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January 11, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chairman Caterina Cocca-Fulton called the January 11, 2022 regular meeting of the Geauga County Planning Commission to order at 7:43 a.m. at 470 Center Street, Building 8, City of Chardon. A quorum was obtained. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll call was called by Pamela Irizarry, Administrative Assistant and the following members were present:

**2. Roll Call**

Members present: Caterina Cocca-Fulton, Gary Neola, John Oros, Jim Dvorak, Jim McCaskey and Dennis Bergansky.

Mr. McCaskey arrived at 7:36am, Mr. Neola arrived at 7:38am and Mr. Bergansky arrived at 7:52am

Members absent: Ralph Spidalieri and Timothy Lennon.

Staff present: Linda Crombie (Planning Director), Allyson Kobus (Planner II), and Pamela Irizarry (Administrative Assistant).

**3. Election of Officers for 2022:**

**Chairman**

**Vice Chairman**

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Ms. Cocca-Fulton said she would like to start off the meeting with open discussion about the nominations. Some applications are at the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Neola asked since Mr. Claypool was on the Planning Commission, should we reach out to him to see if he is going to reapply? Mr. McCaskey asked if Mr. Claypool reapplied. Mr. Dvorak responded yes, he did reapply. He also added that there were about seven to eight applicants and the best three would be taken that meet the needs. Mr. McCaskey asked who is currently not on the Planning Commission and Ms. Cocca Fulton said Chester Miller and Charlie Stevens did not reapply. She said it is her understanding members that served on the Planning Commission who reapplied would be given preference. Mr. Dvorak asked if other counties have as many Planning Commission members as we do. Ms. Crombie replied that this is guided by the O.R.C., with eight resident members and three County Commissioners. She said she would have to look into this, if necessary.

Mr. Oros made a motion to open nominations for 2022 election of officers. Mr. Neola seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCasky made a motion to nominate Caterina Cocca-Fulton as Chairman of the Planning Commission. Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion. Upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously for Ms. Caterina Cocca-Fulton as Chairman.

Ms. Cocca-Fulton replied that she would be willing to take on the role of Chairman for a year and then reassess, as she is already on the Model Zoning Subcommittee. Mr. Neola asked if Ms. Cocca-Fulton could be an intermittent chairman for a quarterly basis till April? Ms. Cocca-Fulton replied that she would consider it. She would not want to put someone on the Planning Commission as a Chairman who is new to this. Ms. Crombie advised that per the goals, she still will review the Model Zoning for 2022 and staff would be able to help her prepare for meetings to make things easier. Mr. Neola commented that Mr. Stevens had a lot of interacting with Ms. Crombie on Planning Commission concerns and topics.

Mr. McCaskey asked if Planning Commission could keep the Model Zoning moving in-house; or pause on it for a month or two to concentrate on Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer? Ms. Cocca-Fulton commented that she would like a fuller board to choose from before the Model Zoning Committee members.

Ms. Cocca-Fulton agreed that she would step up as an interim Chairman for a few months, then reassess if we are where we want to be. She explained that she is also a mother and a business owner. Mr. Neola said he was fine with Ms. Cocca-Fulton being an intermittent Chairman for a quarterly basis.

Mr. Dvorak made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman. Mr. Oros seconded the motion and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McCaskey made a motion to elect Ms. Caterina Cocca-Fulton as Chairman of the County Planning Commission on an interim basis. Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dvorak made a motion to nominate Mr. Dennis Bergansky as Vice Chairman of the County Planning Commission. Mr. Oros seconded the motion.

Mr. Bergansky commented on his concern that he sometimes arrives late to the Planning Commission meetings. Ms. Cocca-Fulton asked him to please consider it and Mr. McCaskey agreed with Ms. Cocca-Fulton.

Mr. Dvorak made a motion to close the nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. McCaskey seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dvorak made a motion to elect Mr. Dennis Begansky as Vice Chairman of the County Planning Commission for 2022. Mr. Oros seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dvorak made a motion to nominate Mr. Gary Neola as Secretary/Treasurer of the County Planning Commission. Mr. Oros seconded the motion.

Mr. Oros made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. McCaskey seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bergansky made a motion to elect Mr. Gary Neola as Secretary/Treasurer of the County Planning Commission for 2022. Mr. McCaskey seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. 2022 Regular Meetings: Date and Time**

Mr. McCaskey made a motion to approve dates and times for the 2022 regular Geauga County Planning Commission meeting schedule. Mr. Oros seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

*See Exhibit 4A*

#### **5. Approval of Minutes for the December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting**

Mr. Oros made a motion to approve the December 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes and Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **6. Financial Report and Approval of Expenses**

Ms. Crombie explained that the financial report for the November 8, 2021 and December 13, 2021 both included a line labeled as "Unemployment". This line was added to show that an unemployment claim was received in November and December. However, it did not need to be listed as a separate line item since the funds were a direct Appropriations Transfer from the Hospitalization account to the Unemployment account. Ms. Crombie presented the corrected Financial Reports for both November 8, and December 13, 2021.

Mr. Neola made a motion to approve the corrected November 8, 2021 Financial Report. Mr. Bergansky seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Neola made a motion to approve the corrected December 13, 2021 Financial Report and Summary of Expenses. Mr. Oros seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Neola asked why was unemployment paid out to the GIS Intern? He thought the employee was hired as a temp. Ms. Crombie explained that the unemployment claim was approved through the State of Ohio Job and Family Services as the intern met the minimum unemployment requirements of the State. Mr. Dvorak asked if Envision has been paid in full and Ms. Crombie replied yes they were.

Ms. Crombie provide the financial report as of January 10, 2022 attached hereto and the expenses marked as Exhibit "A" totaling \$1,080.42. Mr. McCaskey made a motion to approve the financial report

and the summary of expenses, marked exhibit "A" totaling \$1,080.42. Mr. Bergansky seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

***See Exhibit 6A***

**7. Director's Report**

- A. 2021 Year End Report: Report has been prepared and will be discussed under item 9.
- B. December 2021 Housing Stats and Year End Housing Starts Total: Ms. Crombie said in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021 there were 40 more housing starts and residential construction increased in 2021 with a total of 189 new housing starts. This information comes from the Building Department. In April, a quarterly report will be given.

Conservation and Agricultural Easements: Ms. Crombie briefly discussed the following easements approved in December 2021: There was a conservation easement in Chardon Township, the Landies, which is 9.36 acres to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy (WRLC). There is an agricultural field and pond. Neola asked if this was an agricultural easement and Ms. Crombie advised that it is a conservation easement with an agricultural component. He questioned how does the Western Reserve Land Conservancy differentiate an agricultural easement from a conservation easement? Mr. McCaskey questioned the acreage as they can't have an easement on the whole property because some of it is the road. Ms. Crombie quickly reviewed the acreage breakdown of the agricultural field, pond, and road etc.

Ms. Crombie continued with another easement, located in Burton Township, on property owned by Davis. This is an easement to the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Ms. Crombie explained that the Davis easement was purchased through the state agricultural easement program known as LAEPP (Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program). The Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District is required to perform annual monitoring of the property to make sure it is compliant with the terms of the easement. Ms. Cocca-Fulton asked if the property owner gets compensated for this and Ms. Crombie replied yes. Mr. McCaskey add that it is not only Soil and Water that has to perform monitoring. As a township, Munson is required to do the same as the township is local sponsor as well.

- C. GIS Update: The county is working on updates. A more recent version of ArcGIS (ArcGIS 10.8.1) was installed along with ArcPro. Ms. Crombie and Ms. Kobus will be viewing training videos to learn the ArcPro program as it will replace ArcGIS.
- D. Chagrin River Watershed Partners Survey: Ms. Crombie wanted to share that she and Ms. Kobus attended a webinar presentation by the Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP), NOACA, and the City of Akron regarding nonpoint source pollution related to the East Branch Reservoir and Sawyer Brook sub-watershed.

A survey was sent out by CRWP looking for feedback on locations for restoration and protection project opportunities in these two areas. A copy of the survey was provided to all the Planning Commission members in the Dropbox. The deadline to submit the Survey is January 14, 2022. Ms. Cocca-Fulton asked Ms. Crombie how she learned about this and Ms. Crombie replied that she received an invitation from CRWP. CRWP indicated the webinar invitation was also sent out to township officials in those areas.

Ms. Crombie said she wanted to share this information as representatives from the City of Akron explained why the City of Akron own so much property in Geauga County. Ms. Crombie said the Akron representatives advised that in 1911, the City of Akron started buying land due to a public health crisis and Ms. Crombie referred to the timeline provided during the presentation that the East Branch reservoir was constructed in 1938 and Ladue in 1962. Lake Rockwell is their source of water but the East Branch Reservoir and the Ladue Reservoir regulate the water level in Lake Rockwell.

- E. Year End administrative activities: The staff worked on various year – end close activities including closing open purchase orders, carry – over balances, and creating new 2022 purchase orders.
  
- F. Work Summary, December 2021:
  - a. Planning/Zoning/Subdivision Administration: The number of Lot splits/subdivision inquiries was a total of 18. There were 56 zoning inquiries, and 4 easements. Ms. Crombie assisted the following townships with various questions: Chardon, Hambden, Munson and Russell.
  - b. Comprehensive Planning Efforts:
    - i. Staff training: the staff viewed some or all of the webinars from the Citizen Planner Training series offered by APA Ohio.
    - ii. County Land Use Map Updates: Ms. Kobus has updated Parkman, Thompson, Montville, and is working on Middlefield.
    - iii. General Plan: Planning Commission staff is keeping a report of how many times we refer to the General Plan. The plan was used four times in December.
    - iv. Census Data: Ms. Crombie assisted the Chagrin Valley Times with locating census data on the Census Bureau’s website. Ms. Crombie explained that you must make sure you know what you are looking for. The term “township” is not specifically listed in their census geography choices as it is listed under “county subdivision”.
    - v. NOACA CEDS meetings: The Steering Committee met on December 3 and the consultant for the Pittsburg, PA CEDS gave an overview of their CEDS development process that involved ten (10) counties. Pittsburgh was chosen due to the similarities it has with Northeast Ohio as it has urban, rural, small towns, and farming areas. The consultant is looking for things in common in the region such as agriculture, but also things that are unique, such as Lake Erie. Resiliency was also

discussed as it relates to how communities react to large events, such as the pandemic and blizzards. How prepared is the government?

The Working Group met on December 8, 2021 to discuss things like agriculture, travel, and tourism. Medina county noted the importance of trade shows and local businesses working with the school districts.

Mr. Oros mentioned regarding the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, NOACA's involvement relates to them being tasked with ensuring water quality. Ms. Cocca-Fulton commented that she is not familiar with NOACA's connection sometimes.

