



STATE OF THE COUNTY 2026

10/29/2026

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Morris W. Beverage III
President



John T. Plecnik

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- Introduction, Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III.
- Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail
 - Vision 2050
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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



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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



Christian Courtwright
Dog Warden
Dog Shelter



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Director
Telecommunications



Joe Busher
Director
Emergency Management Agency



David Strichko
Chief Building Official
Building Department



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Director
Stormwater Management

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VISION 2050: THE BASICS

- Lake County's last comprehensive plan was adopted in 1960

VISION 2050

Lake County Comprehensive Plan

- *Should be examined every 5 years and officially updated every 25 years.*

- A county comprehensive plan is intended to create a vision would help guide economic, transportation, residential, commercial, industrial and recreational growth of the county for the next 25 years while looking at the challenges Lake County will face.
 - *The Lake County Commissioners wish to create a vision to unite the 23 communities of the County and, advise, not to dictate the direction the communities wish to go.*
- Vision 2050 has gone beyond the standard land use and zoning plan. It considers account the various issues such as an aging population, new housing, infrastructure upgrades, agriculture protections and environmental elements like Lake Erie, the Mentor Marsh, the Grand River and Chagrin River corridors.



A Proposed Lake County Plan

Prepared and Presented by

THE LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

53 East Erie Street, Painesville, Ohio

1960

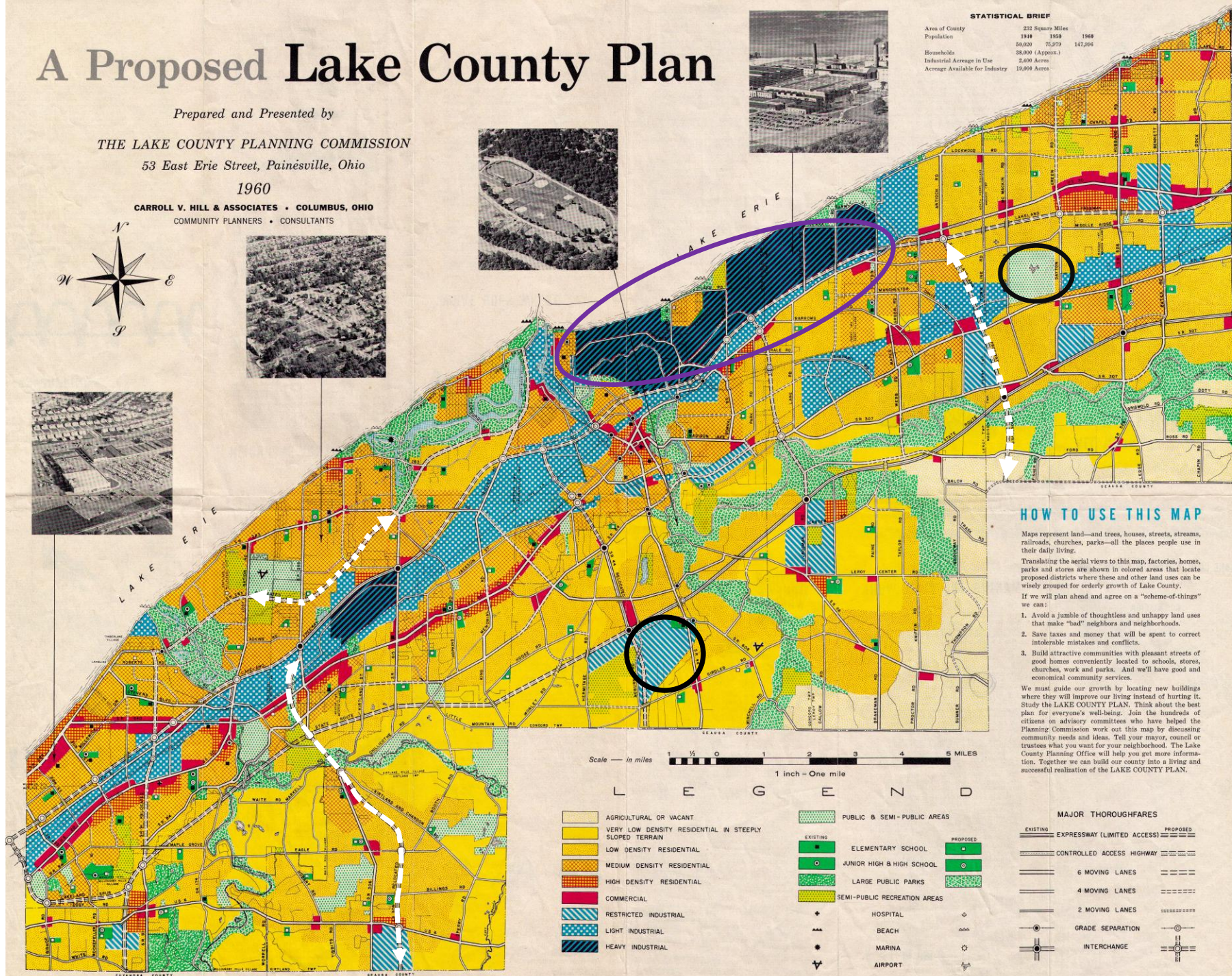
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STATISTICAL BRIEF

Area of County	232 Square Miles
Population	1940 1950 1960
	56,000 75,979 147,000
Households	38,000 (Approx.)
Industrial Acreage in Use	2,400 Acres
Acreage Available for Industry	19,000 Acres



HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Maps represent land—and trees, houses, streets, streams, railroads, churches, parks—all the places people use in their daily living.

Translating the aerial views to this map, factories, homes, parks and stores are shown in colored areas that locate proposed districts where these and other land uses can be wisely grouped for orderly growth of Lake County.

If we will plan ahead and agree on a "scheme-of-things" we can:

1. Avoid a jumble of thoughtless and unhappy land uses that make "bad" neighbors and neighborhoods.
2. Save taxes and money that will be spent to correct intolerable mistakes and conflicts.
3. Build attractive communities with pleasant streets of good homes conveniently located to schools, stores, churches, work and parks. And we'll have good and economical community services.

We must guide our growth by locating new buildings where they will improve our living instead of hurting it. Study the LAKE COUNTY PLAN. Think about the best plan for everyone's well-being. Join the hundreds of citizens on advisory committees who have helped the Planning Commission work out this map by discussing community needs and ideas. Tell your mayor, council or trustees what you want for your neighborhood. The Lake County Planning Office will help you get more information. Together we can build our county into a living and successful realization of the LAKE COUNTY PLAN.

Scale — in miles 1 1/2 0 1 2 3 4 5 MILES
1 inch = One mile

LEGEND

	AGRICULTURAL OR VACANT		PUBLIC & SEMI-PUBLIC AREAS
	VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL IN STEEPLY SLOPED TERRAIN		ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
	LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL		JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL
	MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL		LARGE PUBLIC PARKS
	HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL		SEMI-PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS
	COMMERCIAL		HOSPITAL
	RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL		BEACH
	LIGHT INDUSTRIAL		MARINA
	HEAVY INDUSTRIAL		AIRPORT

MAJOR THOROUGHFARES

	EXISTING EXPRESSWAY (LIMITED ACCESS)		PROPOSED EXPRESSWAY (LIMITED ACCESS)
	CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY		PROPOSED CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY
	6 MOVING LANES		PROPOSED 6 MOVING LANES
	4 MOVING LANES		PROPOSED 4 MOVING LANES
	2 MOVING LANES		PROPOSED 2 MOVING LANES
	GRADE SEPARATION		PROPOSED GRADE SEPARATION
	INTERCHANGE		PROPOSED INTERCHANGE



VISION 2050

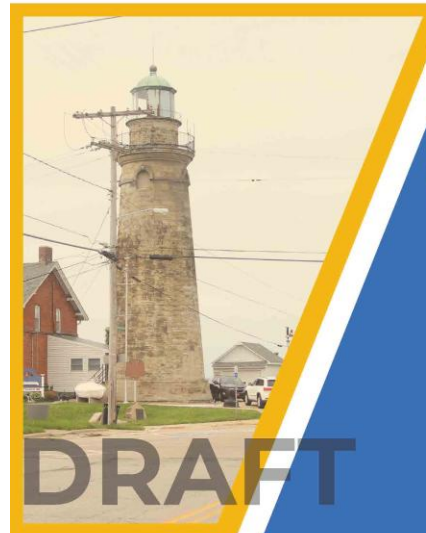
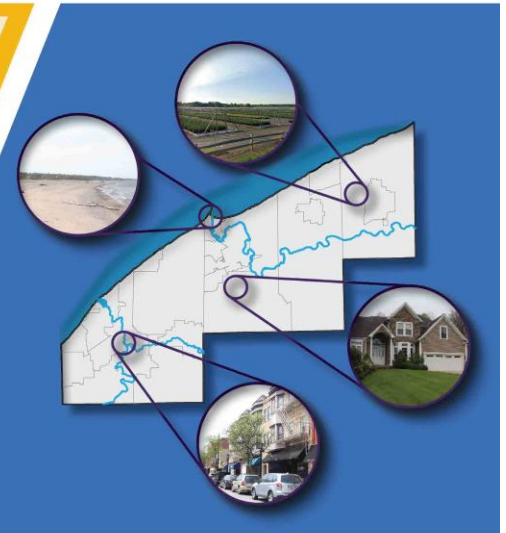
VISION 2050 Stakeholder & Public Outreach

