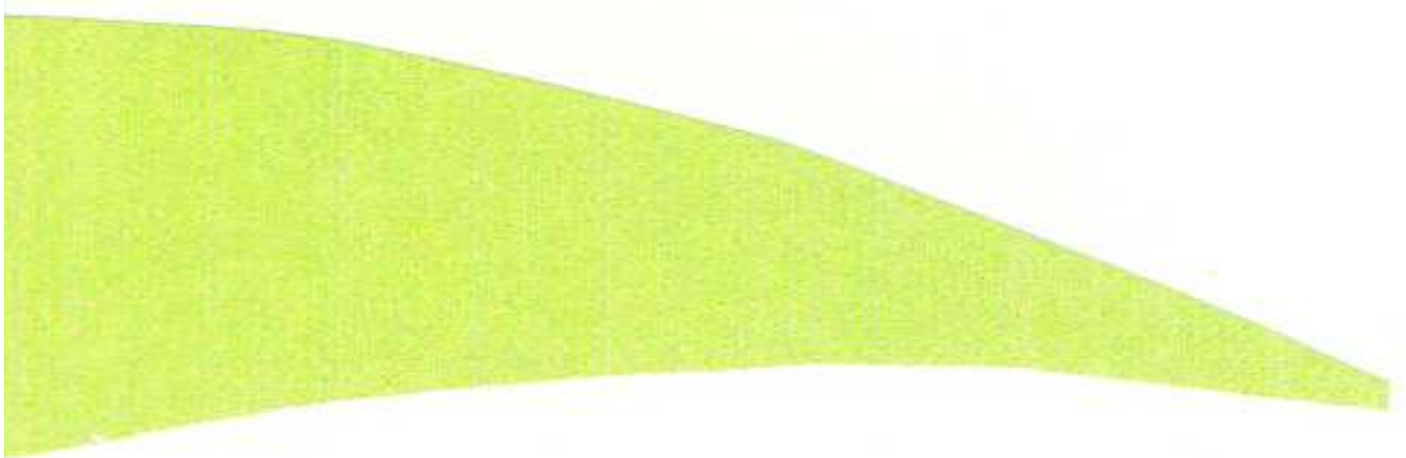




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**REGIONAL PLANNING**  
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## **Mission Statement**

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# Agency Message

The RPC's mission "to improve the quality of life in Stark County and its communities through an effective regional forum characterized by communication, collaboration, facilitation and planning assistance," resonates more than ever as we strive to provide quality services in an environment of flat or declining resources. The RPC is a well established regional partnership which helps provide solutions to challenges that face our membership.

RPC staff had a busy year in 2013 as we wrapped up existing projects and planned future improvements. The completion of the Marlboro Township storm and sanitary sewer project will help improve water quality in Alliance and reduce flooding in the Marlboro area. Our GIS staff completed a multi-year storm water mapping project for the Stark County urbanized area as required by Ohio EPA storm water regulations. The planning staff completed the Stark Parks five-year plan and continued work on the Building Department Shared Services Study. We are also administering the Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation (Land Bank) program, which through the establishment of successful partnerships, will help stabilize and revitalize our neighborhoods. SCATS has helped Canton fund its investment in its urban core as evidenced by the Walnut Avenue "complete streets" project and its planned improvement of the 12th Street and Mahoning Road corridor, representing an approximately \$50 million investment in the city.

There have been some positive signs that our economy is improving. Locally, the Utica shale development has lead to the construction of the Chesapeake Energy facility in Louisville and the Baker Hughes facility in Massillon. As the Utica shale infrastructure develops, new economic development opportunities will present themselves. SARTA has recently constructed a CNG fueling facility which is servicing both CNG buses and private CNG vehicles. Good planning will help protect our environment while promoting sound economic development policy.

The RPC also continued its participation in the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium (NEOSCC). Over the last year, the NEOSCC engaged residents, elected officials and experts across a 12-county region in a scenario planning process to identify choices we can make now to help create a more vibrant and resilient northeast Ohio. This past year also saw the passing of long time member Larry Krebs, who will be remembered for his dedication and commitment while serving on the Commission for 28 years. It is through the leadership of members like Larry and our dedicated staff, that the RPC will continue to work to improve the quality of life for our citizens.

# Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS)

SCATS is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for transportation planning in Stark County. Major plans completed in the past fiscal year include:

- The FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- The Year 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan
- The 2012 Safety Work Plan and
- A Transportation and Land Use Study of Northwestern Stark County in the Akron Canton Airport/ Stark State College area.

Projects must be listed in the long range plan and TIP in order to be eligible for federal funds. The FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), adopted by the SCATS Policy Committee, has projects scheduled for the next four years. Some of the major projects include:

- Intersection improvements at Everhard Rd. and Whipple Ave., Cherry and Locust Streets, Beeson St. and Freshley Ave. and Shepler Church Ave. and Fohl St.
- 12th Street Corridor improvements including Mahoning Road from Maple to Grace Aves;
- Multipurpose trails including the Iron Horse trail in Alliance and the Hoover Trail bridge in North Canton;
- Improvements on roads including State Route 619, Werner Church St. and Market Ave.

## Projects Programmed for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014)

Projects scheduled for the 2014 fiscal year are shown in the table below. The amounts shown represent funds allocated from Stark County's share of Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program, and Transportation Alternatives (TA) and do not show the local share or additional ODOT monies used in the projects.

Applicant	Project	STP	CMAQ	TA	Total
Canal Fulton	Cherry & Locust St. Intersection		\$180,000		\$180,000
Canton	Navarre Road SW Signals		\$1,160,000		\$1,160,000
Canton	12th Street Corridor	\$5,186,890	\$2,819,950	\$500,000	\$8,506,840
SARTA	Paratransit Buses (CNG)		\$360,000		\$360,000
SC Engineer	Paris/Easton & Meese Intersection		\$600,000		\$600,000
SC Engineer	Cleveland Ave. SIB Loan	\$515,648			\$515,648
SC Engineer	Werner Church Street		\$400,000		\$400,000
TI District	Shuffel SIB Loan	\$640,216			\$640,216
Total		\$6,342,754	\$5,519,950	\$500,000	\$12,362,704

# 2013 Projects

## SARTA Pinpoint



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### Now Functioning:

- Online real-time route and bus ETA information
- Smart phone apps: Android & Apple
- Automated phone information
- Automated email & text notification

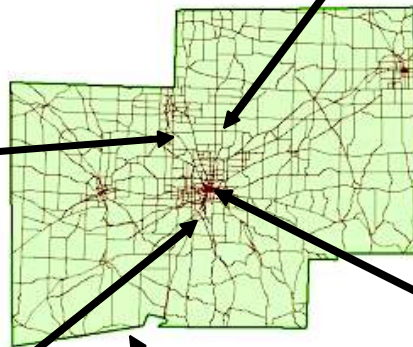
### Coming Soon:

