

2024 GOVERNMENTAL LAW SEMINAR

HUD Grants
March 2, 2024

HUD GRANTS

- Stark County Regional Planning Commission is under contract with the Board of Stark County Commissioners to administer the CDBG and HOME grants
- Both grants fall under the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD)



CPD strives to develop viable communities through:



Decent housing



Suitable living environments



Expanded economic opportunities

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

CDBG

CDBG OVERVIEW

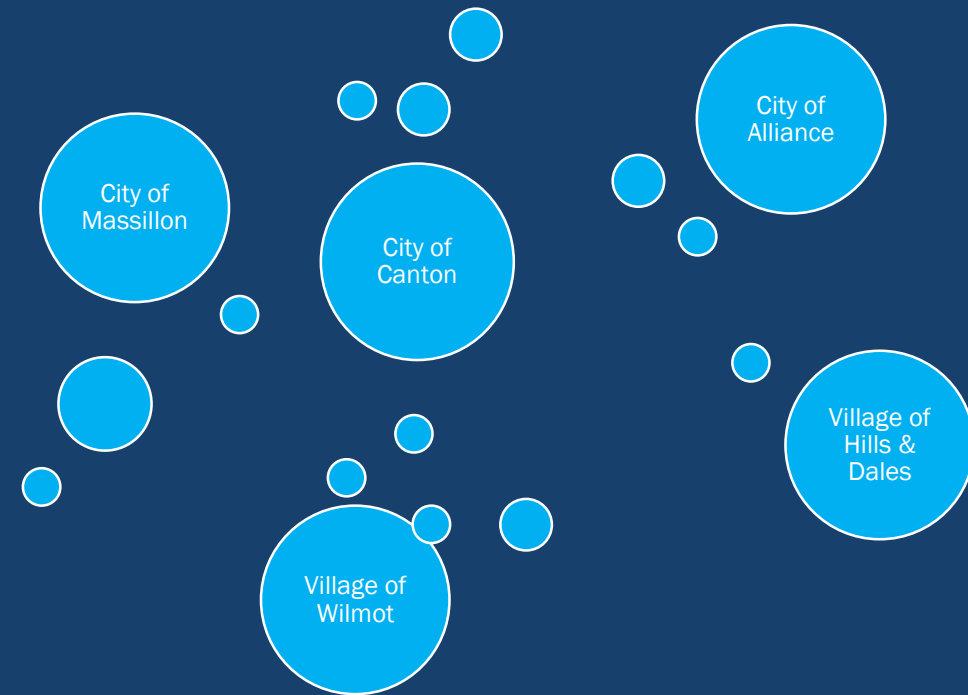
“The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.”

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitlement/cdbg-entitlement-program-eligibility-requirements/>
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/About-the-CDBG-Program.pdf>



CDBG OVERVIEW

- The program was enacted when President Ford signed the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
- Was a response to the rigid programs and provided more flexibility
- Urban Counties became eligible in 1975
- Stark County became an Urban Entitlement County in 1975
- Areas of the County participate in the Urban County except:



NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

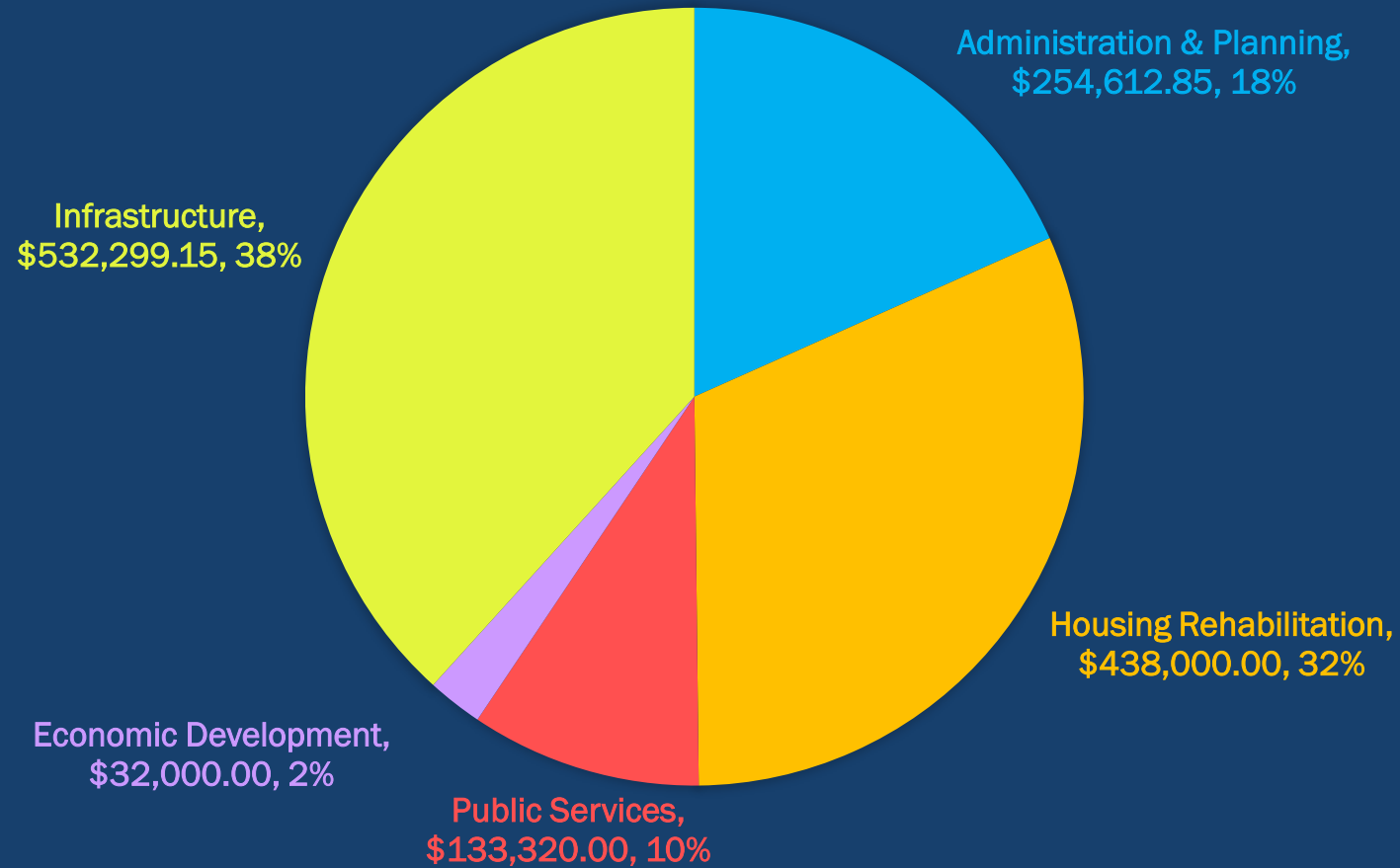
- All activities funded with CDBG must meet one of the three National Objectives set forth by HUD



CDBG APPLICATION PROCESS



CDBG BUDGET FY 2023



ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Many different eligible activities that fall into general categories:

Housing Activities

Real Property Improvements

Public Facilities

Public Services

Economic Development

- Funded activities must align with the Consolidated Plan
- Some ineligible activities have exceptions

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS

HOME

HOME OVERVIEW



“The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides formula grants to states and localities that communities use - often in partnership with local nonprofit groups - to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people. It is the largest Federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households.”