***See Exhibit 7A***

**8. Major Subdivision to be reviewed**

A. Replat of Replat of Sublot 3-R Auburn Woods.

Auburn Township

Final Plat –application for withdrawal received from applicant 1-4-22

Ms. Crombie advised that a letter of withdrawal was received. Mr. Oros made a motion to accept the withdrawal of the re-plat of Sub-lot 3 Auburn Woods. Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Proposed Derchar Subdivision

Sublot 1 and 2

Hambden Township

Final Plat – extension request received from the applicant to extend to the 2-8-22 meeting.

Ms. Crombie advised the applicant requested another extension. Mr. McCaskey made a motion to accept the extension request for the Derchar Subdivision to the 2-8-22 meeting. Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Re-Plat of Multiple Sublots

Hambden Hills Estates and Hambden Hills Estates No. 2

Hambden Township

Final Plat

Ms. Crombie advised the property owners, BASP LLC, who are in attendance, submitted a re-plat to modify the 34 sublots they own located in Hambden Hills Estates and Hambden Hills Estates No. 2 in order to create two (2) sub-lots. BASP petitioned the Hambden Township Trustees to vacate the roads located within Hamden Hills Estates No. 2. The road vacation plat was approved in October 2021 by the County Commissioners. Ms. Crombie continued by saying the lot evaluation was just recently approved Friday, January 7, 2022.

Mr. McCaskey made a motion to approve the Re-plat of Multiple Sublots in Hambden Hills Estates and Hambden Hills Estates No. 2, contingent upon the owner's responsibility to comply with all

applicable federal and state regulations pertaining to wetlands and township regulations regarding riparian areas. Mr. Oros seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

*See Exhibit 8C*

**9. Correspondence:**

**A. 2021 Year End Report:**

Ms. Crombie advised the 2021 Year End Report was prepared and reviewed the various sections:

**Part 1: Introduction and Overview of Yearly Activities**

The year 2021 was productive with the main accomplishments being the adoption of the Geauga County General Plan, the plat for Geauga Lake Big Dipper Road, which will access the areas yet to be developed, review of the sign section of the Model Zoning Resolution, and the redistricting data from the 2020 Census.

Staff changes also occurred with Pamela Irizarry being hired in May 2021 as the part-time Administrative Assistant and Allyson Kobus in October 2021 as the new Planner II.

There were 112 inquiries per month on average pertaining to lot splits, zoning, etc. This number was up 74 per month from the average in 2020.

**Part 2: Comprehensive Planning and Zoning**

Ms. Crombie reviewed the following efforts this past year:

a.) The Geauga County General Plan dated 10/18/21 was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. b.) Land Use Mapping: Ms. Kobus updated Auburn, Troy, Parkman, Thompson, and Montville. Other townships were updated earlier in the year by the intern. c.) The Model Zoning Subcommittee and staff reviewed Article II (Definitions) and Article VII (Signs) as well as consultant Professor Alan Weinstein. Recommendations were forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for review. d.) Township Assistance: Planning Commission staff assisted with approximately 60 inquiries within the townships.

**Part 3: Planning Administration**

There was a total of 238 Lot splits/consolidations, 4 informal and 17 formal text/map amendments, and 93 easements. Ms. Crombie explained that there were 54 new lots splits, which included 23 minor subdivisions, 16 large lot splits, and 15 lots over twenty acres. Hambden, Parkman, and Auburn townships had the highest number of lot splits in 2021. Ms. Crombie referred to the map that portrays where the subdivision activity was located throughout the County.

Ms. Crombie reviewed the easement map as well that illustrates the general location of the six conservation easements and two agricultural easements approved in 2021. As the per the General Plan update, the Commission members felt this information was important.

**Part 4: Miscellaneous**

Ms. Crombie briefly reviewed that the GIS Working Group met throughout the year, which the staff attended to share ideas and learn about how other departments use GIS. The goal is to update the County GIS to an enterprise system. Ms. Crombie advised that several changes were made to the Planning Commission’s webpage including the posting of the Geauga County General Plan and census data. As stated earlier in the meeting, single family housing starts were higher in 2021 with 189 compared to 131 in 2020. Ms. Crombie stated staff attended various meetings with the County’s Department of Development director related to the creation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, known as CEDS, which NOACA is the facilitator. Lastly, between 2010 and 2020 the county experienced a population growth of 2.2%, with Hunting Valley Village and Bainbridge having the most increase. Ms. Crombie pointed out it is important to remember that the decennial census is a snapshot in time and the Census Bureau also releases estimates every year.

**Part 5: Staff Related**

Ms. Crombie stated that staff participated in 19 webinars within this past year and the intent is to attend as many or more next year.

**Part 6: Summary**

Ms. Crombie said that while 2021 was productive, she would like 2022 to be more productive for the Commission and create new plans, analysis, and reports to assist townships and the community. One goal is to get the land use map updated.

Ms. Cocca-Fulton asked if employee reviews have been scheduled and what was the probation period. Ms. Crombie replied the probation period is (6) six months. Ms. Cocca-Fulton went on to ask if the Planning Commission can participate in the review of employees. Ms. Crombie responded that it is done by the Planning Director per the Policy and Procedure manual.

*See Exhibit 9A*

**10. New Business:**

A. IRS Mileage: \$0.585 Per Mile Effective January 1, 2022


Mr. Oros made a motion to approve the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.585 per mile effective January 1, 2022. Mr. McCaskey seconded the motion, and upon a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**11. Adjournment**

Chairman Ms. Cocca -Fulton adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:05 am.



Caterina Cocca- Fulton, Chairman



Gary Neola, Secretary/Treasurer



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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 4, 2022  
TO: Planning Commission members  
FROM: Linda M. Crombie, AICP, Planning Director  
RE: 2022 Regular meeting dates, Agenda No. 4

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Please see the below the Geauga County Planning Commission meeting schedule for 2022. All meetings will begin at 7:30am and will be held in the Meeting Room of Building 8 at 470 Center Street in Chardon. Once the new County Administrative building is completed, the website will be updated accordingly with the new meeting location.

January 11  
February 8  
March 8  
April 12  
May 10  
June 14  
July 12  
August 9  
September 13  
October 13\*  
November 8  
December 13

\*All meetings occur on Tuesdays except the October meeting, which will be held on a Thursday due to the federal holiday.

The Commission will need to make a motion to approve the meeting schedule and it will then be posted to the Planning Commission's website.

Additionally, the attached 2022 Submittal Deadline and Meeting Date Schedule, presented at the December 2021 meeting will also be posted.

c: file

**COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**Summary**

**Budget – January 1, 2022**



<u>Account</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Salaries	\$136,089.00	\$0.00	\$136,089.00
Supplies	\$3,848.00	\$0.00	\$3,848.00
Hosp.	\$25,604.00	\$0.00	\$25,604.00
Medicare	\$1,990.00	\$0.00	\$1,990.00
OPERS	\$19,080.00	\$0.00	\$19,080.00
Worker's Comp.	\$252.00	\$0.00	\$252.00
Other Expenses	\$8,978.00	\$0.00	\$8,978.00
Equipment	\$3,451.00	\$0.00	\$3,451.00
Contracted Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Covid -19 Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199,292.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$199,292.00</b>

SUMMARY RESOLUTION FOR EXPENSES  
GEAUGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Jim McGstey MOVED THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION,  
WHICH MOTION WAS SECONDED BY Dennis Bergmark

WHEREAS, THE EXPENSES LISTED HEREIN HAVE BEEN INCURRED BY THE GEAUGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION IN ORDER FOR THE COMMISSION TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES; AND

WHEREAS, THESE EXPENSES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AT ITS JANUARY 11, 2022 MEETING;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE GEAUGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY AUTHORIZES PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING BILLS OR CLAIMS:

<u>P.O.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1073	OTHER	12/14	ALLYSON KOBUS (GAS MILEAGE FROM 10/15/21 TO 11/10/21)	25.03
1073	OTHER	12/14	PAMELA IRIZARRY (GAS MILEAGE FROM 10/19/21 TO 12/6/21)	37.63
1073	OTHER	12/14	LINDA CROMBIE (GAS MILEAGE FROM 7/14/21 TO 10/26/21)	67.76
4473	CONTRACTS	12/14	ALAN WEINSTEIN	950.00
TOTAL				<u>\$ 1,080.42</u>

  
Chairman CATERINA COCCA-FULTON

  
Gary Neola, Secretary/Treasurer



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January 4, 2022

Prepared for the January 11, 2022 Geauga County Planning Commission meeting

**Director's Report**

**1. 2021 Year End Report**

The 2021 Year End Report was prepared and will be addressed separately under Item 9, Correspondence.

**2. December 2021 Housing Starts and Year End Housing Starts Total**

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021 saw 40 more housing starts and residential construction increased in 2021 as compared to recent years with a total of 189 new housing starts. The chart below provides quarterly housing start data for all of 2021 and previous yearly totals.

