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Planning Progress

Stark County Regional Planning Commission's Annual Dinner

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission (SCRPC) will be holding its Annual Dinner on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at Tozzi's on 12th and all local officials and residents are encouraged to attend. A cash bar will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m.

This year's guest speaker will be Executive Director of the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum, Kimberly Kenney. The title of her speech is "The People's House" which will focus on the history of the White House, design and major restorations as well as a feature look at the rooms of McKinley's White House.

Plan now to attend! Registration deadline is March 4th. The cost per person is \$45. For additional information or to register, please call 330-451-7405 or email mrwatkins@starkcountyohio.gov.

Stark County Regional Planning Commission Partners with Stark Education Partnership



SCRPC has partnered with the Stark Education Partnership (SEP) for career connected learning in Stark County through the Stark Career Pathway Initiative. SCRPC staff have attended various events sponsored by SEP and Stark County area high schools to discuss careers at SCRPC and what those job duties entail. This partnership can help educate high school students on the many opportunities that are available through the planning profession. RPC looks forward to continuing this partnership with SEP which aims “to build generations of successful individuals who fulfill their potential and grow roots in Stark County.”



Malia Burgasser and Jennifer Bayer were recently at a career day at Perry High School.

Community Development

Happy New Year!

In the first quarter of the calendar year, the Community Development Department continues to review the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) applications that were submitted the previous fall in preparation for the next program year.

Each complete and eligible application is thoroughly reviewed for consideration and consistency with the current Stark County Consolidated Plan. Once review of the applications is complete, SCRPC Staff will present recommended budgets and activities for each program to the Board of Stark County Commissioners during a work session.

Public input will be solicited in early spring as there will be a public comment period and public hearings on the proposed recommendations. Please check our [website](#) for more information on these dates.

SAVE THE DATE

The virtual FY 2026-2028 CDBG application workshop will be August 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM. More detail will be released later this year.

SAVE THE DATE

The virtual FY 2026 HOME application workshop will be October 3, 2025 at 9:00 AM. More detail will be released later this year.

For questions on the CDBG or HOME funding process, please contact Lisa Snyder, Senior Community Development Planner at lsnyder@starkcountyohio.gov, or Diane Sheridan, Chief of Community Development at dmsheridan@starkcountyohio.gov

Stark County Land Bank Recently Awarded Grant Funding Through the Ohio Department of Development

Throughout late summer and fall of 2024, the Ohio Department of Development announced funding awards through the Brownfield Remediation Program and Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program. Both grant programs were developed by the DeWine-Husted Administration in partnership with the Ohio General Assembly. These programs aim to create room for new economic opportunities in areas that currently cannot be developed due to contamination or the presence of vacant, dilapidated structures.

In November, the Stark County Land Bank received its announcement of funding for projects under both programs. The Land Bank is expected to receive \$3,626,258 for three (3) remediation projects through the Brownfield Remediation Program and \$500,000 for four (4) demolition projects through the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program.

The three (3) projects to receive brownfield funding are listed below:

- **Former Starfire Gas Station – Columbus Road Cleanup/Remediation:** The project involves soil and groundwater remediation at a former gas station site, previously used by Starfire. Following the removal of underground storage tanks, building demolition, and previous assessments, the site will undergo soil excavation and groundwater cleanup to meet regulatory standards. The property, located near a Source Water Protection Area, will be prepared for future commercial redevelopment, enhancing environmental quality and water protection efforts in Canton.
- **Former Ohio Cast Cleanup/Remediation:** This project will remediate soil, groundwater, and sediment contamination at the former Ohio Cast Products site. Activities include trench excavation, oil recovery, and demolition of abandoned structures. Once remediated, the city of Canton will market the site for redevelopment.
- **Former Molly Stark Hospital Abatement/Demolition:** This project involves asbestos abatement, demolition of three structures, and site remediation at the historic Molly Stark Sanatorium. Built in 1929, the facility has been abandoned since 1995 and poses significant environmental and safety risks. Following demolition, the site will be transformed into green space for community recreation, including walking trails and gardens.

Projects to be undertaken utilizing the Building Demolition & Site Revitalization Program funding include:

- S. Park Ave. – Former Church – Alliance
- Hills & Dales Rd. NW – Tam O'Shanter Park Groundskeepers House – Stark Parks
- Congress Lake Ave. NE– Quail Hollow Park 'Levitt' House – Stark Parks
- Nave Rd. SE – Boiler, Dietary & Laundry Buildings – Former Massillon State Hospital – Massillon

The Stark County Land Bank had previously received funding through the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program in 2022 totaling \$1,001,321. Since the launch of these programs, the Ohio Department of Development has awarded more than \$636 million to support 626 Brownfield projects in 86 counties, and has awarded more than \$303 million in grants to support more than 6,000 demolition projects across the state.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is searching for contractors who are committed to undertaking quality housing rehabilitation work under federally funded programs.

