

Annual Report  
**2020**



# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As the Executive Director of the Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission and on behalf of our Board, I am pleased to present this FY 2020 Annual Report. This has been a challenging year for all of us due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which not only caused a public health concern, but also dramatically affected how we interact with the public, our Board, and our member agencies.

We were saddened to see the departure of four longtime employees this past year. Executive Director Thom Mazur retired after serving nearly 30 years at the Planning Commission. Thom was instrumental in fostering cooperation and collaboration among Allen County's political subdivisions and securing and coordinating millions of dollars in State and Federal funding. Also retiring was Evelyn Smith, Senior Planner, who worked for LACRPC for 28 years. She was an integral part of creating and coordinating the Lima-Allen County Safe Community Coalition. Lisa Steffen accepted a new role with ODOT in the spring of 2020 after 17 years of outstanding contributions to our members and community. Finally, last year also saw the retirement of longtime staff engineer Jim Patterson. Jim worked on a myriad of projects throughout his 14 years of service to LACRPC. We would like to thank them for their almost 90 years of service to our agency. They will certainly be missed.

While difficult, change also brings the potential for fresh ideas and opportunities. We hope you have recognized some of these changes already. From our new logo to our refreshed website and newsletter, staff has been busy reimagining our presence and identifying ways to further impact our community. The 2020 Annual Report presents the agency's accomplishments this past year and catalyzes a new planning year. We look forward to an exciting and productive 2021 as we continue to partner with a host of agencies to move Allen County into the future.

Finally, I'd like to thank the entire LACRPC staff, our members, and volunteers for their incredible efforts this past year. Staff worked through various schedules (home, office, hybrid) to ensure we met all of our obligations, and committee members worked to quickly learn to interact remotely. Thank you for your dedication, and most importantly, your patience. We did not miss a deadline!



Executive Director  
Shane A. Coleman

# LACRPC OVERVIEW

The Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) was established in September 1964 and assumed the Allen County Planning Commission's powers and duties, which was created in 1954. The formation of the Regional Planning Commission was accomplished in conformance with Section 713.21 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Commission is charged with the responsibilities of comprehensive planning and program implementation within Allen County and its various communities.

LACRPC is a voluntary association of delegates from different political subdivisions, representatives of state and local government, as well as, non-governmental organizations interested in understanding and addressing the needs of the Allen County community. The Commission serves as a forum for discussing and sharing ideas and information about issues that affect several communities along with regional issues that crossover political boundaries into adjacent counties. The LACRPC serves in an advisory capacity to community decision-makers who have come to rely on data, analyses, and planning recommendations provided by the Commission. A 34-member Board of Directors assists the Commission by reviewing and recommending plans and strategies to develop and improve the region. The Commission employs professional staff to provide assistance and advice in carrying out their responsibilities. To accomplish these goals, LACRPC also consults with other professionals such as City and County Engineers, Sanitary Engineers, Prosecutors, and Auditors. Additional consult is provided by Allen County Public Health, Allen Soil and Water Conservation District, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and multiple local utilities.

The LACRPC provides a wide array of services to the region and undertakes special studies at member communities' request. Typically, services include preparing population and housing reports, providing traffic and accident analyses, facilitating the subdivision review process for those unincorporated areas outside municipal jurisdictions. It also provides zoning, land-use, soil, and other development-related information. The Commission also administers the Allen County Floodplain Management Regulations for the unincorporated areas of Allen County. LACRPC also serves as a repository of a wide array of historical data and archival maps including aerial photos, traffic flow, zoning, and land-use maps. The agency has the capability to provide a wide variety of other services of local interest at little or no charge to the general public.