**New Housing Starts, Geauga County**

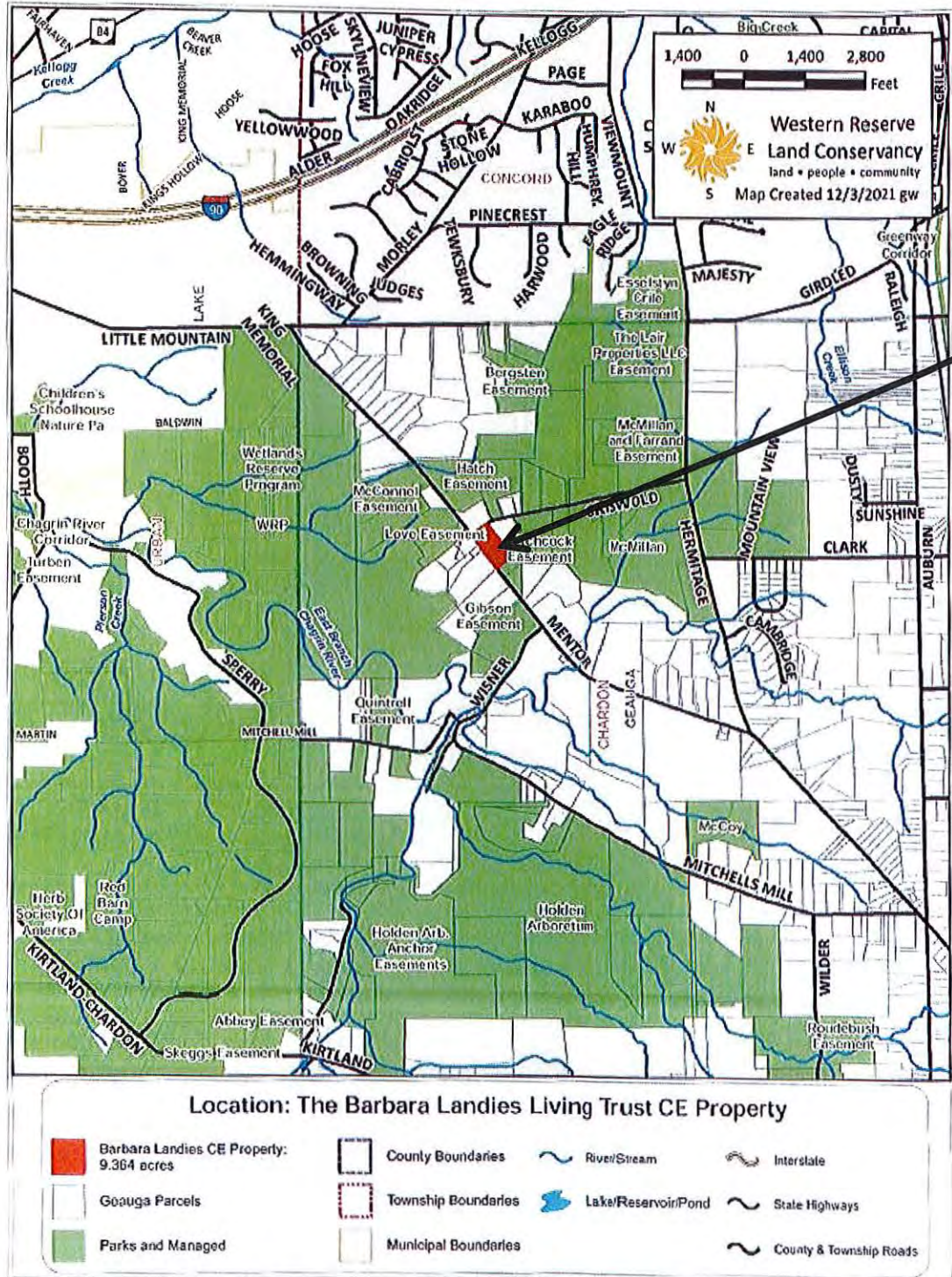
	Yearly Totals				Total 2018-2021	2021 Quarterly Totals			
	Total	Total	Total	Total		1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr
	2018	2019	2020	2021		2021	2021	2021	2021
Aquila Village	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auburn Township	11	10	10	18	49	2	4	5	7
Bainbridge Township	33	23	26	31	113	11	8	8	4
Burton Township	6	6	3	5	20	1	2	0	2
Burton Village	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chardon Township	1	8	6	11	26	2	3	4	2
Chardon City	8	4	2	5	19	1	2	2	0
Chester Township	8	12	6	9	35	1	2	3	3
Claridon Township	10	9	1	9	29	2	4	0	2
Hambden Township	6	9	7	13	35	4	2	5	2
Huntsburg Township	4	6	3	7	20	2	1	2	2
Middlefield Township	3	4	9	8	24	0	2	2	4
Middlefield Village	7	5	7	11	30	3	2	4	2
Montville Township	5	3	3	2	13	0	0	1	1
Munson Township	11	11	17	15	54	1	11	1	2
Newbury Township	6	8	5	10	29	2	3	2	3
Parkman Township	7	12	8	13	40	4	4	4	1
Russell Township	10	14	9	9	42	3	4	2	0
Thompson Township	5	5	5	6	21	4	1	1	0
Troy Township	4	4	4	6	18	0	2	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>

Totals do not include South Russell Village

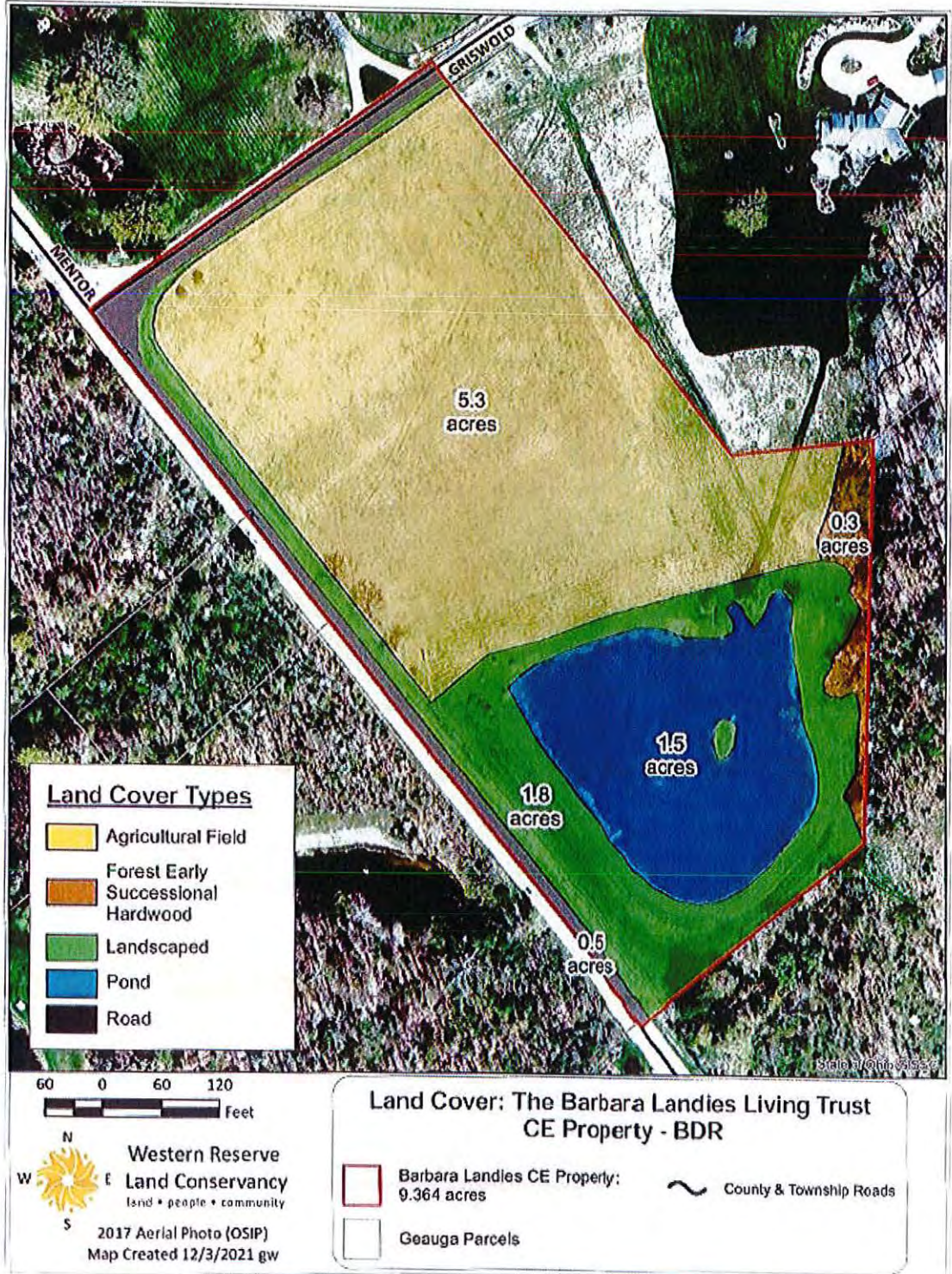
### 3. Conservation and Agricultural Easements

The following easements were approved in December 2021:

