

2009 Annual Report



MISSION STATEMENT

To serve Lorain County residents through community development initiatives by striving to improve the quality of life, to foster smart growth, to promote economic vitality, to encourage development and redevelopment, and to provide tools for community leaders for management and for policy decisions.

Lorain County Commissioners

Betty Blair
Ted Kalo
Lori Kokoski



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***President Betty Blair and
Members of the Lorain County Board of Commissioners,***

I am pleased to submit to the Board of County Commissioners and the residents of Lorain County the 2009 Annual Report. This is the tenth annual report that we have prepared for your County Community Development Department.

The employees of this Department are excellent people that are dedicated to making Lorain County a more pleasant place to work, live and raise a family. The Department has continued to make steady progress under the Board of County Commissioners. The Growth Partnership is fully operational and implementing many exciting new opportunities.

On behalf of your very dedicated Community Development Department staff, I am pleased to submit this 2009 Annual Report. We look forward to an even greater 2010 year serving the residents of Lorain County.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Jones

Rebecca Jones, Acting Director
Lorain County Community Development Department

Lorain County Community Development Department

We are the community and economic development representatives for the Lorain County Board of Commissioners offering services in planning and zoning; housing and community development; county building department; and economic development. We strive to provide superior professional services within a comprehensive long-term framework to ensure continued economic vitality of our County while enhancing the standard of living for all, including our commercial development areas and residential neighborhoods.



Angela Brown, Christina Znidarsic, Linda Blanchette, Rebecca Jones, Linda Masterson, Diana Hill, Glenn Wilson
Ashley Scott, Christin Brandon, Bradley Coreno, Virginia Haynes

OVERVIEW

The Lorain County Community Development Department (LCCD) located at 226 Middle Avenue in Elyria, is funded by the Lorain County Commissioners and administers the federal, state and county programs designed to promote:

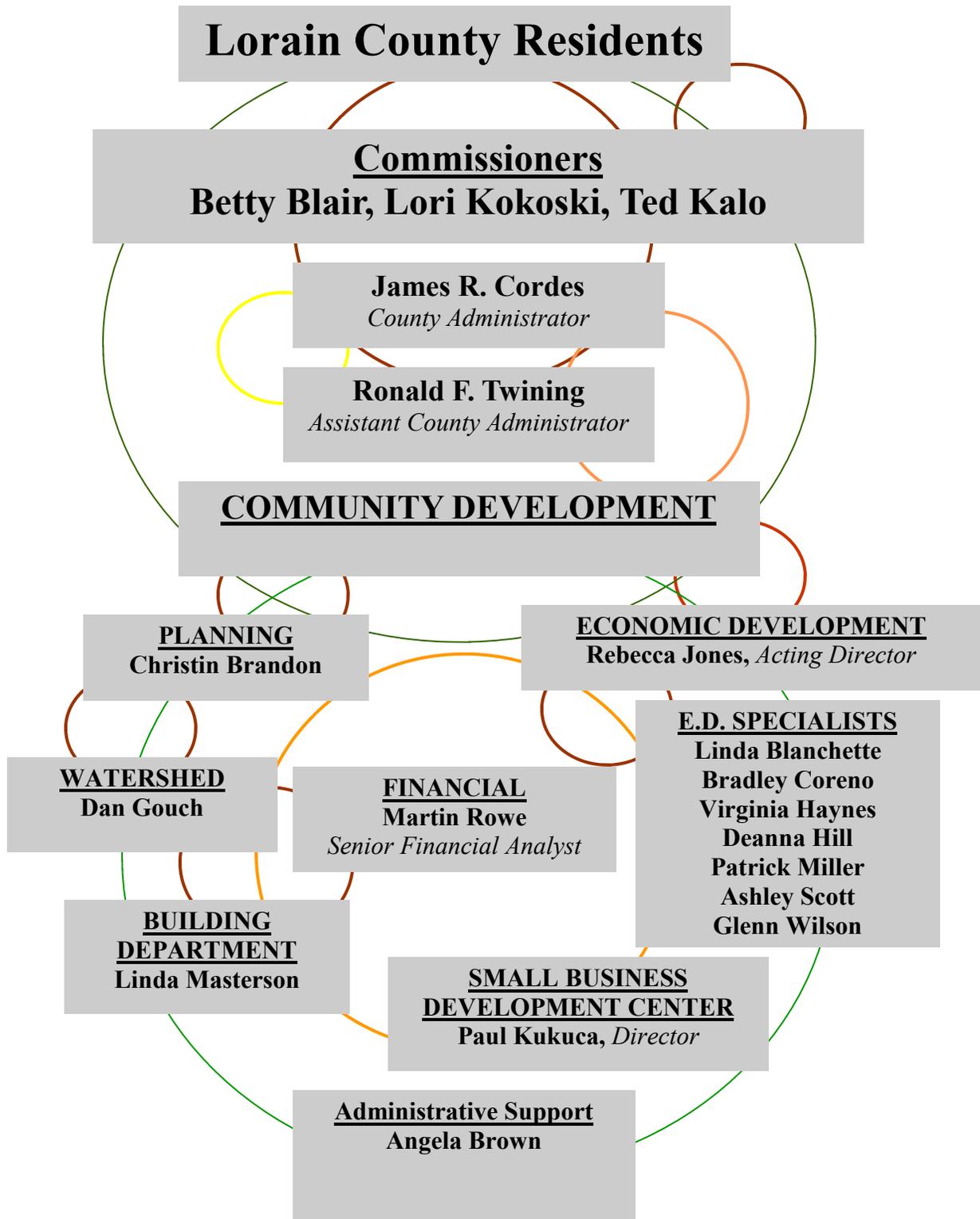
- Economic Development
- CDBG Formula Housing Repair
- Community Housing Improvement Program
- Planning
- Building Codes
- Small Business Development Center
- Watershed Coordinator
- Lorain County Port Authority
- Lorain County Community Alliance

Community Development Phone Numbers

Economic Development	328-2326
Housing	328-2332
Planning	328-2328
Building Department	328-2330
Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	328-2324
Watershed Coordinator	328-2336
Lorain County Port Authority	328-2325
Lorain County Community Alliance	328-2362
Administrative Assistant	328-2322
FAX	328-2349
Building Department FAX	328-2334

***The Lorain County Community Development Staff is available for speaking engagements.**

Organizational Chart



Community and Economic Development

Lorain County Community Development Department oversees several programs promoting Lorain County as a great place to live and “grow your business.”

- **Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Formula** both assist income eligible homeowners with health or safety repairs to their residences.
- **Planning and Zoning** assures landowners and developers who are applying for major and minor subdivisions to be in compliance with existing regulations.
- **Certified Building Department** ensures participating jurisdictions will meet basic, uniform regulations through inspections of residential construction and the necessary compliance.

These programs offer financial incentives to assist companies to retain and retrain employees, grow their existing business, upgrade equipment or even construct a new building.

- **Revolving Loan Fund** helps existing businesses with low-interest loans for construction, renovation, purchase of machinery and equipment, and purchase of office furniture and fixtures.
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Economic Development** provides grants to communities for needed infrastructure or as low interest loans to for-profit businesses.
- **Enterprise Zones** enable local communities, while working with the County Commissioners and the school districts, to offer tax abatement to businesses that are relocating or expanding within their jurisdiction. Although funds are not directly loaned under this program, job creation and the investment of real and personal property are tied to this program.
- **Industrial Development Revenue Bonds** can be issued in three categories: 140 Healthcare, 133.05 Housing and 165 Economic Development Bonds .

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home /Building Repair Program

The Lorain County CDBG Formula Home Repair Program assists homeowners in the 18 townships and 7 villages, plus the cities of Amherst, Avon, Avon Lake and the Lorain County portion of Vermilion *.

Only one or two health and safety issues are addressed for income qualified, owner occupied homes in the area of service. Assistance is in the form of a grant. In 2009, the Home /Building Repair Program assisted 8 homeowners.

Eligible Health & Safety Projects

- ◆ Roofs
- ◆ ADA accessibility
(first floor ramps, doors, etc.)
- ◆ Furnaces
- ◆ Minor Electrical
- ◆ Foundation repairs
- ◆ Sewer tie-ins
- ◆ Septic systems
- ◆ Hot Water Tanks

**Cities with their own programs that are not covered by the County's include:
Lorain, Elyria and North Ridgeville.*

How the Process Works

Call Lorain County Community Development Department for an application 440-328-2322 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Once the completed application has been screened for eligibility, an inspector verifies that the project is eligible. The department then sends invitations to bid to contractors who are registered with the County's CDBG program.