- Google route planning

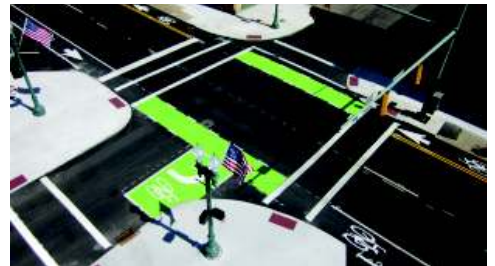
## Stark Parks Middlebranch Trail Crossing Warning Signs on Schneider Street near Glenoak High School



## Hills & Dales and Dressler



## Canton Complete Streets Project Walnut Avenue



## Mill Street Bridge



## Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail Aqueduct Bridge



Photographs provided by Stark Parks,  
Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition,  
Stark County Engineer's Office, and  
Stark County Regional Planning Commission



The Year 2040 Transportation Plan for Stark County, also adopted by the SCATS Policy Committee, has projects proposed for construction through the year 2040. A description of the planning process including goals, objectives and strategies as well as demographics, travel forecasts, identification of traffic safety and congestion areas and security is included.

The Transportation and Land Use Study reviewed proposed future land uses of the Akron-Canton Airport/Stark State College area and examined their impact on the existing road system. The study area was bounded by SR 241 on the west, North Main Street in North Canton on the east, Mega Avenue on the south and Greensburg Road to the north.

The study was conducted by OHM Advisors who interviewed major businesses, land owners, colleges, and retailers in the area in order to estimate future growth. The study identified areas where road improvements will be needed if the expected future growth occurs. Proposals included adding additional travel and turn lanes where appropriate and also suggested the use of roundabouts as long term solutions to future traffic problems.

## Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Projects

The District 19 Public Works Integrating Committee oversees the distribution of State Capital Improvement Program and Local Transportation Improvement Program funds to assist local communities in improving their basic infrastructure. This program is funded through the sale of bonds and the state sales tax. Stark County's share is close to \$8 million a year.

Applicant	Project	OPWC Grant	OPWC Loan	FHWA	Local	Total
Canton	Mahoning Rd. Improvements	\$600,000	\$900,000	\$7,566,099	\$1,070,099	\$10,136,198
Canton	Faircrest Waterline Ext.		\$1,323,598			\$1,323,598
Massillon	Hankins Rd. Improvement	\$300,000	\$1,200,000		\$1,026,620	\$2,526,620
Massillon	9th St. SW Improvement	\$268,673	\$1,074,690		\$327,957	\$1,671,320
Stark County	Applegrove/ Whipple Paving	\$698,560			\$245,440	\$944,000
Stark County	Werner Church/ Applegrove/ Middlebranch Intersections	\$1,496,029		\$5,419,650		\$6,915,679
<b>Total</b>		\$3,363,262	\$4,498,288	\$12,985,749	\$2,670,116	\$23,517,415

# Subdivision Engineering

SCRPC administers the Subdivision Engineering Program on behalf of the Board of Stark County Commissioners. Some of the work performed by the Subdivision Engineer included:

- Subdivision Engineering
  - Reviewed new allotments' preliminary plans, construction drawings, final plats and offsite public drainage easements for compliance with the Subdivision Regulations as well as process any requested construction variances
  - Performed construction inspections of the public improvements installed in new allotments to insure compliance with the Subdivision Regulations and release of the performance and maintenance bonds. Handled any questions arising during construction

Aberdeen Glen No. 5 -  
Jackson Township



Lexington Farms No. 3-  
Plain Township



- Established the dollar amount of performance and maintenance bonds for new allotments. Also, reviewed performance and maintenance bonds, bond substitution requests, bond reduction requests, etc. related to new allotments
  - Reviewed private utility company installation drawings for new allotments and performed construction inspections to insure compliance with the Subdivision Regulations
  - Maintained and subsequently archived new allotment project documents including, but not limited to, as-built construction drawings, storm water management reports, bond related files, construction inspection reports, and variances
  - Reviewed private commercial and industrial site improvement plans for compliance with the Subdivision Regulations. Made recommendations on any requested variances for such projects
- Ohio EPA NPDES Permit related work including:
    - Prepared the county's 2012 Annual Report
    - Maintained the county's comprehensive storm water conveyance system map up to date for all county owned and operated facilities and roadways within the urbanized areas
    - Monitored over 400 individual county outfalls
    - Prepared Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans for facilities owned and operated by the city of Alliance
    - Monitoring of over 100 individual outfalls for the city of Alliance

- Continued performing periodic inspections of the County's Zimmer Ditch Detention Basin B concrete dam as required by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for Class I Structures as well as maintaining the inspection and maintenance logs. Obtained bids and administered the contract for the yearly maintenance work required for the Zimmer Ditch Detention Basins A and B
- Assisted various Townships and the Board of Stark County Commissioners with drainage related issues and/or problems on an as-requested basis
- Served as Project Manager to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the Dog Shelter HVAC System Upgrades Project
- Served as Project Manager to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the Board of Elections Lower Roof Replacement Project

Board of Elections Roof



- Served as Project Manager to the Court of Common Pleas for Courthouse Plaza Renovations Project
- Served as Project Manager to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the Office Building Concrete Repairs Project
- Served as Project Manager to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the Bow Building Parking Lot Renovations Project



Bow Building Parking Lot

- Mapped the existing storm water conveyance systems on the Kent State Stark and Stark State campuses in order to evaluate possible rerouting of storm water away from the University Avenue/ Dressler Road intersection, which currently floods during large rainfall events
- Provided assistance to the Board of Stark County Commissioners in the selection of a design consultant for the Board of Elections Relocation Project
- Provided assistance to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for the Data Center Parking Lot Expansion Project
- Provided consultation to the Board of Stark County Commissioners for structural evaluation of the Renkert Building
- Served on the NEFCO General Policy Board and District 19 Public Works Committee



# Economic Development

## ENTERPRISE ZONE (EZ) AND COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) PROGRAMS

Under contract with the Stark County Commissioners, the RPC provides assistance to members of Tax Incentive Review Council(s). Companies receiving tax abatement are monitored to assure their compliance with investment and employment commitments made under Enterprise Zone (EZ) and Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) programs. The programs are governed by state law, adopted by the legislature in the 1970's, and local governments must follow rules developed by the Ohio Development Services Agency (fka the Department of Development).