#### A. Landies, 9.36 acres, Chardon Township, Conservation Easement to Western Reserve Land Conservancy



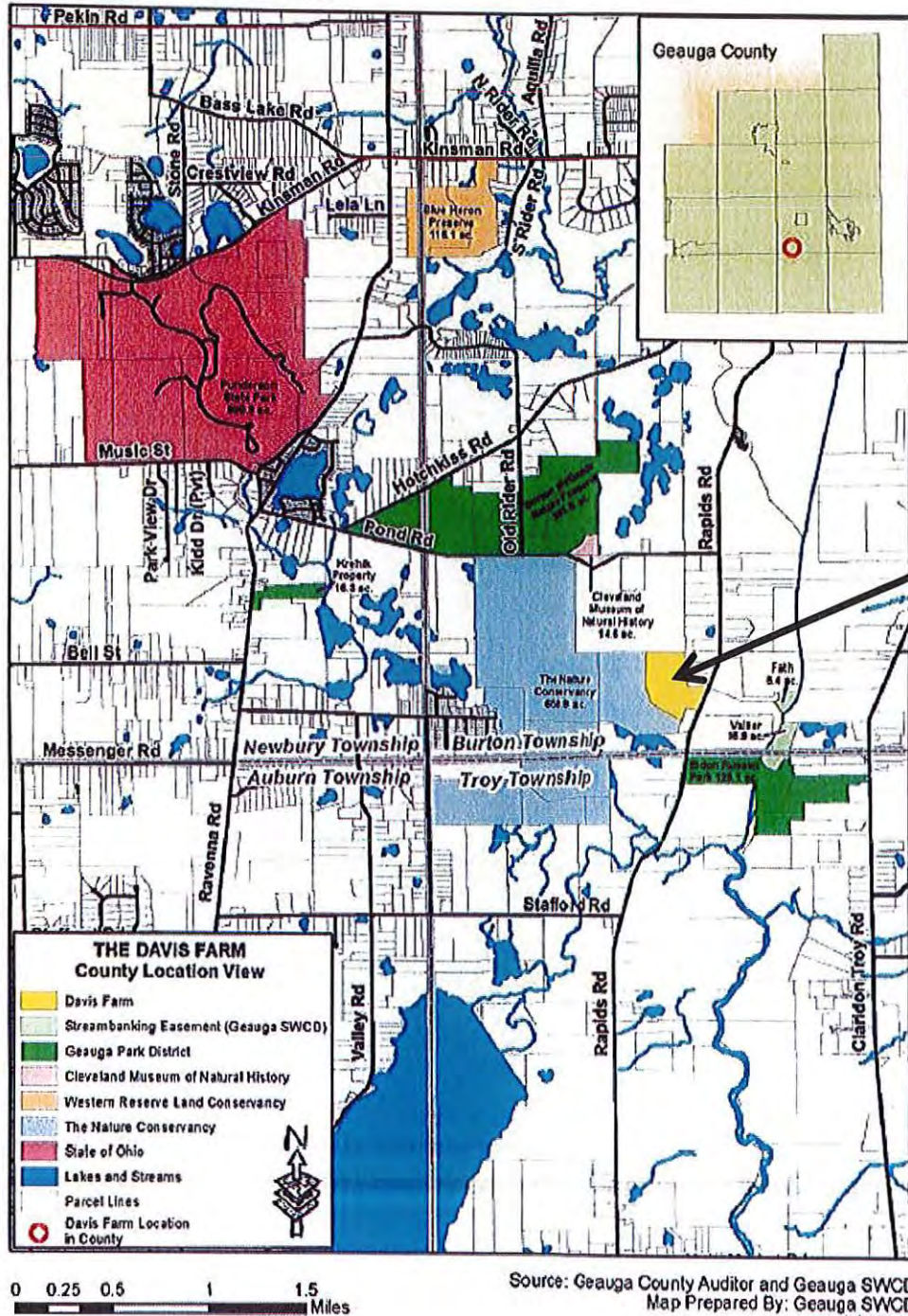
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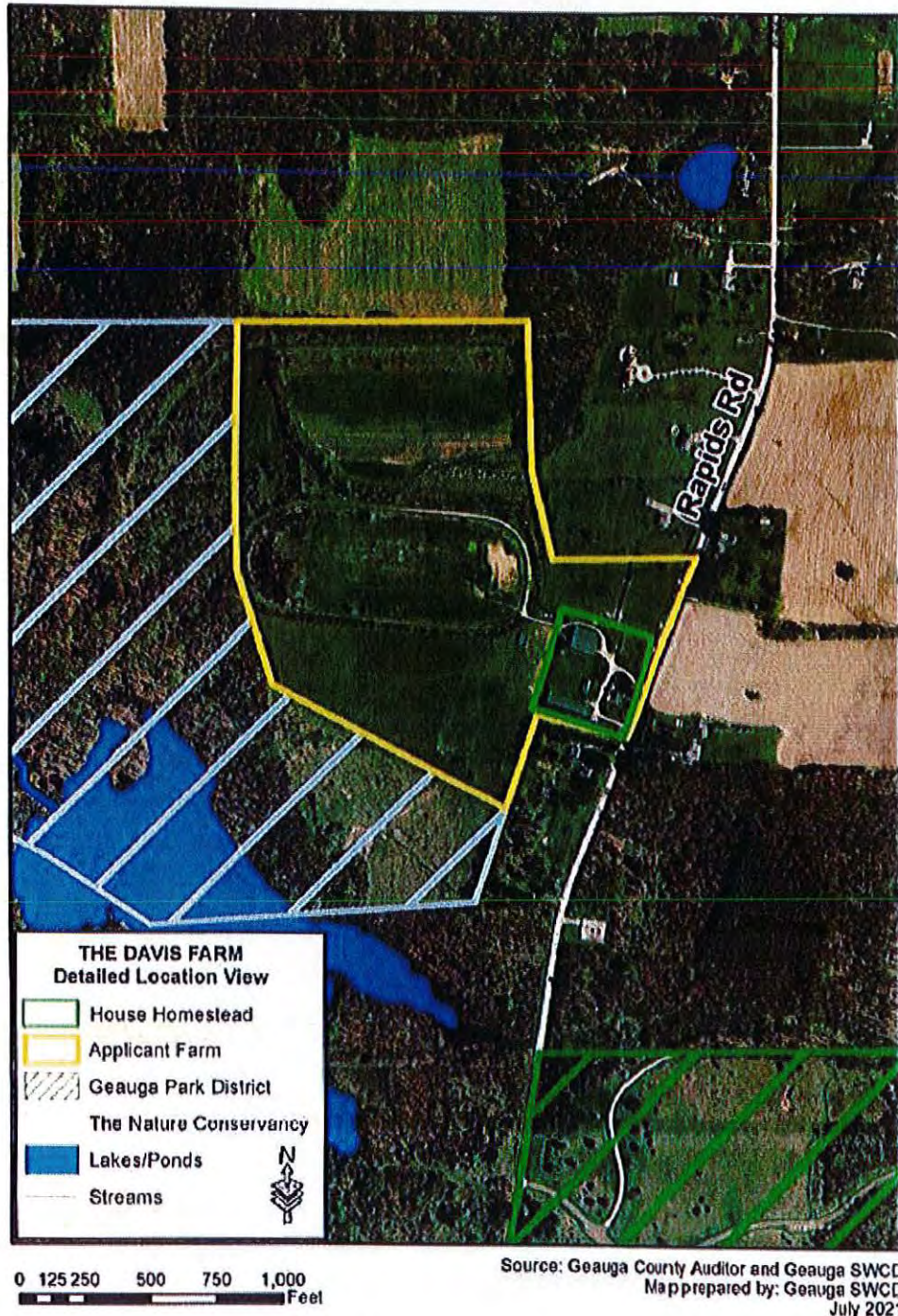
B. Davis, 47 acres, Burton Township, Agricultural Easement to the Ohio Department of Agriculture

6.1 Map 1: County Location View



Davis continued

### 6.2 Map 2: Detailed Location View



PRESENT CONDITIONS REPORT – DAVIS

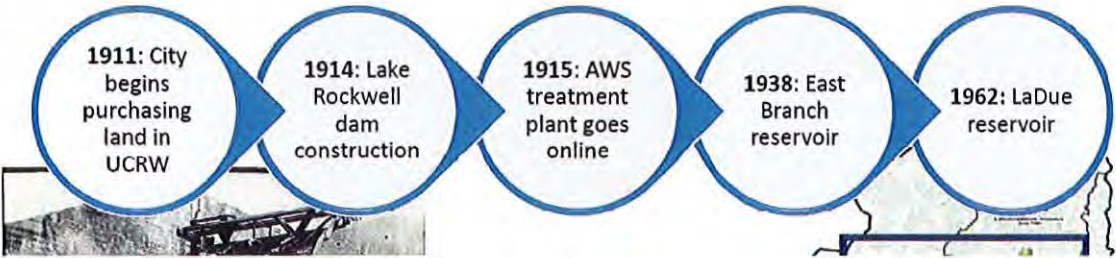
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It is important to note that with agricultural easements, such as the Davis one above purchased through the state agricultural easement program known as LAEPP (Local Agricultural Easement Program), the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District is required to perform annual monitoring of the property to ensure compliance with the terms of the easement.

CRWP is seeking “feedback on locations for restoration and protection project opportunities.” As local residents will be more knowledgeable, CRWP indicated the survey was sent to township officials and other agencies for input. The survey is permitted to be forwarded so a copy of it was provided in Dropbox for you along with a copy of the presentation. If you know of someone interested in completing the survey, you can forward it to them or they can contact CRWP for a copy.

The deadline to submit the survey is January 14, 2022 to [survey@crwp.com](mailto:survey@crwp.com). You are asked to name your completed survey file “SawyerBrook\_LastName” or “EastBranch\_LastName” and include “Upper Cuyahoga Watershed Survey” in the subject line of your email. A recording of the webinar can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmenVWX85M>

Representatives from the City of Akron explained the City owns so much property in Geauga County due to a public health crisis that occurred in early 1900’s that prompted the City to purchase property in the upper Cuyahoga River watershed to protect their drinking water supply. I wanted to share this information as it was a point of discussion during the General Plan update, partially related to the City’s tax exempt status as well as conservation easements. Per the timeline below, the East Branch Reservoir was created in 1938 and Ladue in 1962. (The Sawyer Brook branch is located directly east of the Ladue Reservoir.)



**6. Year-end administrative activities**

The staff worked on various year-end close activities including closing open purchase orders, carry-over amounts, and creating new 2022 purchase orders. Other forms related to inventory, sick time/vacation time will be completed as well. Additionally, fifteen (15) boxes of lot splits, consolidations, easements, and other miscellaneous records were sent to archives.

**7. Work Summary, December 2021**

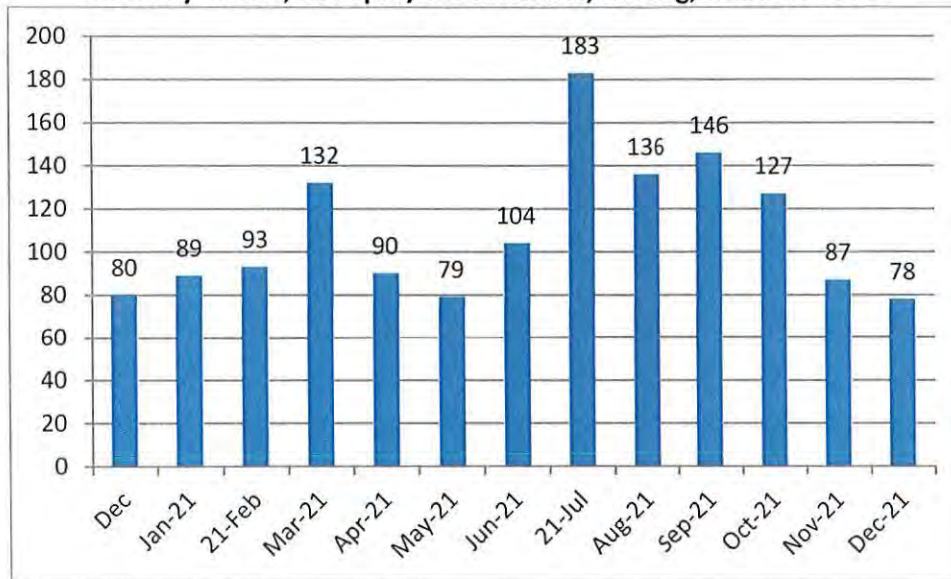
**Geauga County Planning Commission  
Work Summary, December 2021**

**a. Planning/Zoning/Subdivision Administration**

	# Reviewed, December 2021
<b>Lot Splits/Subdivisions</b>	
Re-plat	1

Major Subdivision	0
Minor Subdivisions (5 acres and less)	2
Large Lot Subdivisions (Between 5-20 acres)	2
Exempt Lots (Transfer to Adjacent Owner)	6
Exempt Lots (Over 20 acres)	1
Lot consolidations	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Zoning</b>	
Informal text or map amendment reviews	2
Formal text or map amendment reviews	0
Preliminary lot split inquiries	34
Miscellaneous planning/zoning inquiries	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Easements (roadway, septic, utility, etc.)	4

**Monthly Totals, Lot Split/Subdivisions, Zoning, Miscellaneous**



The following is a summary of various points of contact with the townships:

Chardon

- Assisted with informal review of potential text amendments

Hambden

- Assisted with questions related to the map amendment process and uses.

Munson

- Assisted with various lot split questions and informal review of potential text amendments.

Russell

- Assisted with questions about agricultural use in a subdivision on lots over five acres.

## **b. Comprehensive Planning Efforts**

### **i. Staff Training**

The staff viewed some or all of the following webinars from the Citizen Planner Training series offered by APA Ohio: 1) Role of the Citizen Planner;; 2) Site Plan Review; 3) Ethics in Planning; and 4) Law/Planning: Role of the Ohio Planning Commissioner

### **ii. County Land Use Map Updates**

Ms. Kobus has updated Parkman, Thompson, and Montville and is working on Middlefield.

