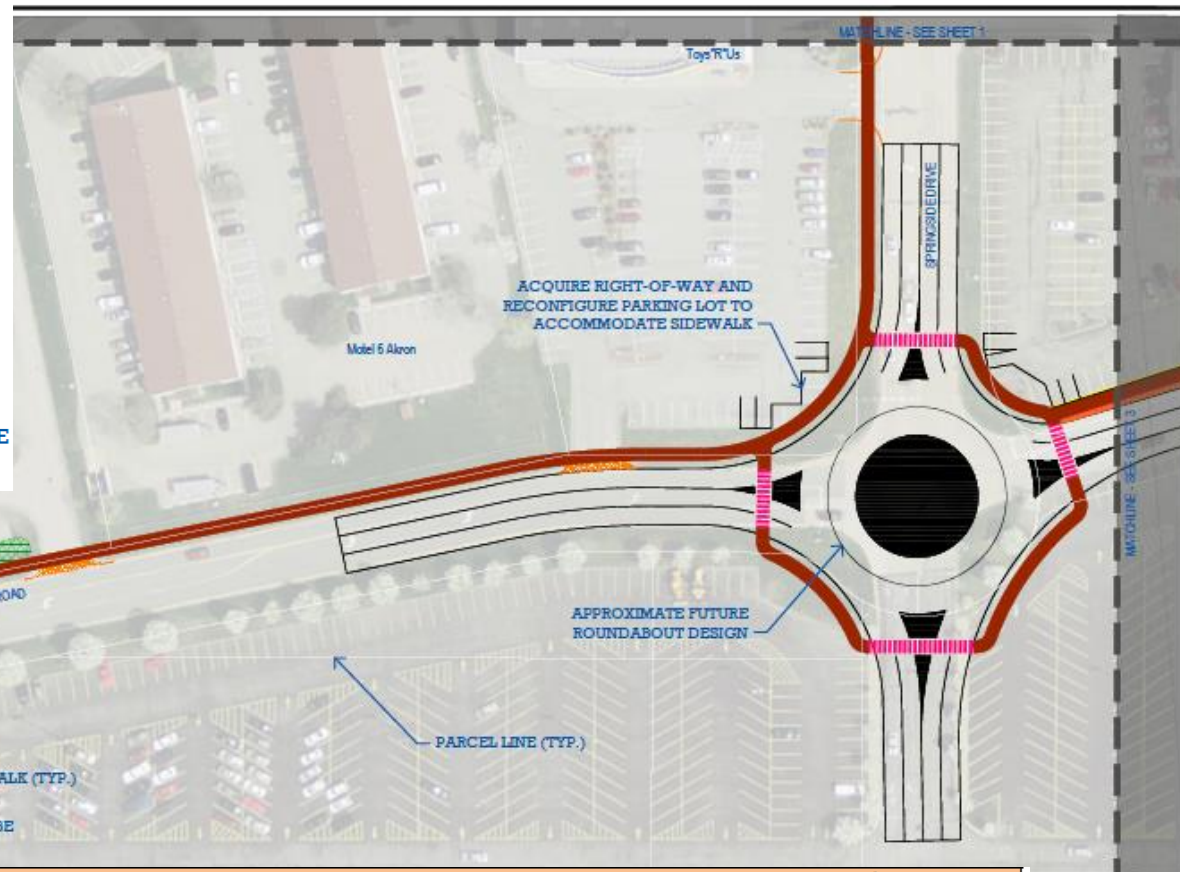


SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

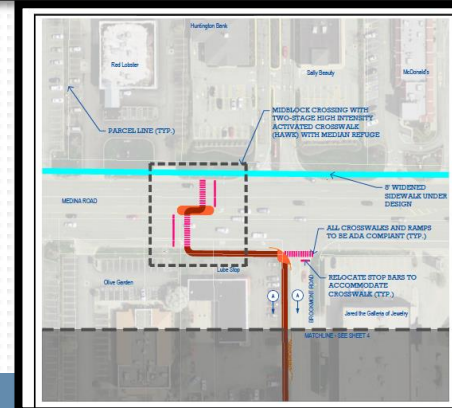
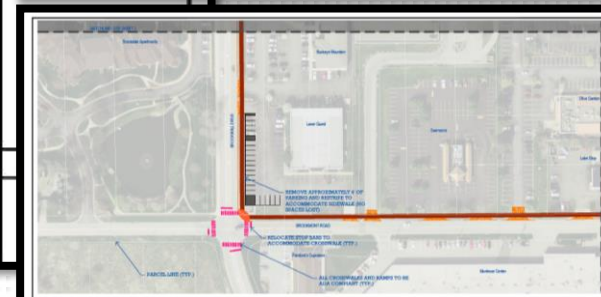
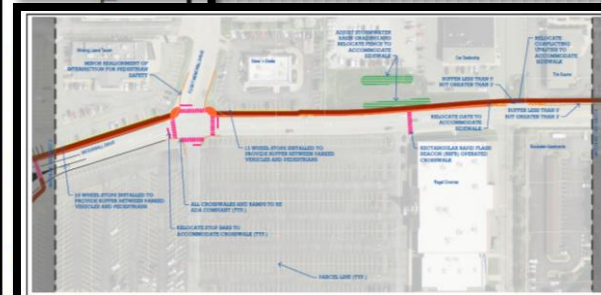
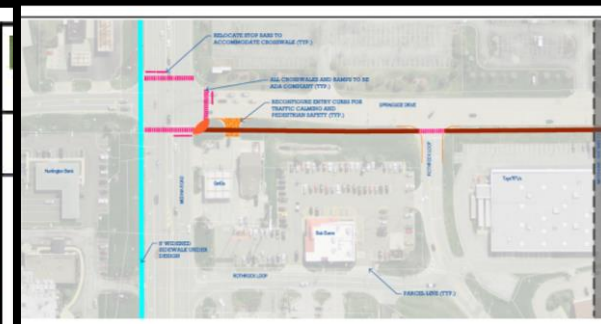


DRIVEWAY/PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

**SIDEWALK NODE OR BUFFER WHEN 3' WIDE
OR LESS (DECORATIVE CONCRETE)**



Subtotal		\$62,500.00
TOTAL		\$916,480.00
A	Contingency (20%)	\$183,296.00
B	General Conditions (5%)	\$54,988.80
C	Bonds & Insurances (3%)	\$32,993.28
D	Mobilization/Demobilization (1.5%)	\$16,496.64
E	Traffic Study (2.5%)	\$27,494.40
F	Design, Permitting, and Documents (13%)	\$142,970.88
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,374,720.00
	With ODOT Cost Inflator 2018 (2.20%)	\$1,404,963.84
	With ODOT Cost Inflator 2019 (4.00%)	\$1,461,162.39
	With ODOT Cost Inflator 2020 (3.70%)	\$1,515,225.40
	With ODOT Cost Inflator 2021 (3.50%)	\$1,568,258.29
	With ODOT Cost Inflator 2022 (3.30%)	\$1,620,010.81
	With ODOT Cost Inflator 2023 (3.50%)	\$1,676,711.19
	With ODOT Cost Inflator 2024 (3.50%)	\$1,735,396.09



Public Space Enhancements



Lonesome Pine Farm

- 119 Acre Farm (Largest in Copley)
- Gamauf Family Farm 1923
- Organic Farm Producing:
 - Hay
 - Corn
 - Soybeans
 - Sunflowers

<http://www.ohiolandtrusts.org/lonesome-pine-farm/>





Copley Township

@CopleyTownship

Great news for the Copley community.
Excited to participate with the
[@AkronArtMuseum](#) and special thanks to
[@kahawalu](#) & [@copleybetterblock](#)