- Enterprise Zone (EZ) - designated area where business and industry may locate and/or expand/improve their property and by committing to retain and/or hire employees realize reduced real estate and personal property taxes.
- Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) - primarily a program to encourage revitalization of existing housing; however, retail and other businesses may also receive real property tax relief by improving property in a designated area and committing to retain/hire employees.

Except for the cities of Canton, Alliance and Massillon who monitor their own programs, the county's designated Enterprise Zone Manager is responsible for five county enterprise zones: EZ326C (Minerva); EZ342C (Brewster); EZ360C (City of Canal Fulton); EZ234C which includes parts of the villages of East Canton and Navarre; Canton, Perry and Osnaburg Townships; and all of the city of Louisville and Nimishillen and Plain Townships; and EZ252C which includes parts of Lake and Jackson Township and the city of North Canton.

- Members of a Tax Incentive Review Council

- Stark County Auditor or representative serves as Chairman
  - Three members represent County Commissioners
  - Two members appointed by local township/municipality
  - One representative from the school district

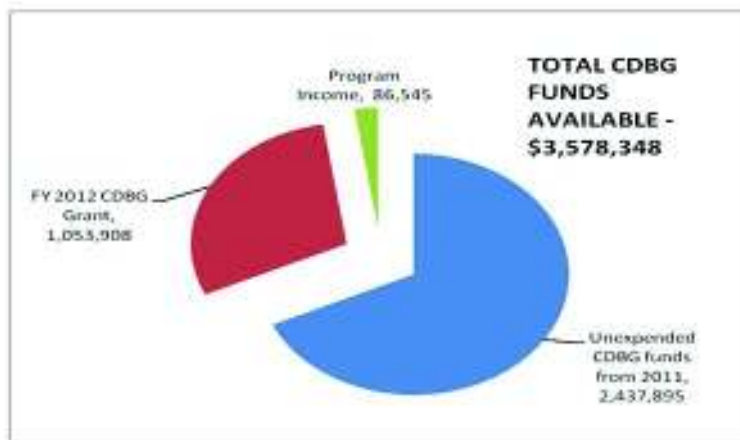
### Tax Incentive Review Council 2013 meetings:

There were ten enterprise zone agreements and one CRA in effect at the end of 2012, and all companies were reviewed at TIRC meetings held in March 2013. Recommendations to continue all of the agreements (some with conditions) were forwarded to the Stark County Commissioners for final action and have since been approved by the Board. Of the three Community Reinvestment Area's established since 2004, only one agreement is in effect. That agreement for a business located in Plain Township was also continued. Businesses receiving real estate tax abatement in CRA's established prior to 2004 are not required to meet the same reporting and commitment standards; therefore, the TIRC only reviews a list of those companies.

# Community Development

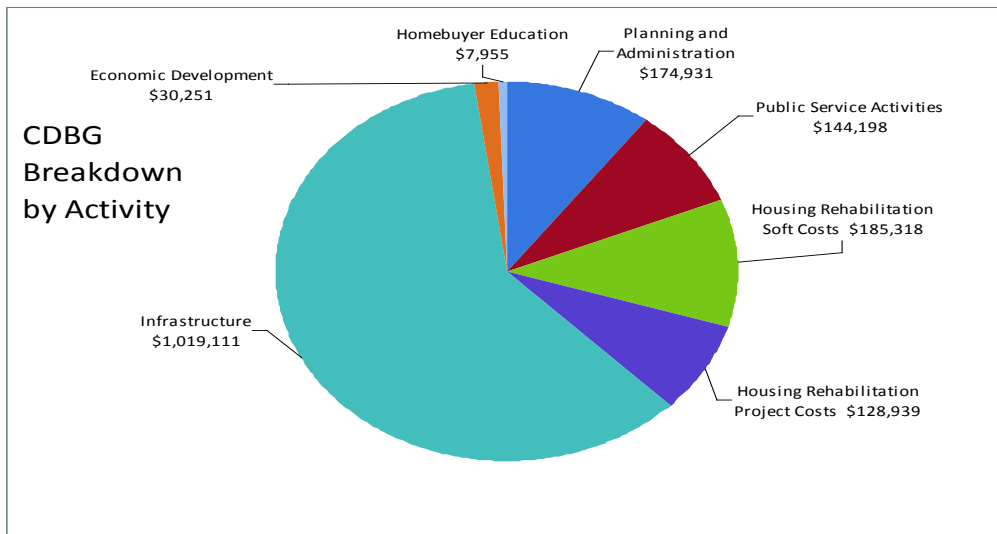
## FY '12 Community Development Block Grant Program

Stark County is designated an 'Urban County' under the CDBG program. In FY 2012, Stark County received a CDBG grant allocation of \$1,053,908. During FY 2012, various housing, public service, economic development and public infrastructure projects were undertaken. All of these programs/activities were developed and implemented to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment or expand economic opportunities for low- to moderate-income persons/households in Stark County. All of the programs/activities undertaken are designed and required to meet one of the three CDBG national objectives which are to: benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, prevent or eliminate slum or blight, or meet an urgent need that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of a community when no other funding options are available. Locally, 100% of projects/activities undertaken during FY 2012 benefited LMI persons or families. Below is an overview of projects/activities undertaken with CDBG funds during FY 2012:

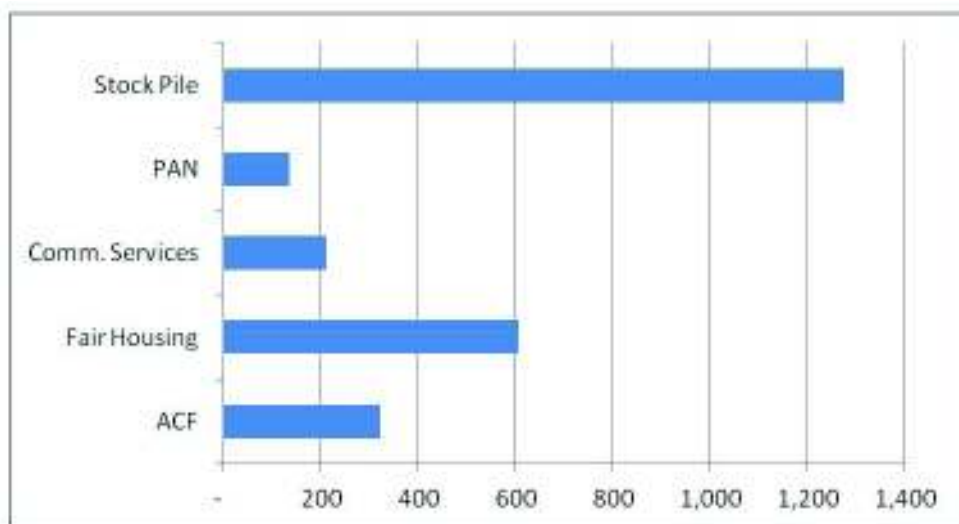


### FY 2012 Stark County CDBG Activities

Public Infrastructure	Public Services
Marlboro Township - Storm Sewer Project	Fair Housing
Minerva - Valley Street Storm Sewer	The Family Living Center Homeless Shelter
Beach City Water Tower Improvements	The Stock Pile - Building Goods Reuse Warehouse
East Canton - South Market Storm Sewer	Alliance Emergency Residence Homeless Shelter
Minerva - Jackson Street Storm Sewer	Prescription Assistance Network
Housing Activities	
Emergency Rehab	
Housing Rehab Program	
Housing Rehab Septic/Sewer Program	
Homebuyer Education	Administration
Economic Development	Comprehensive Planning
KSU Micro Enterprise Development	CDBG Administration

