



STATE OF THE COUNTY 2025

11/06/2025

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Morris W. Beverage III



**Richard J. Regovich,
President**



John T. Plecnik

AGENDA



→ Introduction, Commissioner Richard J. Regovich

→ Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail

- Vision 2050

- Senior Study

→ A Year of Construction

- Lake County Sheriffs Office

- Public Defender

- 41 East Erie

→ Budget

→ Looking Forward

COUNTY LEADERSHIP

ELECTED OFFICIALS



Christopher Galloway, Auditor



Carl DiFranco, Clerk



Dr. David J. Keep, Coroner



Alan Exley, Engineer



Charles E. Coulson, Prosecutor



Becky Lynch, Recorder



Frank Leonbruno, Sheriff



Michael Zuren, Treasurer



Patrick J. Condon, Judge



Vincent A. Culotta, Judge



John O'Donnell, Judge



Jeffrey Ruple, Judge



Colleen Falkowski, Judge



Michael DeLeone, Judge



Mark J. Bartolotta, Judge



Jason W. Boyd

**COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**



DEPARTMENT HEADS



Jennifer Bell

Clerk
Commissioners Office



Joel DiMare Jr.

Director
Administrative Services



Randy Rothlisberger

Sanitary Engineer
Department of Utilities



Suzanne Casar

Director
Job and Family Services



Mark Iafelice

Superintendent
Buildings and Grounds



David Radachy

Director
Planning and Community
Development



Rodney Shelton

Dog Warden
Dog Shelter



Paul Stefanko

Director
Telecommunications



Joe Busher

Director
Emergency Management
Agency



David Strichko

Chief Building Official
Building Department



Timothy A. Miller

Director
Stormwater
Management



VISION 2050



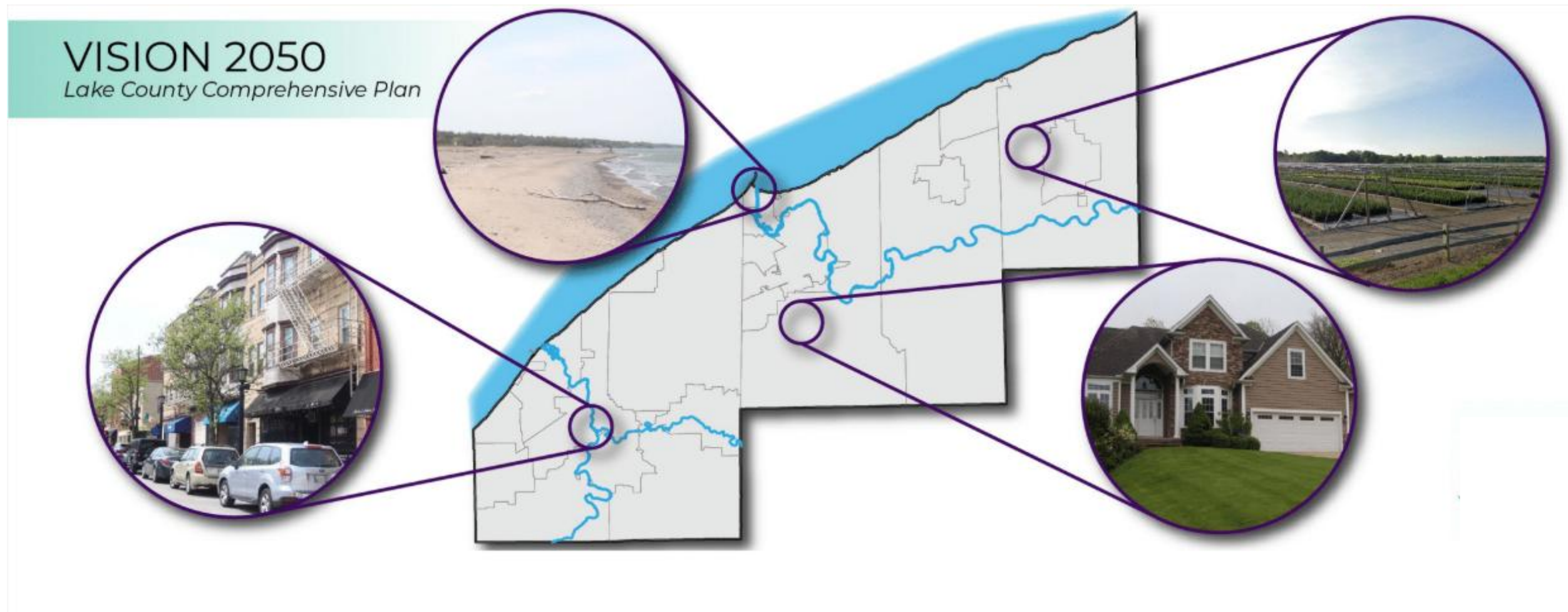
1st countywide Comprehensive Plan since 1960

RFP Issued November 2024

- Received 3 responses
- Selected Envision on March 20, 2025

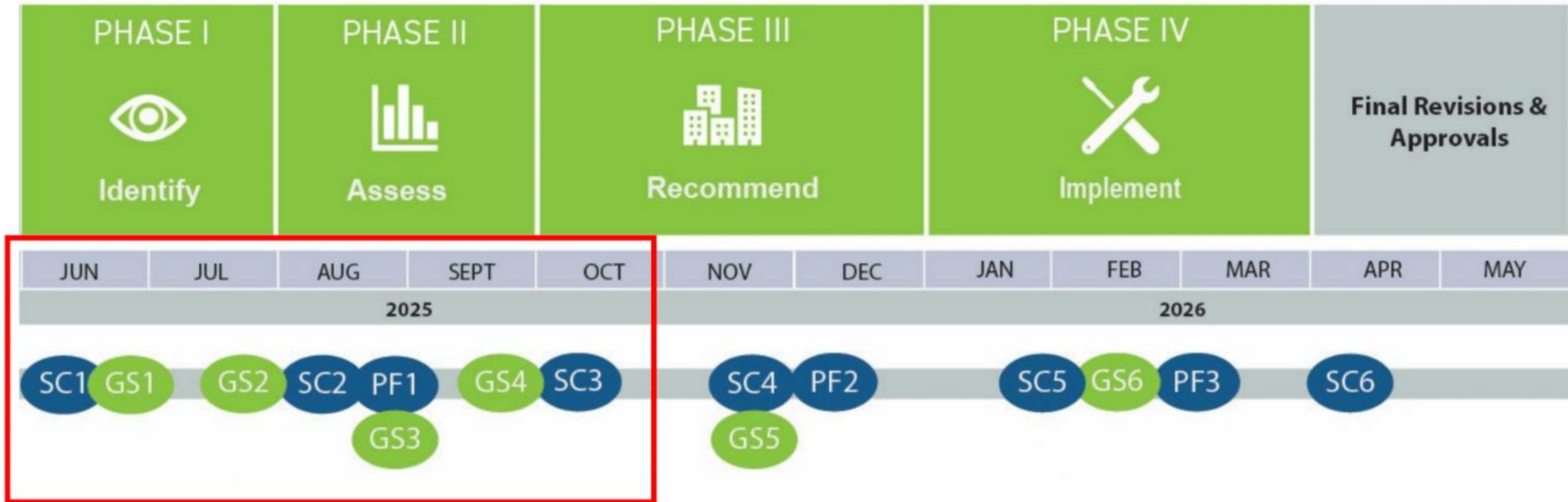
ENVISION

Managed by the LC Office Planning and Community Development





VISION 2050 PLANNING PROCESS



Engagement Process



Public Forum(s)