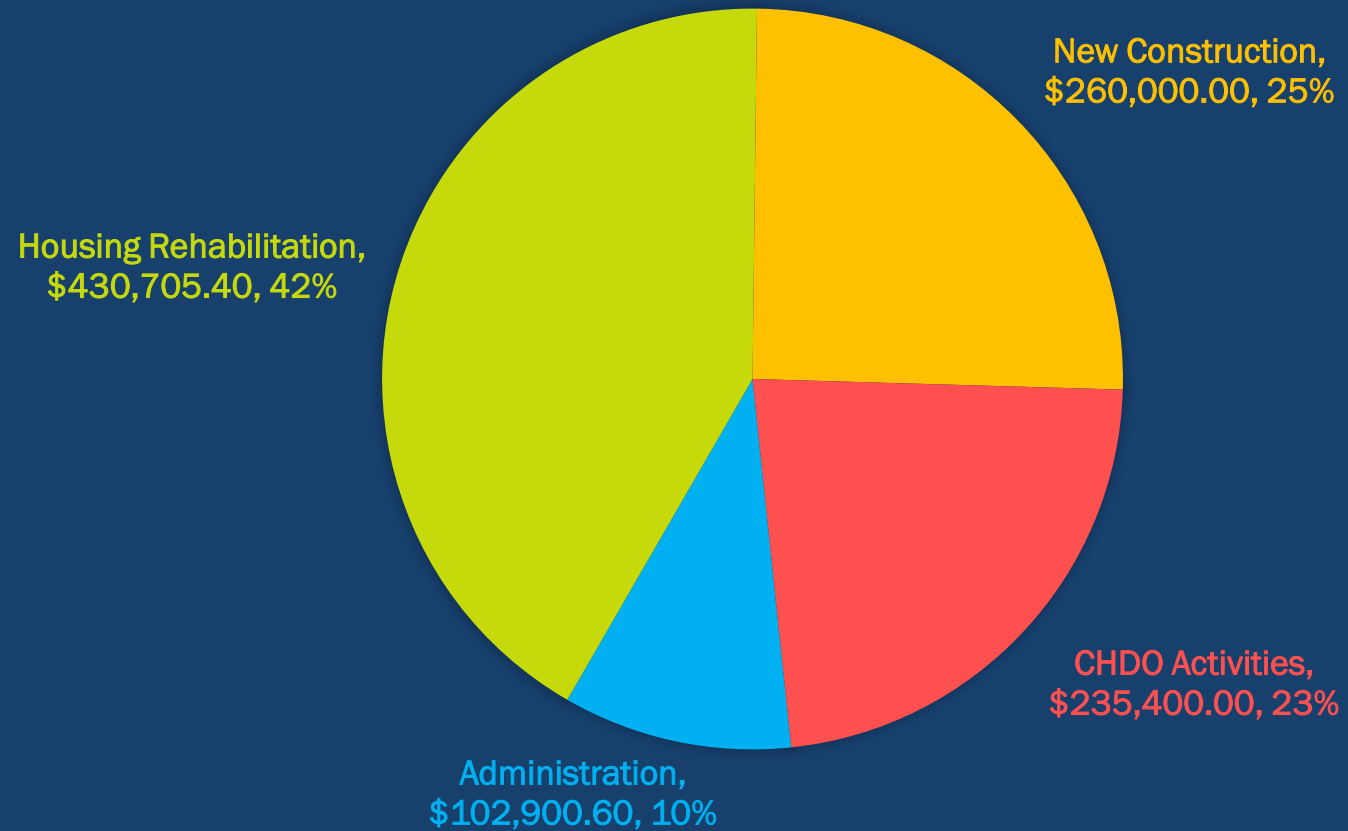
HOME OVERVIEW

- George H.W. Bush signed the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act in 1990 resulting in the creation of the program
- The County's first HOME allocation was received in 1992
- Stark County participates in a Designated Consortium with the cities of Alliance and Massillon to become an eligible "PJ" (Participating Jurisdiction)
- The HOME funds are divided up among each city and the county
- The cities provide input on how the funding should be used in their communities
- All HOME funding must be used to support housing activities