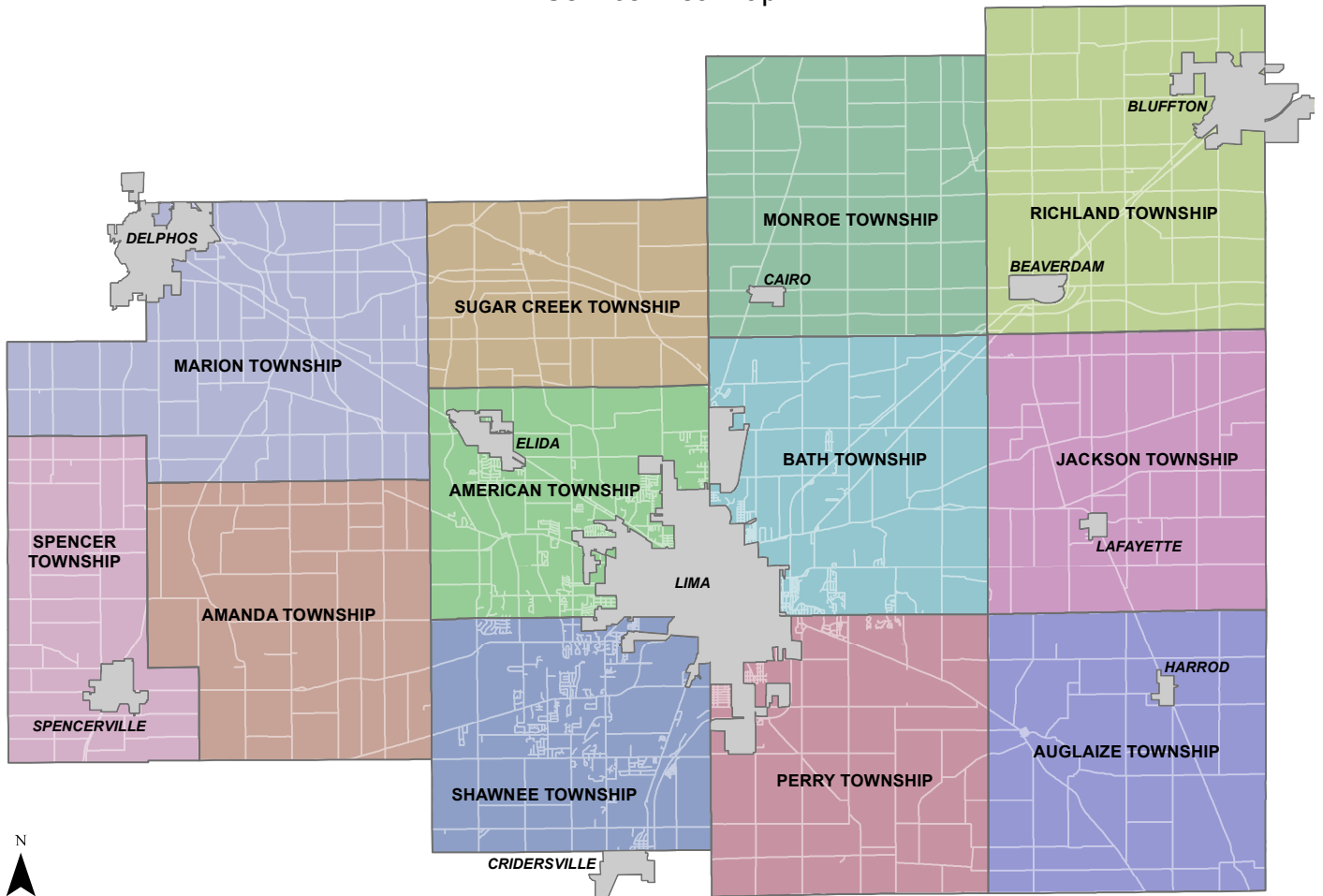
The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) of the LACRPC reflects the interests and concerns of its local membership and contains information specific to the cooperative, continuing and comprehensive planning processes undertaken by LACRPC on an annual basis. Through the participation of local member political subdivisions, and with the assistance of state and federal agencies, LACRPC determines planning priorities and policies for the region. The Board, with input from local elected officials and community activists, directs the staff in undertaking its various planning activities. The UPWP details those staff activities over the course of the fiscal year as defined under contractual obligation with various state and federal agencies. In addition to providing the basis for soliciting state and federal funding, the document provides a management tool from which to assess LACRPC's progress on specific projects, as well as, its commitment to local issues. This summary document chronicles the activities and accomplishments of the Regional Planning Commission identified in the agency's FY 2020 UPWP.