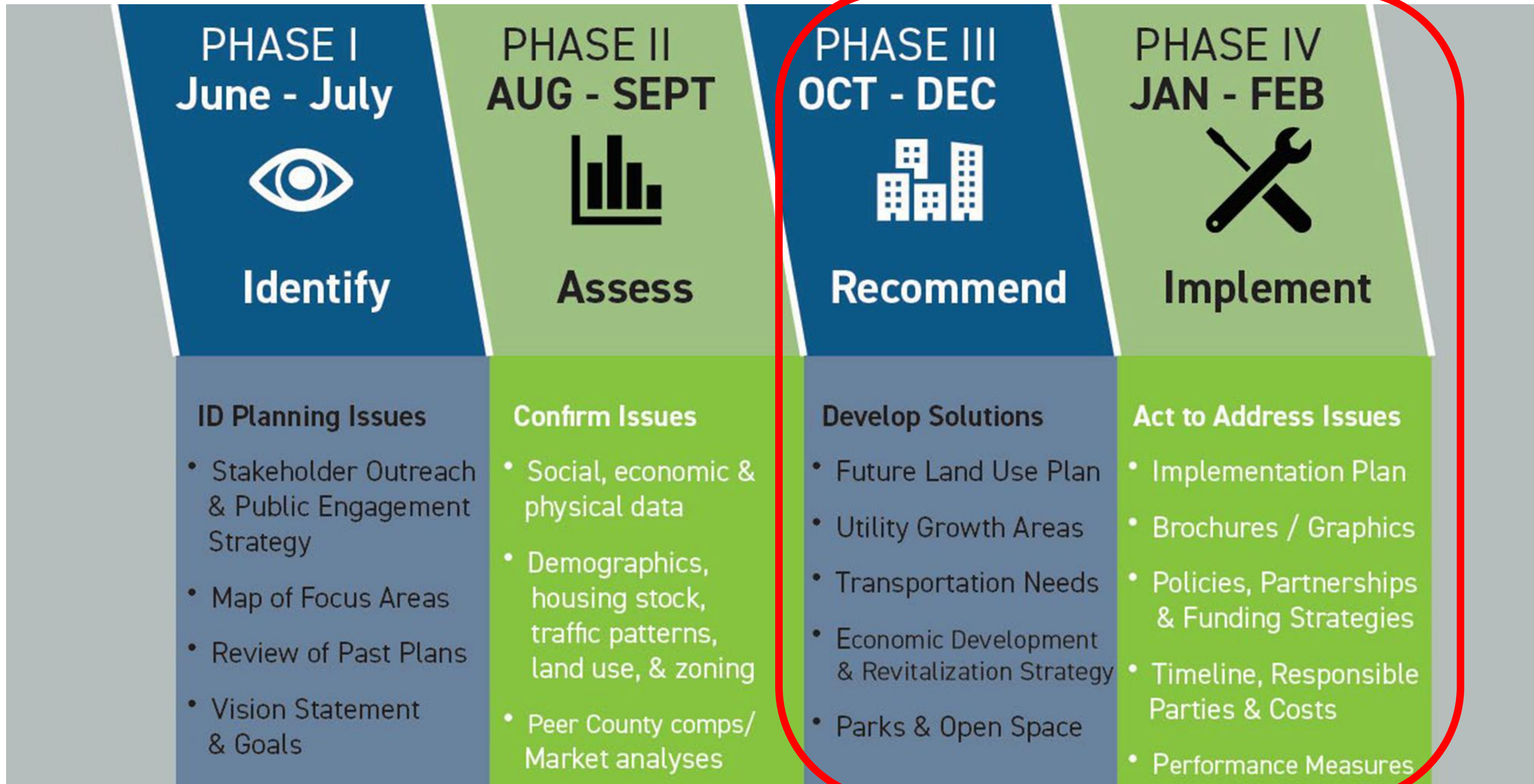
Steering Committee Meeting



Geographic Subcommittees Meetings (City/Suburb & Township/Village)



VISION 2050 PLANNING PROCESS

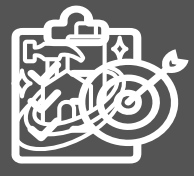




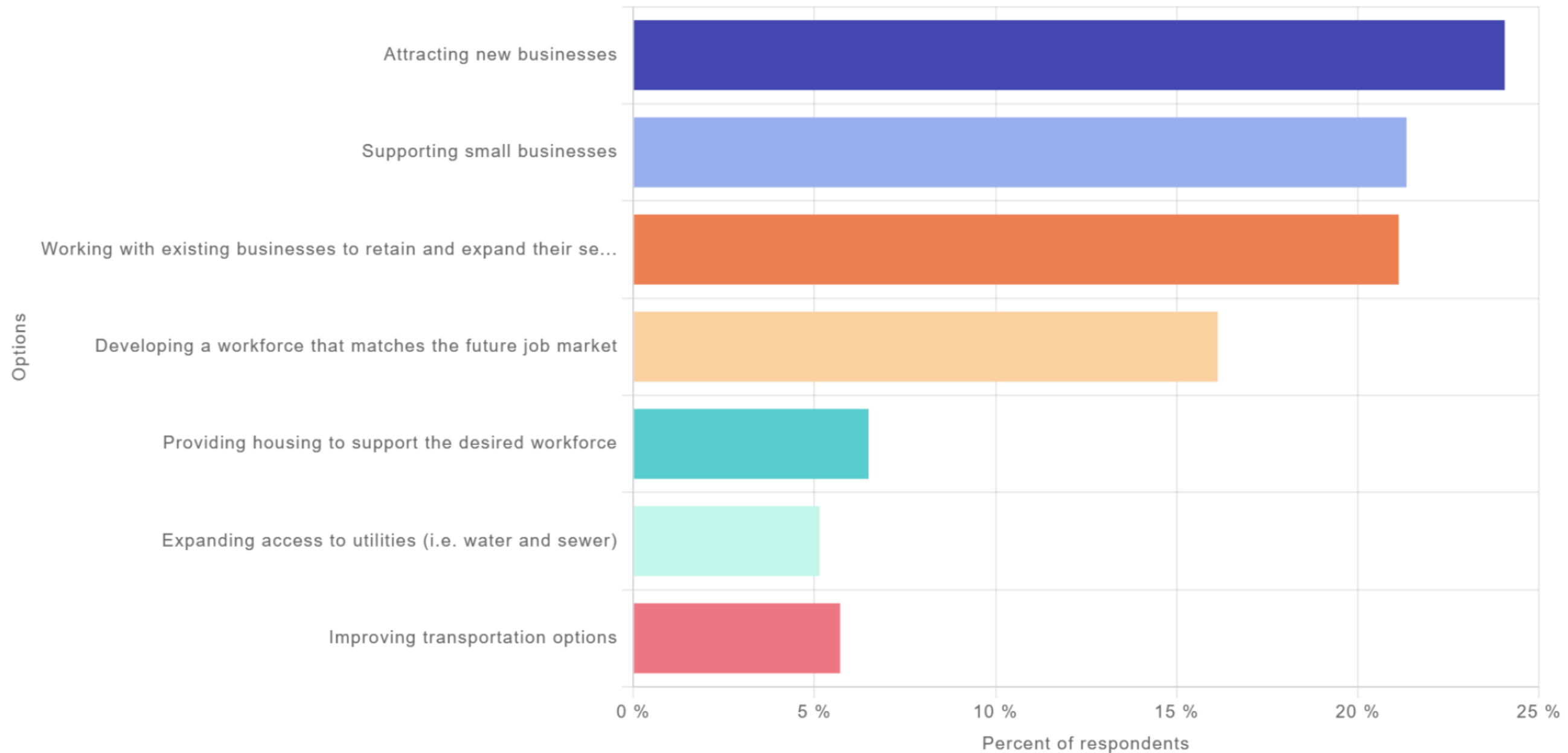
Public Outreach

- Attended three events
 - Willoughby Arts Festival
 - Lake County Fair
 - Madison Concert in the Park
- Total of 926 responses to activity boards
- Five activity boards asking questions about housing, park amenities, plan priorities, and development opportunities





What should be the County's highest priority regarding economic development?