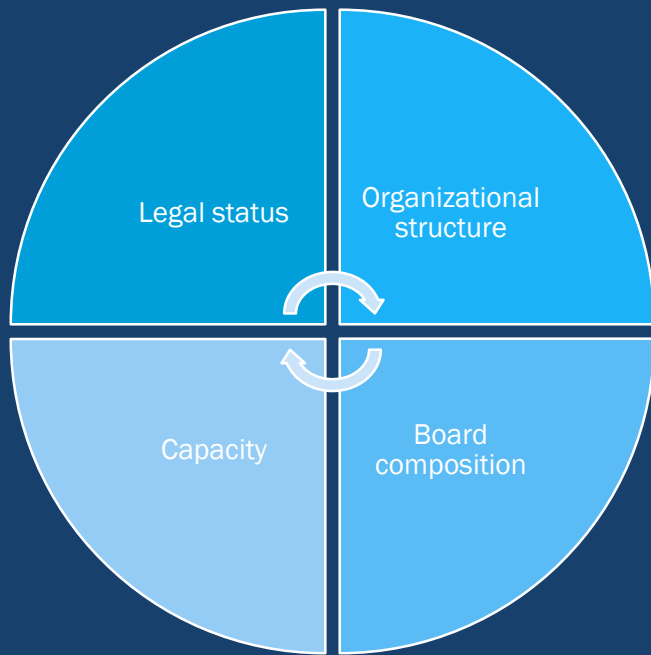
HOME APPLICATION PROCESS



HOME BUDGET FY 2023



COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CHDO)



- **Community Housing Development Organization**
- Type of non-profit organization that meets specific HUD criteria
- CHDOs develop affordable housing for the community it serves
- Federal regulations require a minimum of 15% of each annual allocation be set-aside for CHDOs

ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



Acquisition
Down payment assistance
New construction
Rehabilitation
Tenant based rental assistance



Emergency shelter
Non-housing related development
Rental assistance beyond 24 months

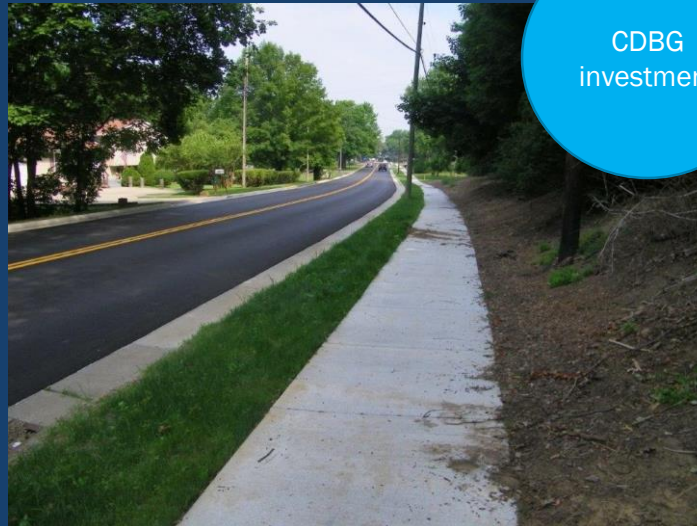
HOW CAN THESE FUNDS BENEFIT MY COMMUNITY?

CDBG
investment



ADA curb ramp
Perry Township

CDBG
investment



Waterline replacement
North Canton

CDBG
investment



Sanitary sewer line
Canton Township

HOW CAN THESE FUNDS BENEFIT MY COMMUNITY?

Single-family owner-occupied rehab

- Grant/deferred loan to rehab homes and bring them up to Residential Rehab Standards
- Projects cannot exceed \$25,000.00
- For homeowners outside of Canton, Massillon, Alliance, villages of Hills & Dales & Wilmot
- Qualified households must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI)

Questions & Answers

What Is the Stark County Housing Rehab Department?

It is a department within the Stark County Regional Planning Commission which administers the Housing Rehab Program for the Board of Stark County Commissioners, utilizing funds from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

What Does the Stark County Housing Rehab Program Do?