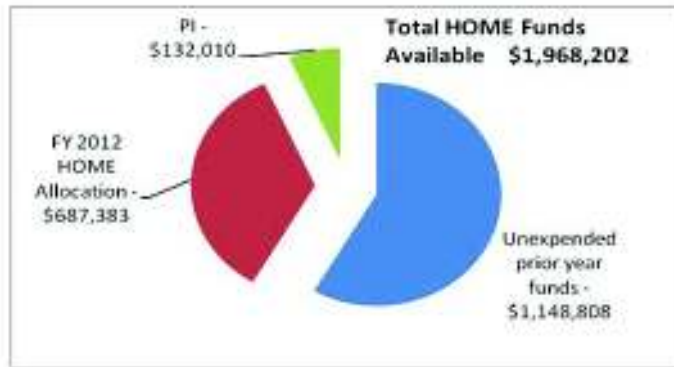


Public Service activities undertaken served a total of 2,550 unduplicated persons. Of those, 531 persons had disabilities. The chart below provides a breakout of the total number of unduplicated persons served by agency.



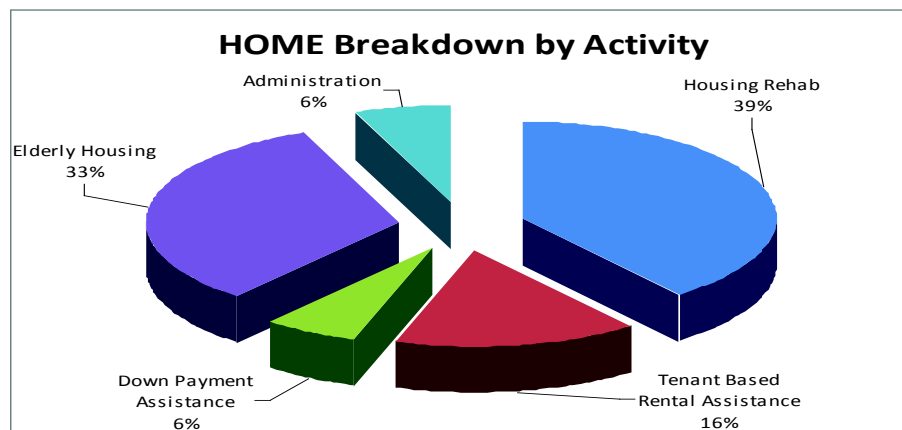
### FY '12 HOME Investment Partnership Program

Stark County is a 'Participating Jurisdiction' under the HOME Investment Partnership Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The county is also the lead agency for the Stark County HOME Consortium, which includes the city of Alliance and the city of Massillon. The HOME Consortium received \$688,410 in its FY 2012 grant allocation. The HOME program is designed exclusively to create affordable housing opportunities for low-income households. The chart on the next page shows the total amount of HOME funds available for expenditure during FY 2012 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013).



### FY 2012 Stark County HOME Consortium Activities

Affordable Housing	Housing Rehabilitation
SMHA - HOPE TBRA (tenant-based rental assistance)	Stark County Housing Rehab
SMHA - HOME TBRA	City of Alliance Housing Rehab
Gateway House II - Permanent Supportive Housing	City of Massillon Housing Rehab
Alliance A-FIRST Phase I- Permanent Supportive Housing	
Alliance A-FIRST Phase II - Permanent Supportive Housing	
Bradley Place - Elderly Housing	Stark County DPA (includes Alliance)
Hunter House - Permanent Supportive Housing	City of Massillon
Villas at Windham Bridge - Elderly Housing	



### Neighborhood Stabilization Program

During 2013, administration of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program by the SCRPC, on behalf of the Board of Stark County Commissioners, began ramping down as the completion of the program was nearing. Two properties were acquired and rehabilitated, with one being resold to a qualified low- to middle-income household. The second home has been completed and is on the market for sale.

During 2013, the Acquisition/Rehab/Turnkey program was completed. Under this program the SCRPC partnered with developers to acquire and rehab eligible properties that were transferred to ICAN, Inc. ICAN, Inc. in turn utilizes the properties as rental units for qualified veteran households that are below 50% of the area median income. Three properties were completed during 2013, including one that was underway during 2012, bringing the total number of units to seven.



## NSP Homes



## Continuum of Care (CoC)

The Stark County Regional Planning Commission was designated as the Collaborative Applicant for the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC). As such the RPC was eligible to apply for planning funds under the federal HEARTH Act Continuum of Care. Notification of funding in the amount of \$26,955 was made by HUD in 2013. The RPC will utilize these funds, along with funding from the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and the HCCSC, to provide planning for the HCCSC and oversight of the 17 projects that receive funding under the same program. Below is a breakdown of funding that was applied for and received by agencies in 2013:

1. Alliance for Children & Families - A-FIRST PSH Project (\$102,925)
2. Alliance for Children & Families - Transitional Housing (\$129,225)
3. ICAN - Basic Accommodations (\$136,092)
4. ICAN - Housing First Apartments (\$49,114)
5. ICAN - Supported Apartments (\$194,030)
6. ICAN - West Park Apartments (\$78,824)
7. Crisis Intervention & Recovery Center - Home Program (\$63,316)
8. P.A.L. Mission - Genesis Program (\$67,784)
9. P.A.L. Mission - Exodus Program (\$111,836)
10. YWCA - Housing Specialist (\$48,865)
11. YWCA - New Beginnings Supportive Housing (\$33,515)
12. YWCA - STARR (Stark Area Rapid Re-housing) (\$212,194)
13. Mental Health & Recovery Services Board - Outreach & Referral Services (\$48,871)
14. Mental Health & Recovery Services Board - HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) (\$107,446)
15. SMHA - Shelter + Care SRA (Sponsor-based Rental Assistance) (\$172,999)
16. SMHA - Shelter + Care TRA (Tenant-based Rental Assistance) (\$444,760)
17. Community Services of Stark County - Supportive Services for the Homeless (\$135,890)

RPC hired a Continuum of Care (CoC) Planner in September of 2012 to provide the planning and oversight for these programs. Additionally, the RPC has contracted with the city of Canton to provide administrative services for the city's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, and is also working with the programs that received funding from the State of Ohio under the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP).