The contractor who submits the lowest and most responsive bid is awarded the contract. The contract is between the homeowner and the contractor. After approval is given by Lorain County Commissioners, the start date is scheduled with this department.

A final inspection is made upon completion of the project. When the projects meets all the standards, the County issues a check to the contractor.

Lorain County Fair Housing Board



On April 13, 2000, the Lorain County Board of Commissioners passed a Fair Housing Resolution. That resolution called for the formation of a three (3) member Lorain County Fair Housing Board (LCFHB) to be appointed by the Lorain County Board of Commissioners. The policy of the LCFHB is to secure for all its citizens their rights to equal housing opportunities regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin (ancestry), and disability.

Lorain County's Fair Housing Program in 2009 was funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fiscal Year 2008 funds and administered through a cooperative agreement between the Lorain County Board of Commissioners and the Lorain County Urban League. The program is designed to increase fair housing awareness throughout the County.

The duties of the Board are as follows:

- To investigate all complaints of unlawful housing practices which are filed with it;
- To initiate complaints of unlawful housing practices on the basis of auditing or testing carried out by its staff of volunteers authorized by the Lorain County Fair Housing Board (LCFHB);
- To hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, administer oaths, take testimony, of any person under oath, and in connection therewith, to require the production for examination of any books or papers relating to any matter under investigation or in question before the LCFHB;
- To recommend to the Lorain County Board of Commissioners, when it deems necessary, educational and other programs designed to promote the purposes that LCFHB is charged to follow;
- To adopt rules and procedures for the conduct of its policy procedures; and
- To do such other acts that are necessary and proper in order to perform those duties with which it is charged under the terms of the Resolution.

LCFHB Members

Diana Marrero-Pinto

Appointed By: Commissioner Blair

Daniel Henry

Appointed By: Commissioner Kalo

Adam Bihary

Appointed By: Commissioner Kokoski

Fair Housing Laws



Fair Housing Act

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18), and handicap (disability).

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Section 504 prohibits discrimination based on disability in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Section 109 of Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974

Section 109 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or religion in programs and activities receiving financial assistance from HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Title II prohibits discrimination based on disability in programs, services, and activities provided or made available by public entities. HUD enforces Title II when it relates to state and local public housing, housing assistance and housing referrals.

Architectural Barriers Act of 1968

The Architectural Barriers Act requires that buildings and facilities designed, constructed, altered, or leased with certain federal funds after September 1969 must be accessible to and useable by handicapped persons.

Age Discrimination Act of 1975

The Age Discrimination Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance.

CDBG Formula

Lorain County received \$364,000 through the **Community Development Block Grant Formula** program in 2009. The Lorain County Community Development Department receives this funding annually based on an allocation formula. These funds are used to address the Three National Objectives set forth by HUD:

- Benefit low and moderate incomes persons and households
- Aid in the elimination of slum and blighted conditions
- Meet an urgent community development need

Any communities applying for CDBG funds must demonstrate that the project will benefit the disabled, low-to-moderate income or senior residents of that community's population. Eligible community development activities funded with CDBG dollars include, but are not limited to:

- Activities designated to create jobs for low and moderate income people
- Improvement of housing stock
- Public facilities improvements
- Removal of architectural barriers
- Public service activities under certain circumstances

In 2009, Formula CDBG monies were used to fund:

- Fair Housing Program; via the Lorain County Urban League
- Senior Meals on Wheels Programs; via the Lorain County Office on Aging
- Homeless Shelter; via Neighborhood House
- Sewer Tap-ins
- ADA Restroom Project at the Lorain County Airport
- Fire Station in Sheffield Township

The CDBG Formula Program also includes **Home/Building Repair** which provides funds (up to \$8,000) for one or two health or safety related repairs in a home. This assistance is provided in the form of a grant to income eligible applicants. In 2009, Lorain County successfully completed 8 Home/Building Repair projects countywide.



County Building Department

216 Third Street Elyria, Ohio 44035

Phone; (440) 328-2330 Fax; (440) 328-2334

Lorain County Building Department (LCBD) follows the 2006 Residential Code of Ohio for One, Two and Three Family Dwellings, International Plumbing Code, 2008 National Electric Code, and the Lorain County Board of Health Plumbing Code.

2006 Residential Code of Ohio

The provisions of the “Residential Code of Ohio for One-, Two and Three Family Dwellings” shall apply to the construction, alteration, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every residential building or structure, any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures or any accessory structures.

No building or its equipment or accessories to which the rules of the board apply shall be erected, constructed or installed, except on conformity with the rules of the board.

Exceptions:

1. Manufactured homes (unless approved by the BBS)
2. Multiple single-family dwelling structures more than three stories in height
3. Residential structures when each dwelling unit does not have independent means of egress
- 4 The structural requirements of the Ohio Building Code (OBC) or section 116.2 of this code shall apply to residential structures comprised of one, two, and three-family dwellings which are more than three stories in height
5. Residential buildings with attached occupancies that are within the scope of the OBC shall comply with the requirements of the OBC

Minimum standards are in place to provide minimum standards for the protection of life, safety, health and sanitation for the safety and welfare of the general public residential buildings regulated by this code.

*In 2009, 176 permits were issued.

Participating Townships

**Amherst
Grafton**

**Columbia
LaGrange**

**Eaton
Penfield**

**Elyria
Sheffield**

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) was created for the purpose of stabilizing communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment. This is accomplished through the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties. The goal is to stabilize market prices in tipping point neighborhoods that have high foreclosure or abandonment rates (in which the effect is lower market value of houses within the neighborhood) and stop them from dropping any further.

NSP Region 4 includes Lorain County, Huron County, the City of North Ridgeville, and the City of Norwalk and received a total allocation of \$2,376,372 from the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships. The region has a total of seven target areas and two sub recipients (Huron County and the City of Norwalk). Target areas in Lorain County include Sheffield Township, Sheffield Lake, Oberlin, and North Ridgeville.



**Lorain County Community Development four target areas:
Sheffield Lake, Sheffield Twp, North Ridgeville and Oberlin.**

The Grant for this program comes from The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which allocated \$3.92 billion on a formula basis to 309 grantees including 55 states and territories and 254 selected local governments.

Planning Overview

Planning is a process where any combination of professional planners, governmental agencies, trades people and local citizens get together to discuss issues, make recommendations and develop ways to implement those recommendations.

There are two types of **Planners**. **Lay planners** consist of anyone who is concerned about how decisions are made and participate in planning sessions. Whereas, **Professional Planners**, are the individuals responsible for holding the planning sessions, preparing documents and implementing the recommendations from the Plan.

A **Plan** is a document that explains an issue, highlights discussion points from the planning sessions, sets goals and recommendations and identifies implementation steps to reach those goals.

Planning is a critical way to establish priorities and involve everyone in public decision making.

Planning Commission

The Lorain County Planning Commission is an eleven member board consisting of the three County Commissioners and eight regular members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The Planning Commission meets monthly to consider granting approval/disapproval of proposed major subdivisions, hearing variance requests to the County Subdivision Regulations, making recommendations on zoning amendments and considering support of federally funded transportation projects in Lorain County.

Lorain County Planning Commission Members:

Betty Blair; Commissioner (Alternate Pearl Olearcik)
Ted Kalo; Commissioner (Alternate Dave Street)
Lori Kokoski; Commissioner (Alternate Howard Born)
Barb Tate; Member
Tom Molich; Member
John Majzun; Member
Ken Roth; Member
Robert Demby; Member
George Ferguson; Member
Bernie Nirode; Member