Kyle Kutuchief @KyleKutuchief

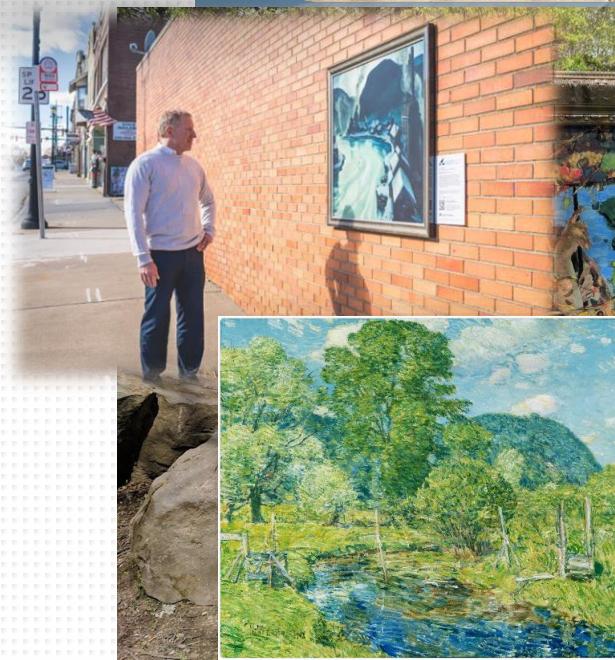
.@AkronArtMuseum's #InsideOut coming to Ellet, Middlebury,
West #Akron and #SherbondyHill, and @CopleyTownship May-
October 2017 @KnightArts