# Fair Housing

The Fair Housing Department's mission is to eliminate housing discrimination, racial and sexual harassment and to ensure housing opportunities for all people regardless of a person's race, color, sex, religion, military status, national origin, handicap or familial status. The Fair Housing Department is dedicated to the elimination of housing discrimination. Landlord and tenant counseling, fair housing counseling, compliance monitoring, testing, investigating alleged claims of housing discrimination, and sponsoring educational programs are provided to the citizens of Stark County and the city of Alliance.

In 2013, the staff conducted the following activities:

## **Educational Workshops, Trainings, and Outreach**

- Made presentations to Hoover High School students, Plain Township Zoning Board, and the RPC Commission
  - Co-Sponsored the “Community Forum on Fair Housing” workshop with the Canton and Massillon Fair Housing Offices where attendees were educated on the fair housing law. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development were the guest speakers
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- Trained respondents on the fair housing law and how to provide equal housing opportunity to the residents of Stark County
  - Delivered posters on housing discrimination to Freed Housing, Stark County Association of Realtors, ICAN, ABCD Inc., Coldwell Banker Hunter Realty and the YWCA
  - Held two separate tester training sessions to train volunteers to test property and investigate claims of housing discrimination

## **Hearing Appeals Services**

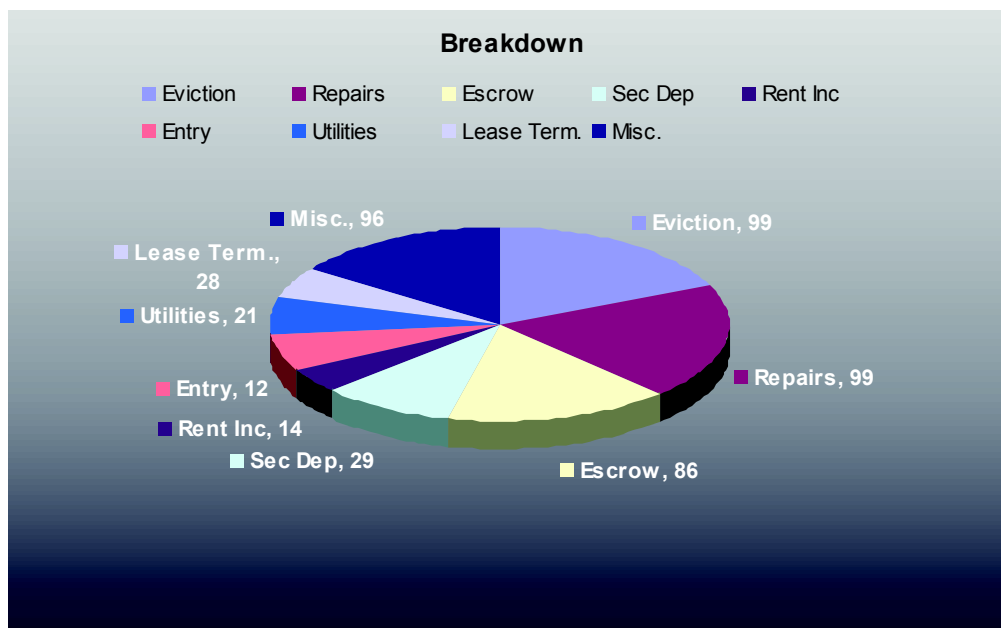
- Renewed agreement with the Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA) for the Fair Housing Coordinator to conduct Hearings and write appeal decisions for applicants and tenants of SMHA
- Made decisions and held 76 Informal and Formal Grievance Hearings for SMHA

## Monitoring

- Monitored 10 property investment owners and managers due to some questionable or discriminatory rental practices in the past

## Landlord-Tenant

- Counseled and mediated more than 900 landlords, tenants, and agency representatives on their rights, obligations and responsibilities under the landlord-tenant laws and referred some to other agencies that could better assist them. A breakdown on the number of households and agencies counseled by category is as follows:



## Advertisement and Public Awareness

- Distributed over 400 educational brochures to property owners, managers, tenants, landlords, students, lawyers, city of Alliance, city of Louisville, Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce, Stark County Association of Realtors, Stark County Regional Planning Commission, Stark County Real Estate Investors Association, Salvation Army, ABCD Inc., and Hoover High School
- Advertised in the Repository and Alliance Review newspapers

## Discrimination Cases

- Investigated and processed 7 new claims of housing discrimination
  - 2 race/color discrimination
  - 3 familial status discrimination
  - 2 disability discrimination

## Are You a Victim of Housing Discrimination?



A tenant with a physical disability believes he was a victim of housing discrimination. The manager of a complex in Canal Fulton refused to permit the tenant to park his 8X5 foot trailer in an available parking space. The tenant did not own a vehicle; therefore, he would only utilize one parking spot. The trailer was necessary to transport his motorized wheelchair when he took day trips away from his apartment. An aide could then hitch the trailer to a car and place the power chair in it. At the destination, the tenant could independently get around in his chair. With the support and assistance of the SCFHD staff advocating for his rights, the manager agreed to reasonably accommodate the tenant and permit him to park his trailer in one of the available parking spaces.



A tenant with a mental disability believes she was a victim of housing discrimination. The tenant's severe depression substantially limited her activities of daily living. Her doctor recommended she obtain an emotional support animal to ameliorate the effects of her depression. In order to obtain a pet, the owner of a North Canton complex subjected her to additional fees, including a \$150 security deposit and a monthly fee of \$75. The tenant requested a reasonable accommodation. She asked that the fees be waived due to her mental illness and the need to own an emotional support animal. The tenant's request was denied. The SCFHD advocated for her rights and assisted her in filing a charge of discrimination. After an investigation by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, a finding of probable cause discrimination was determined. Without admitting liability, the owner agreed to settle the case for \$4000. According to the fair housing law, a housing provider must make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services when such accommodation is necessary to afford a person equal opportunity to use and enjoy the dwelling unit.

