



Planning Progress

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2020 U.S. Census

Census data has been collected every 10 years since 1790. The U.S. Constitution mandates that a count is taken of everyone residing in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas of the U.S.

Census Day is April 1, 2020. The U.S. Census Bureau is building a more accurate address list and will continue to keep information confidential and safe. The 2020 census will be the first time that residents will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail.

Population totals from the census determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives and are used to redraw legislative districts. Data collected affects funding in individual communities. Approximately \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year.

Census data are utilized in several ways including:

- Assisting federal, tribal, state, and local governments in planning and implementing programs, services, and emergency response
- Designing public safety strategies
- Forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population
- Determining areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans
- Planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and locations of other health services
- Attracting new businesses to an area
- Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly, and children

Please watch for more information in the coming months!

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Stark County's FY 2020 HOME Funding

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission is under contract to the Board of Stark County Commissioners to administer the Stark County HOME program. Stark County receives this federal funding as a direct entitlement grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Last year, the County received \$755,801 in HOME funding; this was a nearly 9% decrease from the previous year. It is expected the County will receive approximately this same amount in FY 2020 funding. This funding will be available for use between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

Stark County participates in the HOME program as a consortium with both of the cities of Massillon and Alliance, thus a portion of Stark County's HOME funding will be provided to each. It is expected that the cities will receive 20% and 19%, respectively, of the HOME grant balance after CHDO apportionment for use in their jurisdictions.

HOME eligible activities are housing projects that benefit low-and moderate-income persons/households. Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) are encouraged to apply as 15% of the overall HOME allocation is required to be allocated to qualified CHDO projects. As such, the consortium plans to provide approximately \$113,400 of HOME funding to such activities.

Major regulation changes took place with the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program in 2013. As these amendments were very significant to the overall program, potential HOME applicants are asked to familiarize themselves with the 2013 "HOME Final Rule" document and the changes it made to the overall HOME program.

A HOME "Request for Proposal" workshop was held on Wednesday, November 13th. Applications for this upcoming HOME program are due by Friday, January 3rd at Noon. After the applications are received, they will be reviewed. A decision in regard to the 2020 program is expected to be presented to the public by early March, with a public hearing to take place in mid/late March presenting the proposed program to the Board of Stark County Commissioners. For questions about the HOME program, please contact Lynn Carlone, Chief of Community Development at 330-451-7774 or visit our website at <https://www.starkcountyohio.gov>.



20/20: Our vision is CLEAR For home repairs, WE ARE HERE!

The Stark County Housing Rehabilitation Department may be able to help!

We are looking for new applicants to utilize our grant/deferred loan Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Applicants must own and occupy their home for a minimum of one year, live within Stark County and meet income guidelines. *This program does not include residents living inside the city limits of Canton, Massillon, or the Village of Hills & Dales.*

Emergencies

Accessibility

Full Rehab

Septic/Sewer

20/20

Before

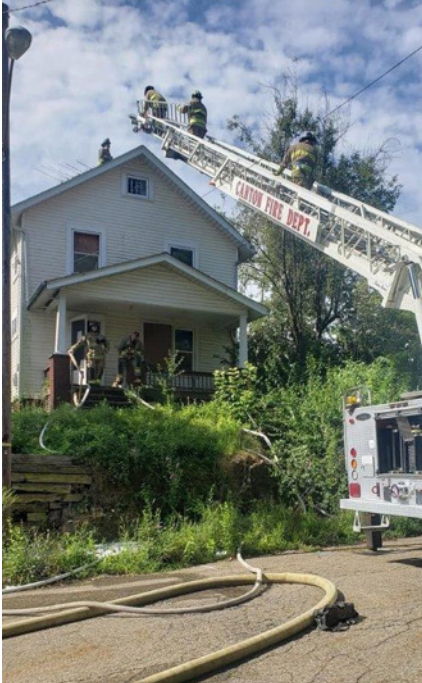


After



CALL US at 330-451-7399 to
see if you qualify!

Fire Training Exercises Conducted on Land Bank Houses Prior to Demolition



Several times throughout 2019, the Stark County Land Bank allowed the cities of Canton and Massillon to utilize properties for training purposes prior to being torn down. These properties were later demolished by the Land Bank utilizing grant funding under the Neighborhood Initiative Program.

The Canton City Fire Department conducted cadet training exercises in over 20 vacant homes. These exercises provided invaluable rescue training to new cadets. Crews were able to conduct various drills such as hand line advances, forcible entry, search and rescue, vertical ventilation, operating power saws, controlling utilities and placing ground ladders. The Massillon Fire Department and Stark County Regional SWAT also led drills designed to simulate a firefighter being trapped in a structure and having to be rescued.



Save The Date !

What: Governmental Law Seminar
for local officials



When: Saturday, February 29, 2020

Where: Exploration Gateway
5712- 12th St. NW
Canton, OH 44708

Topics Include:

Basics of Zoning

GIS Capabilities

Grant Funding Opportunities

Legal Requirements for Government Officials

* Agenda and invitation to be mailed in coming days.

Stormwater Updates

The theme for 2020 is “Don’t **Runoff** Stormwater” with Clawd, our mascot, as a runner. The Public Involvement/Public Education (P.I.P.E.) Committee will undertake several projects this year designed to educate the public about stormwater runoff, the importance of keeping our water clean, and what we can do to help. Projects include:

- Billboard Contest (grades 6-12)
- Stark County Home & Garden Show
- Nimishillen Creek CleanUp
- Radio Spots
- New Brochure

Workshops-Partnering with Stark County Soil & Water Conservation District

- Rain Barrels
- Compost Bin
- Streamside Maintenance
- Natural Lawn
- Stormwater Basin Management
- Soil Testing
- Seasonal Preparation
- Enviroscapes

Watch for more information and details in the weeks ahead.



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Upcoming Events

January

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

February

3	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
4	SCRPC	7:30 PM
24	SCATS	1:30 PM
29	Governmental Law Seminar	9:00 AM

March

2	Subdivision Review	1:30 PM
3	SCRPC	7:30 PM
18	Annual Dinner	6:00 PM
23	SCATS	1:30 PM

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