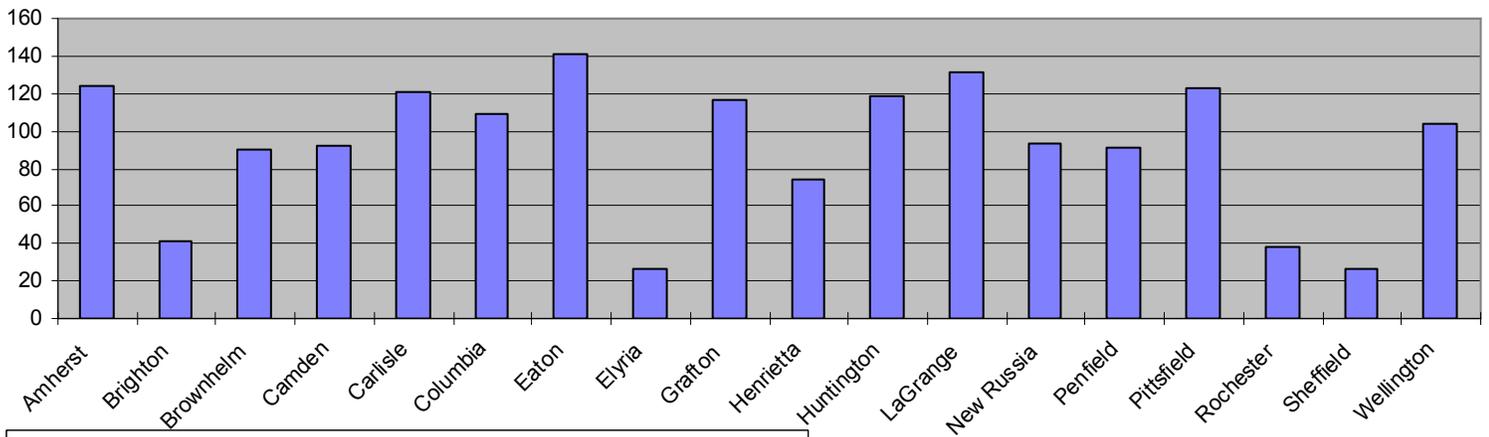
Lot Split Narrative

On behalf of the Lorain County Planning Commission, the Lorain County Community Development Department reviewed 50 applications for minor subdivision, more commonly known as lot splits, in 2009. 49 applications were approved, one (1) was disapproved and none (0) were withdrawn or void.

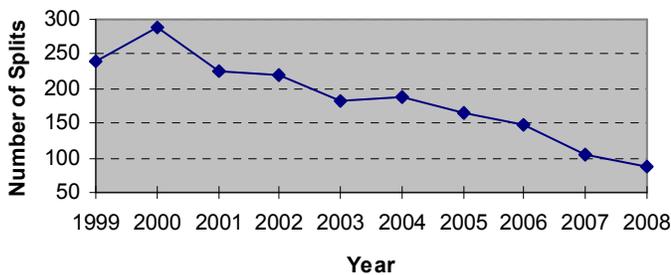
Lot splits continued to struggle in 2009 hitting its lowest point in the last 10 years at 49. This is only 16% of the number of splits approved in our peak year (289). Hopefully, with the commencement of construction of Phase 1 of the rural sewer system, this number will begin to rise next year.

Lot split distribution has remained fairly consistent over the past ten years. Eaton Township leads with the greatest number of splits (141) in the last ten years with LaGrange (131) in second and Amherst (124) in third. LaGrange Township had the greatest number of splits approved in 2009 with seven (7). LaGrange Township was also the only township whose split intake increased from 5 in 2008 to 7 in 2009, while Amherst Township lost the most from twelve (12) to two (2) lot splits.

Lot Split Distribution

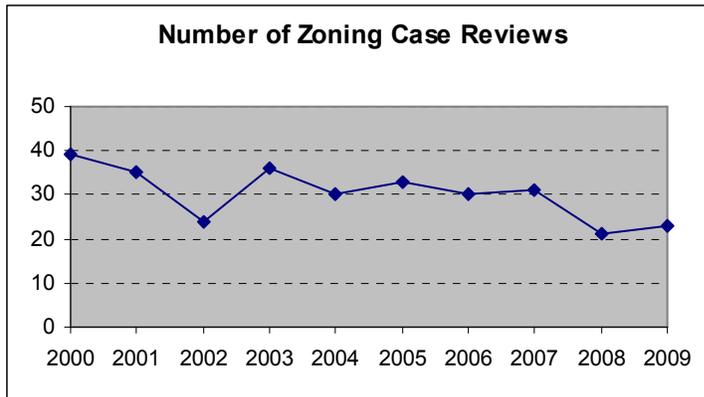


LOT SPLIT HISTORY



Zoning Narrative

The Lorain County Community Development Department reviewed and made recommendations to the Lorain County Planning Commission on twenty-three (23) zoning cases in 2009. This number is down significantly from both our peak of thirty-nine (39) and ten year average of 30.2, but up from last year's 21.



Even though many of the proposed zoning changes were requests for rezoning or administrative in nature, hot topics included wind turbines and conditional uses. Carlisle, Eaton and New Russia Townships made significant updates to their Resolutions.

Building and Zoning Permit Narrative

The Lorain County Community Development Department continued its efforts to track both the rate and location of development by compiling net residential building/zoning permits issued in 2009. This data is obtained through a survey sent to each township, village and city.

In 2009, the City of North Ridgeville issued the most net residential building permits for the fifth year in a row at 236 permits. The City of Avon came in second with 112. In the unincorporated areas of Lorain County, Amherst Township led with 6 net residential zoning permits issued.

Over the last nine years, Lorain County housing stock has grown approximately ten (10) percent. The City of Avon continues to be ranked first in percent increase with 60.03%. Out of the unincorporated areas, Columbia Township has the most new housing units at 238, while Brownhelm Township has increased 19.63%.

**RANKING AND PERCENT INCREASE (APPROXIMATE) OF NEW HOUSING UNITS
BY NET RESIDENTIAL BUILDING / ZONING PERMITS ISSUED**

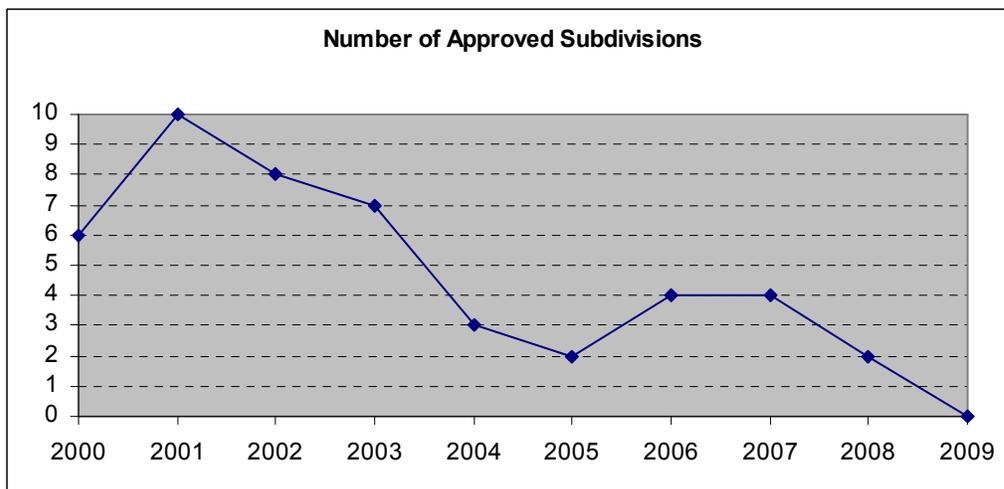
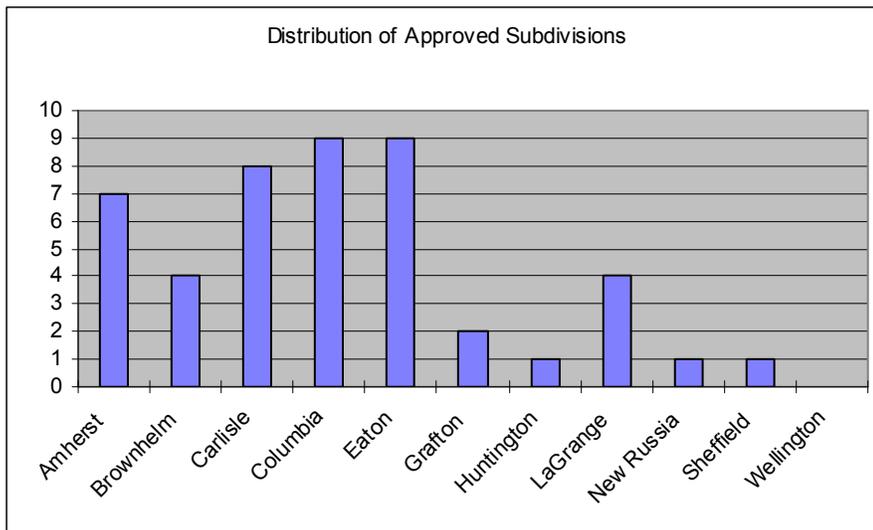
<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Net New Permits</u>		<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>Rank</u>
	<u>2000</u>	<u>Issued 2001-2009</u>			
Amherst	4,603	396	7	8.60	18
Amherst Township	2,938	109	17	3.71	28
Avon	4,291	2,576	2	60.03	1
Avon Lake	6,934	2,075	3	29.93	4
Brighton Township	318	29	27	9.12	16
Brownhelm Township	545	107	18	19.63	5
Camden Township	468	49	23	10.47	12
Carlisle Township	2,872	178	12	6.20	23
Columbia Township	2,452	238	10	9.71	15
Eaton Township	2,102	81	19	3.85	27
Elyria	23,841	875	5	3.67	29
Elyria Township	1,429	20	28	1.40	32
Grafton Township	912	129	14	14.14	10
Grafton Village	853	167	13	19.58	6
Henrietta Township	693	47	25	6.78	22
Huntington Township	440	71	21	16.14	9
Kipton Village	108	(1)	31	-0.93	34
LaGrange Township	1,431	129	14	9.01	17
LaGrange Village	648	122	15	18.83	7
Lorain	28,231	1,542	4	5.46	25
New Russia Township	886	71	21	8.01	21
North Ridgeville	8,587	3,259	1	37.95	2
Oberlin	2,836	111	16	3.91	26
Penfield Township	586	75	20	12.80	11
Pittsfield Township	586	48	24	8.19	20
Rochester Township	204	37	26	18.14	8
Rochester Village	69	1	30	1.45	31
Sheffield Lake	3,776	312	8	8.26	19
Sheffield Township	1,695	37	26	2.18	30
Sheffield Village	1,147	434	6	37.84	3
South Amherst Village	681	4	29	0.59	33
Vermilion	4,713	268	9	5.69	24
Wellington Township	507	50	22	9.86	14
Wellington Village	1,850	193	11	10.43	13
Total	114,232	13,839			