- Conducted extensive stakeholder and public outreach
- Executive Committee
 - County Staff and select jurisdictions
- Geographic Subcommittees
 - All 23 Lake County jurisdictions
- Stakeholder Interviews
 - Included County staff, non-profits, chambers of commerce, developers
- Public Engagement
 - Event outreach, public meetings, community survey



Lake County VISION 2050

The 2050
Comprehensive Plan
for Lake County

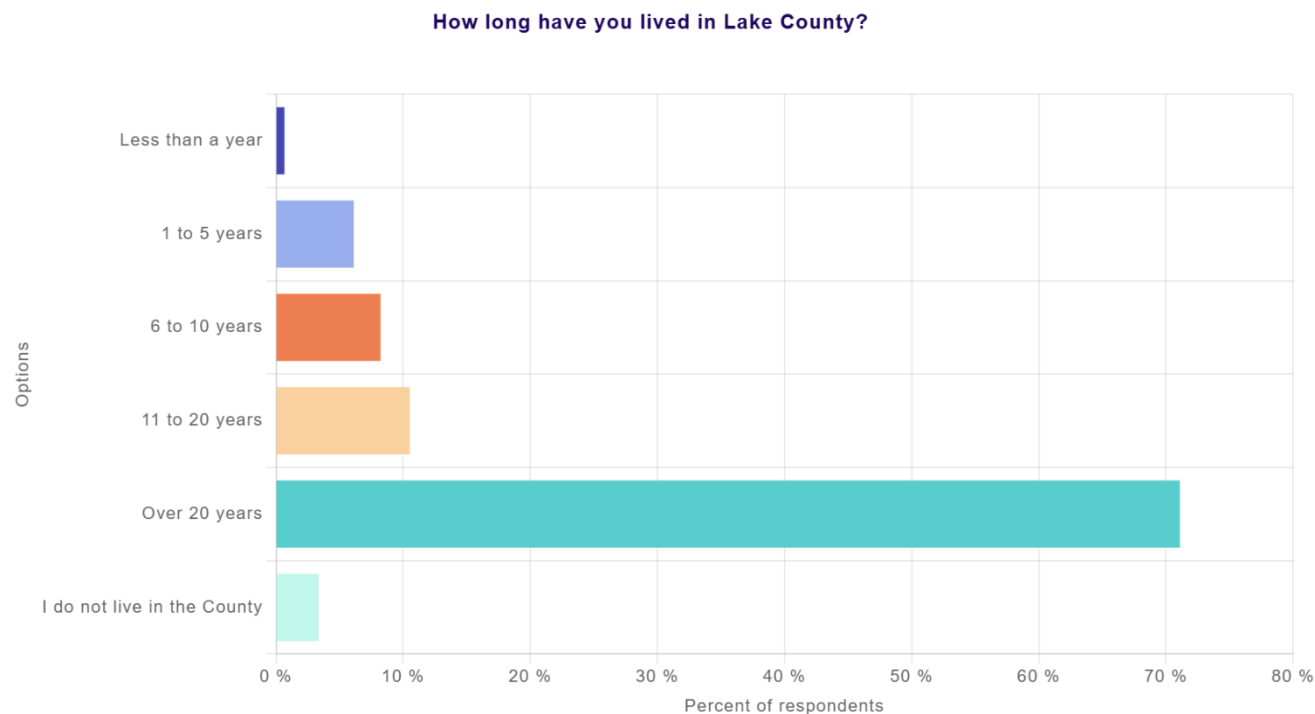




VISION 2050: PUBLIC INPUT AND PARTICIPATION

Community Survey Results

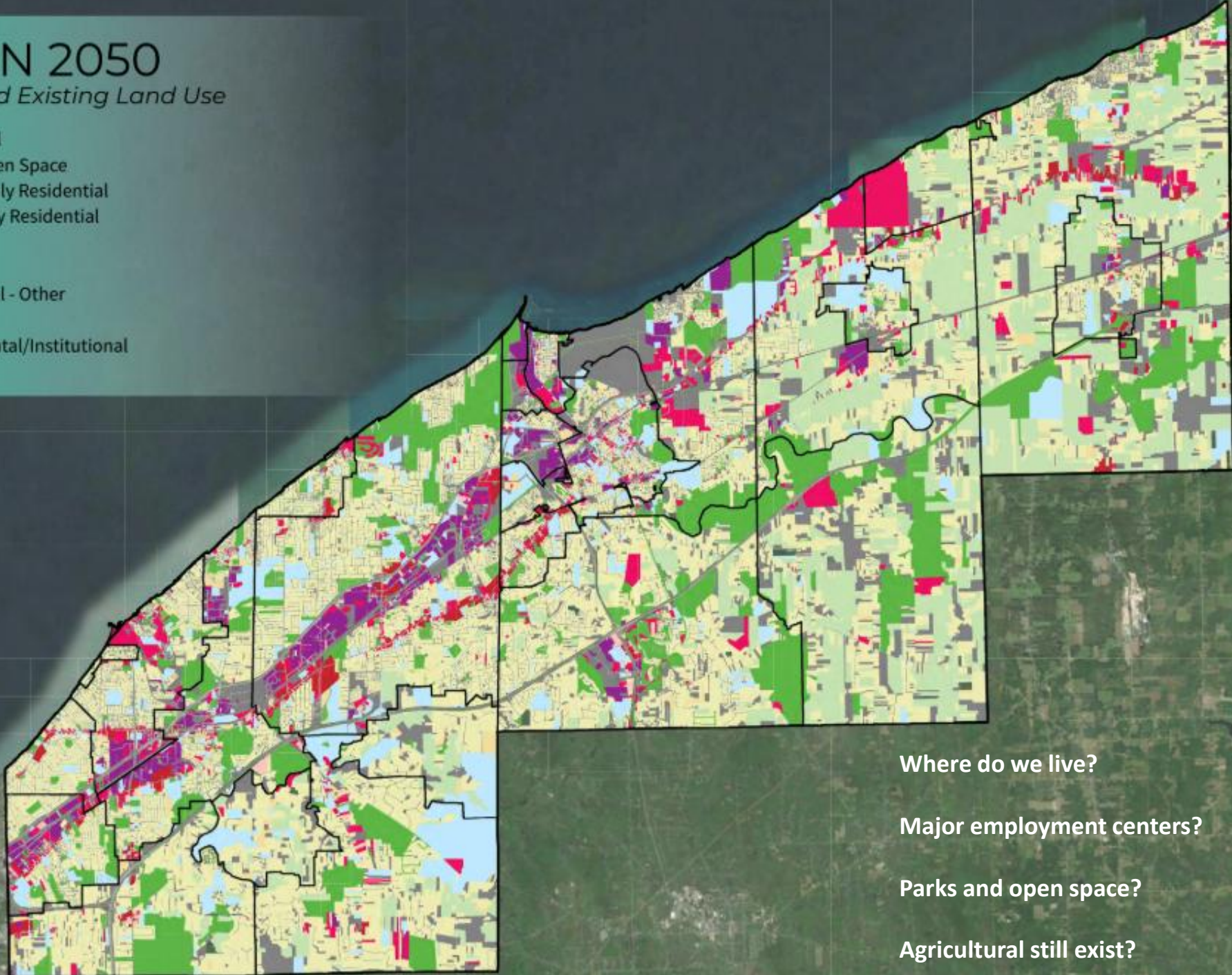
- Ran from June 15, 2025 through August 22, 2025
- 2,068 Respondents
- Covered topics including:
 - Housing
 - Economic Development
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Amenities and Assets



VISION 2050

Generalized Existing Land Use

- Agricultural
- Parks & Open Space
- Single Family Residential
- Multi Family Residential
- Retail
- Office
- Commercial - Other
- Industrial
- Governmental/Institutional
- Vacant



Where do we live?