# Planning



The Planning Department administers the subdivision review process, makes recommendations on zoning, oversees The Stock Pile, operates house numbering, handles public relations for the agency, coordinates storm water education, and carries out long range planning activities. In 2013, the department:

- Coordinated a Stark County Building Departments' Shared Services Feasibility Study through the use of a Local Government Innovation Fund grant
- Completed an update to the Stark County Park District's Five-Year Plan
- Carried out storm water education for the Board of Stark County Commissioners through educational workshops, the RPC website, brochures, articles, presentations, advertisements, contests, a clean-up with the Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partnership (beginning at Thurman Munson Stadium), and hosted Public Involvement/Public Education (PIPE) Committee meetings
- Conducted an update to the Stark County Consolidated Plan, FY 2014-2018
- Assisted the city of Alliance with the management of their storm water education program
- Served on Northeast Four County Planning Organization's Cooperative Economic Development Strategy Committee and the Board of Trustees of Jackson Township Recycling Station
- Initiated a grant application process for a U.S. EPA brownfields assessment grant
- Assisted with planning activities for the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium (NEOSCC)
- Initiated a review process of the current Subdivision Regulations to determine potential updates
- Coordinated SCRPC's public relations work including public meetings, press releases, advertising, the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), the annual dinner, annual report, creation of RPC's quarterly newsletter, the agency's website and facebook page

### Subdivision Review Subcommittee and Staff Reviewed:

- 3 preliminary plans (1 revised)
- 6 final plats (3 new subdivisions & 3 replats)

**Resulting in:** 49 new residential lots  
0.8 miles new residential streets

- 67 site plans (commercial, industrial, & multifamily uses)
- 15 administrative waivers of formal site improvement
- 4 variance/appeals requests
- 190 divisions of property without plat (lot splits)

### Street Vacations/Annexation Recommendations:

- Recommended to the County Commissioners on four proposed street vacations
- Recommended to the County Commissioners on five annexation requests

### Zoning:

- Reviewed and made recommendations on 24 township zoning amendments
- Organized Zoning Inspector's "Mutual Assistance" meetings
- Drafted newsletter article and guidance on regulating chicken farming in residential areas

### House Numbering:

- Issued 393 house numbers:
  - 280 single-family
  - 8 multi-family
  - 37 commercial/industrial
  - 1 agricultural
  - 3 public service
  - 42 electric for gas wells, oil wells, etc.
  - 10 replacement numbers



# The Stock Pile



Supervision of personnel and grant management is carried out by the Planning Department for The Stock Pile, the RPC's non-profit building material reuse warehouse. In 2013, The Stock Pile (TSP):

- Completed its 15<sup>th</sup> year of operation in record setting fashion with four record breaking months for sales. During 2013, sales totaled \$105,000, representing roughly \$350,000 in materials being diverted from landfills
- Reinvested over \$1 million in handling fees in the program since opening, which represents approximately \$3 million in materials returned to useful life
- Received donations of building materials from dozens of companies and individuals; and diverted over 160 tons of reusable materials from landfills (since opening: 1,375 tons)
- Carried out deconstruction at Lazar's Creative Framing and Schumacher Construction's model home before they were demolished, in partnership with Project Rebuild, a local alternative high school that trains students in the building trades
- Assisted over 1,800 households and 81 non-profit agencies with building materials
- Hosted several displays, including the BIA/Repository Home & Garden Show jointly with the Storm Water PIPE Committee and a booth at First Friday in May; hosted Timken employees fixing toys for Replay for Kids on the United Way Day of Caring
- Bought and rehabbed one home for sale through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- Continued partnering with Mature Services Inc. to provide a supervised worksite for senior citizens; provided a worksite for Canton Municipal Court, Job & Family Services, and McKinley & Timken students with a total of 2,400 hours of work donated to TSP

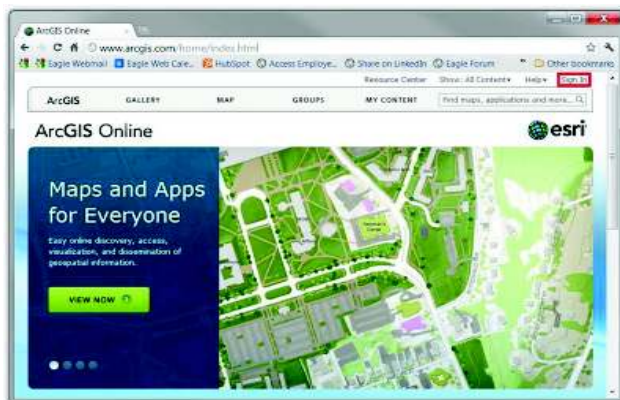
# Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

This past year the GIS Department has been wrapping up the Storm Water Conveyance System Mapping Project. The GIS Department has completed data collection within the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4's) Districts that form the Stark County NPDES MS4 Consortium.

MS4 Consortium Member	Total Road Miles	Outfalls Collected	Total Point Features Collected
City of Louisville	44.72	98	1656
Canton Township	77.80	108	2134
Jackson Township	163.24	358	6487
Lake Township	118.71	197	3375
Lawrence Township	19.42	25	644
Nimishillen Township	36.76	86	1034
Plain Township	173.71	232	5711
Tuscarawas Township	18.27	30	720

The Storm Water Conveyance System Mapping Project was completed by the end of December 2013 and is due to the EPA by February 2014. This 5-year project created an inventory of storm water data across approximately 652 miles of road. Located within the eight MS4's were 1,134 outfalls. An overall total of 21,761 storm water features connected by 551 miles of pipe was inventoried. The table above shows the total mileage, total number of outfalls and total number of storm water point features collected within each MS4.

This year the GIS Department employed two interns from the University of Akron that had the opportunity to assist with the storm water mapping project and gained practical technical experience in the field of GIS while completing their degrees.