NOTE: Data reported for the City of Vermilion includes the portion of the City in Erie County. Therefore, the count of Total Housing Units for LORAIN COUNTY will not be the correct Total for the County.

Major Subdivision Narrative

Ohio Revised Code delegates certain responsibilities to the County level. One of these is the review of all subdivisions of land in the unincorporated area of the County. Due to economic conditions and the slump in the real estate market, the Lorain County Planning Commission did not review any major subdivisions in 2009.

Historically, Columbia & Eaton Townships lead in the number of new subdivisions with nine (9) a piece or eight (18) out of the total forty-six (46). That is approximately 39% of the subdivisions approved in the last ten years.

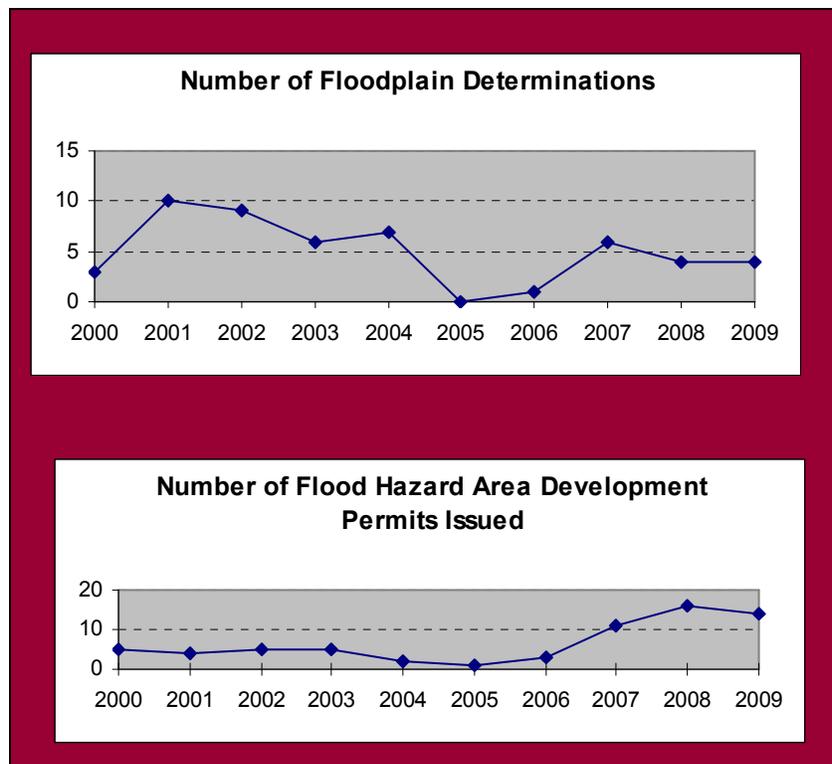


Floodplain Narrative

The Community Development Department receives calls on a regular basis from citizens and lenders for flood plain determinations. Most of these can be handled informally over the phone. When the property status is questionable, a formal determination is necessary.

A formal determination consists of overlaying the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps with the county tax maps, aerial photos and two foot contours of the land to determine if the house site is within the 100 year flood plain. The Department had four (4) requests for a formal flood plain determination as part of Lorain County's Flood Hazard Prevention Program in 2009.

Whenever, anyone wants to make a change in the flood plain, ex. filling, grading, building, a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) Development Permit is required. Fourteen (14) SFHA Development Permits were issued in 2009. The projects included the installation of culverts and bridges, below grade utility lines, construction of a deck and general filling & grading.



blackriver

W A T E R S H E D P R O J E C T

The Black River Watershed Project was implemented by the county in January of 2004 to address water quality concerns and to restore and protect this valuable resource for current and future generations. Since its inception, the Project has worked with communities and local stakeholders to increase the public's knowledge of local watershed issues through a variety of avenues including the dissemination of educational materials, the execution of grant programs, and the formation of grassroots sub-watershed organizations.



In mid 2006, the County secured a four (4) year Watershed Coordinator Grant. Not only does this grant afford Lorain County the opportunity to complete the Watershed Action Plan necessary to improve water quality across the Black River watershed, but it will also help to bring needed mitigation funding into the county. This four year Black River Watershed Grant supports the Watershed Coordinator position, as well as outreach programs to develop and implement watershed action plans for the West Branch and French Creek.

- In 2009, the Watershed Coordinator's office secured funding and set up a home septic repair/replacement program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- Nine candidates were approved for the program and three local contractors were selected to carry out the work, which will be completed in 2010.

LORAIN COUNTY ECONOMIC & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Year Established: Incorporated on January 26, 1968

Territorial Jurisdiction: Lorain County, Ohio

Political Subdivision: Lorain County, Ohio

Designated Agent for Development: The sole purpose of the corporation is to advance, encourage, and promote the industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development of the County of Lorain acting as the designated agency of the County for industrial, commercial, distribution, and research development in such political subdivision in accordance with Section 1724.10 of the Revised Code. (Articles of Incorporation, Third Certification).

MEMBERS (3 Commissioners and Prosecutor)

Betty Blair, Lorain County Commissioner
Lori Kokoski, Lorain County Commissioner
Ted Kalo, Lorain County Commissioner
Dennis Will, Lorain County Prosecutor

TRUSTEES

(Appointed by Members) ***Appointments to be made:** 3 year rotating terms
*=elected official r=re-appointed a=appointed

Number needed: Minimum 5 – Maximum 20
Percentage elected officials: 40%

Actual Number: 16 Trustees
Actual Percentage: 7/16=44%

Category I

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Betty Blair*, Lorain County Commissioner	12/31/10 r	329-5200
Lori Kokoski*, Lorain County Commissioner	12/31/09 r	329-5100
Ted Kalo*, Lorain County Commissioner	12/31/09 r	329-5300
Mark Stewart*, Lorain County Auditor	12/31/10 r	329-5203
Daniel Talarek*, Lorain County Treasurer	12/31/11 r	329-5256
Dennis Will*, Lorain County Prosecutor	12/31/11 r	329-5375
Ken Carney*, Lorain County Engineer	12/31/11 r	329-5586
James Cordes, Lorain County Administrator	12/31/10 r	329-5750

CATEGORY II

Cathy Schuster, Spitzer Management, Real Estate Development	Trustee
Paul Kukuca, Lorain County Chamber of Commerce	Trustee
Judy Nedwick, Lorain County Recorder	Trustee
Bruce Stevens, Buckeye Community Bank	Trustee
Tom Ryan, Lorain National Bank Retiree	Trustee
Stephen C. Wright, Buckeye Community Bank	Trustee
Kurt A. Raicevich, Fifth Third Bank	Trustee
James Maschari, Amherst Financial Group	Trustee

Non-Voting Trustee

Rebecca Jones, Acting Director of Community Development

Note: The Category I Trustees are either elected or appointed government officials thereby satisfying the 40% requirement necessary as the designated agent of development for the Board of Commissioners.

LOAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Tom Ryan, Lorain National Bank Retiree
Cathy Schuster, Spitzer Management
Bruce Stevens, Buckeye Community Bank
Stephen C. Wright, Buckeye Community Bank

ACTIVITIES REPORT

RLF Infrastructure Grant
National Bronze and Metals
\$34,694.00
2 new jobs created

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Lorain County Economic & Industrial Development Corporation (LCEIDC) is strictly an advisory organization. The LCEIDC has not received, spent or processed any monies and/or does not have any funds in the Lorain County Economic & Industrial Development Corporation's name for the reporting period of 2009.



MISSION STATEMENT

The Lorain County Community Alliance is a council of governments, formed under the Ohio Revised Code and made up of political jurisdictions and organizations working together for the benefit of the citizens of Lorain County and the entire region. The Alliance seeks to explore more effective levels of public service, develop mechanisms to save money for the communities involved for the benefit of member communities and the region in ways that could not be achieved separately.

Partnerships for the Future

CITY OF AMHERST

CITY OF AVON

CITY OF AVON LAKE

CITY OF ELYRIA

CITY OF LORAIN

CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE

CITY OF OBERLIN

CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE

VILLAGE OF KIPTON

VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD

VILLAGE OF SOUTH AMHERST

VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

AMHERST TOWNSHIP

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP

CARLISLE TOWNSHIP

ELYRIA TOWNSHIP

GRAFTON TOWNSHIP

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP

SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP

WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP

AMERICAN RED CROSS

ANTHONY MEALY

COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO

DAVID HARTMAN/MS CONSULTANT

DR. DAVID HINTZ DPM

LORAIN COUNTY JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

LABORERS UNION 758

LORAIN COUNTY ENGINEER

LORAIN COUNTY 911

LORAIN COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LORAIN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

LORAIN COUNTY SHERIFF

LORAIN COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU

LORAIN COUNTY METROPARKS

LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

NORTH COAST BUILDING ASSOCIATION

ROSS ENVIRONMENTAL

LORAIN COUNTY 911 AGENCY

LORAIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

R.E. WARNER & ASSOCIATES, INC.

LORAIN COUNTY JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE-

COORDINATING AGENCY

LORAIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

LORAIN COUNTY EMA



SUMMIT 2009

“Regional Revitalization 2010”



Over 75 people were in attendance for the 10th Annual Alliance Summit, “*Regional Revitalization 2010*”. Presenters included Michael Cochran, Executive Director of the Ohio Township Association, Ohio Senator and House Minority Leader Capri Cafaro, and Attorney General Richard Cordray. The Summit Luncheon and refreshments were sponsored by Lorain County Engineer Ken Carney.

Transportation Day 2009

Transportation Day gives agencies an opportunity to update Lorain County on transportation projects for the season and gives attendees the forum in which to get their questions answered. In 2009, agency representatives presenting included Lorain County Engineer, Ken Carney, spoke regarding Lorain County Projects; Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency Executive Director, Howard Maier, spoke on regional transportation plans for the near future; Ohio Department of Transportation District #3, Executive Director John Hart presented on state projects for the Lorain County area; Ohio Rail Development Commission Public Information Officer Stu Nicholson, discussed the 3-C as part of the Ohio Hub Plan and Mike Shafarenko, representing EfficientGovNow gave a brief presentation about the \$300,000 in grants available to communities. Transportation Day Continental Breakfast was sponsored by Ken Carney, Lorain County Engineer.

Joint Meetings

The LCCA had two joint meetings in 2009. Team Lorain County and the Alliance co-sponsored the 3rd Annual Groundhog Day Economic Forecast Breakfast at the Lorain County Administration Building on Friday, February 6th. On Tuesday, July 28th, the Alliance and the Lorain County Growth Partnership partnered together with the City of Avon and the Lake Erie Crushers for a combined Team Tuesday and Alliance meeting at the new Crusher Stadium.

IN 2009 A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO REVIEW THE BY-LAWS

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| *Commissioner , Betty Blair | *Virginia Haynes, LCCA Administrative Coordinator |
| *David Ashenurst, Oberlin City Councilman-Chair | *Jean Anderson, Mayor of Vermilion |
| *Brian R. Frederick, President & CEO Community Foundation of Lorain County | *Patricia Echko, Sheffield Township Fiscal Officer |
| *Dave Gillock, Mayor of North Ridgeville | *Amy Szmania, Rochester Township Trustee |
| *Shara Davis, PSI | *Vince Urbin, Director, Lorain County Community Action Agency |

WestShore Corridor Transportation Project(WRCTP)

The Lorain County Community Alliance (LCCA) has long been involved in promoting the advantages of this Commuter Rail Project, which is part of the original NEORAIL Study done by NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) in the 1990's. For two years, All Aboard Ohio, led by Ken Prendergast, Executive Director, and the LCCA have hosted bi-monthly meetings along the corridor to solicit buy-in for this project.

The Lorain County Commissioners and the Northern Ohio Commuter Rail Coalition entered into an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) creating a new joint agent, WestShore Commuter Rail Task Force; wherein the Coalition committed to contribute up to \$34,000 of the County's required 20 percent match to access the \$343,000 Earmark acquired by Congresswoman, Betty Sutton. To date \$30,000 has been secured. \$35,000 is being requested from NOACA, and additional funding to meet educational, marketing and promotional requirements is being solicited from entities such as Fund For Our Economic Future. Richard Enty and Associates, is holder of the Lorain County Contract to prepare an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Alternative Analysis (AA) on the WestShore Corridor Transportation Project. Completion time for the AA is estimated at one year.



The West Shore Corridor Transportation Project is centered at the City of Lorain in Lorain County, Ohio and extends west to Sandusky, Ohio in Erie County and east to Cleveland, Ohio in Cuyahoga County.

The WRCTP seeks to identify and implement cost-effective regional transportation investments that will speed travel and improve multi-county access and mobility within the West Shore Corridor.

Storm Water Grant

The feasibility study is complete for the \$80,000 Ohio Department of Development Local Collaboration Grant Awarded to the Lorain County Community Alliance to conduct a storm water management study. Its purpose is to research the options and feasibility of alternatives to the existing fragmented approach by individual governments to address flood control issues. This completed study includes secondary data analysis, findings of a local government survey, a summary of best management practices, and legal opinions around storm water management.

A draft implementation plan has also been developed. A formal request for an extension was submitted by the Lorain County Commissioners to allow local government officials additional time to process the information and finalize the plan. A conference will be held with Local Government Officials and key stakeholders from the community. Lake County and Summit County Engineers will be presenting.

- **This study may be used as a model for the State of Ohio.**

2009 RECIPIENT OF THE MIKE WHITMORE AWARD

Wellington Township Trustee Virginia Haynes was the 2009 recipient of the Mike Whitmore Award for “Vision in Government” at the 10th Annual Summit. In addition to her duties as Trustee, she is the President of the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce,



Lorain County Office on Aging Board Member, President of the South Lorain County Ambulance District, Economic Development Specialist for LCCDD and the LCCA Administrative Coordinator. Haynes was deeply grateful to be honored by the Alliance, and said that all of her accomplishments, especially the *Southern Satellite Office on Aging*, were never completed alone, but were due to the collaborative efforts of others in the Wellington area community and Lorain County. Haynes pointed out her love for her position with the Alliance and the Lorain County Economic Development Department because of their “*positive attitude and forward thinking*” towards collaborative networking for the betterment of the residents of Lorain County and the entire region.

2009 ALLIANCE OFFICERS

Chair– Betty Blair, Lorain County Commissioner Vice Chair– Walt Sukey, LaGrange Village Administrator
 Treasurer– Bill Holtzman, Elyria Township Trustee
 Secretary– Lori Kokoski, Lorain County Commissioner
 Administrative Coordinator– Virginia Haynes, LCCDD & Wellington Township Trustee



*Working together
in unity and strength
to develop
a collaborative vision
for the future prosperity of
Lorain County*



***Frank DeTillio**
LC Chamber of Commerce

***Jim Shanahan**
LC Community College

***Eric Norenberg**
Oberlin City

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LC JVS

***Commissioner Kokoski**

***Steve Morey**
Team Lorain County

***Commissioner Blair**

***Commissioner Kalo**



Lorain County Growth Partnership **Coming Together for Economic Growth**

The 5th floor of the Lorain County Administration Building provides local and prospective businesses with a one-stop economic development shop.

The Lorain County Growth Partnership, an idea conceived by the Lorain County Board of Commissioners, houses the Lorain County Community Development, the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce, the Lorain County Port Authority, Team Lorain County, Lorain County Solid Waste, Lorain County Community Alliance and ancillary offices for the other partners. Lorain County Community College and the Lorain County Joint Vocational School provide the educational component to the Growth Partnership.