It provides a one time only combination grant/deferred loan for qualified homeowners to rehab their homes and bring them up to Residential Rehab Standards (code). Work can include electric, plumbing, roofs, windows, furnaces, siding, flooring, wall repairs, etc. Work that makes a house decent, safe, and sanitary usually qualifies. **General home remodeling does not qualify.** Projects may not go over \$25,000 to bring the house up to code.

How Do I Know If I Qualify For Assistance?

Homeowners qualify by income, based on HUD's most current median income limits for our area. A homeowner must be the owner of record for one year prior to applying for assistance. A homeowner must live within the participating political units of Stark County. This includes all areas of the county, **excluding** the cities of Canton, Massillon, Alliance, and the village Hills & Dales.

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Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

District 19 – Stark County:

Infrastructure Program

Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program

OPWC – Infrastructure Program

State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP)

- Revenues from State Bonds to support Debt
- State issues up to \$175,000,000 annually
- Eligible projects include Roads, Bridges, Culverts, Storm Water, Sanitary Sewer Collection, Water Distribution, Waste Water Treatment

Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP)

- Revenues from a portion of the \$0.385 State Gas Tax
- Program receives 3.4% of the State Highway Fund
- Eligible projects include Roads, Bridges & Culverts

OPWC – Infrastructure Program

Applying for Funding

- Eligible agencies include Counties, Cities, Villages, Townships and Sanitary/Water Districts (SCIP only)
- Subdivisions apply directly to the District 19 Public Works Integrating Committee
- Applications are evaluated and scored according to a locally developed methodology based on criteria from the Ohio Revised Code
- A Prioritized list is sent to OPWC from the District where it is reviewed and ultimately approved.
- <https://www.pwc.ohio.gov/>

OPWC – Infrastructure Program

Selection Criteria

- Health and Safety – The importance of the project to the health and safety of citizens in the district.
- Local Match – The effort and ability of the benefited local subdivisions to assist in financing the project: 10% minimum for SCIP grants, no minimum for LTIP grants; no minimum for loans.
- Age and Condition of the system to be repaired or replaced

OPWC – Infrastructure Program

Program Year 2025 Schedule

JUNE 26, 2023	District 19 Integrating Committee meeting.
JUNE 30, 2023	Applications made available to all political subdivisions in Stark County.
SEPTEMBER 29, 2023	Deadline for infrastructure applications due on OPWC's WorksWise Portal. 4:00pm deadline.
NOVEMBER 16, 2023	District 19 Committee meeting. Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 projects to be submitted to OPWC. Other Meetings to be scheduled if needed.
JANUARY 31, 2024	Fiscal Year 2025 approved scores submitted to OPWC, Columbus.
FEBRUARY 28, 2024	Deadline for District to submit projects to OPWC.
JULY 1, 2024	Funds available for Fiscal Year 2025 approved projects.

OPWC – Infrastructure Program

Fiscal Year 2025 District 19 Total Allocations

State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP)	\$ 5,348,000
SCIP Loan (Minimum Loan/Credit Enhancement)	\$ 534,800
Revolving Loan Program	\$ 2,100,000
Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP)	\$ 1,853,000
Total	\$9,301,000

OPWC – Infrastructure Program

Small Government

- Communities with <5,000 population
- \$20 million state-wide
- District submits up to 5 applications
- District 19 makes recommendation to OPWC

Emergency Funds

- Preservation of health, safety, & welfare
- Maximum of \$3.5 million per year
- Contact OPWC directly

OPWC – Infrastructure Program

Previous Small Government Projects

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>OPWC Requested Amount</u>
East Sparta	Main/Walnut Round-a-bout	\$239,579	\$117,393
Beach City	Sewer Lift Station Replacement	\$248,890	\$227,900
Bethlehem Twp.	Crestline/SR 21 Intersection	\$193,000	\$141,500
Brewster	Jefferson Ave. Sanitary Sewer	\$1,065,889	\$522,285
Pike/Sandy Twp	Howenstine Drive Paving	\$107,240	\$79,358
Hartville	Sunnyside St. Paving	\$148,000	\$72,961
Minerva	Jackson St. Storm Sewer/Road	\$312,000	\$150,000
Minerva	Bonnieview Avenue Resurfacing	\$50,933	\$25,000
East Canton	South Wood Street Repaving	\$617,961	\$74,000
Osn/Paris/Nim Twp	Parks Avenue Rehabilitation	\$385,160	\$192,580