# MEMBER MAP

Over 20 local jurisdictions including cities, townships, and villages in Allen County are members of the LACRPC. We work together to promote and advocate for all jurisdictions in Allen County

Service Area Map

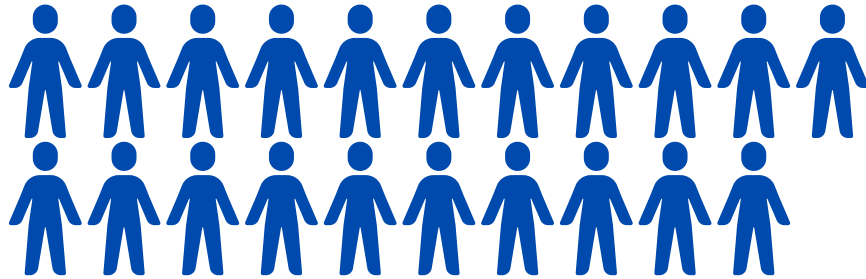


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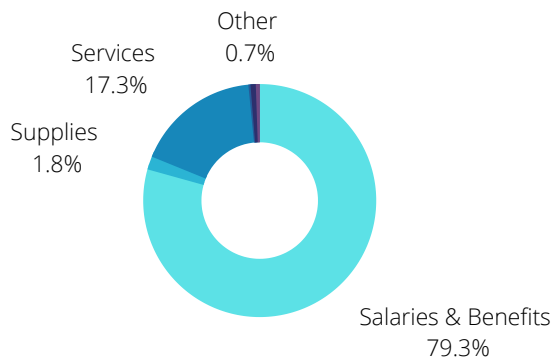
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- City of Lima
- Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce
- Mercy Health-St. Rita's Medical Center
- United Way Of Greater Lima
- West Ohio Community Action Partnership

# LACRPC BY THE NUMBERS

**21** | Number of Member Organizations



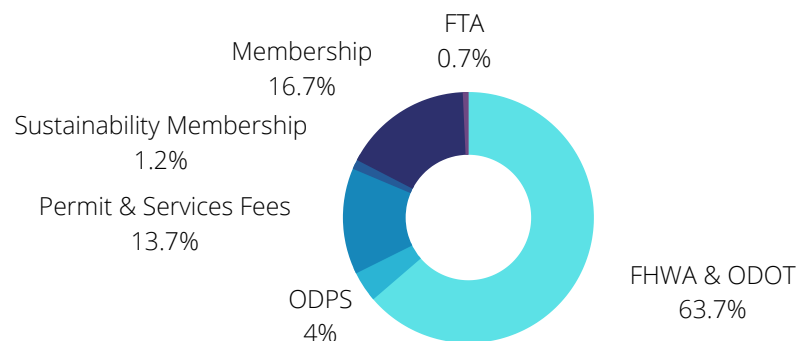
## Expense



### EXPENSE

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Salaries & Benefits	\$515,157
Supplies	\$11,898
Services	\$112,311
Repairs	\$1,896
Others	\$4,747
Travel	\$630
Equipment	\$2,880

## Income



### INCOME

INCOME	AMOUNT
FHWA & ODOT	\$448,066
ODPS	\$27,860
Permit & Services Fees	\$96,375
Sustainability Membership	\$8,648
Membership	\$117,511
FTA	\$5,052

# FINANCIAL REPORT

The LACRPC expended a budget of \$649,519 in CY 2020. Local membership assessments of \$117,511 used in the operating budget, leveraged state and federal planning grants by a factor of approximately 5.52 to 1. Transportation planning activities were funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Safety initiatives were funded by the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS). Pursuant to state law, the Commission's funds are held in the Allen County Treasury.