Major employment centers?

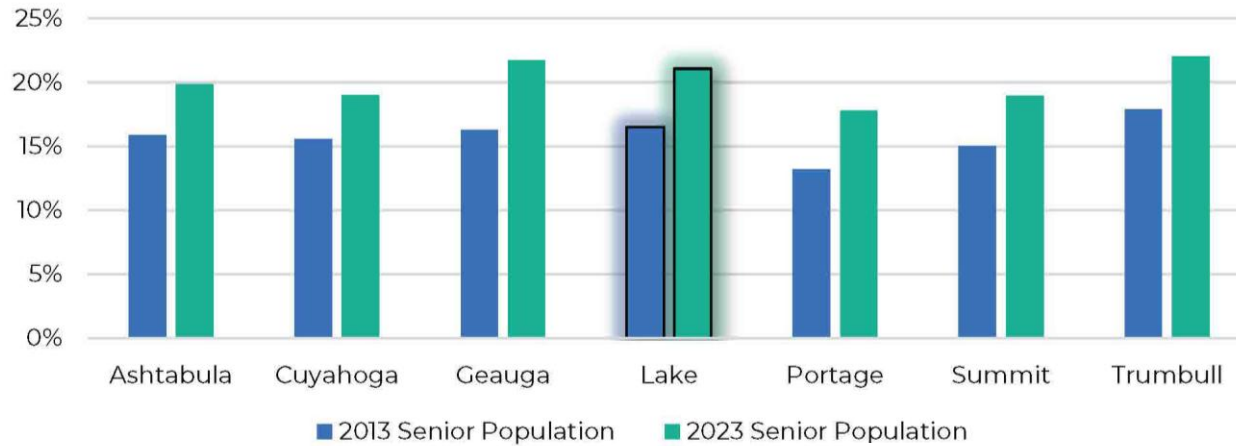
Parks and open space?

Agricultural still exist?

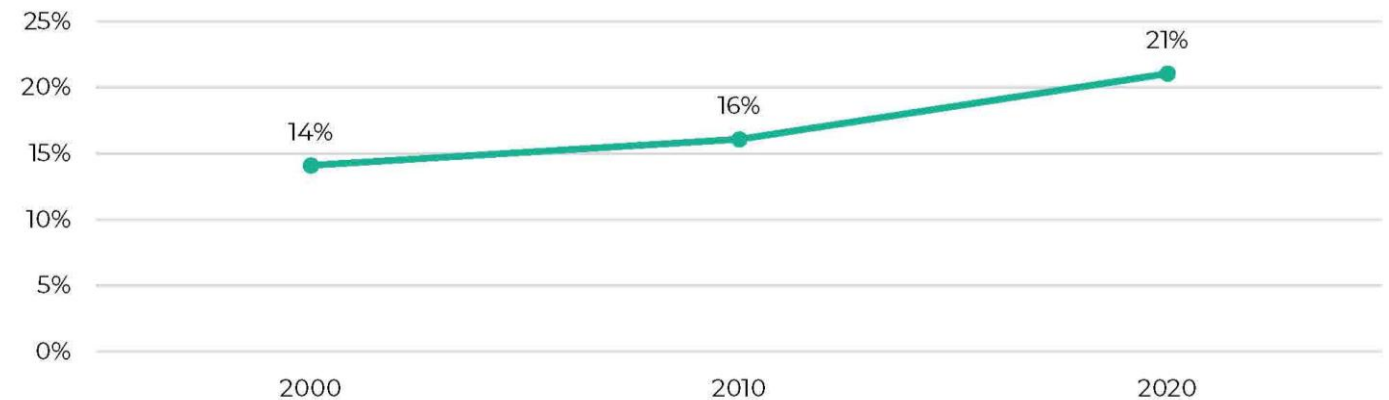


VISION 2050: EXISTING CONDITIONS

2013 & 2023 Senior Population (65+) in Lake & Surrounding Counties



Percentage of Seniors (65+) in Total Population in Lake County

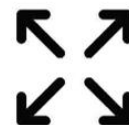


Source: American Community Survey Decennial Data 2000-2020



VISION 2050: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Each focus area has a goal
- Each goal is supported by objectives
- Each objective is supported by action items
- County segmented into geographic typologies for like improvements



Expanding Housing Choice

This plan goal is meant to encourage and expand housing options across the County to attract new residents and provide existing residents the opportunity to live within the County throughout all stages of life.

(1) Support opportunities for infill development within underutilized parcels that promote dense housing options.

(A) In aging commercial retail areas, encourage zoning changes to support density and allow for residential use.

(B) Promote Transit Oriented Development (TOD) around major Laketran bus stops which includes a mixing of retail, office, flex space, and residential uses.

(C) Encourage multi-family residential (up to four-plexes) as a permitted use in dense single-family residential districts.

(D) Develop a low-interest loan or grant program that provides subsidies to rehabilitate and expand existing small single-family homes to attract families.

(E) Provide model zoning regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units.

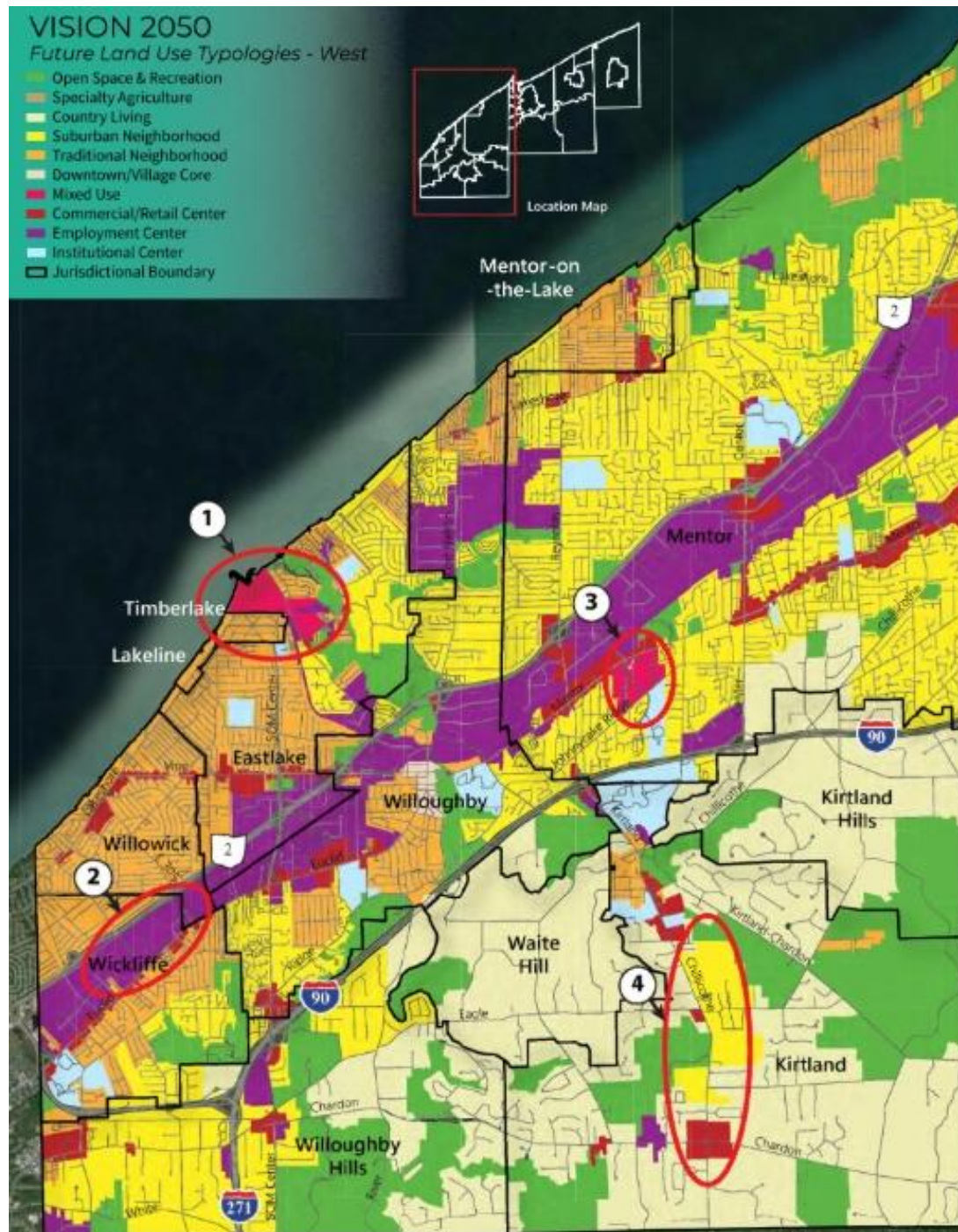
(F) Utilize the County Land Bank to assist with needed demolition.