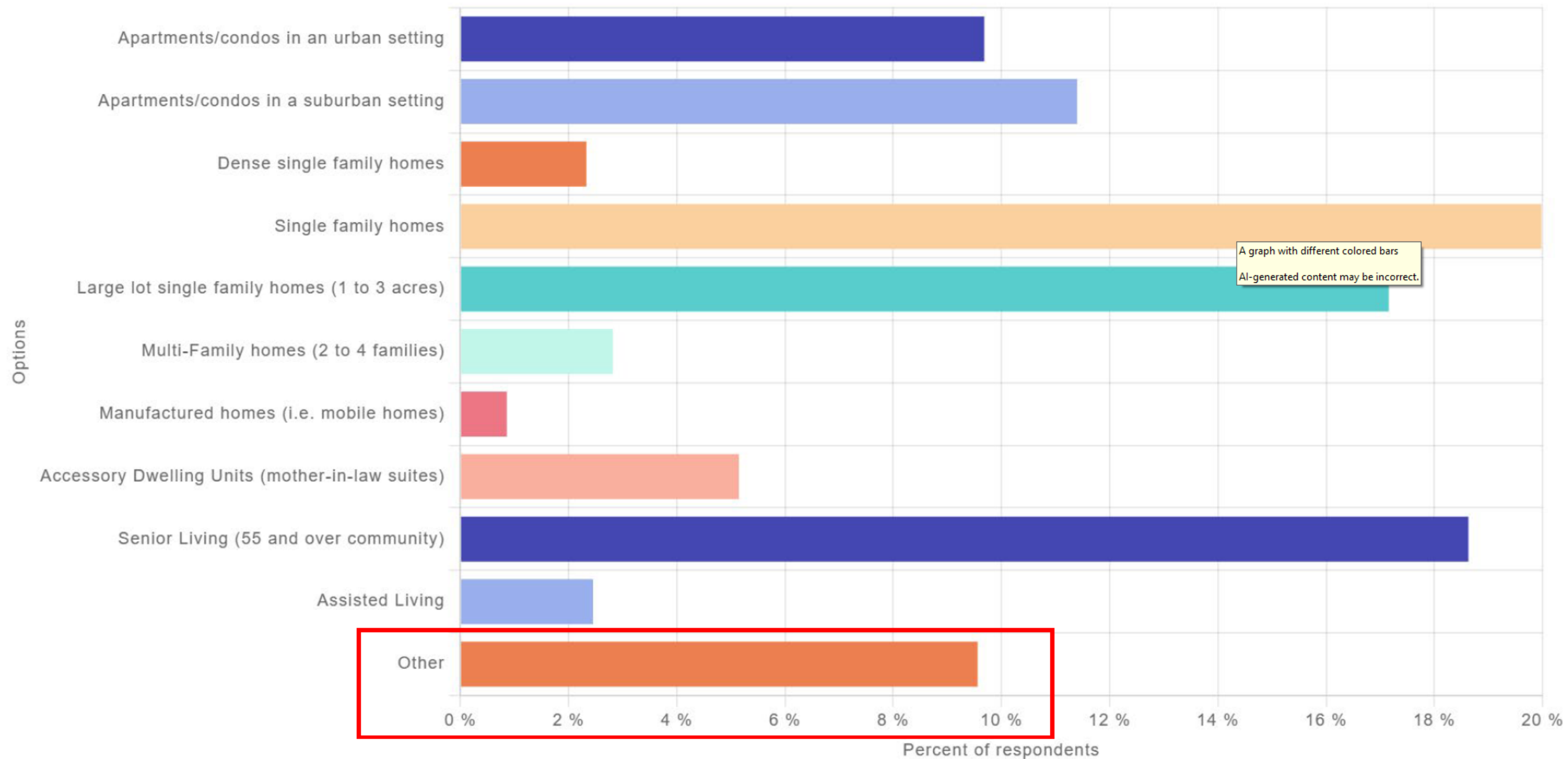




VISION 2050: PUBLIC OUTREACH



What type of housing is most needed?



“More affordable housing of all kinds—it’s been hard to find an affordable apartment for my aging mother, as well as for my kids who are in their early 20s. There’s too much single family housing that is \$300,000 or more”



VISION 2050 GOALS



Expand Housing Choice

- *Encourage and expand housing options across the County to attract new residents and to provide existing residents the opportunity to live within the County through all stages of life.*

Quality of Life

- *Continue to maintain and expand amenities within the County for the enjoyment of current and future residents.*

Transportation

- *Maintain a high functioning and safe transportation system for all modes of transportation that supports economic growth and improves residents quality of life*

Economic Development

- *Seek to attract and maintain high quality, diverse job opportunities for residents that support the county's long-term stability.*

Workforce Development

- *Collaborate with local and regional partners to develop a skilled workforce to support local businesses.*

Government Efficiency

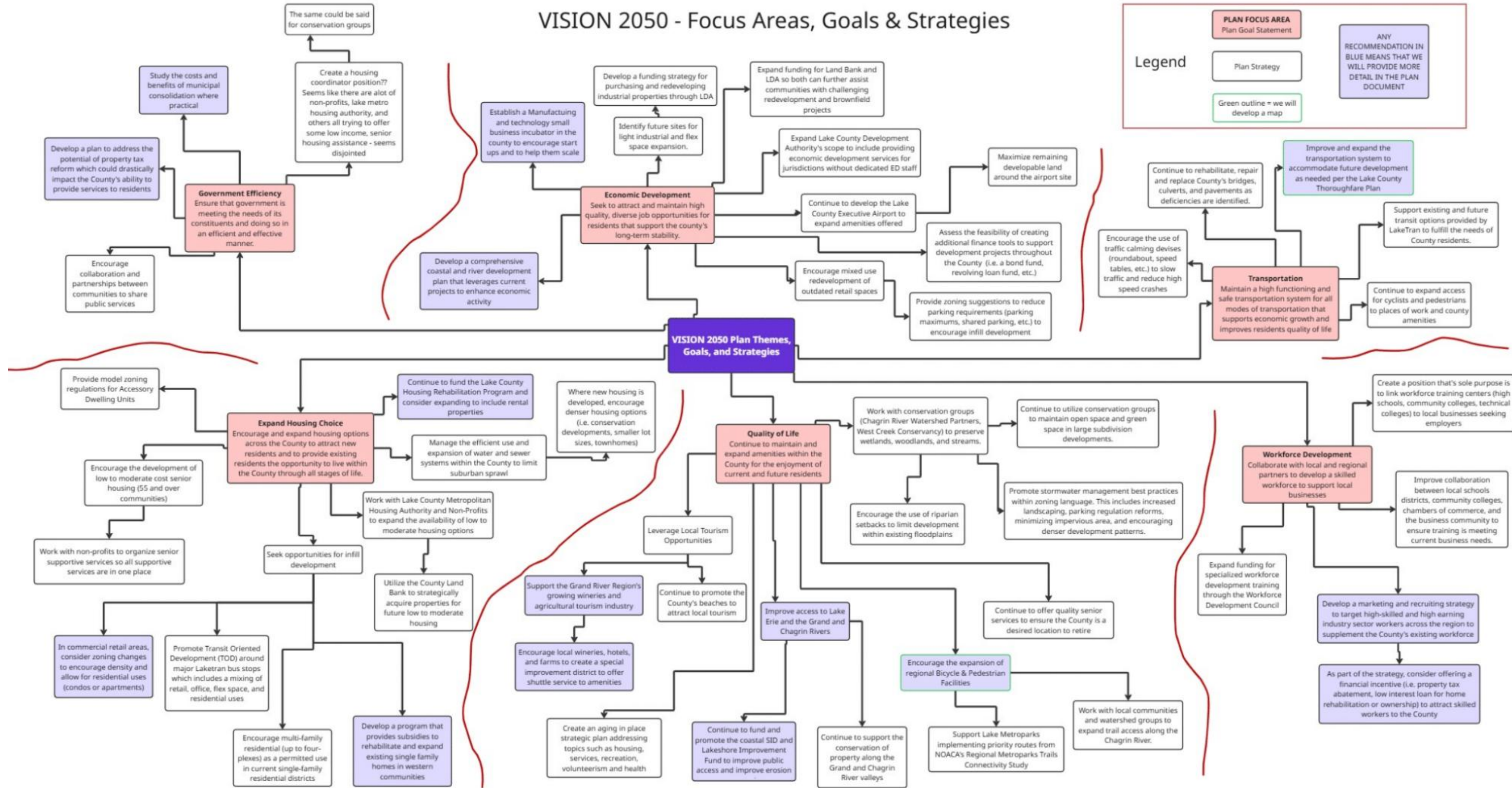
- *Ensure that government is meeting the needs of its constituents and doing so in an efficient and effective manner.*