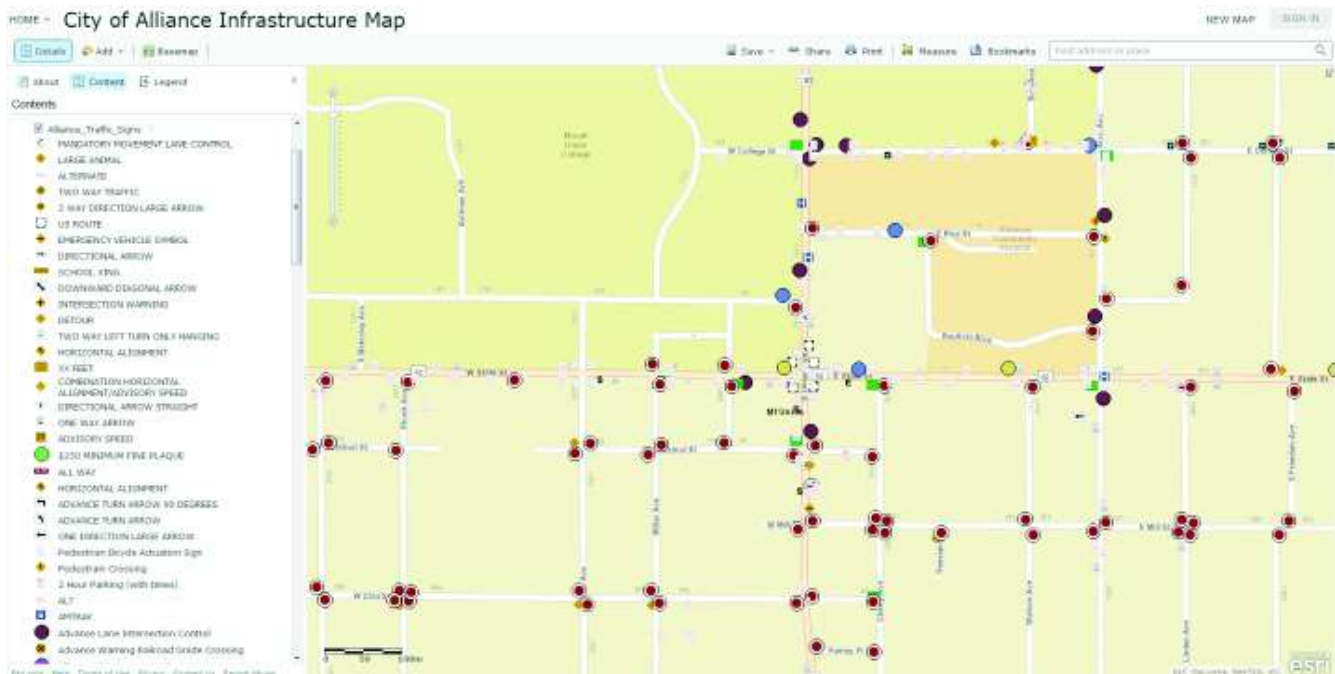
With the ArcGIS 10.2 software release in late July and the department's new possession of an ArcGIS Online license (a mapping platform that allows organizations to create interactive maps and apps to share), the GIS Department has begun working with the Stark County Auditor's GIS Department to develop a pilot map service through ArcGIS Online for the city of Alliance that would allow users to access valuable data online quickly and easily. This online map service is still in the testing phase, but is soon to be deployed for viewing/use.

The image to the right depicts a sample of the ready-to-use base map in ArcGIS online.

These future map services will allow the GIS Department to provide users throughout Stark County an easy and intuitive workspace for data viewing, editing and collaborating. The GIS Department will be able to create and publish maps and apps using ArcGIS online.



In early 2013, the department completed an 8-month project for the city of Alliance to inventory the city's street signs and painted curbs. A total of 5,141 signs and curbs were located and inventoried. The painted curbs were identified corresponding to various parking signs across the city. The city of Alliance Infrastructure Map that will soon be deployed will allow users to view storm water, sanitary sewers, water lines, and other infrastructure networks within the city. The map below displays a portion of the city's sign inventory data.



# Historic Preservation

The RPC's Historic Preservation Administrator reviews the agency's housing rehab and other CDBG projects to comply with federal regulations (Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) requiring consideration of their potential effect on historic properties. Under terms of a Programmatic Agreement with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO), this eliminates the need to otherwise submit all such projects to the OHPO, whose reviews take a minimum of one or more months for completion. Similar reviews are also performed under contracts with the cities of Alliance, Canton, and Massillon.

Within Stark County and the cities of Alliance, Canton, and Massillon, 165 historic preservation reviews (plus 49 programmatic exclusions signed by SCRPC and city of Canton rehab staff) were completed in 2013.



Historic Building-  
Canton Palace Theater

# Equal Employment

- Processed 15 equal employment discrimination telephone calls
- Investigated county-wide employee complaints relating to equal employment issues
- Provided employee mediation services
- Assisted in the development of Equal Employment Opportunity plans for four county departments

# Fiscal

	2013 Actual Income	2014 Projected Income
Taxes	\$3,773.37	\$4,000.00
Charges for Services	\$8,740.27	\$8,500.00
Licenses and Permits	\$15,832.87	\$15,000.00
Intergovernmental - includes Federal, State, Local Reimbursements & Contract Services	\$2,178,469.57	\$1,831,239.00
Other Revenue	<u>\$11,094.07</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,217,910.15	\$1,858,739.00

	2013 Actual Expenses	2014 Projected Expenses
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,672,676.76	\$1,669,075.00
Supplies	\$28,009.78	\$34,620.00
Purchased Services	\$208,082.67	\$109,314.00
Capital Outlay	\$7,000.00	\$32,130.00
Other	<u>\$13,331.51</u>	<u>\$13,600.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,929,100.72	\$1,858,739.00

The Regional Planning Commission's financial records were audited in 2013 by State Auditor Dave Yost's office. The audit was completed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The audit had no findings or questioned costs for the year 2012.



# 2013 SCRPC Members

**President:** Vince Marion  
**Vice-President:** Anthony Peldunas  
**Secretary:** Robert Fonte

## **Executive Committee**

Tom Bernabei, President - Commissioners  
Mike Hanke, County Administrator - retired 3/13  
Brant Luther, County Administrator  
John Ferrero Jr., County Prosecutor  
\*Vince Marion, City of Alliance  
William J. Healy II, City of Canton  
\*Robert Sanderson, City of Massillon  
\*James Benekos, City of North Canton  
\*Maurice "Mort" DeHoff, Washington Township  
\*Robert Leach, Village of Magnolia  
\*Fred Abraham, County-at-Large  
Larry Krebs, County-at-Large - deceased 6/13  
\*David McAlister, County-at-Large  
\*Carl Rose, County-at-Large  
\*Ronald Revlock, County-at-Large  
\*Anthony Peldunas, County-at-Large  
\*Robert Fonte, CAC President

\* Personnel Committee

## **County Office Members** (all ex officio)

### Commissioners

Tom Bernabei  
Janet Weir Creighton  
Richard Regula

### Administrator

Mike Hanke/  
Brant Luther

### Sanitary Engineer

Jim Jones  
Conrad Moeller, alt.

### Engineer

Keith Bennett  
Gary Connor, alt.

### Health Commissioner

Kirk Norris  
Todd Paulus, alt.

### Prosecutor

John Ferrero, Jr.  
Michael Bickis, alt.  
Deborah Dawson, alt.  
Ross Rhodes, alt.

## **City Members**

### Alliance

Mayor Alan Andreani  
Vince Marion, alt.

### Canal Fulton

Johnson Belford  
Mark Cozy, alt.

