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Commissioners Approve “Vision 2050” Comprehensive Plan

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, September 29, 2026 – The Lake County Board of Commissioners are proud to announce that, at their September 29 meeting, they adopted “Lake County, Ohio: Vision 2050,” a comprehensive and forward-looking plan designed to guide responsible growth, development, and environmental preservation across the county through the year 2050. This marks the first comprehensive plan adopted by Lake County in more than 65 years.

“Vision 2050” addresses the many changes and challenges Lake County is expected to face over the next 25 years. The plan provides practical tools and strategic guidance for future decision-making. Areas of focus include economic development, agriculture, housing, land use, transportation, parks and recreation, education, natural resources, Lake Erie, the Grand River, the Chagrin River, and other important environmental elements.

The plan goes well beyond traditional land use and zoning considerations. It incorporates issues such as an aging population, housing needs, infrastructure upgrades, agricultural protections, and environmental stewardship, including the preservation of Lake Erie, the Mentor Marsh, the Grand River, and the Chagrin River.

The Lake County Commissioners and the Lake County Planning Commission collaborated to develop this long-term vision to help unite Lake County’s 23 communities. Lake County’s landscape, ranging from post–World War II housing to rural farmland and wineries, presents unique opportunities and challenges. “Vision 2050” embraces this diversity and emphasizes coordinated planning rather than prescribing a single approach for all communities.

The county engaged Envision as the Planning Consultant due to their extensive experience in suburban and rural planning, technical expertise, and strong familiarity with Lake County.

“This plan is creating a vision that will help guide the economic, transportation, residential, commercial, industrial, and recreation development of the county for the next 25 years while looking at the challenges Lake County will face,” said David J. Radachy, Director of Lake County Planning and Community Development.

“Vision 2050 reflects the voices and priorities of our residents. It’s a roadmap that acknowledges our diversity, from lakefront communities to rural townships, and helps ensure

Lake County thrives for generations to come,” said Commission President Morris W. Beverage III.

“As Benjamin Franklin famously said, ‘If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.’ This plan positions Lake County to proactively address aging infrastructure, evolving housing needs, and environmental stewardship. It’s about preparing responsibly so every community has the opportunity to grow and succeed,” said Commissioner John T. Plecnik.

“Transparency and community involvement were central to building Vision 2050. Making the plan available through an interactive website ensures that every resident can engage with the ideas that will guide Lake County forward,” said Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh.

The Lake County Commissioners encourage residents, community leaders, and local organizations to review the full plan and remain engaged in ongoing conversations about the future of Lake County.

Residents can read the full “Vision 250’ Comprehensive plan at:

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