VISION 2050 GOALS



VISION 2050 - Focus Areas, Goals & Strategies





VISION 2050: FUTURE LAND USE TYPES



Suburban Neighborhood

These low to moderate density areas consist of residential uses with homes situated along curvilinear streets and cul-de-sacs. These areas may include sidewalks, but overall connectivity within the neighborhood and to adjacent locations is limited. The size and density of buildings may vary by neighborhood, but will be consistent in appearance. These areas may include small neighborhood parks and open spaces, schools, and/or places of worship.

Intent

To encourage single family homes on moderately sized lots with a uniform design standard that is somewhat isolated and vehicularly focused.

Uses

Single family homes, multi-family homes (townhomes), parks, institutions



Traditional Neighborhood

Primarily residential areas featuring a mix of higher density housing types ranging from multi-family units, townhomes, and small lot single-family detached. Homes situated along a street network of smaller blocks. These areas include well-connected sidewalk and street networks and may have links to surrounding development. These areas feature a mix of housing types typically on smaller lots. Areas may include small scale commercial uses, parks, schools, and/or places of worship.

Intent

To encourage denser residential developments that create walkable, interconnected streets with small local retail, parks, and/or institutions that act as the neighborhood center.

Uses

Single family homes, multi-family homes (townhomes), duplexes, apartments, parks, institutions, local retail



Downtown/Village Core

These areas are the traditional activity centers of a community with a mix of public, institutional, commercial, office, and residential uses. Buildings are typically located close together or attached in a walkable environment. While these areas often include a main thoroughfare for a community, speeds are typically low and on-street parking is present. Infill development and redevelopment with higher density and intensity within these areas is encouraged. New development is encouraged to fill in vacant sites such as underutilized parking areas or unused buildings.

Intent

To encourage vertical mixed-use development that supports a range of activities and amenities, and expands the public realm while focusing activity towards the street and provides a dynamic gathering place for residents.

Uses

Commercial, retail, office, multi-family residential, single family residential



Mixed Use

These areas offer a mix of commercial, retail, office, and residential uses. Development is relatively dense with buildings generally consisting of multiple stories. Buildings are typically located close together or attached in a walkable environment. These areas can occur as redevelopment (i.e. outdated shopping centers) or can occur on a greenfield development site. Surface parking is generally located behind or on the sides of buildings, creating an inviting, pedestrian-scaled streetscape.

Intent

To encourage new horizontal or vertical mixed-use development that supports a range of activities and amenities, and expands the public realm while focusing activity towards the street and provides a dynamic gathering place for residents.

Uses

Commercial, retail, office, multi-family residential, townhomes, single family residential





STRATEGIC PLANNING & NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR SENIOR SERVICES



Lake County by the Numbers

- 68,715 residents age 60+ (29.6% of total population)
- 11.3% of those are 85+
- Lake County ranks 10th in Ohio for largest 60+ population
- \$4.6 million senior levy funds distributed to 20 organizations

Looking Ahead

- Growth in senior population and increased service costs prompted a proactive review of funding strategies
- Secured \$380,000 in federal funding (FY 2025–2028) for the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Program





STRATEGIC PLANNING & NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR SENIOR SERVICES



The project will be completed in five phases:

1. Kick-Off: Grounding and orientation, including review of background materials, data systems, and existing initiatives.
2. Fact Base: Analysis of current participation data, gap analysis, and stakeholder input to identify unmet needs and opportunities.
3. Funding Model: Evaluation of the current levy funding structure and development of recommendations for a more sustainable model.
4. Strategic Planning: Development of mission, vision, and strategic priorities aligned with the County's goals for aging services.
5. Action Planning: Creation of a practical implementation roadmap outlining key steps, responsibilities, and timelines to achieve long-term impact.



THE OSGOOD GROUP





Key Meetings & Progress

- Sept 2: Met with SCAP
- Oct 9–10: Completed facility tours at Eastlake, Fairport, Kirtland, Madison, Mentor, Perry, Wickliffe, Willoughby, and Willowick Senior Centers
- Oct 17: Met with Senior Services Levy Coalition
- Mid-November: Begin one-on-one stakeholder interviews with local officials and senior service professionals
- December: Conduct field survey of Lake County seniors
- Summer 2025 Completion





UTILITIES



2025 Capital Improvements

Water Department

Aquarius WTP Main Plant Switchgear / Generator		\$350,000
Lakeshore Blvd. Waterline E. 288th to Seaborn		\$1,400,000
Vine Street Waterline Replacement Rt. 91 to Rt. 2		\$1,700,000
New Armor Stone Revetment Bacon Road Wtr Trtmt Facility		\$2,800,000
River Street Waterline Replacement Project		\$1,000,000
Union Street Waterline Replacement Project		\$200,000

\$7,450,000

Waste water Department

Twilight Lift Station Replace / Relocate		\$1,300,000
Bennett Rd Trunk Sewer Improvement		\$5,700,000
Mentor WWTP Digester Cleaning & Rehab Phase 2		\$1,000,000

\$8,000,000

Solid Waste Department

GCCS Expansion- Flare and Blower		\$1,000,000
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STORMWATER



Concord Township (\$292,000)

- Tewksbury stormwater basin rehab – \$72,000-Cleaning and re-grading stormwater basin
- Eagle Forebay - ongoing maintenance - \$12,000-Sediment removal from stormwater forebay
- Quail Forebay & flexamat repair- \$81,000-Erosion and Sediment control/removal from stormwater forebay
- St. Andrew trash Rack - \$10,000 Trash Rack Repair
- Holly Park Drainage improvement - \$12,000-Drainage Improvement
- Grand Ridge Point - \$105,000- Stormwater Manhole and Outfall Repair

Madison Township (\$661,000)

- Beach Drive Drainage Improvement-\$61,000
- Emerson culvert - \$600,000-Culvert Removal and Replacement Project

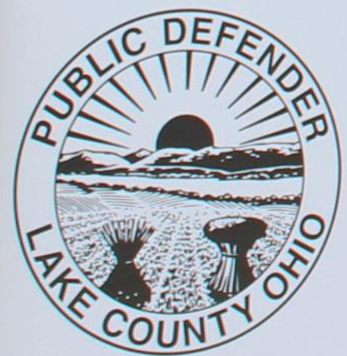
Painesville Township (\$155,000)

- Storm sewer jetting in Heatherstone Development - \$25,000-Jetting and televising existing storm sewer to evaluate condition
- Wintergreen Hill drainage Improvement - \$130,000- Storm Sewer Improvement

Total Improvement and Maintenance Costs Concord, Madison and Painesville Townships: \$1,108,000.00

Current and Completed Projects

- Fairgrounds Roof Replacement: Ongoing, \$1,190,875 ARPA funded
- NEOCAP Roof Replacement: Complete, \$356,444
- Park Rd. Facility Roof Replacement: Complete, \$517,786
- In House project management for improvements at 41 E. Erie St. and the new Public Defenders Office located at 100 W. Erie St.
- HVAC upgrades: Ongoing, \$7,654,487 (\$5,000,000 ARPA funded)
- Flooring, elevator modernizations, and remodels: Various stages of completion