The LACRPC Board of Directors are responsible for making sure that sound decisions are made concerning spending and for stimulating the flow of state and federal funds in Allen County. Member governments invested \$117,511 in per capita fees to the LACRPC. In return, the community received grants, services and capital improvements of more than \$37.17 million. A simple assessment reveals that "for every \$1 entrusted to the LACRPC in CY 2020, there was a return of approximately \$314.26 to the larger community." In addition, the LACRPC delivered noncash benefits to its members by providing a vehicle for the exchange of valuable information.

## DELIVERING A RETURN



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# TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Federal legislation is a major part of the framework guiding local and state transportation planning efforts. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the most recent transportation bill, was signed into law on December 4, 2015, largely maintained existing program structures and funding shares between highways and transit. It worked to improved Federal transportation programs by streamlining the approval processes for new projects and made a number of changes to the Department's safety programs aimed to better protect the traveling public. A number of provisions focused on ensuring the safe, efficient, and reliable movement of freight by establishing a national multimodal plan with strategies to guide decision-making and funding to local governments to mitigate freight bottlenecks. It further worked to streamline the environmental review process for transportation projects and improved the application process to support innovative financing partnerships.

Perhaps more importantly it mandated the use of performance measures, targets, and asset management to guide federal investments in projects, programs, and services. Legislation such as the FAST Act, Clean Air Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Americans with Disabilities Act demand increased communication and cooperation between local and state governments. This has become critical to ensuring the decision-making process remains consistent with the federally mandated transportation planning process.

LACRPC has undertaken a comprehensive traffic engineering program to target increased roadway safety. The ongoing system, corridor, and intersection level reviews involve the documentation of existing traffic patterns, collection of some 146 traffic counts, and an assemblage of traffic crash data. The agency worked with ODOT and ODPS to prepare Traffic Crash Summary Reports for the local political subdivisions which analyzed motor vehicle crashes by crash type, vehicle type, severity, and location. Over the 3-year study period, 22,283 persons were involved in crashes. The total estimated societal costs resulting from 2018 crashes was approximately \$145 million, a decrease of about 17% over 2017 societal costs.

Over the course of CY20, LACRPC completed a road safety audit along Metcalf Street in partnership with Allen County Public Health and the City of Lima and participated in the Thayer Road Corridor Study from US30 to SR117 to develop short, medium, and long-term countermeasures to address crash and vehicle movement patterns along the corridor. LACRPC also supported the Gomer Streetscape Feasibility Study which worked to develop details and cost estimates for a proposed streetscape project to include streets, sidewalks, and storm sewers throughout the unincorporated community.

The agency is routinely asked to provide technical information on the performance and safety of local roadways, especially at intersections. As a result, staff works to establish the performance of the region's signalized intersections which are analyzed regularly by traffic control type, number, lane configuration, and length delay. This information is used to develop recommendations for improvement. Intersections are also identified and ranked as high hazard locations based on various measures including frequency, rate per million entering vehicles (MEV), and severity (EPDO). The table below highlights the high hazard intersection locations by measure. Intersection analyses resulted in various recommendations including installation/removal of signal, revised signal timings, adding turn lanes, upgrading pavement markings, adding overhead lighting, installing new signage, and selective enforcement.

Documenting local traffic patterns is an integral part of the agency's purpose and annual Work Program. Traffic count data is used and requested by various local actors including real estate representatives, marketing professionals, developers, and government officials. Law enforcement officials and neighborhood residents also request traffic data, including the speed of traffic, at various locations. As a result, the Commission undertakes an extensive traffic counting program in Allen County every year. LACRPC works to document operational characteristics at 146 locations annually. While the agency uses the latest in traffic counting technology to address local concerns and documents its activities to produce traffic count maps for local consumption, the 2020 efforts were hindered due to the affects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the agency incorporated the use of Streetlight Data software in 2020 to further study vehicle, bike, and pedestrian activity across the region.