### **iii. General Plan**

The General Plan was used four times during December 2021 as follows: staff reference in preparing the 2022 goals, discussion with Trumbull County Planning Commission on the Middlefield urbanized area, CEDS Working Group question about farming, and the Maple Leaf regarding a recap of the plan process.

### **iv. Census data**

I assisted the Chagrin Valley Times with locating census data on the Census Bureau's website, explained "township" is known as a "county subdivision" in the search function.

### **v. NOACA CEDS meetings**

The Steering Committee met on December 3 and the consultant for the Pittsburg, PA CEDS gave an overview of their CEDS development process that involved ten (10) counties. Pittsburg was chosen as an example to refer to as it somewhat similar to Northeast Ohio as it involved urban, rural, small town, and farming areas. In reviewing the various existing government plans throughout the NOACA area, the consultant is looking for commonality in the region, such as agriculture, but also assets that are unique, such as Lake Erie. It was noted that the region has older commercial/industrial areas but still a strong agricultural component overall.

Resiliency was discussed as it relates to how communities react to certain large scale events, such as the pandemic, blizzards, etc. Questions to ask include what have the chambers of commerce experienced, is there succession planning for businesses, and how were local businesses supported through the pandemic?

The Working Group met on December 8. In terms of agriculture, understanding how local food is used is important; is it mostly used locally or shipped out of state? Destination Cleveland informed the group that they experienced a growth in travel and tourism. Medina County noted the importance of trade shows and local businesses working with the school districts to keep students interested in working in the region. When asked, I noted that while farms in the Geauga county have decreased in overall size, they have increased in number as there are many residents interested in growing local produce for farm markets, restaurants, and road side stands.



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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 4, 2022  
 TO: Planning Commission members  
 FROM: Linda M. Crombie, Planning Director  
 RE: Hambden Hills Estates Re-plat, Agenda Item 8C

<b>Township:</b>	Hambden	<b>Number of new lots:</b>	None (consolidation)
<b>Zoning:</b>	R-1 Residential	<b>Project Acreage:</b>	43.586
<b>Subdivision:</b>	Hambden Hills	<b>Lot size range:</b>	20.1 acres to 23.2 acres
<b>Project Type:</b>	Re-plat/consolidation	<b>Average lot size:</b>	21.8 acres
<b>Applicant:</b>	BASP, LLC (Chris Cook and Matthew Cook)		

### Summary:

Chris Cook and Matthew Cook of BASP, LLC (“BASP”) submitted a re-plat to modify the configuration of thirty-four (34) sub-lots they own located in Hambden Hills Estates and Hambden Hills Estates No. 2 in order to create two (2) sub-lots, designated as Sub-lot A (20.238 acres) and Sub-lot B (23.348 acres).

Within Hambden Hills Estates BASP owns Sub-lot 6 and an area designated as “Future Road”, as marked in red on the plat on Page 2. Within Hambden Hills Estates No. 2 BASP owns all of the sub-lots that comprise the subdivision, known as Sub-lots 15-47 as marked in red on the plat on Page 3. Sub-lot 6 and the “Future Road” located in the original Hambden Hills Estates subdivision will provide road frontage on Rock Creek Road for the two proposed sub-lots.

Additionally, BASP petitioned the Hambden Township Trustees to vacate the roads located within Hambden Hills Estates No. 2 as there was no plan to install the roads as platted. The road vacation plat, approved in October 2021 by the County Commissioners, was necessary in order to re-plat the sub-lots.

### Review comments:

<i>Soil and Water:</i>	As lots are developed, abbreviated WMSC plans will need to be submitted for approval pursuant to Hambden Zoning Resolution. At that time all riparian setbacks as shown will need to be adhered to and additionally shown on the abbreviated WMSC plans.
<i>Hambden Zoning:</i>	No comments
<i>Tax Map:</i>	Approved
<i>Engineer’s Office:</i>	Comments not yet received

Health Department: No comments at this time until evaluations are completed  
 Water Resources: N/A

Hambden Hills Estates (recorded in 1957)

**HAMBDEN HILLS ESTATES**  
 A SUBDIVISION OF 16.2222 ACRES  
 BEING A PART OF LOT 1 - PARKER TRACT  
 HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP, GAUGHA TOWNSHIP, O.

MELVIN PIKE AND ERNEST MCCLINTOCK  
 VOL. 7, P. 83

WE ERNEST M. MCCLINTOCK AND MELVIN E. PIKE, JOINT OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY REPRESENTED ON THIS PLAT, HEREBY AFFIRM THAT WE HAVE CAUSED THIS PROPERTY TO BE SUBDIVIDED AS REPRESENTED HEREON AND THAT THE SAME IS OUR OWN FREE ACT AND DEED.  
 WITNESSES: Edith M. McClintock Melvin E. Pike  
Donald J. Miller Benjamin G. Pike

WE EDITH M. MCCLINTOCK WIFE OF ERNEST M. MCCLINTOCK AND MELVIN E. PIKE, WIFE OF MELVIN E. PIKE, DO HEREBY REMISE AND RELEASE ALL OUR RIGHT AND EXPECTANCY OF DOWER IN THE PREMISES HEREIN DESCRIBED.  
 WITNESSES: Edith M. McClintock Melvin E. Pike  
Donald J. Miller Benjamin G. Pike

BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LAKE AND STATE OF OHIO, PERSONALLY APPEARED THE ABOVE NAMED ERNEST M. MCCLINTOCK, EDITH M. MCCLINTOCK, MELVIN E. PIKE AND MARJORIA PIKE WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY DID SIGN THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT AND THAT THE SAME IS THEIR OWN FREE ACT AND DEED.  
 DATED AT Wadsworth OHIO, THIS 17th DAY OF October, 1957.  
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES August 5, 1957  
Donald J. Miller

HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - PLAT OF PROPERTY SHOWN HEREIN PRESENTED AND APPROVED.

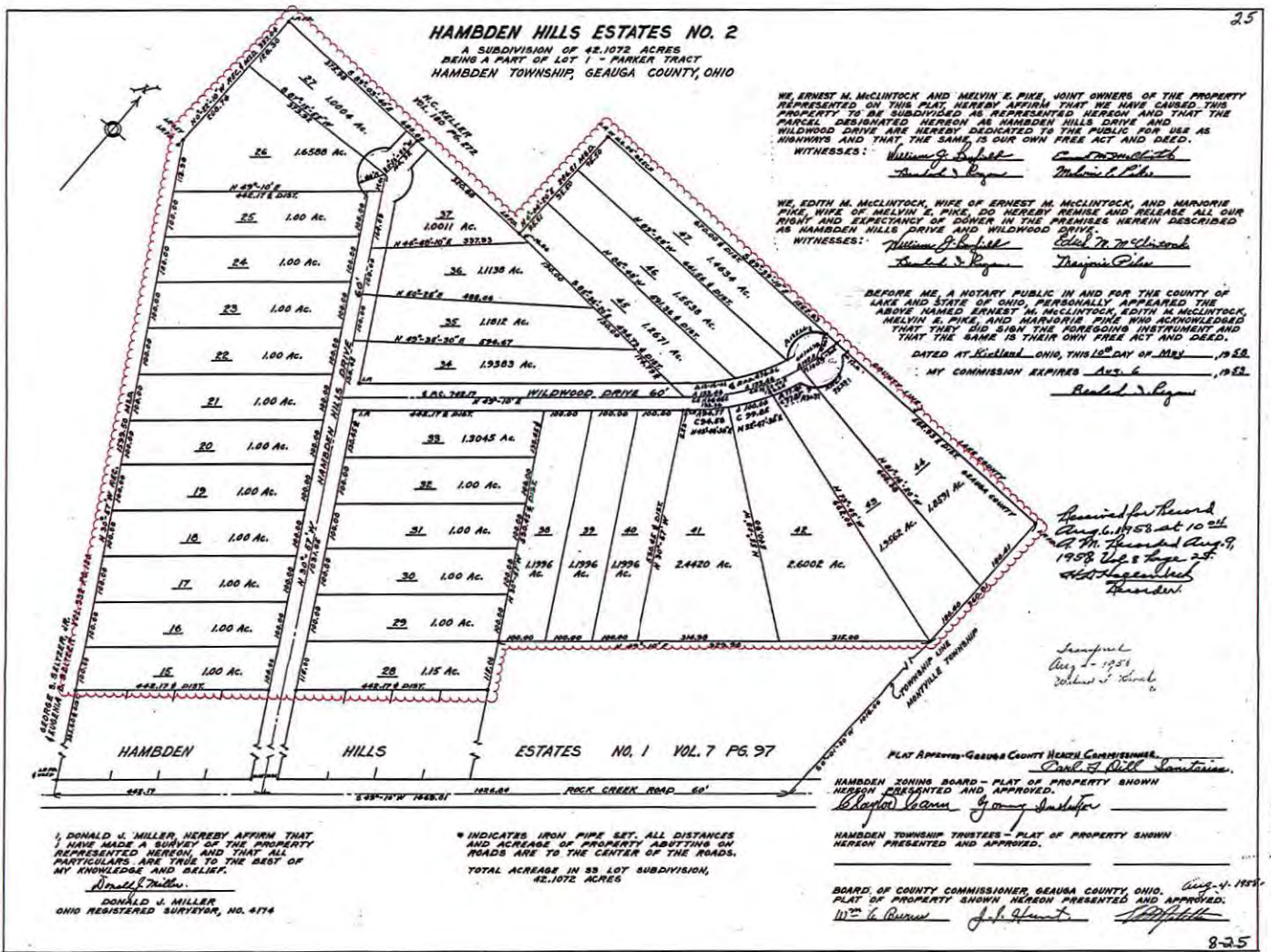
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GAUGHA COUNTY, OHIO.  
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 Oct. 21, 1957 W. J. Bunn W. J. Bunn

\* INDICATES IRON PIPE SET. ALL DISTANCES AND ACREAGE OF PROPERTY ABUTTING ON ROCK CREEK ROAD ARE TO THE CENTER OF THE ROAD.  
 TOTAL ACREAGE IN 14 LOT SUB-DIVISION, 16.2222 ACRES

I, DONALD J. MILLER, HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I HAVE MADE A SURVEY OF THE PROPERTY REPRESENTED HEREON AND THAT ALL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.  
Donald J. Miller DONALD J. MILLER  
 OHIO REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 4174  
 J. J. Jones October 21, 1957  
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Hamdbden Hills Estates No. 2 (recorded in 1958)



Hambden Hills Estates re-plat  
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The owners are currently working to obtain septic evaluation approval for the two proposed sub-lots. If approval is not obtained prior to the January 11 meeting, this application will have to be extended to the February meeting.

Note: It is the property owner's responsibility to comply with all applicable federal and state regulations pertaining to the presence of wetlands, if any, as well as township regulations regarding riparian areas. This must be an approval contingency.