**Office of the
Lake County Public Defender**
100 W. Erie Street

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS



West End Siren Replacement

- Completed full system replacement
Total Cost: \$1.5M

County Phone System

- Bid specifications complete; replacement underway
Estimated Cost: \$1.2M–\$1.8M (final cost depends on configuration)

Radio System Upgrades

- Hundreds of radios reprogrammed and added for enhanced security (*effective 12/31/25*)
- Labor: No cost to Lake County
- Software: ~\$150 per radio (Motorola)
- All County department radios replaced — *Total Investment: \$1.9M*

Fiber & Infrastructure Work

- Fiber re-routed for new jail – \$6,000
- 12 dispatch radio computers replaced – *No County cost (MARCS agreement)*



TELECOMMUNICATIONS



Security & Surveillance Enhancements

- New cameras and monitors in Juvenile Justice, 41 E. Erie, and Public Defender's Office
- Cameras, card access, and phones in new Lake County Executive Airport Terminal (*cost TBD*)
- New card access systems installed at:
 - Cannon Building
 - Public Defender Building
 - EOC second gate
 - BOE Nolan Building

System Transition & Cost Savings

- Researching a transition of the county radio system to the statewide MARCS system, potentially saving over \$6m
- New Willowick Tower lease with Verizon and FBI



EOC Renovation

- In 2019 Congressman Dave Joyce toured the EOC to review existing conditions.
- Congressman Joyce suggested we apply for a FEMA/DHS EMPG EOC grant.
- The Lake County EMA was awarded a \$1,000,000 grant with a 25% county match for a total of \$1,333,333.00 in potential funding.
 - Total Expenses: **\$796,683.41**
 - FEMA/DHS Federal Expenses: **\$597,193.81**
 - County Expenses: **\$199,489.60**





EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



- New Furniture in the Operations, Executive, PIO and Amateur radio rooms and offices
- Additional Security cameras
- 25 Laptop computers and storage charging cart for the operations room
- Painting of the interior of the EOC
- Amateur Radio equipment upgrade
- Upgrade of AV system
- Replaced roof over Generators
- Replace interior and exterior lighting
- Replace exterior fencing and the installation of a second gate
- Upgrade of bathrooms
- Remodel kitchen and cafeteria
- Replacement of all exterior doors
- New flooring
- Replaced all Ceiling Tiles



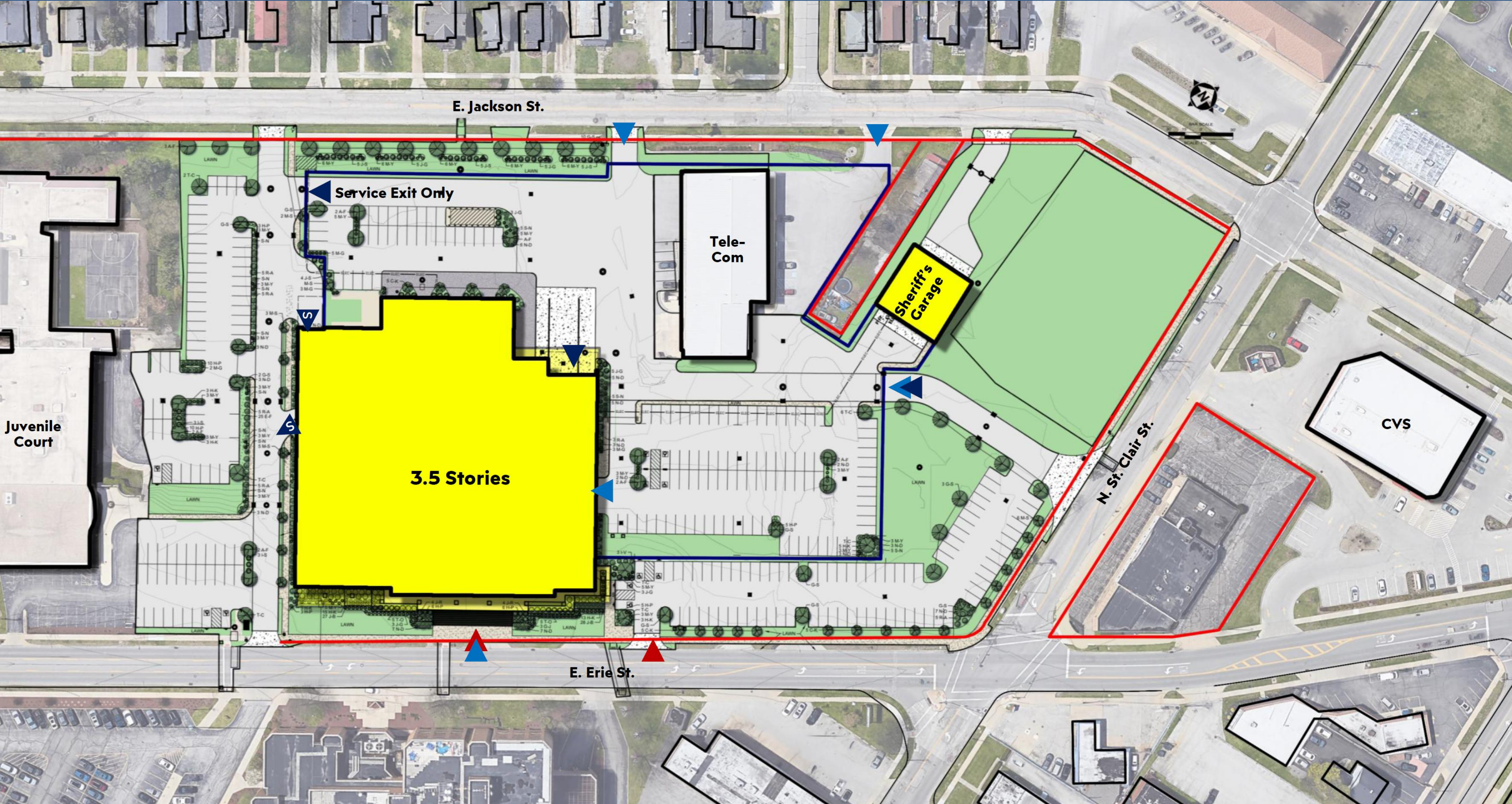
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E. Jackson St.

Service Exit Only

Tele-Com

Sheriff's Garage

3.5 Stories

CVS

N. St. Clair St.

E. Erie St.

Juvenile Court

SITE PLAN

SECURED LINE 

PUBLIC 

STAFF 

SERVICE 

SALLYPORT 





PUBLIC SAFETY





Front Entry - SE



View from Jackson St.



DID YOU KNOW?



- 57,000 man-hours worked to date
- Over 205,000 CMU blocks laid
- 280 cubic yards – our largest slab-on-metal-deck pour
- 🕒 Crew started at 4:00 a.m. and wrapped up by 9:00 p.m.
- 285 tons of rebar installed
- 2,300 tons of structural steel in place
- 249 prefabricated steel cells
 - 20 prefabricated showers
 - 19 prefabricated janitor's closets

Building More
Than Buildings®

BUDGET



PROJECT: Lake County Public Safety Center		
AS OF: November 4, 2024		
		Budget
Description		Amount
Design-Builder Costs		
Hard Construction Cost (inclusive of KPIs)		\$164,595,761.00
D/B Architect /Engineer of Record		\$5,720,236.00
SUB-TOTAL HARD COSTS		\$170,315,997.00
Owner Costs		
Owner Hard Cost - Contingency		\$10,676,376.43
Criteria Architect		\$5,623,500.00
FF&E / OSE / IT		\$4,515,008.00
Signage (exterior)		\$50,000.00
Other Owner Consultants (Owner Rep, Testing, etc)		\$4,103,549.00
Legal		\$100,000.00
Insurance		\$700,000.00
Operational Costs (Utility services and misc. costs)		\$300,000.00
Owner Soft Cost - Contingency		\$8,604,407.69
SUB-TOTAL SOFT COSTS		\$34,672,841.12
OVERALL PROJECT COSTS		\$204,988,838.12