Business owners know that time is money. The Lorain County Growth Partnership streamlines the process as much as possible. Instead of four or five different stops, all the economic development components are located together under one roof and on the same floor

The collaborative efforts of the partnership makes the group much stronger than the sum of the individuals while reducing overlapping and duplicating services. Each partner contributes their own unique piece of the economic development puzzle.

Traditionally, economic development has meant infrastructure improvements or financial incentives, but the Growth Partnership sees the addition of the educational component as an important piece. Having government and private concerns coupled with educational facilities allows for a quicker response to any training issues.

Business **CONNECTION** **Lorain County**

The Lorain County *Business Connection* project officially launched in October 2008. The project, sponsored by the Lorain County Growth Partnership, focuses on business retention, enhanced communication, and inventory assessment.

At the end of June 2009, *Business Connection* successfully completed an inaugural year. The project exceeded business outreach goals and released a report in October 2009 that outlined the significant progress in other areas.

The following is a summary of the Year One *Business Connection* experience.

Year One Highlights

- Completed 104 interview visits with Lorain County companies from a representative sample proportionate to local communities
- Conducted hundreds of conversations with Lorain County business executives
- Developed a county-wide database of more than 5,000 Lorain County business executives contact information and firmographic data about their local companies
- Inventoried 85 high-demand commercial buildings, properties, and sites available in Lorain County

Business Connection participant company executives appreciate the Lorain County Growth Partners' proactive one-stop approach to business retention interview visits. The executives value the ability to discuss their concerns throughout the conversation and focus on the issues that affect their business. The project team creates assistance referrals that link executives to programs, resources, and services to address their company needs.

A wide variety of companies participated in Year One interviews that created a diverse sample. The sampling matched Lorain County's overall make-up and business portfolio by industry, location, and company size.



Markets and Products

76% of all executives see opportunities to expand their market share and find a new competitive advantage in the current economy.

63% stated that primary business products or services are emerging or growing.

76% have introduced new products and services over the last five years.

72% are expecting to add new products and services over the next two years.

67% said their primary market is outside Lorain County.

Lorain County Workforce

The Lorain County workforce was viewed positively in terms of availability, quality, stability and productivity. However, 45% of the respondents said that the overall skill levels of job applicants did not match company needs and requirements.

Expansion

Despite the sluggish economy, 56% of the companies interviewed indicated that they plan to expand their businesses locally within the next few years. Total investment is estimated at more than \$80 million dollars. This expansion will create more than 400 new jobs in Lorain County. Facility expansion is estimated to be more than 400,000 square feet of new space.

Opportunities for Assistance

Over 200 opportunities for assistance were identified for follow-up. These ranged from simple connections of individuals to county resources to much more complex issues relating to business expansion and retention. Many issues are still pending, but the relationships have been established which will allow for continued follow-up and action in the upcoming years.

Year Two Goals

In Year One, **Business Connection** met its' goal of establishing solid relationships with the Lorain County business community. A preliminary snapshot was developed. Although long-term trends have yet to be identified, Year One set the stage for a detailed profiling of the Lorain County business community and comparative analysis of economic development progress from year to year.

2010 GOALS

- Completion of 120 interviews
- Expansion of the interview team to include additional local resources
- Continued development of the county-wide business database

Lorain County Growth Partnership's Learning Center/Computer Lab

The Lorain County Growth Partnership's Learning Center/LCCC located on the 5th floor of the Lorain County Administration Building, is an off-site Computer Lab that offers students and the public use of the lab for course work, research or simply learning to use the Web. Instructors are always on hand at the site to answer questions.



Organizations

- IVDL Capabilities
- Meeting & Training Space
- Presentation Space
- Webinar Capabilities

Individuals

- Advising by appointment only
- Internet access
- Compass testing
- Non-credit & credit classes

FREE Small Business Start-Up
Group every Wednesday @ noon

Students utilize the lab during specific hours that are separate from the public-use hours. The lab offers the ability for all students to be on the same computer "page" or to be working on different projects. The projection system can also display the instructor's computer. Scheduling for the Computer Lab is conducted directly through the Lorain County Growth Partnership's Learning Center office located on the 5th floor of the Administration Building or you may call the office at 440-328-2373.

Lorain County Growth Partnership Learning Center/Computer Lab August to December of 2009

- 518 visitors—6% working on business plans
- 34 events— 267 attendees

www.lorainccc.edu/gpcenter

Growth Partnership

IVDL

Interactive Video Distance Learning

With support and cooperation from Lorain County Community College, the Lorain County Growth Partnership's 5th floor location houses the IVDL—Interactive Video Distance Learning facility and LCCC's off site computer lab.

Both facilities feature the latest in today's electronic technology. The IVDL is available to municipalities, companies or organizations wishing to participate in video conferencing, instructional/training opportunities or webinars.

This lab offers the advantage of two-way communication. Even if the instructor or presenter is off-site, as long as they have compatible equipment, they can see and hear the students as well as be seen and heard in the IVDL.

Scheduling for the IVDL is conducted directly through the Lorain County Growth Partnership's Learning Center office located on the 5th floor of the Administration Building or you may call the office at 440-328-2373.





Lorain County Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

The *Small Business Development Centers of Ohio* (SBDC) Program was established in 1985 in partnership with the *Ohio Department of Development* and the *U.S. Small Business Administration*. The Lorain County SBDC developed through a community partnership between the *Lorain County Commissioners* and the *Lorain County Chamber of Commerce* to create a local, integrated system of small business services, advocacy, and awareness.

In order to foster a strong climate for small business growth in Lorain County, the local center is staffed by a highly trained, Certified Business Advisor® who provides free, confidential, and in-depth one-on-one counseling, e-counseling, training, quality-based assessments, technical assistance, information on federal, state, and local regulations and programs, as well as information on and guidance in loan packaging. The Lorain County SBDC center also offers business development training to local entrepreneurs in the areas of Business Plans, Accounting / Finance / QuickBooks®, Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management, Marketing, or programs developed specially to meet the needs of the clients.

Paul Kukuca, Director - FY 2009 Accomplishments at the Lorain County SBDC:

- Conducted **18** Training Workshops for Start-Up and Existing Business Entrepreneurs
- Served **189** Nascent / Pre-Venture Clients or Company Executives with One-to-One Counseling

Direct Impact:

- **16** loans financed = **1.3** million dollars in capital formed = **44** jobs created or preserved

Indirect Impact:

- More Investments, Jobs, Revenues x Multiplier Effect = Lorain County Economic Growth

The SBDC Advisory Committee is steered by Leadership Team Members of the *Lorain County Growth Partnership* (LCGP). The *Lorain County Commissioners* and the *Lorain County Chamber of Commerce* oversee operations and provide qualified staff and facilities essential to program administration. The *Lorain County Community College* (LCCC) and the *Lorain County Joint-Vocational School* (JVS) assist with client training and educational workshops. *Team Lorain County* contributes by playing an important role with business attraction, expansion, and retention. The Lorain County SBDC also collaborates with local financial institutions, other public resources, and private business consultants to service the needs of the clients.



Lorain County Port Authority

The mission of the Lorain County Port Authority is to promote economic development by assisting private industry initiatives; by development and redevelopment; and by promoting investment in business, industrial and transportation projects.

Established: March 2001

Territorial Jurisdiction: Lorain County, Ohio

History: From its inception in March 2001, the *Lorain County Board of Commissioners* created the Lorain County Port Authority (LCPA) and committed 1.5 million dollars toward the creation of a bond reserve fund. The bond reserve fund was supplemented by a 1 million dollar commitment from the *Ohio Department of Development*; increasing the balance to 2.5 million dollars. The Port Authority’s goal is to play a valuable role in furthering economic development efforts within Lorain County through the expanded statute flexibility given to Port Authorities. Furthermore, the LCPA realized the need to collaborate with governmental and private financing sources to assist businesses, institutions, and governmental agencies in their expansion and growth efforts.

Activities Report: In 2009, the LCPA reviewed several projects. The LCPA completed a 5 million economic development revenue bond for improvements and renovation at *Kendall at Oberlin* in Oberlin, Ohio. After almost three years of lead-time, the LCPA also closed on a Lorain County project to construct and renovate a foundry in Sheffield Township, Ohio. The project involved an 8.5 million variable rate revenue bond issued to *National Bronze and Metals, Inc.* that will assist in the facility expansion and growth of the business.