### Canton

Mayor William Healy, II  
Samuel Sliman, alt.  
Amy Dreussi  
Kevin Kennard  
Dan Moeglin  
Rhoderick Simpson

### Louisville

Mayor Patricia Fallot

### Massillon

Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry  
Keith Dylewski  
Ted Herncane  
Robert Sanderson, alt.  
Jason Haines, alt.

### North Canton

Mayor David Held  
James Benekos

## **County Appointments**

Fred Abraham  
John Hahn  
Larry Krebs  
David McAlister  
Erik Parker  
Anthony Peldunas  
Ronald Revlock  
Carl Rose

# Members Continued

## Township Members

### Canton

Christopher Nichols  
William Mittas  
Phyllis Schwinn, alt.  
Hallie Umpleby, alt.

### Jackson

Todd Hawke  
John Pizzino  
James Walters  
Ralph Boger, alt.  
Marilyn Lyon, alt.  
Joni Poindexter, alt.

### Lake

Ellis Erb  
Galen Stoll  
John Arnold, alt.

### Lexington

Linda Chain  
James Mathews

### Marlboro

Wayne Schillig

### Nimishillen

Lou Johnson  
Dale Riggerbach  
Lisa Shafer, alt.

### Osnaburg

Richard Pero  
Donna Middaugh, alt. - retired 7/13

### Pike

Douglas Baum

### Plain

Louis Giavasis  
Scott Haws  
Albert Leno  
Lisa Campbell, alt.

### Sandy

Bruce Weisburn

### Washington

Maurice "Mort" DeHoff

## Village Members

### Beach City

Mayor Connie White

### Brewster

Mayor Mike Schwab  
Steve Hartman, alt.

### East Canton

Mayor Kathleen Almasy

### East Sparta

Mayor Mike Stephens

### Hartville

Mayor Richard Currie  
Rob Graham, alt.

### Hills & Dales

Mayor Edward Schirack

### Limaville

Mayor Troy Hansen

### Magnolia

Mayor Robert Leach

### Meyers Lake

Mayor Diana Stadelman

### Minerva

Mayor James Waller  
David Harp, alt.

### Navarre

Mayor Robert Benson

### Waynesburg

Mayor Kenneth Flesher  
Larry Hawkins, alt.

### Wilmot

Mayor Mark Bolitho

# 2013 Committees

## SCATS Policy Committee

Chair: Keith Bennett

Vice-Chair: Keith Dylewski

### Members

Alan Andreani  
Tom Ault  
Keith Bennett  
Tom Bernabei  
Ralph Boger  
Jonathan Chastek  
Janet Weir Creighton  
Charles DeGraff  
Dennis Fulk  
Richard Harbaugh  
William J. Healy II  
David Held  
Donna Middaugh  
Dan Moeglin  
Kathy Catazaro Perry  
Warren Price  
Thomas Ream  
Richard Regula  
Edward Schirack  
Anthony Urankar

### Alternates

Chris Barnes  
James Benekos  
Rick Bodenschatz  
Curtis Bungard  
Kirt Conrad  
Mark Cozy  
Sherri Douglas  
Keith Dylewski  
Mike Hanke/  
Brant Luther  
James Kinnick  
Nick Loukas  
Vince Marion  
Greg McCue  
John Phillippi  
Steve Rebillot  
Dave Torrence

## Audit Committee

President: Vince Marion

Vice-President: Anthony Peldunas

Secretary: Robert Fonte

Fred Abraham

David McAlister

## Citizens' Advisory Council

President: Robert Fonte

Vice-President: Jonathan Chastek

Members: all citizens working/residing in Stark County

## Technical Advisory Committee

Chair: Dan Moeglin

James Adams  
Tom Ault  
James Benekos  
Keith Bennett  
Curtis Bungard  
Kirt Conrad  
Mark Cozy  
Keith Dylewski  
James Kinnick, alt.

Nick Loukas, alt.  
Vince Marion, alt.  
Dan Moeglin  
Rick McQueen  
Robert Nau  
Steve Rebillot, alt.  
David Torrence  
Anthony Urankar

## Subdivision Review Subcommittee

Chair: Ron Revlock, County-at-Large

Curtis Bungard, City of Alliance  
Richard Zengler, City of Canton  
Holly Brown, alt.  
Jason Haines, City of Massillon  
Bruce Bernhard, City of North Canton  
Todd Paulus, Stark County Health Department  
Keith Bennett, Stark County Engineer  
Vincent Mueser, alt.  
Jim Jones, Stark County Sanitary Engineer  
Conrad Moeller, alt.  
Tom Davis, alt.  
John Hahn, County-at-Large  
Julie Berbari, Stark County Soil & Water  
Conservation District  
Carolyn Gabrick, alt.  
Bethany Perkowski, alt.  
Bill Sliwinski, Jackson Township Resident  
(plus any interested RPC member)

# 2013 Planning Staff

**Robert Nau**, Executive Director

## **SCATS**

Jeff Dutton, P.E., P.S.  
*Technical Director/Engineer*  
Dan Slicker  
*Transportation Engineer*  
Jeff Dotson  
*Principal Planner*  
Karl Lucas  
*Senior Planner*  
Rick Keyes  
*Transportation Planner*

## **Community Development**

Beth Pearson  
*Chief of Community Development/  
Fiscal Planning*  
Lynn Carlone  
*Community Development Administrator*  
Dan Morganti - resigned  
*Senior Community Development Planner*  
Natalie McCleskey  
*Continuum of Care (CoC) Planner*  
Jill Ross  
*Housing Counselor*  
Steve Williams  
*Senior Housing Rehab Specialist*  
Jeff Bartolone  
*Housing Rehab Inspector*

## **Fair Housing**

Valerie Watson  
*Fair Housing Coordinator*

## **Fiscal**

Linda Hartman  
*Fiscal Officer*

## **Historic Preservation**

Jeff Brown  
*Historic Preservation Administrator*

## **Planning**

Brenda Sarsany  
*Chief of Planning*  
Cliff Meidlein  
*Planning Administrator*  
Rachel Lewis  
*Senior Regional Planner*  
Malia Morrison  
*Community Relations Planner*

## **Subdivision Engineering**

Joe Underwood, P.E., P.S.  
*Subdivision Engineer*

## **GIS**

Sean Phillips, GISP  
*GIS Coordinator*  
Sarah Peters  
*GIS Analyst*

## **Special Projects**

Mary Lee Sponseller

## **Office Management**

Jill Gerber  
*Office Manager*  
Katie Kuhn - resigned  
*Secretary*  
Jennifer Young  
*Secretary*

## **Staff Attorney**

Dave Thorley

## **Interns**

Nicklas Richards  
Rebecca Walker