ID	Task Name	2025												2026												2027											
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1	Construction Phase	Construction Phase 6/1/27																																			
2	Sitework	Sitework 4/18/25																																			
3	Foundations	Foundations 7/23/25																																			
4	Structural Steel & Concrete Slabs	Structural Steel & Concrete Slabs 1/16/26																																			
5	Enclosure	Enclosure 7/27/26																																			
6	Interior Fitout	Interior Fitout 2/16/27																																			
7	Steel Topping Out	Steel Topping Out 11/7/25																																			
8	Steel Cell Installation	Steel Cell Installation 5/15/26																																			
9	Punch List	Punch List 1/22/27																																			
10	Final Inspections	Final Inspections 2/17/27																																			
11	Temporary Certificates of Occupancy - Substantial Completion	Temporary Certificates of Occupancy - Substantial Completion 2/17/27																																			
12	Owner Access and Owner Item Install	Owner Access and Owner Item Install 5/17/27																																			
13	Bureau of Adult Detention Inspection	Bureau of Adult Detention Inspection 6/1/27																																			
14	Final Completion	Final Completion 6/1/27																																			



Role of the Lake County Board of Commissioners

- Exercise financial control over county finances by the adoption (management) of the county budget
- Appropriate monies for county offices
- Hold title to all county property
 - Provide and maintain space for all county offices
 - Courthouses
 - Public Safety Facility (Jail)
 - County Engineer
 - Board of Elections
 - General Governance (Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Prosecutor)
- Appoint members to various County boards and commissioners
- Work in cooperation with all other elected county officials and provide overall coordination for effective and efficient services to the residents and businesses



2025 Budget

- 2025 revenues for County operations are strong
- Primary revenue stream is 1% sales tax
- Other revenue sources include:
 - Investment earnings
 - Fees
 - Property Tax
 - General Fund Budget: \$76,637,270
 - Stable sales tax revenue



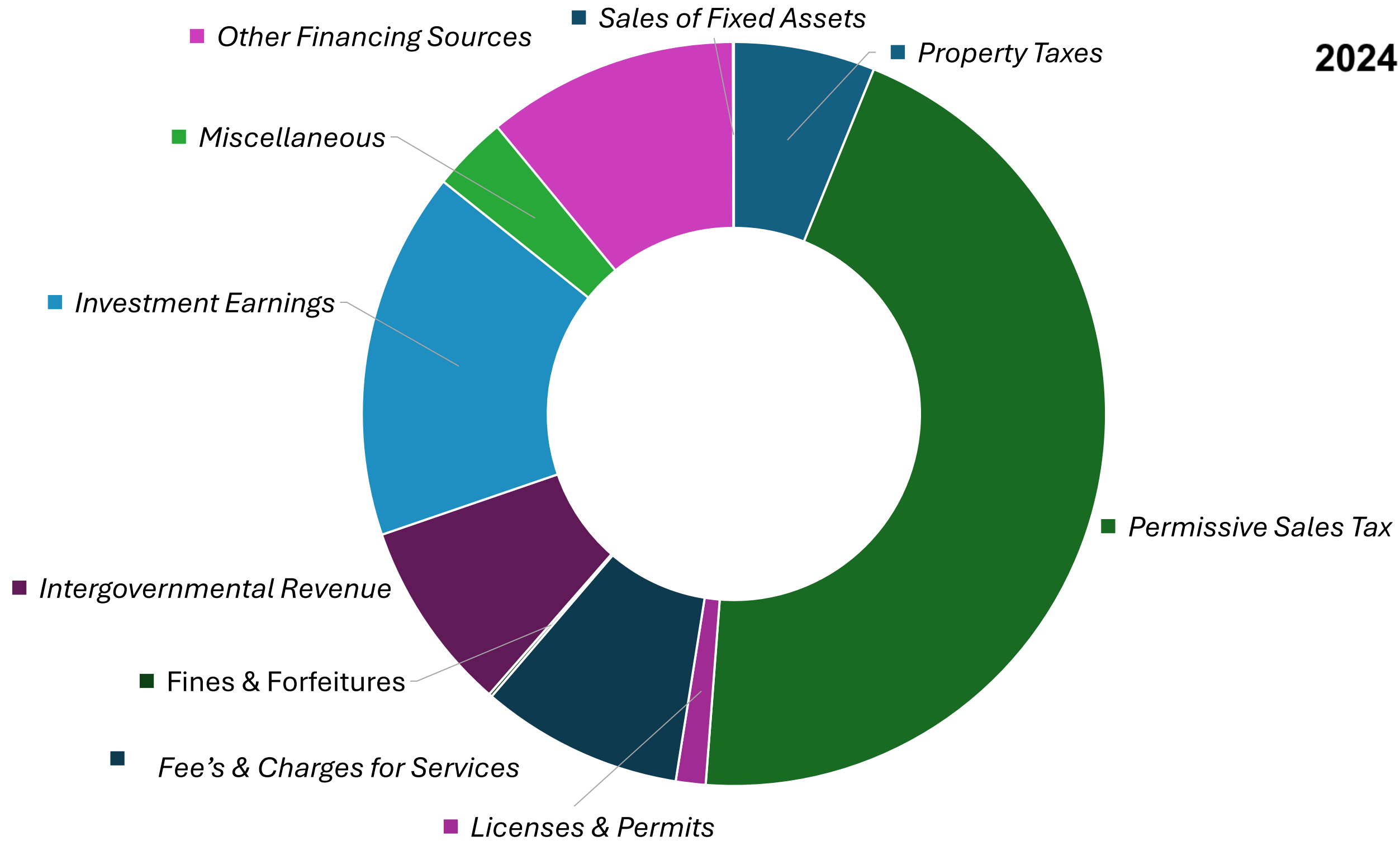
COMMISSIONERS FINANCE



- Above average interest earnings due to higher interest rates
- Public safety / law enforcement / judicial system represent approximately 69% of the overall budget
- 2025 is the first debt payment for the public safety center which in total is \$7 million
- Outside General Fund: \$326 million
- Enterprise Funds: water, wastewater, solid waste
- Internal Service Funds: financing of services provided by one department to other departments on a cost reimbursement basis (ex. Health care costs)