Objectives highlighted in red have additional detail later in this chapter



- Large redevelopment or growth areas identified:
 - *Eastlake Power Plant*
 - *Great Lakes Mall*
 - *Lane Road north of Grand River*
 - *Southern Concord Township*
 - *Along SR 44 north of I90*
 - *SR 306 south of I90 to US6*
 - *SR 528 and I90*





VISION 2050: DON'T LET IT SIT ON THE SHELF!

- To provide guidance for County on action items
- Defines the following:
 - Geographic focus area
 - Project lead
 - Potential partners and;
 - Timeframe

PLAN GOAL: Expand Housing Choice

This plan goal is meant to encourage and expand housing options across the County to attract new residents and provide existing residents the opportunity to live within the County throughout all stages of life.

Objective 1 – Support opportunities for infill development within underutilized parcels that promote dense housing options.

#	Action Item	Focus Area	Lead Coordinator	Partners	Timeline	Annual Progress
1.A	In aging commercial retail areas, encourage zoning changes to support density and allow for residential use.	TS, ES, TTC	Local Jurisdictions	Lake County Planning	Medium Term (1-3 years)	
1.B	Promote Transit Oriented Development (TOD) around major Laketrans bus stops which includes a mixing of retail, office, flex space, and residential uses.	TS, ES, TTC	Local Jurisdictions	Laketrans, Lake County Planning	Medium Term (1-3 years)	
1.C	Encourage multi-family residential (up to four-plexes) as a permitted use in dense single-family residential districts.	TS, ES, TTC	Local Jurisdictions	Lake County Planning	Medium Term (1-3 years)	
1.D	Develop a low-interest loan or grant program that provides subsidies to rehabilitate and expand existing small single-family homes to attract families.	TS, ES, TTC	Lake County Planning	Lake Development Authority, Land Bank, Local Jurisdictions	Long Term (3+ years)	
1.E	Provide model zoning regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units.	TS, ES, TTC, VC	Lake County Planning	Local Jurisdictions	Near Term (>1 year)	

Objective 2 – Ensure that the existing housing stock is well-maintained to preserve property values and quality neighborhoods.

#	Action Item	Focus Area	Lead Coordinator	Partners	Timeline	Annual Progress
2.A	Continue to fund the Lake County Housing Rehabilitation Program	Countywide	Lake County Planning	County Commissioners	Ongoing	

Objective 3 – Work with Lake County Housing Authority and non-profits to expand the availability of low-to-moderate housing options across the County.

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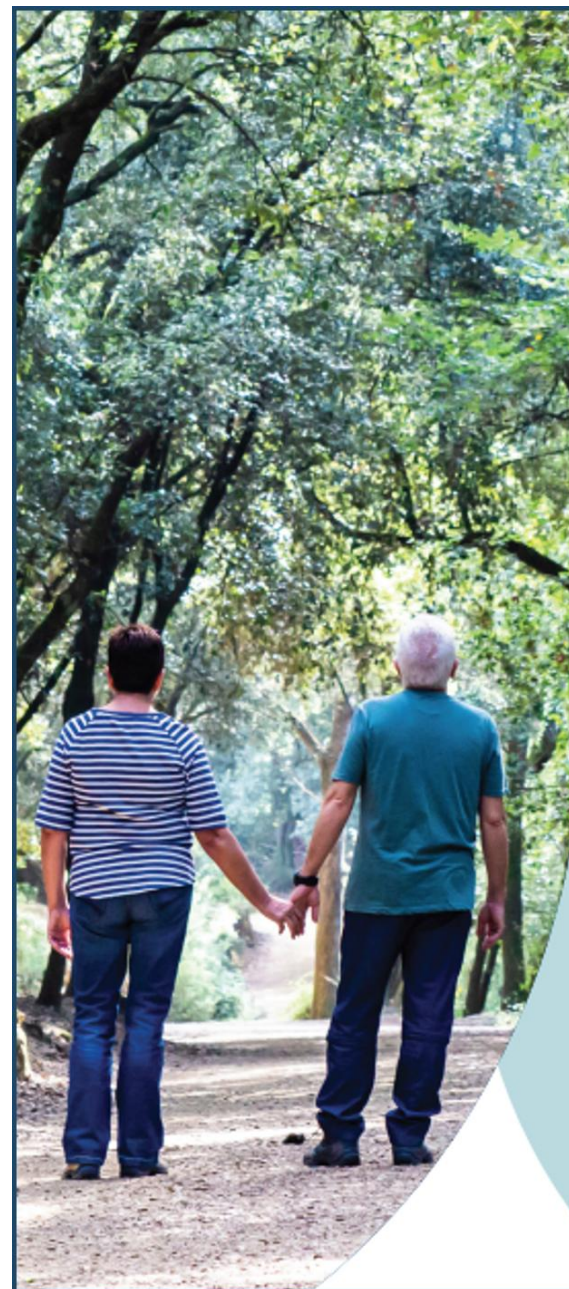


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SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN

2026-2029



Lake County
SENIOR SERVICES
2026-2029 Strategic Plan





WHY

Lake County's older adult population is growing rapidly, needs are changing, and resources are limited.

OBJECTIVE

Is the way the system is structured today the best way to meet tomorrow's needs?

Is the County positioned to:

- Respond to the unmet/emergent needs?
- Support the most vulnerable and hard to reach older adults?
- Provide flexibility to expand and adapt services as needs evolve?
- Promote long-term stability and sustainability?



SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN



HOW

- Comprehensive market study
- Senior center and Council on aging usage data
- Extensive stakeholder interviews
- Benchmarking of best practice communities
- Research on regional and national senior services trends and best practices

[2026-2029 Senior Services Strategic Plan – Printable](#)

[Lake County Market Study – February 2026](#)

[Senior Services Sector Stakeholder Report – March 2026](#)

[Participation/Service Data Analysis – April 2026](#)

[Senior Services Benchmarking Report – April 2026](#)

2015 MSC Consulting Study

[Lake County, Ohio Senior Citizens: Today, Tomorrow, and in the Future; Appendices](#)

Scan the QR code:



or visit: www.lakecountyohio.gov to see more



SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN



Key Findings



Strategic Goals

1. Lake County's population is proportionately large and growing
2. The levy distribution and process need to align with the best practices and meet growing demand
3. There is a strong demand for aging in place services
4. The County has many assets and strengths to leverage in meeting demand
5. Senior centers are important but serve a limited population
6. Navigating the system is harder than it should be
7. Lake County needs better data to improve efficiency and sustainability