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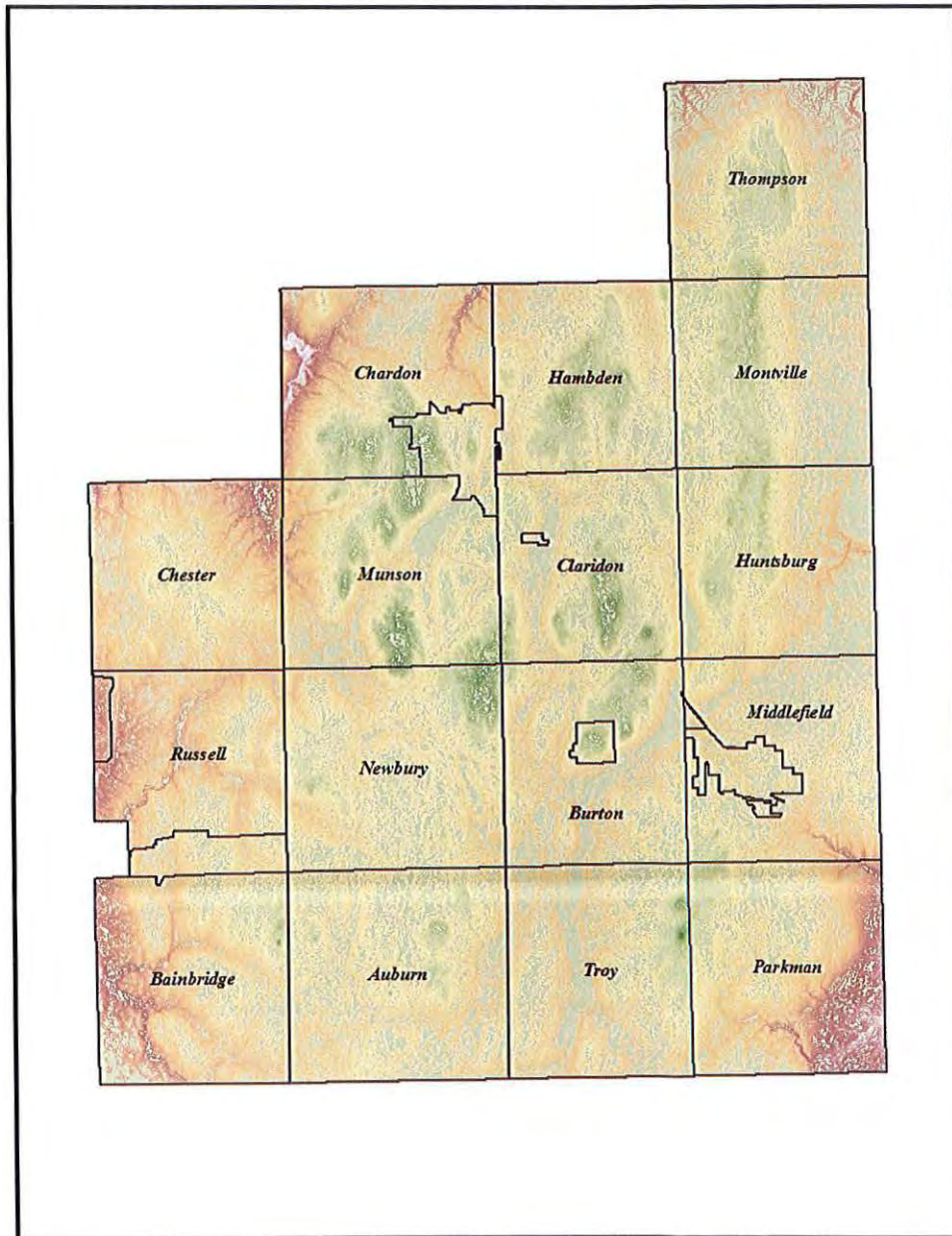
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# 2021 Year End Report



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January 4, 2022

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## **Part 1: Introduction and Overview of Yearly Activities**

The year 2021 was productive with the main highlight being the adoption of the Geauga County General Plan (dated 10/18/2021). Staff changes also occurred with Pamela Irizarry being hired in May 2021 as the part-time Administrative Assistant and Allyson Kobus in October 2021 as the new Planner II. We wish former Planner I, Maria Palmisano, the best in her career pursuits.

The redevelopment process of the former Geauga Lake began with the approval of the Preliminary Plan and Final Plat for Big Dipper Road, the collector street that will provide access to the areas yet to be developed. The Model Zoning Resolution, particularly the sign section, continued to be reviewed. Initial redistricting data from 2020 Census was released in late April at the national and state level. Later in September total population, race, and housing unit redistricting data were released.

Inquiries about lot splits, zoning, etc. averaged 112 per month, which is up from the 74 per month average in 2020. The pandemic was still an influence in 2021 but the higher numbers suggest residents are willing to move forward with lot split/construction projects. We continued to offer attendance at the Commission virtually to members until July 1 when the County Prosecutor's Office advised remote attendance was no longer permitted.

## **Part 2: Comprehensive Planning and Zoning**

The following planning efforts occurred in 2021:

- a) Geauga County General Plan Update  
The 4/4/2021, 8/3/2021, and 10/6/2021 drafts of the plan were reviewed over the course of the year and the final 10/18/2021 plan was adopted by the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners. This plan will be assessed annually with major updates every five years.
- b) Land use mapping  
Ms. Kobus updated the land use maps for Auburn, Troy, Parkman, Thompson, and Montville. The GIS/Planning Intern also updated Munson and Newbury townships earlier in the year.
- c) Model Zoning Resolution  
The Model Zoning Subcommittee and staff reviewed Article II (Definitions) and Article VII (Signs) as well as consultant Professor Alan Weinstein. The final recommendations were forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office in December 2021 for review.
- d) Township assistance  
Staff assisted with approximately sixty (60) inquiries, large and small, within the townships including but not limited to questions about text or map amendments, zoning, resources/historic record availability, non-conforming lots, etc.

## **Part 3: Planning Administration**

The Planning Commission staff performed numerous lot split, easement, and text/map amendment reviews, a detailed breakdown of which is provided on the following page.

a) Subdivision and Zoning Activity

Table 3-a-1 below provides the total number of lot splits and other subdivision activity as well as the number of text/map amendments and easements reviewed.

**Table 3-a-1 Planning Administration Activity 2021**

	2021
	# Reviewed
<b>Lot Splits/Subdivisions</b>	
Re-plat	14
Major Subdivision	3
Minor Subdivisions (5 acres and less)	23
Large Lot Subdivisions (Between 5-20 acres)	16
Exempt Lots (Transfer to Adjacent Owner)	72
Exempt Lots (Over 20 acres)	15
Lot consolidations	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Zoning</b>	
Informal text or map amendment reviews	4
Formal text or map amendment reviews	17
Preliminary lot split inquiries	225
Miscellaneous planning/zoning inquiries	412
<b>Total</b>	<b>658</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Easements (roadway, septic, utility)	<b>93</b>

A total of fifty-three (54) new lots, including minor subdivisions (23), large lot subdivisions (16), and lots over twenty acres (15) were reviewed in 2021, which is higher than the thirty-eight (38) reviewed in 2020 and forty-two (42) in 2019. The top three townships with the most lot split activity in 2021 were Hambden (8), Parkman (7) and Auburn (7) as compared to 2020 when Middlefield (8), Troy (6) and Parkman (5) were the most active. Map 3-a-1 on Page 9 graphically illustrates the above information.

An item of particular note in Bainbridge Township was the approval of the final plat for Big Dipper Road, the collector road located between Aurora Road and Depot Road that will serve as a major access point to the former Geauga Lake properties as they are redeveloped.

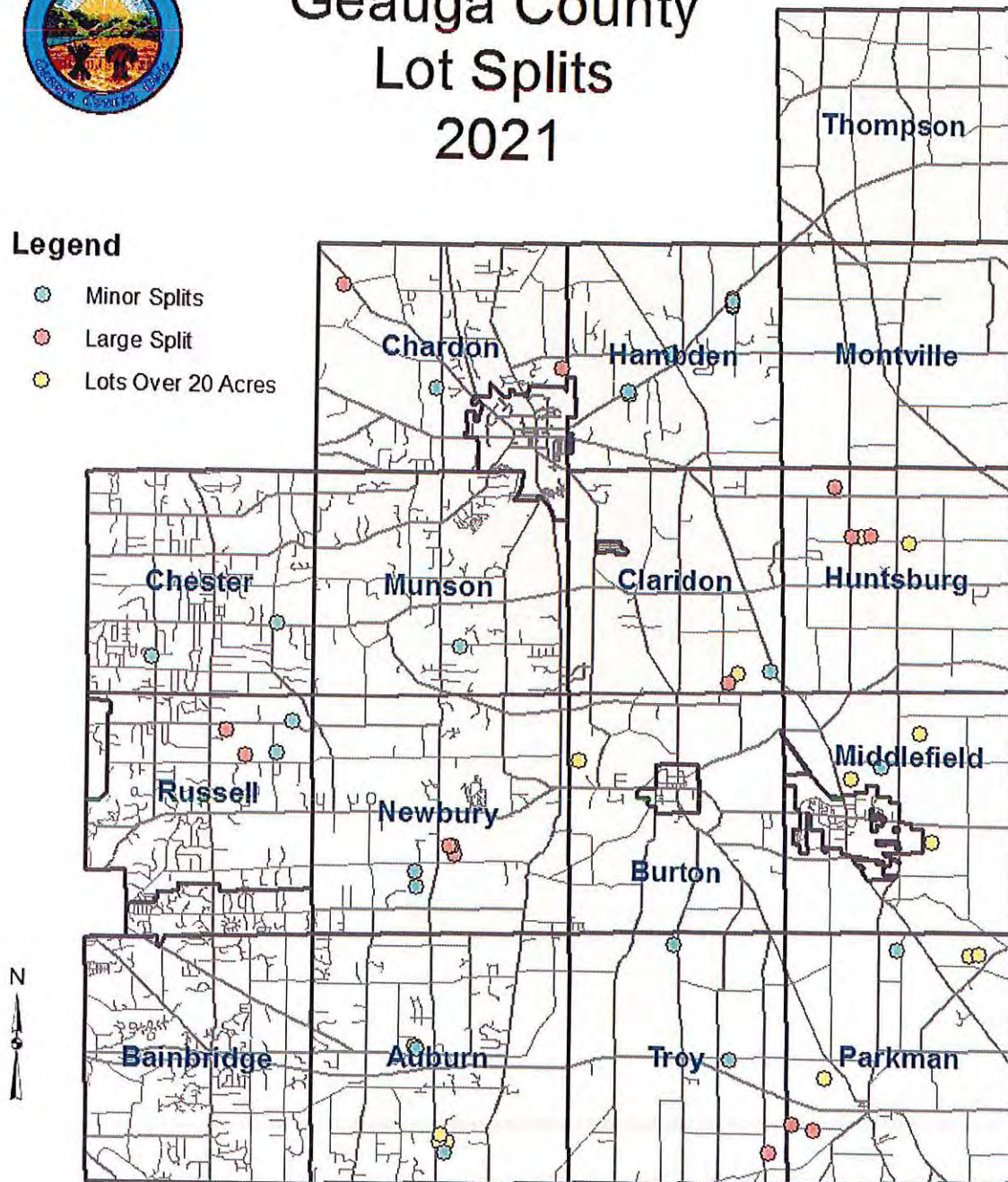
Map 3-a-1, Geauga County Lot Splits 2021