If you're interested in bidding on upcoming home improvement projects, SCRPC has grant funds available!

Work May Include:

Plumbing	Electric
Heating	Roofs
Siding	Gutters
Insulation	Windows
Doors	...and MORE

Minority, Women-Owned and Section 3 Businesses are encouraged to apply.

To learn more about contracting with the SCRPC on our upcoming home rehabilitation projects, visit, call or email us today!



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OPWC Update

The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) was created initially in 1987 to administer the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) which was soon joined by the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP). These programs, which run concurrently, are solicited, scored, and selected by the 19 District Integrating Committees according to each district's schedule.

The OPWC relies on various budget bills to fund and operate its programs due to its various types of funding sources. Operating budgets are enacted in each odd-numbered year. The main operating budget is the primary funding vehicle for the three branches of state government, executive (state agencies, boards, commissions), legislative (Ohio General Assembly), and judicial (Ohio Supreme Court), making operating appropriations for state programs. The transportation budget bill makes appropriations related to transportation and public safety, programs funded by motor fuel excise taxes ("gas tax").

The capital budget, enacted in each even-number year, provides appropriations for the repair, reconstruction and construction of capital assets, most of which are supported by the issuance of long-term debt. Since the Ohio Constitution limits the length of appropriations to no more than two years and capital projects can take more than two years to complete, appropriation balances must be extended or re-appropriated to remain in effect to allow time to bring projects to completion.

The OPWC is made up of 19 Districts Committees statewide that encompass all Ohio's 88 counties. Each District develops their own scoring methodologies based on parameters set forth in the Ohio Revised Code, sets deadlines to apply for funding, and scores the project applications for recommendation to the Commission.

Stark County (District #19) is one of seven singular districts and for Fiscal Year 26 (FY26), Stark County had a total of 19 submitted projects; one project deemed ineligible (outside of Stark County limits), three projects pulled from funding consideration, and 15 approved projects. These 15 projects represent the most comprehensive number of projects being submitted for funding consideration in the history of District 19 with applicants coming from Cities, Townships, Villages and the Stark County Engineer's Office. Total District 19 allocations for this year was \$9,009,000 across both the SCIP and LTIP programs.

SCIP	Final Slate - As Voted by the Committee	Round 39					
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Loan Request</u>	<u>Total Requested Amount</u>	<u>Total Funded Amount</u>
Canton	Gross Ave. NE - Water Main Improvements	Water Supply	\$3,238,619	\$600,000	\$900,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Canton	West Manor - Water Main Improvements Phase 1	Water Supply	\$3,372,450	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Stark County Engineers	Roberstville Ave. SE	Bridge	\$1,035,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Minerva	McDaniel Ave. - Waterline Replacement	Water Supply	\$539,600	\$156,484	\$107,920	\$264,404	\$264,404
Brewster	Wabash Ave. S - West Side Manhole Project	Wastewater	\$83,734	\$41,030	\$34,330	\$75,360	\$75,360
Canal Fulton	Locust St. Improvement Project Phase 1	Road	\$1,500,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Canal Fulton	East Side Water Tower Improvement Project	Water Supply	\$481,440	\$144,432	\$337,008	\$481,440	\$481,440
Canton	Cleveland Ave. SW - Reconstruction Phase 2	Road	\$1,179,040	\$577,730	\$0	\$577,730	\$577,730
Canal Fulton	W. Cherry St. - Sanitary Sewer Extension	Wastewater	\$436,440	\$0	\$436,440	\$436,440	\$436,440
Stark County Engineers	Perry Dr. SW/Southway St. SW - Traffic Signal Replacement	Road	\$482,000	\$236,180	\$0	\$236,180	\$236,180
LTIP							
Stark County Engineers	Cherry Rd. NW	Bridge	\$4,675,000	\$330,000	\$770,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Hartville	Sunnyside St. SW - Improvement Project	Road	\$366,300	\$160,300	\$0	\$160,300	\$160,300
Sugarcreek Township	Day Ave. SW - Chip/Seal Project	Road	\$58,308	\$28,571	\$0	\$28,571	\$28,571
Alliance	E. State St. - Traffic Signal Replacement	Road	\$718,000	\$327,000	\$0	\$327,000	\$327,000
Brewster	Chestnut Ave. NW - Widening and Resurfacing Project	Road	\$56,172	\$27,524	\$0	\$27,524	\$27,524

January

6	Subdivision Review	1:30 AM
7	SCRPC	7:00 PM
27	SCATS	1:30 PM

February

3	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
4	SCRPC	7:00 PM
24	SCATS	1:30 PM

March

3	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
4	SCRPC	7:00 PM
12	Annual Dinner	5:30 PM
31	SCATS	1:30 PM

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