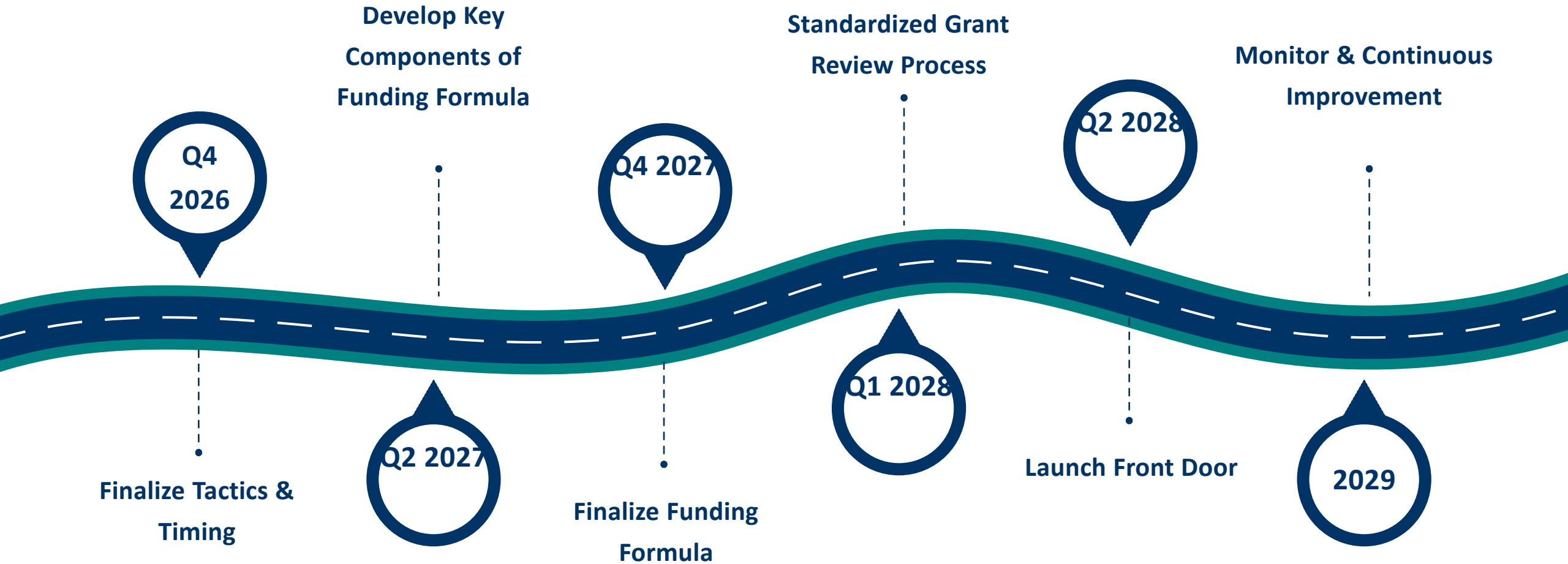


GOALS

- Restructure the current levy funding model
- Elevate Lake County Senior Services to convene, align, and guide the provider sector toward a more coordinated and responsive system of supports
- Establish Lake County Senior Services as the front door and central intake
- Build capacity
- Shared Data



SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPLEMENTATION





SENIOR SERVICES: IMPORTANT UPDATES



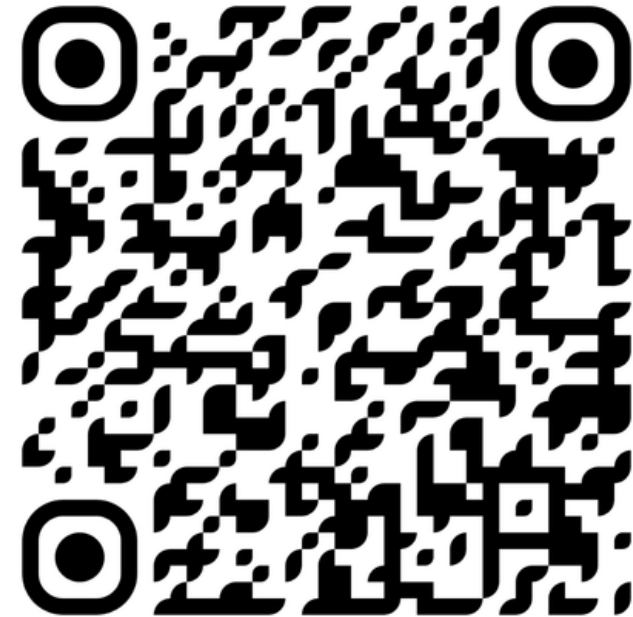
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PROJECT TEAM



Owner



Owner's Rep



Criteria Architect



Design Builder



Rendering



Actual: October 21, 2026



Rendering



Actual: October 21, 2026



TIMELAPSE 2024-PRESENT

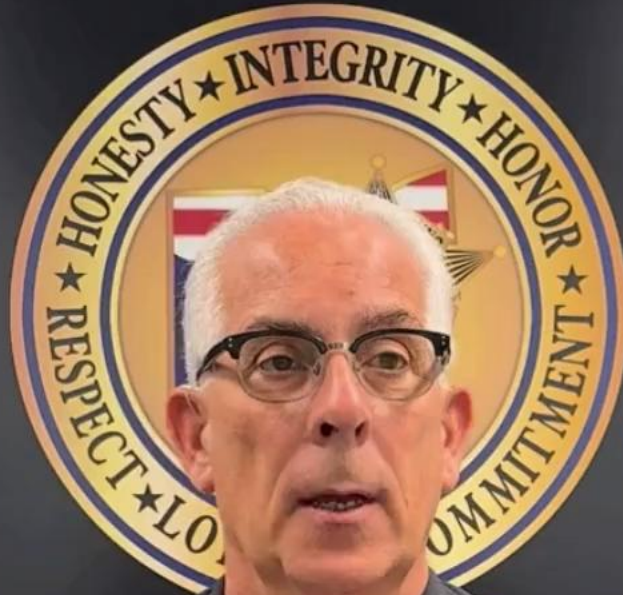


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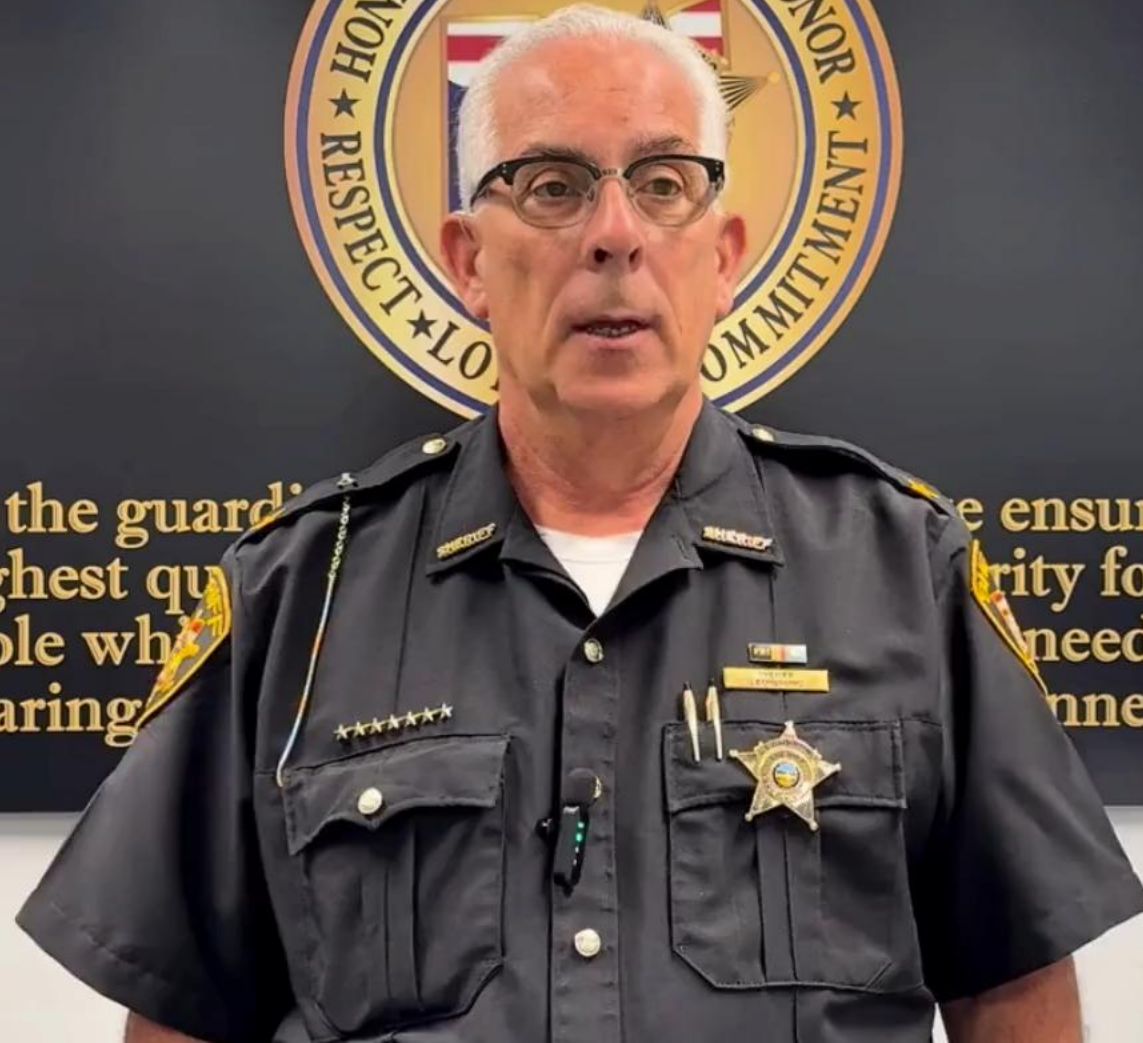
- 87 miles of CAT6 cable
- 3.5 miles of fiber
- 78 miles of security cable
- 60 miles of conduit
- 240 miles of wire (power)
- 203 tons of rebar just in masonry walls
- 245,000 exterior brick
- Over 200 workers on site each day
- 310,000 hours worked to date
- 1,000 people through orientation

Summer 2027 Completion and activation



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LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT



Project: New Lake County Executive Airport Terminal Building

Location: 1825 Lost Nation Road, Willoughby, Ohio

Total Project Investment: Approximately \$5 million

Building Size: Approximately 5,200 square feet

Construction Contractor: Marous Brothers Construction

Architect and Owner's Representative: Verdantas



Project: New Lake County Executive Airport Terminal Building

Building Features

First Floor

- Passenger screening and waiting area
- Snack bar
- Pilot lounge
- Public-facing airport services
- Improved passenger and visitor experience

Second Floor

- Administrative offices
- Flight school space
- Classroom/training space/business conference room
- Additional aviation-related office space

Economic Development Impact

- Replaces and significantly improves the airport's existing passenger and administrative facilities.
- Creates a modern aviation gateway for Lake County.
- Supports continued growth in general aviation activity at LCEA.
- Provides space for flight training and workforce development.
- Supports aviation businesses and airport-based employment.
- Enhances the airport's ability to accommodate corporate, medical, business and general aviation users.
- Strengthens LCEA's position as an economic development asset within the Greater Cleveland MSA.