# Geauga County Lot Splits 2021

## Legend

- Minor Splits
- Large Split
- Lots Over 20 Acres



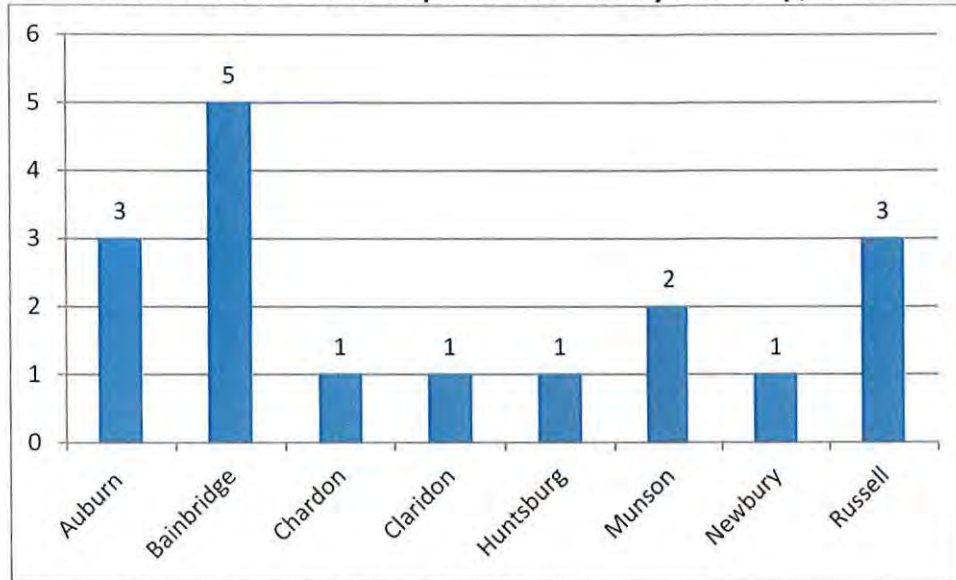
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b) Township Zoning Resolution Text and Map Amendments

Seventeen (17) total formal zoning amendments were reviewed in 2021 as compared to fifteen (15) in 2020 and eighteen (18) in 2019. Fifteen (15) were text and two (2) were map related. Eleven were initiated by township zoning commissions, three were initiated by township trustees and two were initiated by property owners.

**Chart 3-b-1 Text and Map Amendments by Township, 2021**



Source: Geauga County Planning Commission

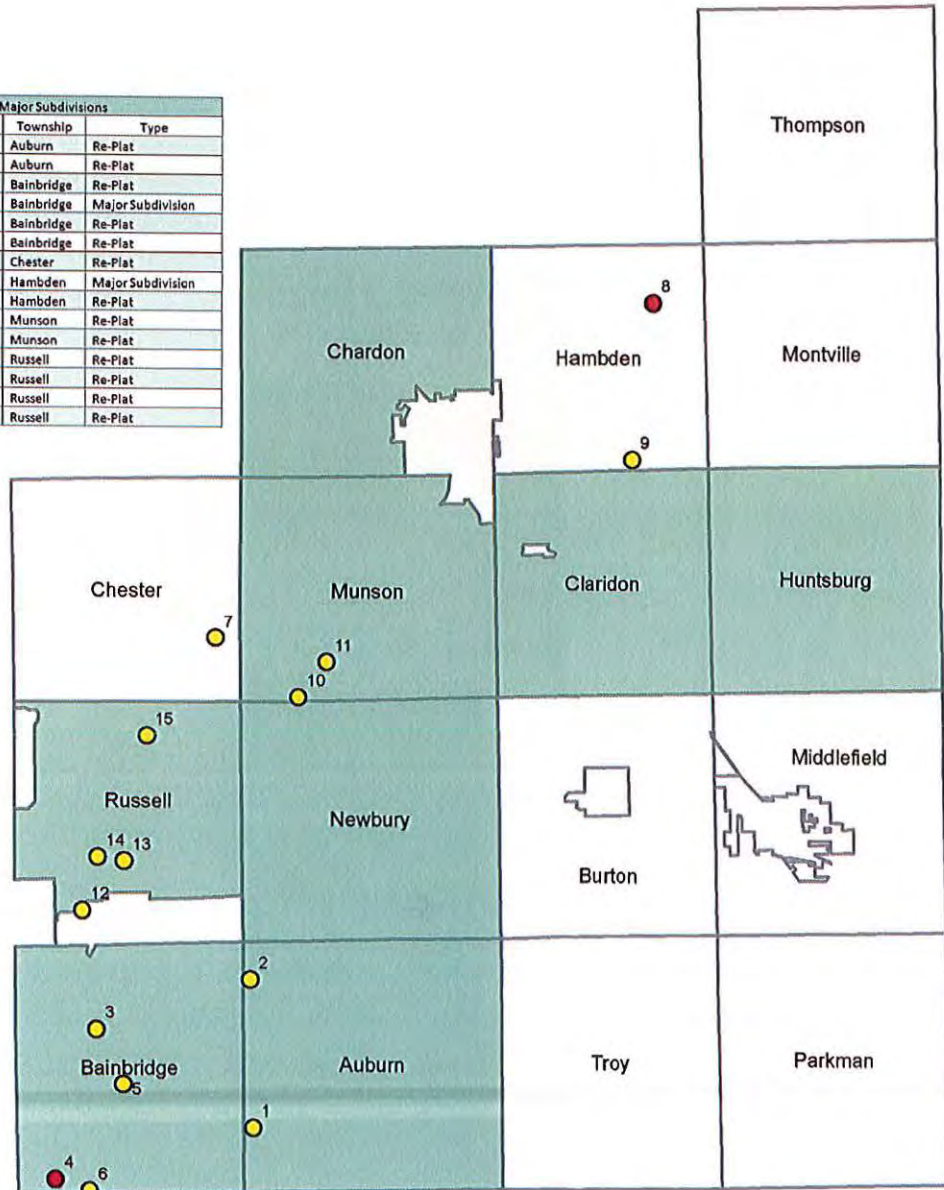
Map 3-b-1 on Page 11 provides a visual summary of the items Planning Commission reviewed during 2021 related to major subdivisions, re-plats, and township text/map amendments.

Map 3-b-1, Major Subdivisions, Re-plats, and Text/Map Amendments, 2021



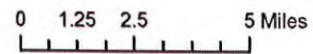
## Geauga County Planning Commission Major Subdivision, Re-Plats, Text/Map Amendments 2021

2021 Re-Plats & Major Subdivisions			
No.	Name	Township	Type
1	Auburn Woods	Auburn	Re-Plat
2	Lorien Woods	Auburn	Re-Plat
3	Canyon Lake Colony	Bainbridge	Re-Plat
4	Geauga Lake Big Dipper	Bainbridge	Major Subdivision
5	Kenston Lakes Estates	Bainbridge	Re-Plat
6	Rivers Edge	Bainbridge	Re-Plat
7	Sandy Hill Estates	Chester	Re-Plat
8	Derchar	Hambden	Major Subdivision
9	McClintock Pike	Hambden	Re-Plat
10	Rock Haven Estates	Munson	Re-Plat
11	Boulder Glen Farm	Munson	Re-Plat
12	Chagrin Highlands	Russell	Re-Plat
13	Cloveridge	Russell	Re-Plat
14	Riverdale Estates	Russell	Re-Plat
15	Kent Subdivision	Russell	Re-Plat



**Legend**

- Major Subdivisions
- Re-Plats
- Townships Involving Text and/or Map Amendments



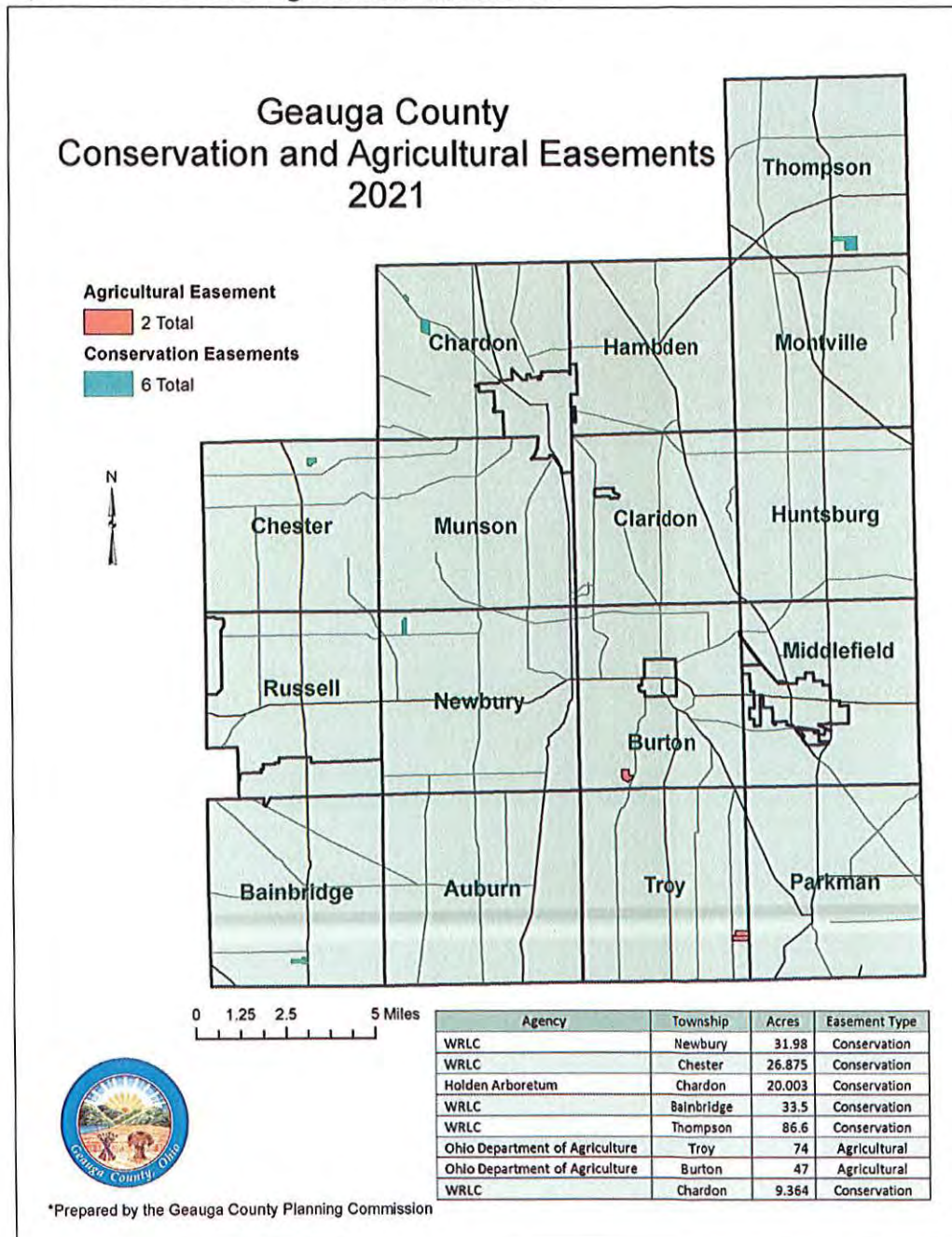
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c) Easements

Ninety-three (93) easements were approved in 2021 as compared to one hundred thirty-one (131) in 2020 and forty (40) in 2019. Easements are generally for utilities, storm water, conservation, septic systems or for highway purposes.