<u>2009 LORAIN COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u>	
Chair- Mr. James Cordes, Lorain County Commissioners	Term Expires: 12/31/2013
Vice Chair- Dr. Roy Church, Lorain County Community College	Term Expires: 12/31/2010
Treasurer- Mr. Ron Twining, Lorain County Commissioners	Term Expires: 12/31/2013
Secretary- Mr. Frank DeTillio, Lorain County Chamber of Commerce	Term Expires: 12/31/2010
Member- Mr. John Pena, Trustee	Term Expires: 12/31/2010
Executive Director- Mr. Ron Twining, Lorain County Commissioners	
Administrative Coordinator- Ms. Rebecca Jones, Lorain County Community Development	
Administrative Staff- Mr. Martin Row, Lorain County Community Development	

TEAM TUESDAY MEETINGS

TEAM TUESDAY meets every Tuesday morning on the 5th Floor of the Lorain County Administration Building. The meetings take place in the Lorain County Growth Partnership Lobby at 8:30 a.m. Representatives from agencies, businesses, and other organizations network, conduct informal round table discussions, and share any concerns they may have regarding support for economic development in their businesses, communities, and Lorain County. The Group provides updates on employment needs / trends, latest marketing resources, services, or other tools available, and how the Team may work together collaboratively to accomplish these goals.

TEAM TUESDAY hosts monthly tours. During these tours, its members gather information first hand regarding the economic condition and employment opportunities in Lorain County. Follow up meetings discuss how Team Tuesday members may assist the visited entity to achieve greater success in future development.

~ Lorain County Team Tuesday is on Facebook! ~



*** Meetings convene every Tuesday providing the Administration Building is open.**

LAKE ERIE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



In 2009, the Lorain County Commissioners and GLIDE created the position of Sustainability Coordinator to help plan, organize and coordinate green programs. This position will help save energy and create jobs by educating Lorain County manufacturers, organizations and municipalities about renewable energy products, increasing renewable energy installations, and writing grants. Last year, this focus led the Lorain County Commissioners to pass a resolution to become a founding member of the Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation (LEEDCo). LEEDCo's short term goal is to install 20 MW of wind turbine generation capacity in Lake Erie by 2012; the first offshore wind turbine installation in North America. LEEDCo's long term goal is creating jobs and investments in the deployment, manufacturing, maritime industry and ancillary services relating to offshore wind developments.

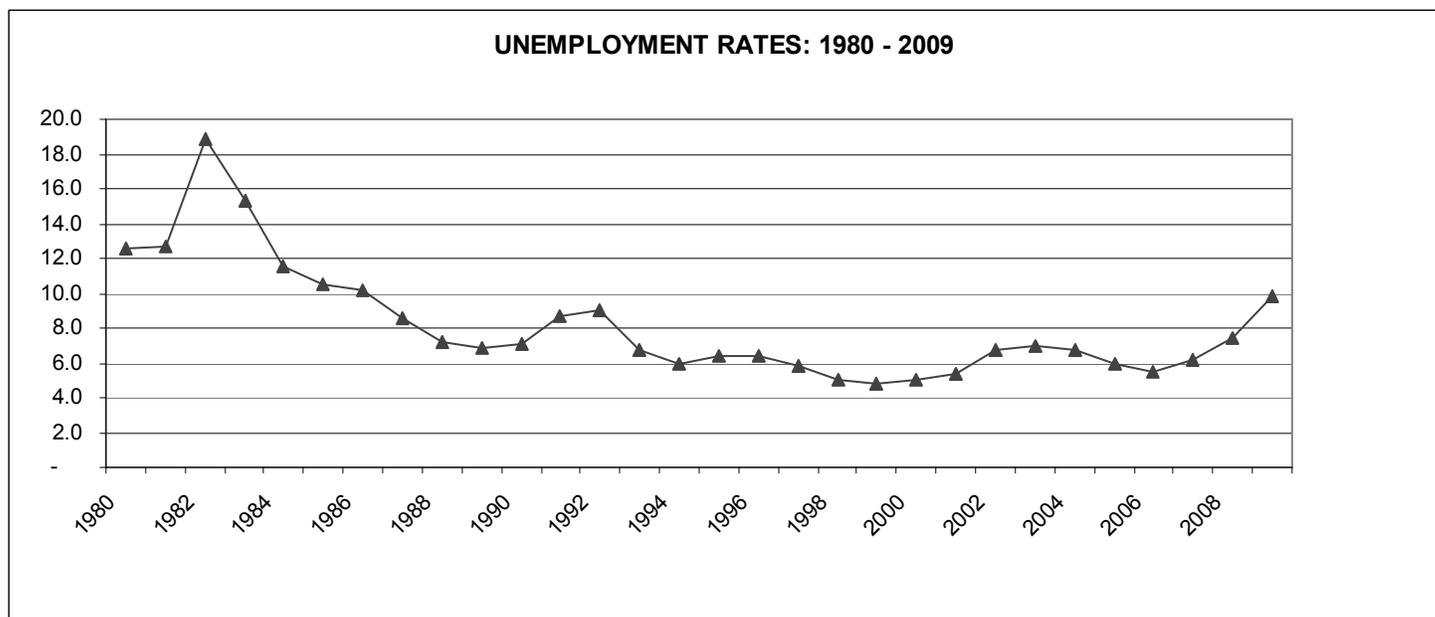
- * Other LEEDCo Founding Members include:
Cuyahoga County, City of Cleveland, Cleveland Foundation, and NorTech.



**LEEDCo's short term goal:
to install 20 MW of wind turbine generation capacity in Lake Erie by 2012**

Historic Employment

The early 80's were characterized by a sharp increase in unemployment rates, peaking at 18.9 percent in 1982, followed by a gradual normalization. There was a second much smaller increase in the early 90's which settled back out within a few years. Since then the unemployment rate has remain fairly stable fluctuating between five and seven percent in 5-6 year cycles. However, Lorain County's average unemployment rate has increased for the past three years and was 9.8 percent in 2009.



2009 Labor Force Estimates

The Lorain County Community Development Department made quarterly Labor Forces Estimate Reports to the Planning Commission in 2009. Each of these reports gave Lorain County's total work force, number employed, number unemployed and subsequent unemployment rate.

Lorain County's unemployment rate started at 8.9% in January and peaked at 11.5% in June. Thankfully, the unemployment rate continued to decrease most the second half of the year and finished at 9.5%. The average for the 2009 was 9.8%.

Lorain County's unemployment rate fluctuated between 6-8% through most of the year. The unemployment rate was 8.3% at its peak in September and dipped to a low of 6.2% in April. The average for the 2008 was 7.4%.

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 2004 - 2009: LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

<u>Month</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
	<u>2009</u>				<u>2006</u>			
January	154,400	140,600	13,800	8.9	150,200	141,000	9,200	6.1
February	158,100	140,300	17,700	11.2	152,100	143,000	9,200	6.1
March	156,300	140,200	16,100	10.3	151,300	143,000	8,300	5.5
April	157,500	140,900	16,600	10.5	152,200	144,800	7,400	4.9
May	158,900	140,900	18,000	11.4	153,400	146,100	7,200	4.7
June	161,200	142,700	18,500	11.5	155,700	147,300	8,300	5.4
July	160,500	144,000	16,500	10.3	157,400	147,700	9,700	6.2
August	158,100	142,700	15,400	9.7	156,200	146,900	9,400	6.0
September	154,700	140,700	14,000	9.1	153,300	145,200	8,200	5.3
October	157,500	140,900	16,600	10.5	153,400	146,200	7,200	4.7
November	155,700	140,900	14,800	9.5	153,600	145,600	8,000	5.2
December	153,500	138,900	14,500	9.5	152,400	143,700	8,700	5.7
Average:	157,200	141,100	16,000	9.8	153,400	145,000	8,400	5.5
	<u>2008</u>				<u>2005</u>			
January	155,200	144,800	10,400	6.7	147,100	137,200	10,000	6.8
February	155,200	144,700	10,500	6.8	148,900	137,800	11,100	7.5
March	157,100	144,800	12,300	7.8	149,000	139,300	9,700	6.5
April	157,100	147,200	9,800	6.2	150,600	142,400	8,300	5.5
May	157,900	146,800	11,100	7.1	151,400	143,300	8,200	5.4
June	159,800	147,400	12,400	7.8	153,700	143,700	10,000	6.5
July	162,600	149,200	13,400	8.2	154,100	144,500	9,600	6.2
August	159,100	147,100	12,000	7.5	150,700	142,400	8,300	5.5
September	158,600	145,400	13,200	8.3	148,500	140,300	8,200	5.5
October	155,300	145,300	10,000	6.4	147,300	139,500	7,800	5.3
November	155,200	143,800	11,300	7.3	148,300	140,200	8,100	5.4
December	154,000	141,800	12,200	7.9	146,100	137,700	8,400	5.8
Average:	157,300	145,700	11,600	7.4	149,600	140,700	9,000	6.0
	<u>2007</u>				<u>2004</u>			
January	153,300	143,300	10,000	6.5	141,300	129,800	11,500	8.1
February	152,900	143,000	9,900	6.5	141,300	130,400	10,900	7.7
March	152,500	143,300	9,200	6.0	141,000	131,200	9,800	6.9
April	152,900	144,000	8,900	5.8	141,600	131,900	9,700	6.9
May	153,200	144,500	8,700	5.7	141,300	133,100	8,200	5.8
June	155,900	145,600	10,300	6.6	144,000	134,200	9,800	6.8
July	158,100	147,100	11,000	6.9	145,800	135,300	10,500	7.2
August	156,500	146,600	9,900	6.3	144,500	134,700	9,800	6.8
September	154,600	145,200	9,400	6.1	140,800	132,500	8,300	5.9
October	155,000	146,300	8,600	5.6	141,500	133,100	8,500	6.0
November	156,300	147,400	8,900	5.7	142,100	132,900	9,200	6.5
December	154,200	144,200	10,000	6.5	140,800	132,000	8,900	6.3
Average:	154,600	145,000	9,600	6.2	142,200	132,600	9,600	6.8

Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) Summary

The TIRC reviewed 21 Tax Abatement Agreements on March 5th, 2010. Of those 21, two (2) expired between 12-31-08 and 12-31-09. The County entered into one (1) new abatement agreement in 2009. Nineteen (19) of the abatements were recommended for continuation.

The total real estate investment for these 21 abatements was \$78,547,639. The total personal property investment was \$123,013,601. The real estate and personal property commitment exceeded the commitments of \$44,378,000 and \$57,587,178 respectively.

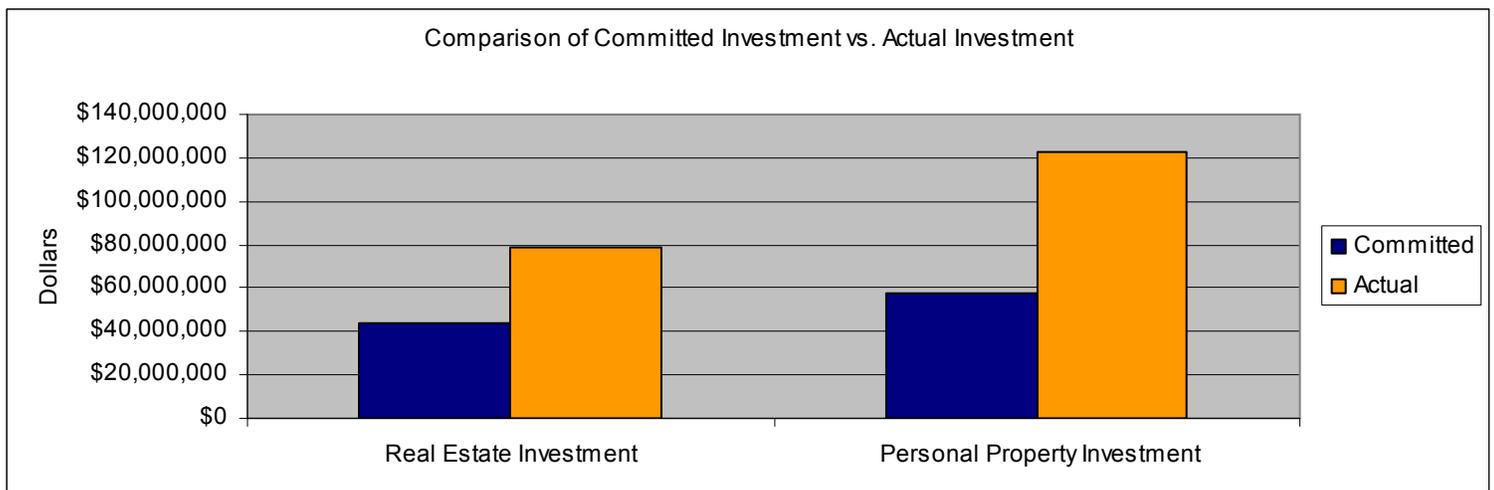
Through 2009 the cumulative total amount of taxes paid and abated in relationship to the investment is as follows:

Real Estate Taxes Paid	\$ 1,011,803
Real Estate Taxes Abated	\$ 280,194
Personal Property Taxes Paid	\$ 108,770
Personal Property Taxes Abated	\$ 315,591

Keep in mind, this does not include taxes that were paid on previous investment levels, nor does it reflect the payments in lieu of taxes made to the schools. Many of the municipalities also have an income tax that is paid on the total payroll.

The total number of jobs created was 314 and the total number of jobs retained was 1,582. The 2009 payroll for the jobs created was \$12,361,540.

Overall, the investment and jobs created and retained through these tax abatement agreements results in significant dollars being invested and spent in Lorain County, and a multiplier effect that positively impacts our local economy.



Committees & Conferences

Each year, members of our staff serve on a variety of local and regional boards and committees including:

- Governor's Regional Advisory Board
- NOACA Transportation Advisory Committee
 - NOACA Planning Advisory Committee
- NOACA Environmental Advisory Committee
 - Lorain County Fair Housing Board
 - Lorain County Office on Aging
 - Lorain County Port Authority Board
- Lorain County Economic & Industrial Development Corporation
 - Western Reserve RC&D
- Great Lakes Innovation & Development Enterprise (GLIDE) Board
 - State of Ohio Fair Housing Advisory Committee
 - State of Ohio CDBG Advisory Committee
 - Regional Physical Development Coalition
 - Workforce Investment Board
 - NorthCoast Building Industries Association
 - OSU Extension
 - NRAC
 - CDBG ED Advisory Committee
 - Board of Revision
- Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation (LEEDCo)
 - Great Lakes Energy Development Task Force
- Lorain County Community College's Wind Turbine Advisory Committee
 - Entrepreneurs for Sustainability
 - Green Energy Ohio
 - Ohio Wind Energy Working Group

In addition, our staff attended a variety of state & local training programs & local events including:

*Ohio Community Development Corporation Economic Development Training
*Ohio Planning Commission's Annual Planning & Zoning Workshop *ODNR
Floodplain Workshop *National Fair Housing Alliance Conference *NCBIA Urban
Sprawl Forums *Ohio Conference of Community Development *Ohio Housing and
Community Partnership *Neighborhood Stabilization Program Training *Recovery
Zone Board Training

Planning Documents & Reports

The following documents are available to the Public through LCCDD:

2000 Lorain County Comprehensive Land Use Plan -This plan represents a vision for Lorain County's future growth over the next twenty years. The Lorain County Planning Commission served as a Steering Committee during the development of the Plan. In addition, six (6) separate committees met for a period of several months to prepare policy recommendations on the following topics: farmland retention, transportation, infrastructure, environmental issues and intergovernmental relations.

\$49.00

Lorain County Job Projections - This document details ten year job projections for Lorain County (1998-2008) based upon census and other data. **FREE**

2000 Lorain County Farmland Retention Report - Explanation of how the County Farmland Retention Committee utilized a public process to arrive at its conclusions concerning current agricultural status and potential land use policies for Lorain County. The outcomes from these public meetings are a series of recommendations that will provide Lorain County with a direction to retain farmland. **FREE**

Subdivision Regulations (revised 6-22-02) - Details the rules and regulations governing plats or subdivisions of land falling within its jurisdiction as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 711.10. **\$10.00**

LCCDD Annual Reports - These documents detail the LCCDD's programs and projects from each year including details as to how the County's CDBG allocations were spent and the ongoing economic development and planning activities. **FREE**

2001 Lorain County Multi-modal Transportation Plan - In 2002, Lorain County completed work on its Multi-modal Transportation Plan. This plan is the product of a 15-month planning process that involved 51 local citizen meetings and nearly 150 hours of committee discussions and is the first such plan that has been completed for Lorain County since the late sixties. Seven (7) separate committees including: roadways, transit, rail, water ports, bike and pedestrian, airport and information technology worked with the LCCDD and the planning consultant, Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc., to develop vision statements, identify the challenges and gain consensus for recommendations as to how Lorain County should progress in transportation planning over the coming years. **\$12.00**

2003 Lorain County Housing Impediments Study - In August 2003, Lorain County completed its Analysis of Impediments Study. The last update of the analysis was in 1995. The LCCDD conducted several public meetings throughout the County in order to identify the housing related impediments in Lorain County. **FREE**

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