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AMERICA 250: EVENTS



- **February 22** – Lakeland Civic Band presents “Americana” featuring a guest appearance by George Washington
- **April 12** – Lakeland Civic Chorus presents “Across the Wide Missouri”
- **April 25** – Madhatters Canoe & Kayak Race commemorating the Battles of Lexington & Concord and Paul Revere’s Midnight Ride, Hidden Valley Park, Madison
- **April 26** – Lakeland Civic Orchestra presents “An American Ode”
- **May 21** – Heritage Tree Planting, Veterans Park, Painesville
- **June 12** – America250/DAR table at the Lake County Captains game with a special appearance by George Washington
- **June 14** – America250 County Picnic, Lake County Historical Society
- **June 15** – Smith Cemetery Reopening Celebration, Willoughby Hills
- **June 20** – Rededication of Revolutionary War Patriot’s Marker, Veterans Park, Painesville

AMERICA 250: EVENTS



- **July 4** – Unveiling of a seven-foot statue of President James A. Garfield, Mentor Civic Center
- **July 4** – America250 Celebration at the Lake County Captains in Eastlake, featuring a celebrity softball game between President George Washington, portrayed by former Commissioner Dale Fellows and King George III portrayed by Neil Harrison, Esq., color guards, fireworks, centenarians, and more
- **July 28** – Lake County Fair Parade
- August 1 – America250 Day at the Lake County Fair including a limited-edition America250 bobblehead of suffragette Francis Jennings Casement (the prior year, the founder of Painesville, Ohio – General Paine – was honored with a bobblehead)
- **September 17** – Constitution Day

AMERICA 250: PHOTOS



AMERICA250: CONNECTING LOCAL STORIES TO THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION

America250 is a celebration that officially began in 2016 and concludes in 2033. 2023 focused on the Boston Tea Party. In 2024, the First Continental Congress and Intolerable Acts were highlighted and last year recalled the famous Battles of Lexington and Concord as well as the formation of The Continental Army. This year, the United States will celebrate its most important milestone; the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Future years will share other defining moments such as The Battle of Saratoga, our French Alliance, The Siege of Yorktown and the Treaty of Paris. America250-Ohio is the state's official commission for the US Semiquincentennial and is focused on highlighting Ohio's significant role and contributions to American history, innovation, culture, and future through events, trails, and community engagement by connecting our local stories to the national celebration.

Locally, Lake County will spotlight the impact our county has made on our nation's history. These stories will share many firsts; from industry to agriculture, lake and rail, aviation,

resident histories, education, suffrage, entertainment, and more. Lake County joined the America250 celebration three summers ago and established a committee of local volunteers under the umbrella of the County Commissioners. They meet monthly to plan and develop programming for our local



communities. To date, some highlights include the establishment of the Patriot Marker in downtown Painesville by the New Connecticut Chapter, National Society Daughters of the America Revolution and our Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter has informative Patriot Storyboards on display at our local libraries. Another highlight is the Freedom Bell which can be seen at local events and is available for historic photo opportunities. An Edward

Paine Bobblehead giveaway at the 2025 Lake County Fair proved so popular that a second giveaway is planned for this summer. Last September, the City of Painesville honored its namesake with a party. Lake Metroparks incorporated the America250 theme in with their recent Madhatters Race, the Triathlon, and at their Farmpark Corn Maze events. This past year, the Lake County History Center formed a volunteer driven committee, partnering with Geauga and other local counties, to develop and share educational programming across all passions.

Some upcoming highlights include a series of Americana Concerts being held at Lakeland Community College. June 20th, on the Square in downtown Painesville, the DAR will honor all 88 local Patriots from our county and on July 4th, an America250 Spectacular will take place with a Patriot baseball game and fireworks at the Captains Stadium.

For the most up to date information on all our local events, visit the Tour Lake County website at tourlakecounty.com/america250. You can also utilize the America250-Ohio.org and lakehistorycenter.org/America-250 websites for more resources and links.



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CELEBRATING
AMERICA



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COMMISSIONERS FINANCE



2026 Revenues for County Operations

- 2026 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: \$78,250,563
 - Stable sales tax revenue



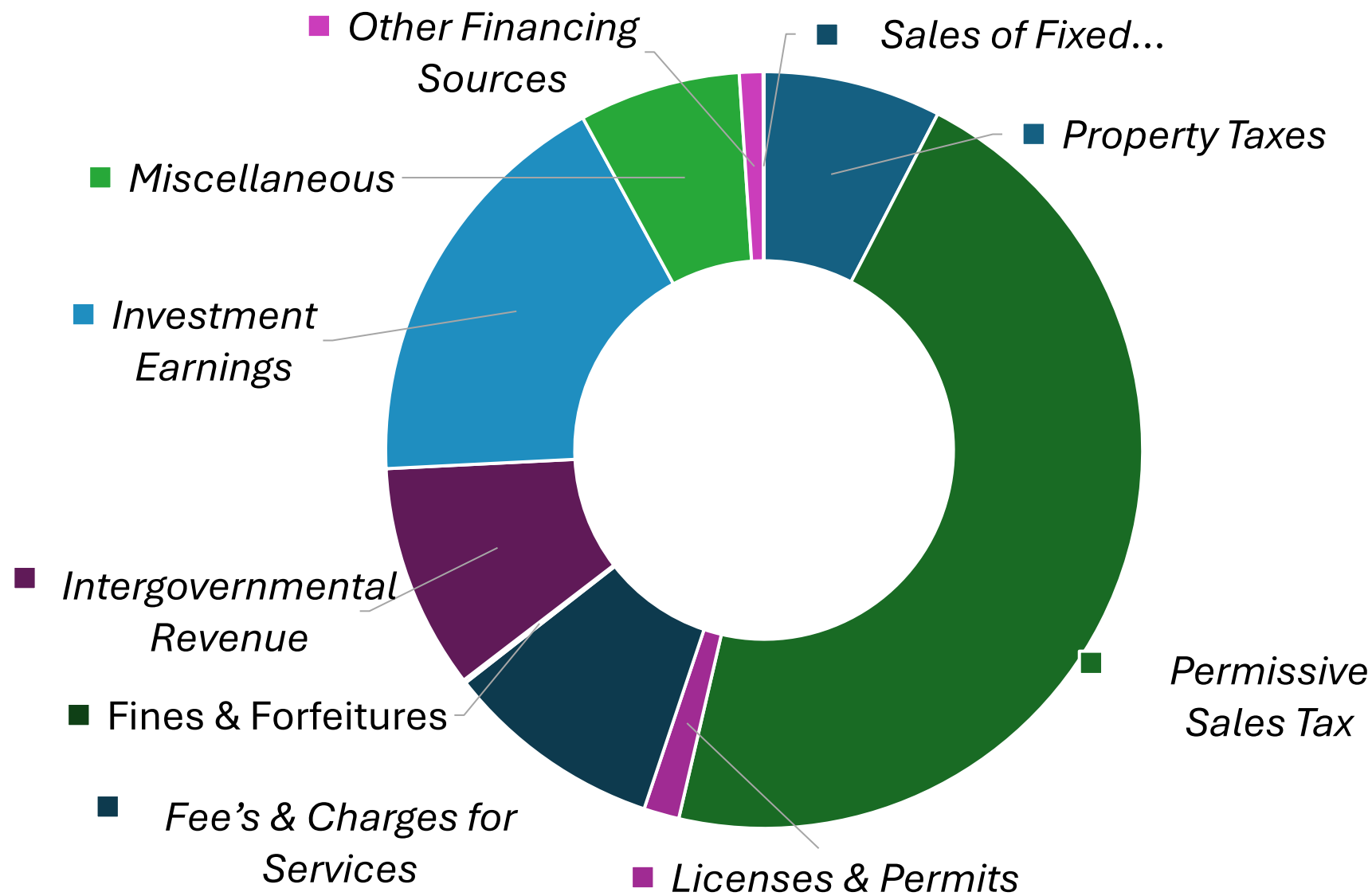
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- Above average interest earnings due to higher interest rates
- Public safety / law enforcement / judicial system represent approximately 69% of the overall budget
- In 2025 and 2026, the Commissioners paid off \$25 million in short-term notes each year, fully retiring the \$50 million short-term note debt on the public safety center.
- *Outside General Fund*: \$359.7 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)