RETWEET
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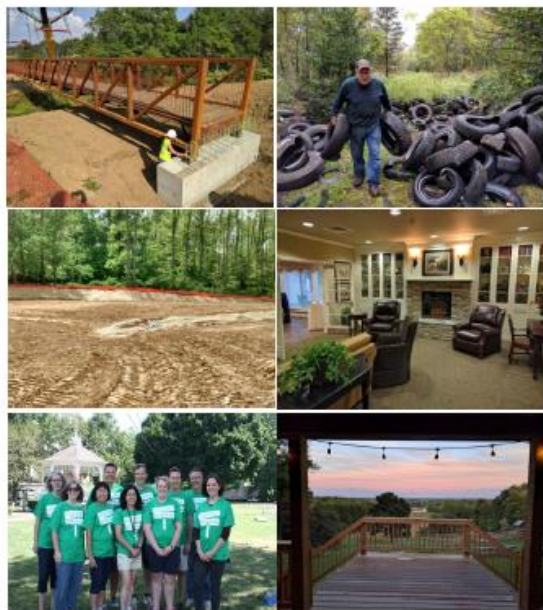
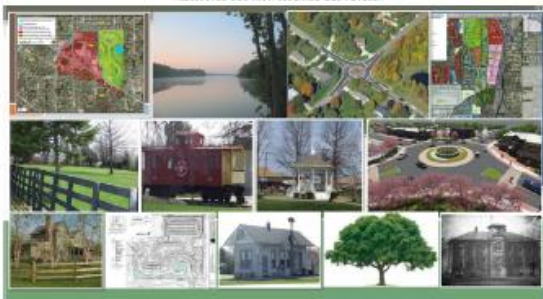
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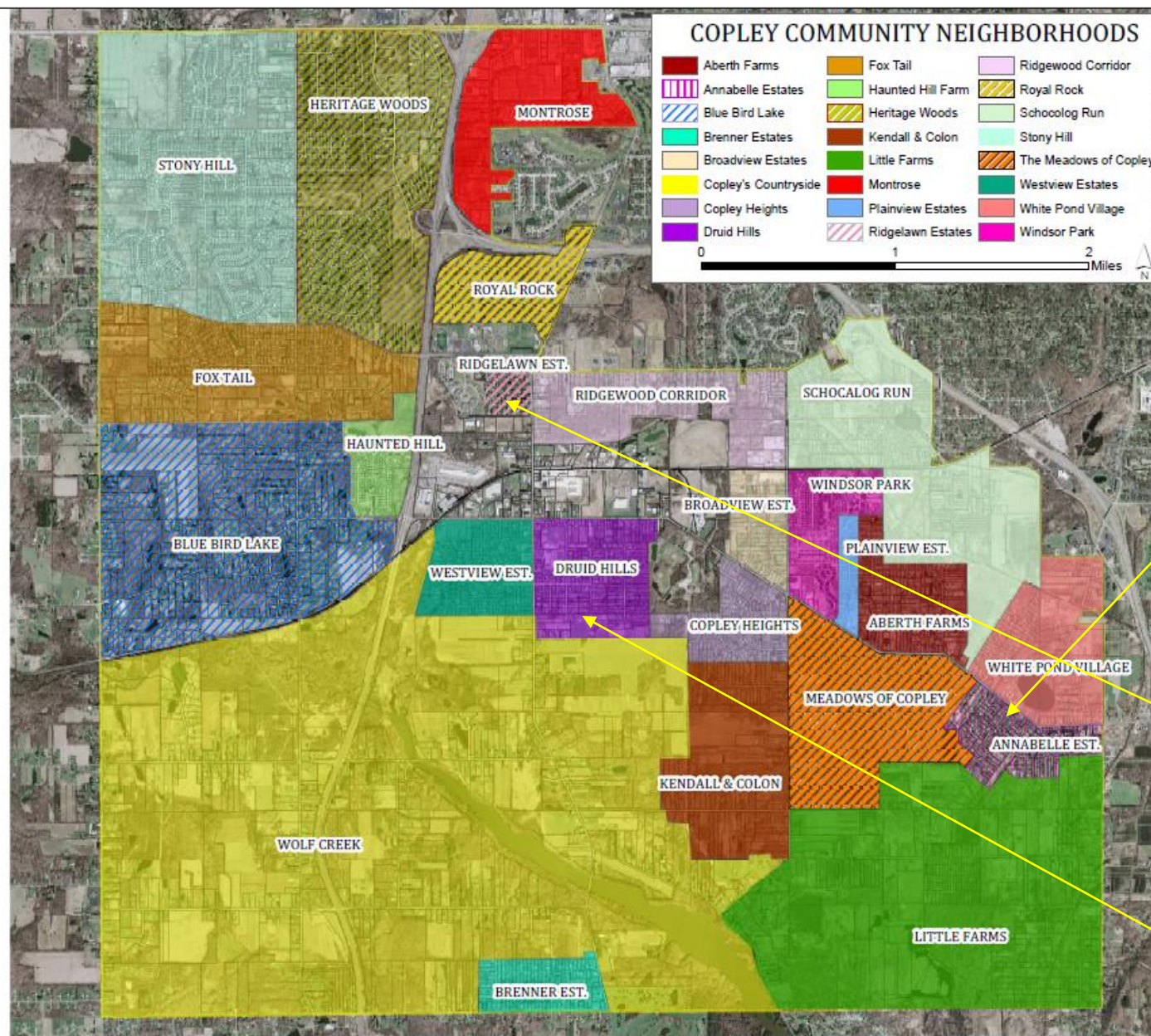


Community Engagement



Trustee Helen Humphrys
Trustee Dale Panovich
Trustee Scott Dressler
Fiscal Officer Linda Peiffer
Administrator Janice Marshall

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Rationale

- Historical Perspective
- Like Kind Traits
- Unique Challenges
- Strategic Planning

2017 Neighborhood Meetings

Annabelle Estates

Ridgeland Estates

- Traffic

Druid Hills

- Centralized Water

Community Engagement



Copley Township added 13 new photos.