In 2021 there were a total of eight (8) conservation related easements, six (6) of which were conservation easements held by land conservancies/non-profit and two (2) agricultural easements through the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s LAEPP (Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program). Map 3-c-1 below graphically illustrates the above information.

**Map 3-c-1, Conservation and Agricultural Easements**



**Part 4: Miscellaneous**

a) GIS Working Group

The County continued the process of updating the County GIS to an enterprise system and the staff participated in various meetings throughout the year. Participants from numerous county, township, and municipal offices attended to learn about how other departments use the GIS and how data sharing will be much easier with the enterprise system.

b) Planning Commission Website Updates

Various changes were made to the Planning Commission’s webpage including posting of the Geauga County General Plan and census data.

c) Public Official Directory

The Directory of Public Officials was updated as usual.

d) New Single Family Housing Starts

Single family housing starts were higher in 2021 with 189 compared to 131 in 2020 and 153 in 2019 previous years as listed in Table 4-d-1. The three year average is 158.

**Table 4-d-1, New Single Family Housing Starts, 2016-2021**

<b>Geauga County New Single Family Housing Starts 2016-2021</b>						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Aquilla Village	1	1	0	0	0	0
Auburn Twp.	18	10	11	10	10	18
Bainbridge Twp.	26	33	33	23	26	31
Burton Twp.	5	0	6	6	3	5
Burton Village	0	1	0	0	0	1
Chardon City	8	9	8	4	2	11
Chardon Twp.	6	8	1	8	6	5
Chester Twp.	5	5	8	12	6	9
Claridon	0	6	10	9	1	9
Hambden Twp.	11	13	6	9	7	13
Huntsburg Twp.	10	9	4	6	3	7
Middlefield Twp.	5	5	3	4	9	8
Middlefield Village	3	3	7	5	7	11
Montville Twp.	2	3	5	3	3	2
Munson Twp.	13	13	11	11	17	15
Newbury Twp.	3	12	6	8	5	10
Parkman Twp.	13	12	7	12	8	13
Russell Twp.	6	6	10	14	9	9
Thompson Twp.	2	5	5	5	5	6
Troy Twp.	4	2	4	4	4	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>189</b>

\* Data not available for South Russell Village

Source: Geauga County Building Department

e) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Staff attended various meetings with the County’s Department of Development director related to the creation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, known as a CEDS, which NOACA is the facilitator.

f) 2020 Census Population Data

The 2020 Census redistricting data for population and housing units were released and the data was compiled into table form and posted to the website. Table 4-f-1 below provides population data from the 1990, 2000, 2010, and the 2020 redistricting data. Between 2010 and 2020, the county experienced a population growth of 2.2%, which is steady compared to the 2.7% growth experienced between the 2000 and 2010 censuses.

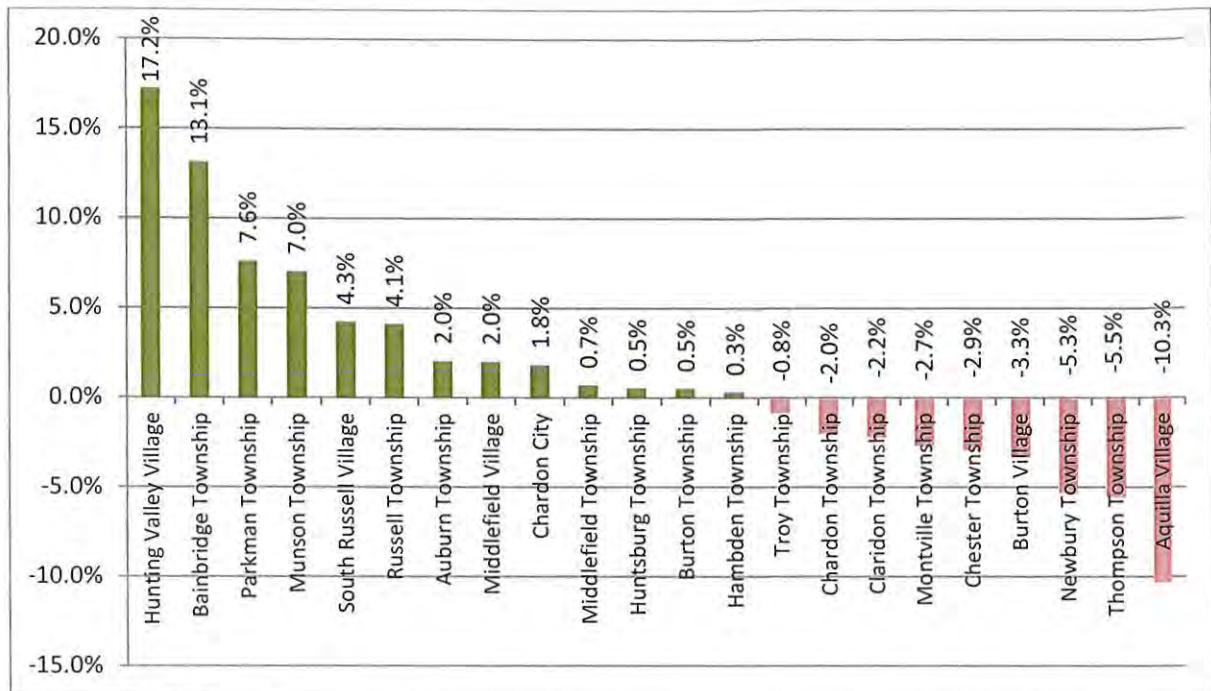
**Table 4-f-1, Population Data, 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020 Decennial Census**

	1990 Census	2000 Census	2010 Census	2020 Census Redistricting Data	# Change 2010-2020	% Change 2010-2020
Aquilla Village	360	372	340	305	-35	-10.3%
Auburn Twp.	3,298	5,158	6,443	6,574	131	2.0%
Bainbridge Twp.	9,694	10,916	11,395	12,893	1,498	13.1%
Burton Twp.	2,838	2,908	2,957	2,972	15	0.5%
Burton Village	1,349	1,450	1,455	1,407	-48	-3.3%
Chardon City	4,446	5,156	5,148	5,242	94	1.8%
Chardon Twp.	4,037	4,763	4,585	4,494	-91	-2.0%
Chester Twp.	11,049	10,968	10,255	9,957	-298	-2.9%
Claridon	2,656	2,801	2,860	2,798	-62	-2.2%
Hambden Twp.	3,311	4,024	4,661	4,676	15	0.3%
Huntsburg Twp.	2,642	3,297	3,637	3,657	20	0.5%
Hunting Valley Vill.	151	145	116	136	20	17.2%
Middlefield Twp.	4,111	4,418	4,493	4,525	32	0.7%
Middlefield Village	1,898	2,233	2,694	2,748	54	2.0%
Montville Twp.	1,682	1,984	1,991	1,938	-53	-2.7%
Munson Twp.	5,775	6,450	6,621	7,087	466	7.0%
Newbury Twp.	5,611	5,805	5,537	5,244	-293	-5.3%
Parkman Twp.	3,083	3,546	4,131	4,446	315	7.6%
Russell Twp.	5,614	5,529	5,190	5,404	214	4.1%
South Russell Vill.	3,402	4,022	3,810	3,972	162	4.3%
Thompson Twp.	2,219	2,383	2,269	2,144	-125	-5.5%
Troy Twp.	1,903	2,567	2,801	2,778	-23	-0.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81,129</b>	<b>90,895</b>	<b>93,389</b>	<b>95,397</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Chart 4-f-1 on Page 15 further illustrates percent change graphically for each jurisdiction. While Hunting Valley village experienced the highest percent change at 17.2%, the three townships with the highest percent change are Bainbridge (13.1%), Parkman (7.6%), and Munson (7%). Data analysis will continue as data is released.

**Chart 4-f-1, Percent Population Change, 2010-2020**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### **Part 5: Staff related**

- Pamela Irizarry was hired in May 2021 as the part-time Administrative Assistant working part-time at 24 hours per week. Ms. Irizarry took over many of the administrative job duties of the Planner I position.
- Allyson Kobus was recently hired as a full time Planner II in October 2021 and began training on the various lot split processes, zoning, census data, mapping, and Planning Commission process.
- Staff participated in nineteen (19) educational related webinars or meetings including topics on the following: 1) 2020 Census, 2) County Planning Director’s meeting, 3) National Planning Conference (8 sessions), 4) Cleveland Foundation’s Common Ground discussion on Supporting, Encouraging, and Attracting Youth to Geauga County, 5) Chagrin River Watershed Partners Upper Cuyahoga Watershed, 6) Geauga Growth Partnership’s presentation by William H. Fruth on how Geauga County compares to other similar locations in terms of jobs, wages, and economic development on 7) CORSA’s Defensive Driving, 8) APA Ohio Citizen Planner (4 sessions), and 9) Storm water Task Force meeting.

### **Part 5: Summary**

While 2021 was productive, the year 2022 is viewed as an opportunity to be even more productive and create new plans, analysis, reports, etc. to assist the Planning Commission members, townships, and the community at large. Finalizing the Geauga County General Plan update was a significant accomplishment in 2021 for the Commission and the staff will now focus on the 2022 goals identified in the 12/7/2021 memo.