COMMISSIONERS FINANCE



2025 Year End

■	\$8,306,468
■	\$50,366,420
■	\$1,654,318
■	\$10,197,642
■	\$151,235
■	\$10,526,815
■	\$19,515,992
■	\$7,551,282
■	\$1,105,098
■	\$42,868



COMMISSIONERS FINANCE



Veteran Services

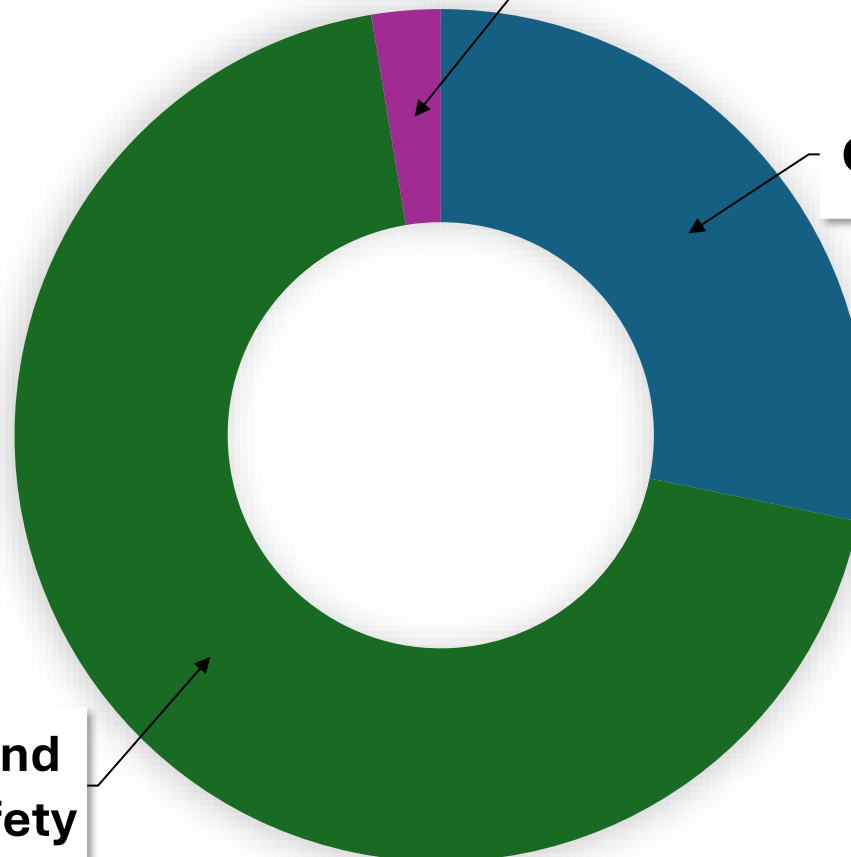
General Government

- **General Government** makes up 28% of total general fund expenditures
- **Judicial and public safety** makes up 69% of total general fund expenditures
- **Veteran Services** makes up 3% of total general fund expenditures

Judicial and Public Safety

General Fund Expenditures 2026

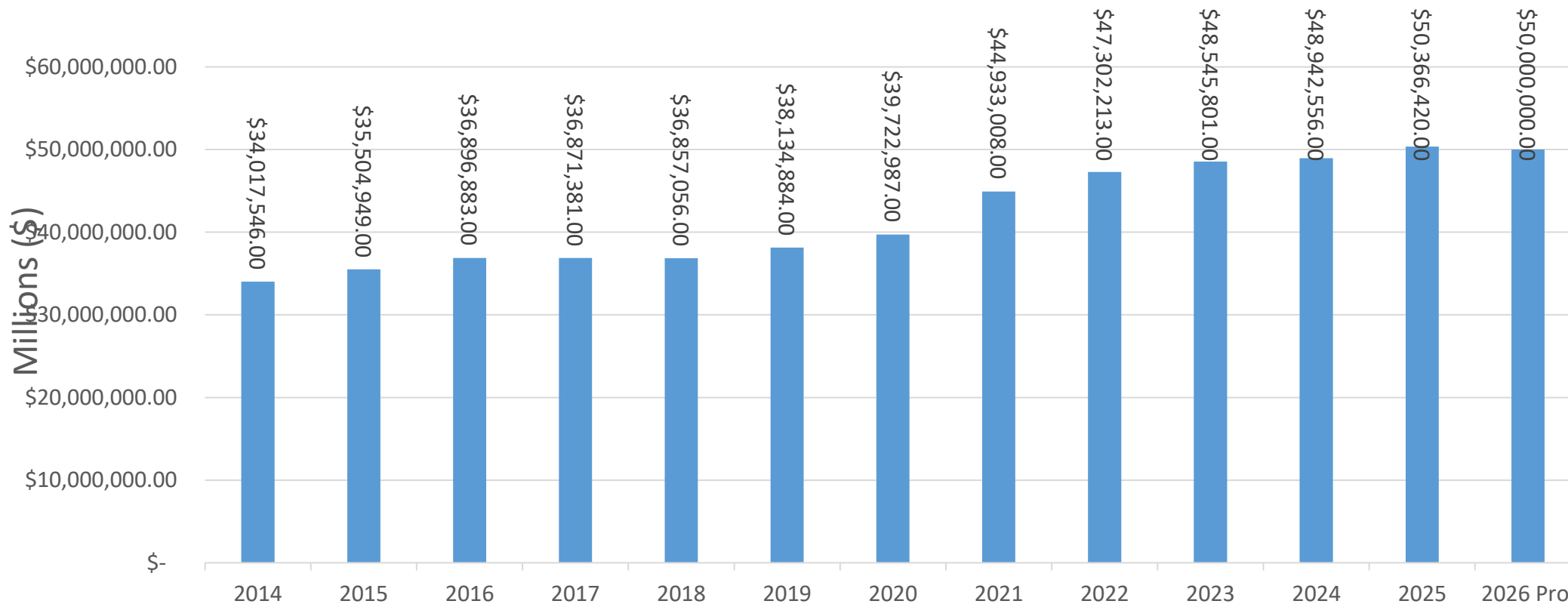
■	\$22,097,079.00
■	\$54,106,284.00
■	\$2,047,200.00





Financial Performance: Sales Tax continued

- In 2025, sales tax receipts reached their highest level at \$50.3 million.
- The County's largest revenue generator, sales tax receipts have shown a steady increase over the past 12 years with an average annual growth rate of over 3.32%.



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LOOKING AHEAD



Continue our fiscal conservative budgeting model

- Lake County Sheriff's Office Debt Service
 - The has county paid down \$50m in notes
 - Continue accelerated strategy for paying down the outstanding bonds
- Begin implementation of the Senior Citizens Strategy
- Accelerate capital improvement project(s)
- +/- \$2m budget
 - Extensive improvements at the Lake County Dog Shelter
- 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

LOOKING AHEAD



- Grand Opening of the Lake County Sheriff's Office and Jail
- Aggressive pay down of remaining debt on the Sheriff's Office
- Completion of Countywide phone system upgrade
- Investment at Lake County Executive Airport per FAA Master Plan
- Demolition of current Sheriff's Office / Begin Laketransit Facility
 - *Additional Parking for visitors to County HQ*

LAKETRAN: PAINESVILLE TERMINAL



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2026 COUNTY NEWSLETTER



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Lake Views

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Winter Wonders in LAKE COUNTY

As the days grow shorter and temperatures drop, winter brings a new kind of beauty and plenty of reasons to enjoy all that Lake County has to offer. From peaceful hikes through snow-covered parks to cozy nights at our wineries, there's no shortage of seasonal activities. Need ideas for a winter adventure? Then look no further than Tour Lake County!