Yesterday at 11:03am · 🌐

Copley Township Trustees want to thank all the volunteers that came out on Saturday morning for the first "SWEEP THE STREETS" in Copley Township. There were many, many bags of trash collected and everyone enjoyed a hot dog lunch at noon thanks to the generosity of Shisler's Cheese House who donated lunch for all the volunteers, and the businesses of Sawmill Run that contributed financial support, coupons and gifts for all the volunteers! We would also like to thank the Copley CERT Team and Girl Scout Troop 411 along with all the residents that volunteered their time to this cause. Thank you Copley Township...You Are AWESOME!



1,076 people reached

Boost Unavailable



Copley Township @CopleyTownship · Apr 22

Thanks to all our amazing trash-picking, litter-cleaning, hard-working and community caring volunteers. #sweepthestreets on #EarthDay 🌱



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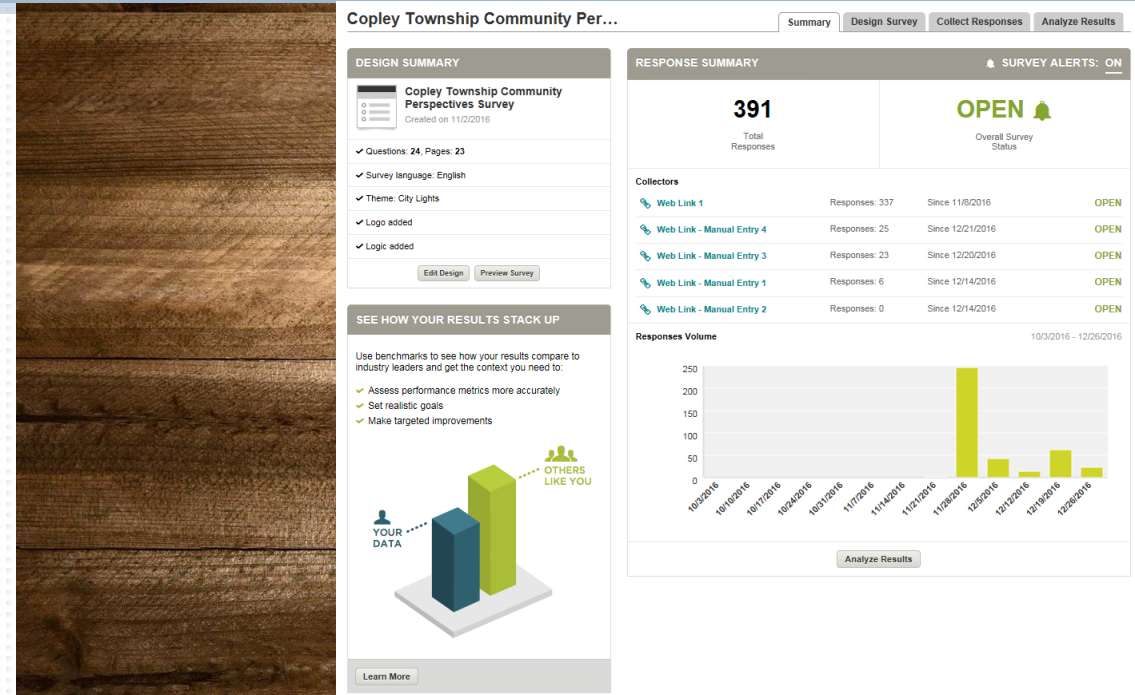
Community Engagement