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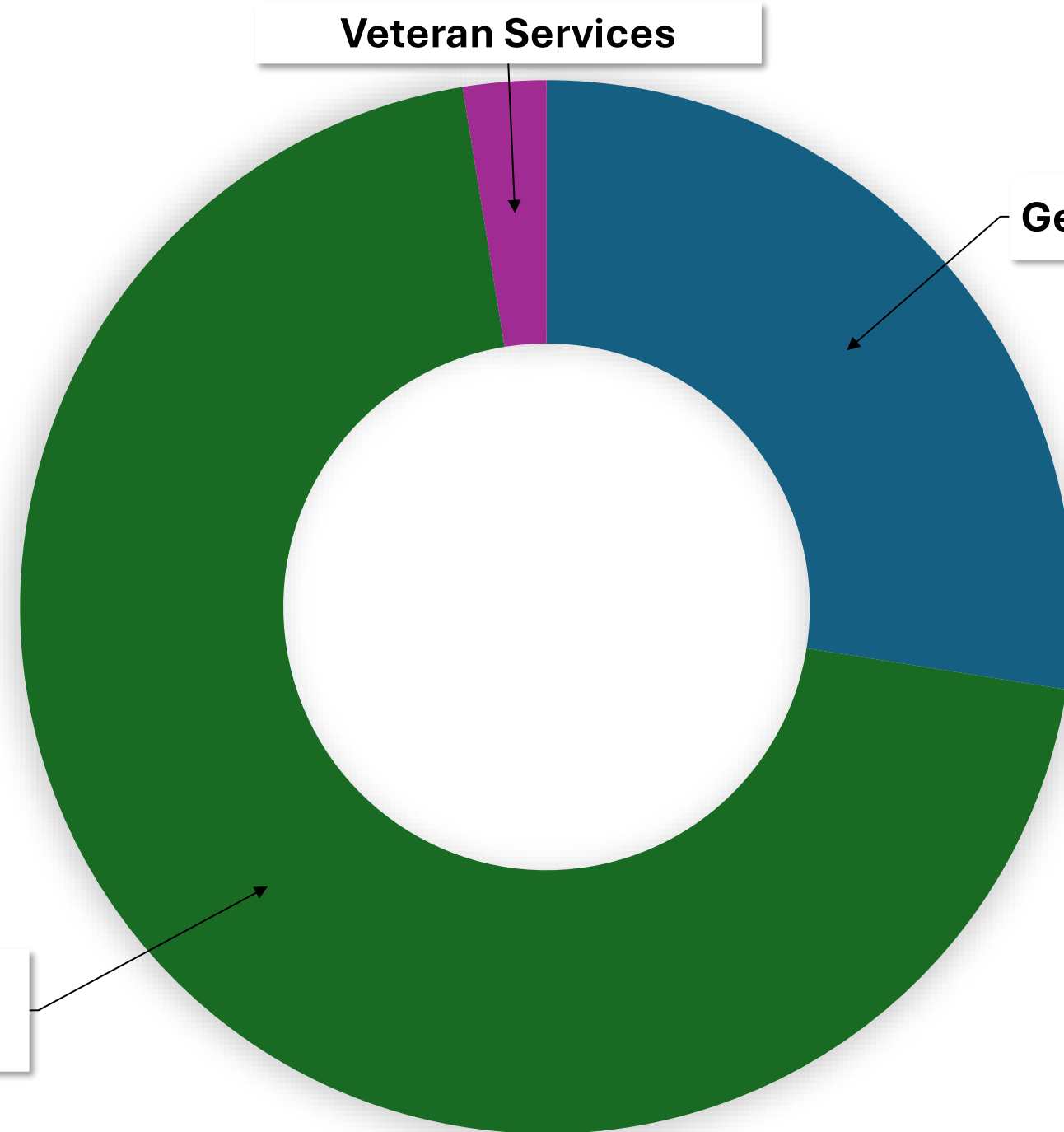


2024 YEAR END REVENUES

- \$6,668,575
- \$48,942,556
- \$1,403,748
- \$9,534,019
- \$152,106
- \$9,033,640
- \$17,375,615
- \$3,569,565
- \$11,874,470
- \$40,889



- **General Government** makes up 27% of total general fund expenditures
- **Judicial and public safety** makes up 70% of total general fund expenditures
- **Veteran Services** makes up 3% of total general fund expenditures



General Government

Veteran Services

Judicial and Public Safety

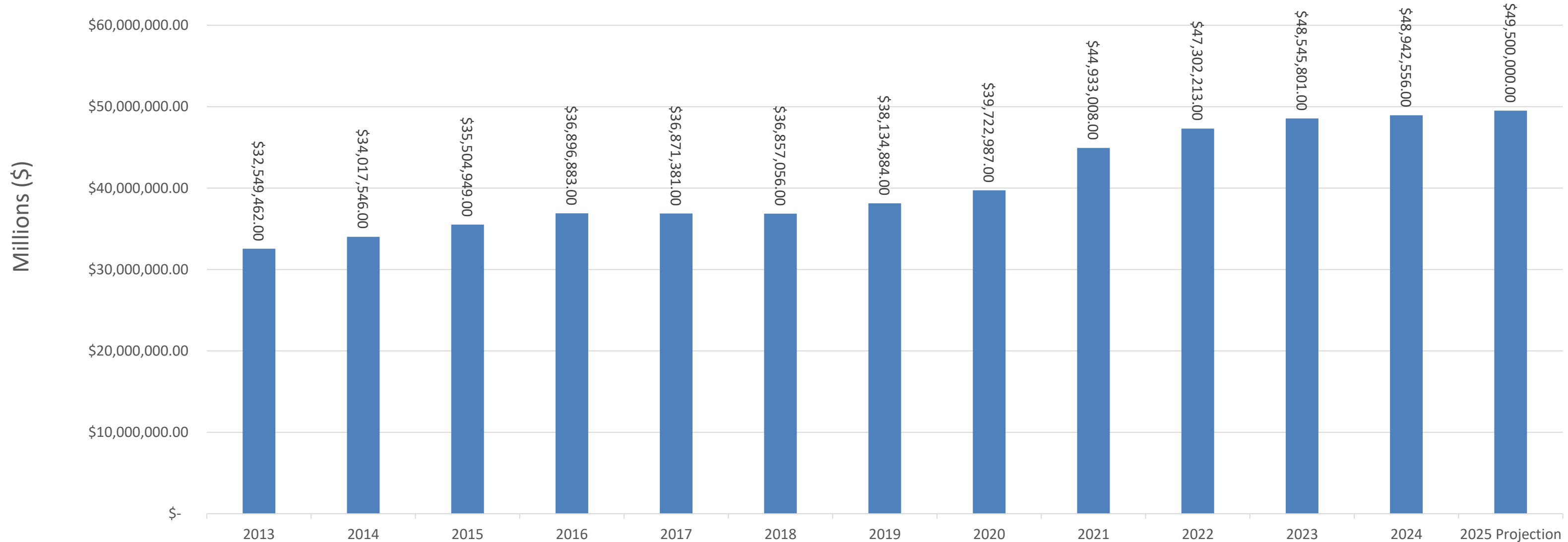
General Fund Expenditures 2025

- \$21,082,915.00
- \$53,598,890.00
- \$1,955,465.00



Financial Performance: Sales Tax continued

- In 2024, sales tax receipts reached their highest level at nearly \$49 million.
- The County's largest revenue generator, sales tax receipts have shown a steady increase over the past 10 years with an average annual growth rate of over 3.8%.



LOOKING FORWARD



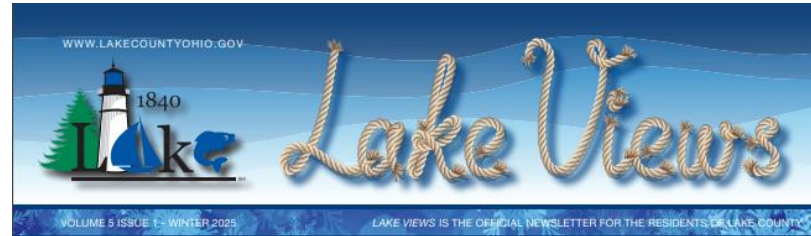
- **Continue our fiscal conservative budgeting model**
 - \$6.4m annual began in 2025
 - **The county paid down \$25m in notes / similar goal for 2026**
 - Maintain staff neutral budgeting
 - **We have reduced the 2025 budget heading into 2026 by approximately \$1.8m.**
 - Finalize capital improvement project(s)
 - +/- \$1m budget
 - **Focus on critical long-term projects (roofs)**
 - Finalize ARPA projects
 - **Finalize four projects completing obligations of \$44m worth of investments ranging from utilities, economic development and social services**
 - Actively monitor and provide local feedback on various federal and state legislative items
 - **Future of property taxes?**
 - **Are we working as efficiently as possible?**
 - **Commissioners' representation in Columbus and Washington D.C.**
 - **Identify potential funding sources for all political jurisdictions**

LOOKING FORWARD



- Complete enterprise-wide building permit software
- Countywide phone system upgrade
- Planning for the demolition of the current Lake County Sheriff's Office
- Completion of Vision 2050 and Senior Study
- Lake County will continue to plan and exercise our Emergency Planning strategies. In addition, to our commitment with the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, we have learned to “never to say never”
 - floods, train derailments, multiple house fires and solar eclipse and COVID!

2025 COUNTY NEWSLETTER



ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT OHIO WINTER?

