

RPC 50 year History

1957 The beginning..... The Planning commission was formed and staff hired.

Our first location



the Harter Estate.



RPC First President, Ralph Regula and First Director, Thomas Via.

A five-phase work program was approved. Completed first draft of county subdivision regulations. Eight townships adopted zoning.

RPC second director



James Hickey
1958-1964



Community assistance included recommendation on county jail location, published planning/zoning officials directory, developed a planning library, worked on a residential building code for the county. Shopping Center survey

RPC second location
1962-1964

Stark County Area Transportation Study formed, 1963

Red Cross Building
9th St. NW

Planning for the Akron– Canton airport.



Jim Holl
Director, 1964-1965

1964 1964-
RPC moves to the Stark County Office Building
St. Francis Hotel

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1965 General development Plan was adopted by RPC on September 15, 1965

Made application to create a park district



1966 RPC Members Tour of Canal Lands

May 11, 1966 - Stark County Commissioners adopted General Development Plan.



Secretarial staff 1966
Kay Matin and Wilda Harrington



Commission Members at work
1966 meeting

1967 updated 1962 Shopping center survey.



Dale Cawthorne
Director, 1967-1985

1967

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1968 Directorship of RPC/SCATS merged.

1968 the commission grew to 44 members

Completed KSU-Stark Development Plan started in 1966.

Citizens' Advisory Committee and Citizens' Advisory Transportation Committee formed.

Position of soil scientist for the newly formed Stark County Subdivision Engineering Office.

SCATS completes Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Open Space study adopted 1972

1973 Stark County Governmental Buildings Space Needs study and Recommended Building Plan completed.

1974 HUD's CDGB program begins.

1975 CDBG program administered by RPC for the County Commissioners.

Historic Sites and structures Inventory completed and published in 1975

SCATS staff merge with RPC staff.

Stark County Fair Housing department created by County commissioners In 1976.

1978 Dix-Grove renewal projects



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1980 Annual Dinner

Dorothy Fuldheim, quest speaker

1st zoning seminar held.

Regional Historic preservation Office established at RPC.

Stark county Park District developed Sippo Lake Park.

1982 Timken steel mill site development

Housing Rehab program helped 20 homes in 1983

Dix-Grove renewal completed.

1984 Litter Program Coordinator hired..

1985 RPC received Ohio Assoc. of Hist. Societies & Museums outstanding brochure award for historic sites map.



Feb, 1985, CD Committee Meeting
Alan McClure makes pitch for funding
Jackson Township Fire Department



1985 Sippo Lake Marina Improvement Project
Financed through CDBG Program



1985 Dale Cawthorne Retires.



Gerald Bixler new Director.

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SCATS meeting - Jan. 1986
 Larry Wackerly, Canton City Traffic Engineer,
 George Turkal, CAC Chairman and G. Michael
 Coutts, SCATS Transportation Engineer



1986 Annual Dinner Wib Roberts
 presents plaque to past president
 Steve Singleton

1986 RPC administers Stark County Tax Map Office and House Numbering Dept.
 for the County Commissioners.

1987 Hosted OPC annual meeting

1988 Last Chartered member Chuck Michel resigns.



Chuck Michel



Sept., 1989, Senator Scott Oelslager explains work
 of Highway Committee to
 CAC Transportation Committee

1989 Akron-Canton Airport Land Use Study



Fred Krum, Manager A/C Airport

1990 RPC accepted administration
 of the Fair Housing Office

Hosted 25th anniversary annual
 conference OCCD



1990 Annual Dinner
 Neil Horstman, quest speaker

1990

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1991 Annual Dinner, Paul Bishop quest speaker



Denise Boyd, C.H. Michel Intern With Bob Leach



1992 RPC moves from the old County Office Building (demolished) to present location 201 3rd St . NE



1993 RPC open house Ralph Regula presents flag that once flew over the Capital



May 11, 1994, Jeff Dotson Rideshare Day



Ralph Regula at RPC Open House May 7, 1993



Subdivision Review Subcommittee meeting



Evelyn Hendricks, Jeff Dotson and Jim Holl Population mapping



FHWA/FTA Citizens Seesion RPC conference room

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Intermodal

1997 Pat Dugan retires

RPC Celebrates 40 years



McAlister, James Hickey, quest speaker, Jerry Bixler, Chuck Michel, Ralph Regula.



Former staff members came back for the celebration.



1998 The Stock Pile opened in December, 1998



Mayor Watkins and Jerry Bixler

1999 Countywide GIS system initiated.

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2001 RPC contracted with the Commissioner to manage and expand the Recycling Program.
RPC contracted with the Commissioners to assume the Subdivision Engineering Office.

Mary Lee Sponseller, retires Oct., 2002

2001 SCATS receives Planning Coordination Award at the Ohio Transportation Conference



2003 SARTA's new Transit center opens
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Stock Pile receives Award of Appreciation from the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

March 2004
Jerry Bixler retires



Jerry Bixler and Bob Nau, our new boss.



2004 RPC Hosts the 40th Annual OCCD Summer Conference



Land Use Planning



Jackie Butler, retires May, 2005

2005

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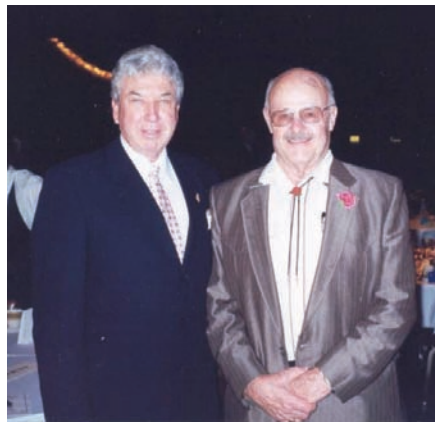
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Governmental Law Seminar



Sept. 2006 SCRPC/SCATS teams up with ODOT and Ohio Department of Public safety for the Roadway safety Workshop

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Displays we did to cover up the windows of the old County Office Building during Hall of Fame week.

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Staff Photos