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

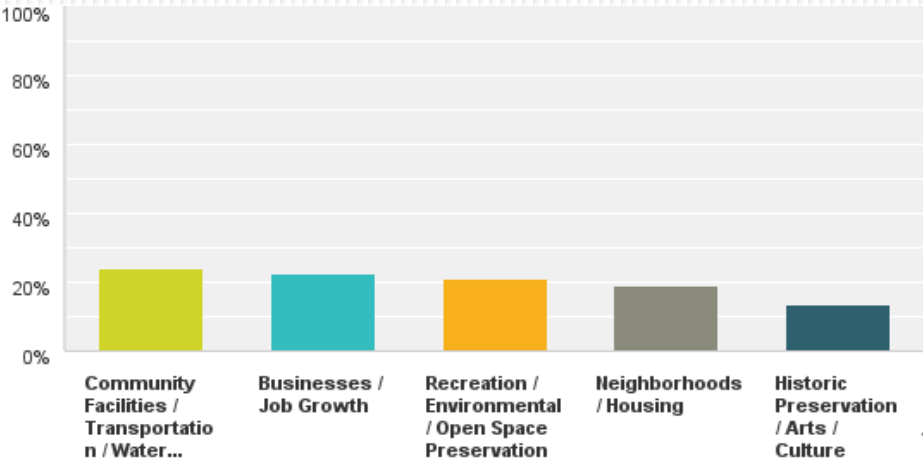
Comments (17)



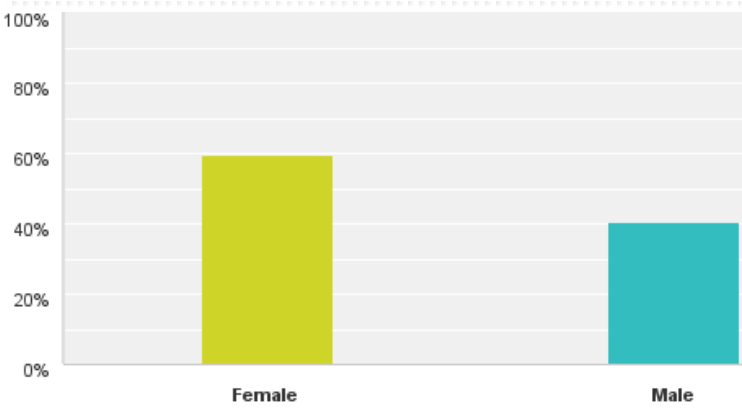
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▼ Historic Preservation / Arts / Culture	15.59% 53	14.71% 50	18.53% 63	21.76% 74	29.41% 100	340
▼ Businesses / Job Growth	20.29% 69	21.76% 74	20.29% 69	17.94% 61	19.71% 67	340
▼ Community Facilities / Transportation / Water Lines / Sanitary Sewer / 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

Community Perspective Survey Themes

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



Answer Choices	Responses	
46-55	28.22%	114
36-45	22.77%	92
56-65	19.55%	79
26-35	14.60%	59
65+	13.86%	56
18-25	0.99%	4
Total		404



“Too much growth, both with residential development and commercial. Losing that "township" feel.”

“We are being swallowed up by neighboring communities (Fairlawn/Montrose) and as result losing its independence and appeal as a place to live.”

“Developing the circle and eliminating the ugly and worn out areas. Revitalize the small town business circle so people stop there and hang out. Example is coffee shop, small grocery store, etc. Bike path and traffic pattern need help. Sidewalks around the circle and Cleveland Massillon Road are dangerously decrepit and people need to walk them everyday.”

“I hate that there is no reasonable way to access other streets nearby by walking or bike. I would love to be able to ride places, but I feel extremely unsafe being on Copley Road with my children and no bike lane. I don't even feel it's safe to do so on my own. I would love to be able to walk 2 streets over without worrying about getting hit or even be able to bike to the park or Rizzi's”



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The Community Improvement Corp. tours the Township and begins analysis of the strengths and weaknesses. #copleytownship



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Community Improvement Corporation Community Tour COPLEY CIRCLE

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OVERVIEW

Copley Circle seems to be a centralized topic with much community interest and opinion. The roadways are controlled by the State (ODOT) and County Engineers (COSE). Little effort and attention has been given to make the Circle pedestrian friendly. Uncontrolled curb-cuts have created unsafe traffic patterns and little room to improve the streetscape. Centralized water and sewer are available along S. Cleve-Mass but the connection (tap-in fees) are often considered cost prohibitive. There is little architectural uniformity and there are no properties listed on the historical registry. The Circle holds annual festivals and musical concerts throughout the year.