Fall has drawn to a close and we all know what that means; it's time to put your lawnmower to bed and wake up your snow blower! As you put away your string trimmer, don't forget to add a stabilizer product to mixed gas and hold it for next spring. Our Soil and Water Conservation District wants to remind everyone to make sure your snow blower is ready for service by draining or changing engine fluids. Any used lubricants should be collected in individual containers, sealed, and then taken to a household hazardous waste collection event when they occur later in 2025. Never drain fluids onto the ground or dump them in a storm drain. For further questions about preventing water pollution, please visit lakecountyohio.gov/swcd or follow [lakeswcdohio](https://www.facebook.com/lakeswcdohio) on social media. And as we near the holiday season, Ho

Ho Ho-Id the salt! Using too much salt actually slows down melting. It can also kill your lawn, fish, and other animals in nearby streams so reduce your use by mixing the salt with sand or applying a little bit of salt right before the snow starts. Better yet, go salt free by using bird seed, fireplace ashes, ground corn cobs, or beet juice products. Our Lake County Dog Warden would like to remind us that while it's getting colder, don't forget outside animals need extra bedding and plenty of food and water during the winter. If temperatures are freezing, please move



COMMISSIONER / President JOHN PLECNIK
COMMISSIONER JOHN HAMERCHECK
COMMISSIONER RICHARD REGOVICH

your animals indoors if possible or into a sheltered area and refer to Page 2 for details on license renewal for 2025. Our first newsletter for 2025 also brings about a few reminders: All county offices will be closed Tuesday December 24th, Wednesday December 25th, and Wednesday January 1st in observance of Christmas and New Years. For a full list of county closings for 2025, see page 4. Finally, and most importantly, we wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday and winter season enjoyed with family and friends!

LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRESENTS: FIRST ANNUAL STATE OF THE COUNTY REPORT



At the October 29th Commissioner's Meeting, Commission President John T. Plecnik and Lake County Administrator Jason W. Boyd delivered the inaugural State of the County report in a presentation held at the Lake County Administration Building. This report, established by a resolution passed on July 30, 2024, provided a comprehensive overview of the County's achievements, challenges, and future initiatives aimed at enhancing transparency and accountability to citizens. Boyd, along with Plecnik, presented key findings which detailed significant progress in various sectors including public safety, economic development, and infrastructure improvements. The presentation encompassed several critical topics including but not limited to:

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WINTER LAKE VIEWS P1



WEATHER OR NOT SPRING IS COMING!

Cool temperatures should be in our rear-view window very soon and Mark Twain once said, "In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours". No one can relate to that better than a Northeastern Ohioian! But on a more hopeful note, have you started planning your gardens



for the year yet? Our springs typically bring plenty of rain so consider planting a rain garden. These gardens are not raised but sunken into the ground in order to absorb stormwater, catch pollutants, and provide habitat for pollinators. By directing a downspout to the garden, you can help keep the water out of storm sewers. Also, consider using cover crops to minimize weeds and soil erosion. For more information, you can contact our Lake County Stormwater Management Department at lakecountyohio.gov/smd with any questions you might have or find them on social media. With warmer weather ahead, our fruit season is about to kickoff with strawberries in May and blueberries,

blackberries, and raspberries in July. Since these can be used to create delicious baked goods and pastries, have you considered selling them from your home? If your item includes a fresh fruit garnish or filling or requires refrigeration like cream pies and cheesecake do, a Home Bakery License will need to be obtained. For more information on the selling of baked goods in the State of Ohio, visit the Ohio Dept of Agriculture website at agri.ohio.gov or you can email them at foodsafety@agri.ohio.gov with your questions. In this issue, we introduce you to our newest Commissioner; Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III! We congratulate Commissioner Beverage and wish him well in his new position as a county



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COMMISSIONER MORRIS BEVERAGE III

elected official. Be sure to read the article on page 3 for more information on the experience he has gained as an entrepreneur and his involvement in our community as well as his volunteer work with a number of our local non-profits. We also congratulate Commissioner Regovich as he was elected President of our Board for 2025. Lastly, we have a few county office closures coming up in the next few months: All county offices will be closed Monday May 26th in observance of Memorial Day and Thursday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth National Independence Day.

LC COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE

Mentor-on-the-Lake is a charming city located in the northeast corner of Ohio, along the shores of Lake Erie. Mentor-on-the-Lake is known for its small-town charm, friendly community, and beautiful lakeside setting. It's a great place for families, retirees, and anyone looking for a serene environment close to nature. Originally part of Mentor Township, Mentor-on-the-Lake was established as a village on October 22, 1924. It became an Incorporated City on February 12, 1971 and covers a total area of 1.65 square miles. As of the 2020 census, the population was 7,131.

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SPRING LAKE VIEWS P1



SUMMERTIME SAFETY & EXCITING EVENTS AHEAD!

As summer arrives, we want to take a moment to remind all residents to stay safe while enjoying the warm weather and community activities. Whether you're swimming, hiking, or just spending time outdoors, please remember to stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and keep an eye on children near water. Safety is our top priority and a few simple precautions can help make this season enjoyable for everyone.



Lead exposure, which can come from water sitting in lead pipes for hours, can pose serious health risks—especially to children and pregnant women. Common in older homes and infrastructure, lead

was initially used due to its malleability, ease of forming, and resistance to corrosion. Today, legislation and regulation have helped to reduce water lead concentrations. Our county is working with state partners to identify and replace outdated pipes so you'll want to read the Department of Utilities article on Page 3 for more information. With your help in determining if you have lead service lines, we can reduce exposure. In this issue, we're also excited to kick off a season full of community events and family fun! From county-wide summer concerts to enjoying the beach to taking in a Captains game, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to review the event list on Page 2 to help decide what you want to attend as well as the article on Page 2 highlighting the County Fair. This year's fair offers



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traditional attractions such as livestock shows, racing and derbies, and thrilling rides as well as live entertainment and delicious food. These events are great opportunities to connect with neighbors, support local businesses, and celebrate the best of what our county has to offer. Stay tuned to the county website and local news for schedules, featured attractions, and helpful tips for getting the most out of your summer. We're proud of our vibrant community, and we look forward to seeing you out there!

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LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Willoughby Hills is gearing up for a season of growth and excitement. With new retail options, popular community events returning to the calendar, and key infrastructure improvements underway, the city is poised for a year of enhanced convenience, entertainment, and progress. Residents can look forward to an energized community atmosphere that blends small-town charm with meaningful development.

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AUTUMN IS COMING TO LAKE COUNTY!

As summer has come to a close, we are excited to bring you the latest edition of our county newsletter highlighting what's ahead. Our community calendar is full of engaging fall events for all ages — from seasonal festivals to live music and family-friendly activities. Be sure to check out



the schedule on Page 2 so you don't miss the chance to enjoy our beautiful county this autumn.

This issue also features an article about birth and death records from the Lake County General Health Districts Vital Statistics Office. It includes answers to some of their most commonly asked

questions including how to go about making corrections if applicable and what other agencies you may need to contact. They understand that knowing where to turn can be confusing so this may be an article you will want to hang on to for future reference. In October, we are proud to co-host the 2025 Lake County Caregiver Forum (along with the Lake County Council on Aging and Lifeline, Inc.); a vital resource for those taking on the responsibility of caring for older loved ones. This free forum will offer support and invaluable expert advice to help navigate the various challenges of caregiving. See Page 3 for details and registration information. Lastly, we're pleased to share that the construction for the new Public



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Safety Center remains on schedule. When complete, it will include improvements in safety and security to better protect staff, inmates, and the public. Operations will be even more efficient which will improve day to day management and an increased capacity will help meet our future growing needs making this a true long-term investment. See Page 2 for an update from our County Administrator with photos.

As always, we encourage you to stay informed and engaged. Together, we're building a stronger, safer, and more connected community.

LC COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: THE VILLAGE OF LAKELINE



The Village of Lakeline represents the tranquility of a small residential town, the endless four-season beauty of Lake Erie and the feeling of a summer resort yet it is a mere twenty minutes from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Severance Hall, Playhouse Square, Beachwood Place and all of Cleveland's major league sports teams.

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