

County Council Committee Hearing
2020-2021 Budget
October 29, 2019, 9 a.m.

1. Cuyahoga County Planning Commission established by the Board of County Commissioners on August 1, 1988

- a. To strengthen the planning arm of county operations. County Commissioner Mary Boyle stated the goal in establishing a CPC was to have a means to evaluate and plan long and short-range solutions to those problems faced in common by all 59 cities, villages and townships in the county. Such problems could be population and job loss, economic development, solid waste, infrastructure and environmental management, and the delivery of public and human services.

2. ORC Defined Function of the County Planning Commission (ORC 713.22, 713.23):

- a. The regional or county planning commission may make studies, maps, plans, recommendations and reports concerning the physical, environmental, social, economic, and governmental characteristics, functions, services, and other aspects of the region or county, respectively.

3. Our Mission: To inform and provide services in support of the short and long-term comprehensive planning, quality

of life, environment, and economic development of Cuyahoga County and its cities, villages, and townships.

4. Services Offered by the County Planning Commission:

Staff (14), a contracted planner + interns

a. Community planning

- i. Community Master Plans, Zoning Studies, Park & Greenspace Plans, Community Surveys

b. Regional partnerships

- i. County's Climate Change Action Plan, Cuyahoga Greenways Plan, Aerozone Alliance, Creating Healthy Communities (Supermarket Assessment), Economic Development Place-Based Framework for DOD, Public Access to Lakefront for Public Works, Census data and mapping for Regional Collaboration, etc.

c. Data & Mapping

- i. Cuyahoga County Urban Tree Canopy report + Maps to show them

d. Grants Management

- i. OPWC grant programs for State Capital Infrastructure Improvements and Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program
- ii. Dept. of Sustainability's Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program

5. 2019 Accomplishments:

- a. 4 Guidebooks (CRAs, SIDS, Streetscapes, Water Trails, Solar)

- b.** Completed Master Plans: Strongsville, Brecksville, Parma, Woodmere; Mayfield Village (almost there)
- c.** Planning Studies underway: Master Plans in Broadview Heights and Brooklyn; Bay Village Overlay Zoning District (Village Center and Dover Junction), Rocky River Zoning Code Update, Westlake Center Ridge Road Corridor Plan
- d.** Completed Regional Partnership Plans: Cuyahoga County Climate Change Action Plan, Cuyahoga Greenways Plan, Cuyahoga County Urban Tree Canopy Update 2019
- e.** Community Planning Grant Awards: East Cleveland Parks & Greenspace Plan, Solon Trail & Connectivity Plan, Middleburg Heights Master Plan, Brooklyn Heights Master Plan, South Euclid Mayfield Road Form Based Zoning Code
- f.** TLCI project: Community Confluence: Connecting the Cities of Lakewood and Rocky river and Cleveland Metroparks' Rocky River Reservation (bridges: Clifton, Detroit, Hilliard)