STRENGTHS

- Mixed Use Overlay District
- Centralized/Community Greenspace
- Utility Access

CHALLENGES

- Overhead utility
- Road Jurisdiction
- Traffic Circulation Patterns
- Architectural Styles
- Limited Public Parking
- Pedestrian Walkability
- Sidewalk Conditions



COPLEY CIRCLE: COMMERCIAL



COPLEY CIRCLE: COMMUNITY



COPLEY CIRCLE: RESIDENTIAL



Community Improvement Corporation Community Tour NORTHWEST AREA "NEW COPLEY"

CIC

OVERVIEW

Over the last 20 years, a surge of residential development has occurred in the Northwest quadrant of Copley Township. The residential growth is accompanied by a regional shopping district known as Montrose. The shopping area provides primarily retail, restaurant and personal services.

The new investment has been a major contributor to the \$150 million dollars of Township investment over the past decade.

There is a common perception/divide between "NEW COPLEY" and "OLD COPLEY" which are very different in comparing housing stock, commercial development, utilities and the population growth.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Community Gateway Signs – Branding
- Infill Development (Underutilized Parcels)
- Creation/promotion of walkable communities
- High Commercial Occupancy Rates (95+%)
- New Housing Options – growing population

CHALLENGES

- Loss of Copley Identity
- Changing Retail Climate
- Traffic patterns/congestion
- Storm Water Generation

MILLER FARM HOUSE



PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



MONTROSE DEVELOPMENT



Community Improvement Corporation Community Tour LITTLE FARMS AREA

CIC

OVERVIEW

Historically, the Little Farms Area has been home to "small farms" which is nutrient rich with wonderful growing conditions. The land is perfect for wetland restoration, environmental conservation efforts and the introduction of passive recreational access. The area often consists of small homes built within floodplains and/or wetland areas. The area has hundreds of vacant parcels. Many of these vacant parcels are becoming tax delinquent as absentee owners find little value in the undevelopable land.

Through cooperation with the Summit County Land Bank, Copley has begun the pursuit of acquiring tax delinquent parcels. The Township's long-term plan is to turn these parcels into assets for conservation efforts.

Additionally, the Pigeon Creek Trail is 1.8 miles of Township owned rail bed which could be improved as a recreational trail.

A highlight of Little Farms includes the University of Akron/Panzner Wetland Wildlife Preserve which symbolizes the greater potential of the area.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Planned Conservation Efforts
- Floodplain-storm water management
- Community Greenspace
- Trail and Park Development

CHALLENGES

- Abandoned homes
- Flood-prone homes
- Illegal dumping
- Bessie Williams Superfund (EPA)

RESIDENTIAL: ABANDONED/LAND BANK



BESSIE WILLIAMS SUPERFUND



PANZNER WETLAND WILDLIFE RESERVE



Community Improvement Corporation Community Tour WOLF CREEK AREA

CIC

OVERVIEW

The Wolf Creek Area of Copley Township is enhanced by the natural beauty of the Barberton Reservoir and large rural lots with a beautiful countryside setting. This picturesque area is framed by wooded areas, waterways and a strong potential for a micro-tourism and a niche shopping market. Visitors to the area can enjoy the Wolf Creek Winery with scenic views of the Barberton Reservoir. Adjacent to the winery is the converted Brenner Farm which now houses the Whimsical Pig Bed and Breakfast. The recently converted Wolf Creek Trading Company not only offers an art gallery but a rustic wedding venue situated in a 1884 bank barn.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Micro Tourism
- Branding