Small Government Project Example

Minerva: Jackson St. –
Storm Sewer/Road
Reconstruction

CDBG	\$135,000
OPWC	\$150,000
Local	<u>\$27,000</u>
Total	\$312,000

Before



After



Small Government Project Example

East Sparta: Main Ave.
SE/Walnut St. SE –
Roundabout

CDBG	\$155,000
OPWC	\$117,393
<u>Local</u>	<u>\$2,607</u>
Total	\$275,000



Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program

Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)

OPWC – Natural Resources Assistance Council

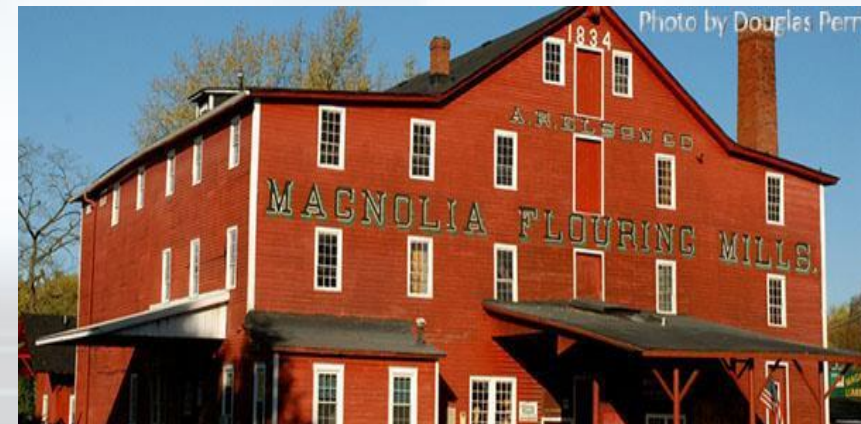
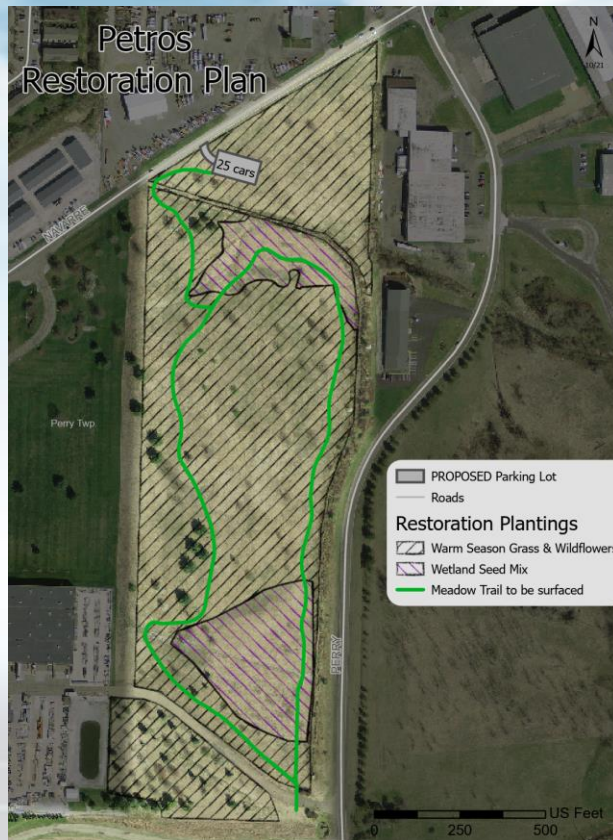
- Funds from the Clean Ohio Program (State Bond Program created in 2000 from State Issue 1)
- Assists in Financing Clean Ohio Conservation Program Projects that protect Natural Areas, Streams and Wetlands
- Provides Grants for the acquisition of Open Space and Riparian Corridors
- Stark County's allocation has been about \$1.1M
- NRAC evaluates project applications and creates Priority List for Submission to OPWC