You can find activities ranging from sledding, cross country skiing, or snowshoeing to participating in Tour Lake County's "Hot Chocolate Trail", now in its 2nd year (see article below for details). Or if you're looking for a Winter Festival, there are plenty of those, too! Just visit tourlakecounty.com to see everything Lake County has to offer. We're proud to serve the residents of Lake County and wish you a safe and joyful winter season and a very Happy New Year!

This edition of "Lake Views" also includes important information for planning ahead. Inside, you'll find the 2026 County Office Closing to help you stay informed about office availability throughout the year and don't forget, it's also time to renew your dog license so be sure to check out the renewal instructions and deadlines outlined on Page 2. Keeping your pets properly licensed helps ensure their safety and supports our Dog Shelter.

We're proud to serve the residents of Lake County and wish you a safe and joyful winter season and a very Happy New Year!

Your Lake County Commissioners ■

HOT CHOCOLATE TRAIL RETURNS!

Based on overwhelming success and positive feedback from its inaugural run, Tour Lake County's "Hot Chocolate Trail" has returned and it's even bigger and better than last year! This beneficial journey, consisting of quaint coffee shops and cafes as well as non-traditional stops, features a unique take on hot chocolate.

This year's trail features locations starting from Wickliffe in the west to Madison in the east and everywhere in between! Several recent additions include Monarca Ice Cream and Coffee in Madison Township and Halcyon Ledges in Perry. Each stop offers a cozy escape into a world of decadent and unique signature hot chocolate offerings ranging from Turkish Hot Chocolate at Blue Bee Cafe in Palmyra to homemade Cold Cocoa ice cream (continued on p.1)

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2026: A Time For Transitions

In the Board's annual organizational meeting, Morgan R. McIntosh was formally welcomed as the 84th Commissioner of Lake County who was appointed to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the passing of Commissioner Richard J. Regovich, a loss deeply felt by all those who knew him and worked with him.

Regovich, a Willowick native, City Councilman, former Mayor, and Commissioner since 2022, passed away November 26, 2025 at Hospice of the Western Reserve surrounded by his family. He was a loving husband to his wife Lynn, father to his children (Brian, Elizabeth, and Michael) and grandfather to Mila and Liam.

Rich was a dedicated public servant whose commitment to the Lake County community spanned 11 years and his priorities included economic and workforce development and infrastructure improvements. As witnessed by his inception of

Willowick Hearts and Hammers (a group consisting of volunteers eager to assist homeowners with essential home repairs). Rich had a strong desire to enhance the lives of senior citizens and those in need. He selflessly gave up some of his final days here on earth by continuing to lead our Board as President only 8 days before his passing. His was truly a life well lived, marked by how deeply he cared for others with his unwavering dedication to our community leaving an impact that will be felt for generations. He will not be forgotten.

Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III was elected President of the Board for 2026. "This is a tremendous honor for me as I step into both the figurative and literal seat once held by my friend, Commissioner Richard J. Regovich."

While he is no longer with us physically, his spirit and lasting impact on this building and our community remain. I am deeply grateful to the Regovich family for sharing him with us, and to our county staff for their professionalism, grace, and dedication during this difficult transition. I also thank Commissioner John Plecnik for his leadership throughout this process," he expressed in that first meeting. "As we look ahead, I am excited and energized to welcome Morgan R. McIntosh to the Board and to continue the important work of serving our neighbors and making a positive impact in Lake County."

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LAKE COUNTY SPRING HAPPENINGS

MARCH

3/1-3/21: Ice Wine Festival, Various Grand River Valley Wineries
3/7-3/8: Maple Sugaring Weekend, Lake Park
3/21-27: Annual KidShow, Great Lakes Mall

APRIL

4/2: Lake County Captains Home Opener
4/25: Macchatters Canoe & Kayak Race, Hidden Valley Park, Madison Township
5/2-5/3: Lamb Jam at Lake Park
5/3: Blue Water Chamber Orchestra, Lake Erie College

2026 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Uninsured by Collection Team

May 30th & September 12th • 8am - 2pm

Lake County Fairgrounds, 1301 Mentor Ave., Palmyra Twp.

ACCEPTED: Most automotive and household cleaners, lawn, pool and unknown chemicals; lightbulbs and batteries, aerosols, empty propane tanks, kerosene, mercury, paints (oil-based), polyurethanes, primers and grout, roofing tars, shellacs, stains, thinners, turpentine and varnish.

PROHIBITED: Ammunition, explosives, latex paint (dry & less fl), medical waste, prescription medicines, and smoke alarms (not to manufacture).

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Celebrate, Connect, and Stay Informed

As we get ready to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday on July 4th, America250 is about to reach a fever pitch (pun intended). The Captains Stadium will be hosting an America250 Spectacular, kicking off with a Patriot baseball game and ending with an amazing fireworks display. There will also be a few special surprises squeezed in between, so be sure to mark your calendar and celebrate with us!

We are proud to announce, in partnership with the Lake County Board of Elections and Tour Lake County, that Frances Jennings Casement was elected as our featured figure for the 2026 America250 commemorative bubblehead. Following a successful community-wide voting initiative, she

received the highest number of votes (31.7%) out of a total of 643 ballots cast. A limited quantity will be available on Saturday July 26th at America250 Day at the Fair so be sure to arrive early to secure yours.

In this edition of "Lake Views", we wanted to draw attention to Elder Abuse Awareness as it remains a critical issue affecting some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Raising awareness helps promote prevention, encourages reporting, and ensures that older adults are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve. There is also a reminder from our Stormwater Management Department regarding the importance of responsible cleanup of pet waste, particularly as it relates to water quality and overall public health.

And for the first time since we began "Lake Views" in 2021, this edition has expanded to include an additional page dedicated to Veterans featuring a message from Jonathan Warming, our Executive Director of the Veterans Services Department.

Our Board of Commissioners extends its sincere wishes for a safe, healthy, and happy summer as you enjoy all our county has to offer from the vineyards of the Grand River Valley to the natural beauty of our gardens, parks, and Lake Erie beaches!

ENJOY THESE SUMMER EVENTS IN BEAUTIFUL LAKE COUNTY

Event	Date	Location
Mentor Rocks	June 2 - Aug 26	June 2 - Aug 26
Concert Summer Concerts	June 4 - July 20	June 4 - July 20
Madison Village Summer Concerts	June 4 - Aug 13	June 4 - Aug 13
Palmyra Village Summer Concerts	June 4 - Aug 13	June 4 - Aug 13
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Commissioners Expand Partnership with the Lake Humane Society

Lake County is expanding its partnership with the Lake Humane Society as part of its ongoing commitment to animal welfare and community collaboration.

"We are encouraged by the positive steps Lake County leadership has taken to strengthen operations at the Dog Shelter and are optimistic about what we can accomplish together moving forward," said Duke Murphy, Interim Executive Director of the Lake Humane Society. "While Lake Humane Society and the Dog Shelter serve different roles in our community, we share a common commitment to the well-being of the dogs in our care. We look forward to continuing our partnership and working together to ensure every dog receives the humane care they deserve."

The Lake County Board of Commissioners appreciates Lake Humane Society's staff and volunteers for their dedication and collaboration. Board President Commissioner Morris W. Beverage III added, "Together, we remain committed to ensuring the highest standard of care for animals in Lake County. By working together, Lake County and the Lake Humane Society are building on a shared mission to provide compassionate care while creating positive outcomes for dogs awaiting their forever homes."

Lake County Utilities Hosts Special Recycling Collection

The Lake County Department of Utilities, the Ohio State University Extension and the Solid Waste District Team are preparing for the years final Household Hazardous Waste Collection. The event will take place on **Saturday Sept. 12th from 8am to 2pm at the Lake County Fairgrounds** and is exclusive to Lake County residents. Accepted items include most automotive and household cleaners; lawn, pool and unknown chemicals; lightbulbs and batteries; aerosols, empty propane tanks, kerosene, mercury, paints (oil-based), polyurethanes, primers and grout; roofing tars, shellacs, stains, thinners, turpentine and varnish. Prohibited items include ammunition, explosives, latex paint (let it dry out then toss it), medical waste, prescription medicines, and smoke alarms (not to manufacture). There are no fees associated with this collection. Visitors simply pull into the Fairgrounds and remain in their vehicles while a dedicated collection team removes the items. All household hazardous waste collected during this event will be recycled or destroyed safely.

For additional information, please contact the LC Dept. of Utilities at (440) 350-2645.

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