CHALLENGES

- Restricted use of Barberton Reservoir

WOLF CREEK WINERY



WOLF CREEK TRADING COMPANY



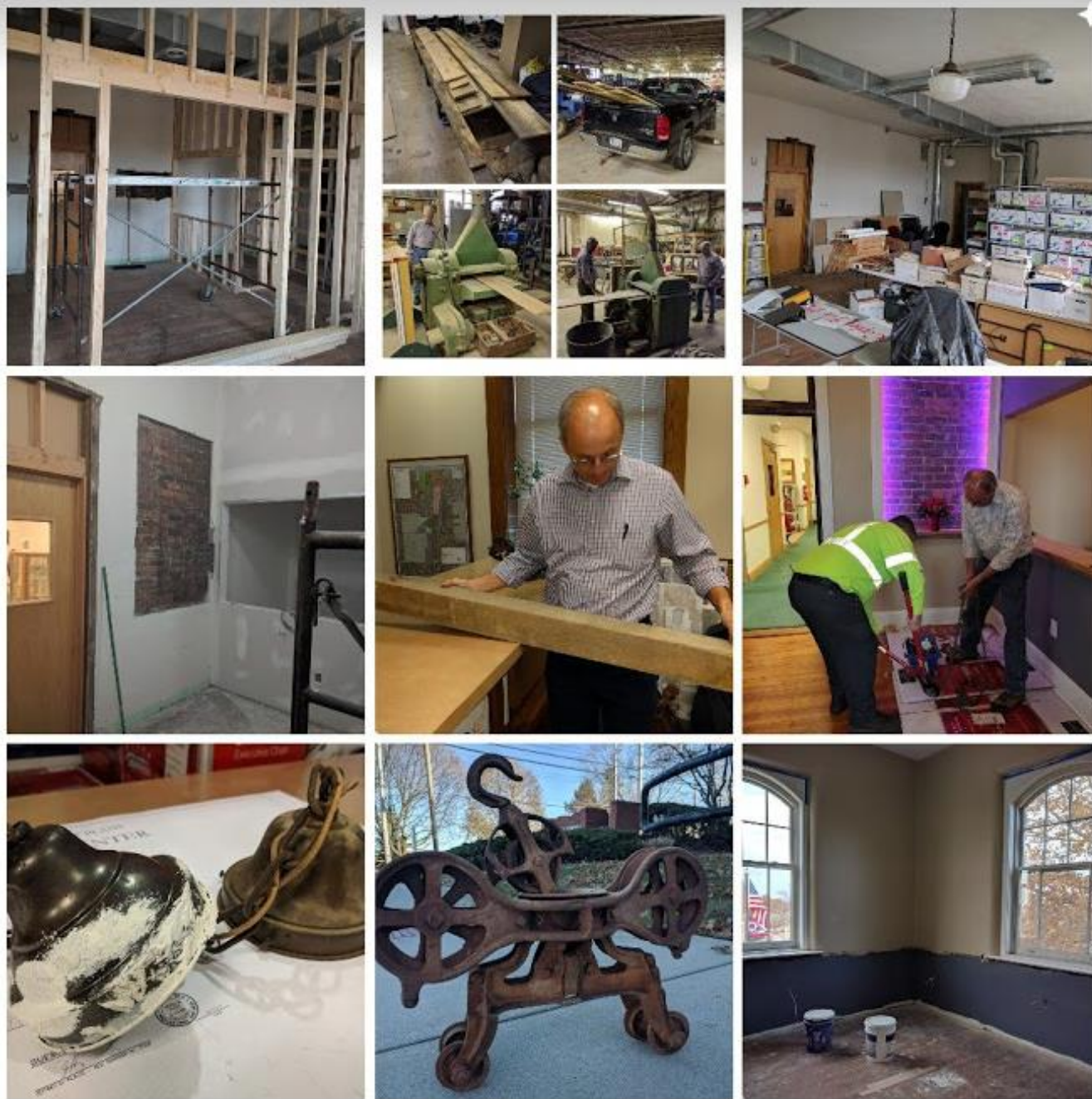
BARBERTON RESERVOIR



WHIMSICAL PIG



Community & Economic Development



OPEN HOUSE

COPLEY TOWNSHIP

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Join us in our new space.

January 25, 2018
5:00 PM-7:00 PM

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