OPWC – Natural Resources Assistance Council

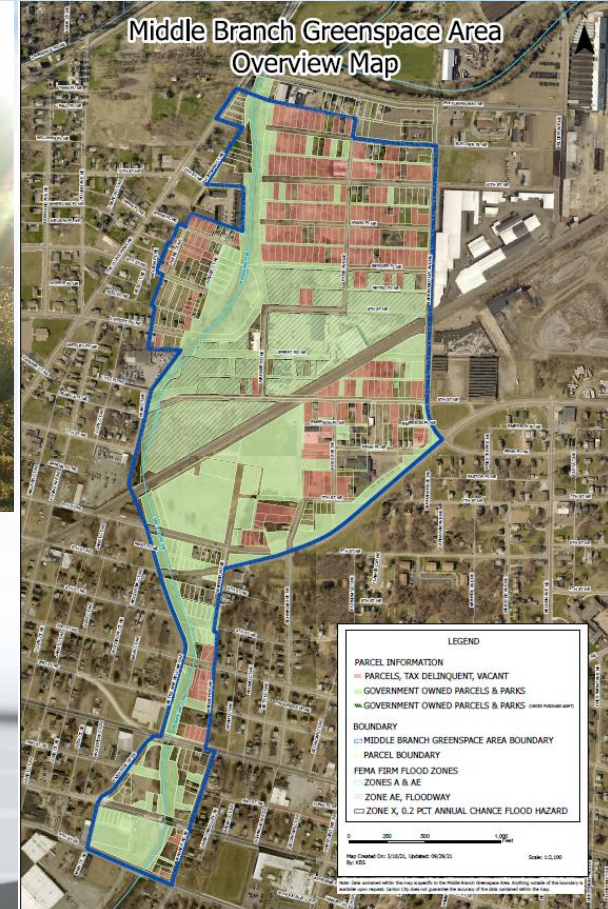
Selection Criteria

- Local Match – Percentage of Clean Ohio matching funds necessary to complete project: 25% minimum
- Level of Coordination – Project carries out goals of multiple agencies, organizations
- Access and Operation – Open days and weekends; open limited, but regular hours; open by appointment or with written permission.
- Environmental Factors

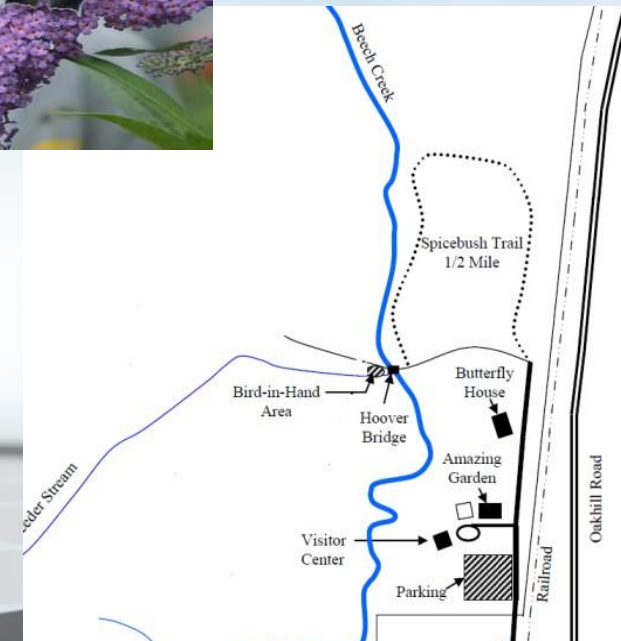
Stark Parks



Canton



Beech Creek Botanical Garden



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