# TRANSIT PLANNING



## UPLIFT – Shared Ride Transportation

In September 1974, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 306, the Board of Allen County Commissioners created the Allen County Regional Transit Authority (ACRTA) to provide needed transportation services across Allen County. The ACRTA maintains fixed-route and paratransit services. Transit management reflects a seven-member Board of Trustees, appointed by the Allen County Commissioners, who oversee the operations of fixed-route and complementary paratransit services. In 2020 ACRTA had 43 employees which included financial, planning, operations, and maintenance personnel.

In 2020, the ACRTA provided transportation services, in spite of the pandemic, to 163,519 passengers using 8 fixed routes and provided 336,360 miles of fixed-route service. LACRPC staff worked with ACRTA staff to compile route productivity measures and maintain eligibility for federal/state funding, as well as program its capital. To help alleviate the added burden of operating during the pandemic, RTA received almost 4.5 million in CARES Act funding for operational needs to offset any downturns caused by the COVID-19 virus and to help pay for cleaning supplies, PPE, and social distancing measures.

The demand response service provides flexibility by providing individualized rides without fixed routes or timetables; in 2020 25,143 persons were transported using demand response/paratransit services provided by the ACRTA. ADA complementary paratransit services are required to be provided for those individuals with qualifying disabilities whose destination is located within a three-quarter-mile radius of the fixed-route service – these UPLIFT services reflected some 6,478 trips in 2020. Additionally, in 2020, RTA received four new paratransit vans; four Ford Econoline vans that seat twelve passengers and two wheelchairs. Collectively, these paratransit services supported needed transportation to employment, education/training venues, and medical services; both require advance reservations.

This past year the ACRTA worked with ODOT and the RPC to optimize available federal and state funding for necessary rolling stock and equipment and maintenance facility upgrades. ODOT policies allowing the use of MPO CMAQ monies at 100% federal allowed the MPO and ACRTA to collaboratively fund new rolling stock acquisitions to replace its aging paratransit fleet. These efforts were significant enough to ensure a “State of Good Repair” with performance targets set by ODOT as required by Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

## FTA Specialized Transportation Program

The ACRTA and the RPC worked with ODOT, the Area Agency on Aging, and a half dozen local paratransit providers to ensure FTA capital and operational monies are available to those nonprofit social service agencies that provide transportation services to the elderly and the disabled. In 2020, the ACRTA and RPC provided technical support to the Area Agency on Aging and the FACTS Coalition members.

# SAFE COMMUNITIES

Since 1994, the LACRPC has managed traffic safety related projects using federal funds through grants administered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS). The 2020 Safe Communities Grant models a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration plan that targets interventions to reduce the occurrence of traffic crashes and the associated economic, societal, and personal costs. A few 2020 initiatives included:

- Promotionals resulted in an estimated 14 million traffic safety media impressions, both traditional and digital media, encouraging seatbelt use, motorcycle safety, risk awareness associated with impaired driving and distracted driving as well as bicycle/pedestrian safety, railroad grade crossing, etc.
- Nearly 12,500 pieces of awareness materials, promoting traffic safety, were distributed, including “I’m bucklin’ it” McDonald’s dessert coupons.
- Countywide observational seatbelt surveys documented 80.1% restraint use.
- Through local partnerships, nearly 2,500 high school students received traffic safety awareness education encouraging seatbelt use as well as raising awareness about the risks of impaired driving and distracted driving.
- Operation Lifesaver presentations, focusing on highway rail grade crossing safety and restraint use, were given to over 350 novice drivers.
- Billboards were used to promote traffic safety awareness, resulting in over one million impressions, about seatbelt use, sharing the road safely with bicyclists/pedestrians, as well as to discourage impaired and distracted driving.

## 2020 SAFE COMMUNITIES FOPA FOP AWARDS



**Fire/EMS Safety**  
Brian Berheide  
Lima Fire Department

**Children Safety**  
Tim Thurston  
Crime Victims Services  
CASA

**Outstanding Leadership**  
Timothy Grigsby  
Ohio State Highway Patrol

**Traffic Safety**  
Zachary Norris  
Ohio State Highway Patrol

**School Safety**  
Scott Jones & K9 Partner Mac  
Lima City Schools

**Youth Safety**  
Damien Tibbs  
Allen County Sheriff’s Office

**Lifetime Achievement**  
Thomas Mazur

# ACTIVATE ALLEN COUNTY

The Community has slowly come to the realization that the local built environment is largely determined by land use and transportation decisions, and that those decisions affect the quality of life of the community over the long term. The relationship between past development practices and their historical cumulative impact on the natural and built environment is becoming clearer. The Committee looks to use civic engagement and regulatory controls to address issues. Activate Allen County reflects a broad-based coalition of local health care providers, major employers, development professionals and community leaders whose goal is to create a community in which all residents can thrive in the built environment. Concerns and discussions over transportation costs as well as the expenditures required for roadway maintenance and safety projects are finding allies with local residents who are concerned with active transportation, urban sprawl, farmland preservation, and water/air quality standards. In a spirit of cooperation, this committee is working to explore the nature of these issues from a more holistic perspective. In a unique partnership, the RPC has entered into conversations, programming, and activities to examine sustainability and sustainable development on a number of different levels focusing on developing a balanced and equitable approach to transportation, land use, employment and an improved quality of life. Local neighborhood and business groups are advocating on behalf of more active transportation investments.

Allen County  
Allen County Public Health  
City of Lima  
Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce  
Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

Mental Health & Recovery Services Board  
Mercy Health - St. Rita’s Medical Center  
Ohio State University - Lima  
United Way of Greater Lima  
West Ohio Community Action Partnership

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)



The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The CDBG grants are intended to support affordable housing, necessary infrastructure improvements, and the delivery of antipoverty programs in eligible communities. The CDBG program, begun in 1974 and run by the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides annual grants on a formula basis to more than 1,200 state and local governments.

The Allen County Board of Commissioners is charged with the responsibility of developing and delivering local eligible projects consistent with the Program's national objectives including: activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people, the prevention or elimination of slum or blighting conditions, or other community development activities to address an urgent threat to health or safety. There is a broad range of CDBG eligible projects spanning some two dozen programs and services. For example, funds may be used for community development activities (such as real estate acquisition, relocation, demolition, rehabilitation of housing, and commercial buildings); construction of public facilities and improvements (such as water/sewer and other utilities such as street paving and sidewalks); construction and maintenance of neighborhood centers and the conversion of school buildings; and, economic development, leading to job creation/retention activities. CDBG funds can also be used for preservation and restoration of historic properties in low-income neighborhoods. However, projects must be shown to benefit low-to-moderate income persons, aid a targeted population (such as senior citizens or disabled), or provide for the elimination of slum/blight conditions.

In 2020, Allen County worked to deliver Community Housing Improvement Program Preservation (CHIPPP) services providing assistance for rehabilitation, first-time homebuyer assistance, emergency home repair, etc., to qualified residents of Allen County. The County CDBG Program administered by RPC funded WOCAP and GLCAP for housing foreclosure counseling and Fair Housing education. Under the 2020 Community Development Grant, \$176,119 of CHIPPP funds were used to repair/rehab 11 homes in Allen County.

As CDBG Program funding is dispersed by the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) based on population and need, the County's allocation of funds vary by year. However, the CDBG program remains the single primary source of funds for the County's community development initiatives supporting not only housing projects but also roadway, water and sewer infrastructure projects.

# DEVELOPMENTAL CONTROLS



## Developmental Controls

In order to further local development, the Commission assists member political subdivisions in monitoring, reviewing, and approving development activities within Allen County while helping to establish regulatory controls to minimize any adverse environmental and/or economic effects of development. The LACRPC works with other local agencies involved in the development process including the Allen County Engineer's Office, Allen County Sanitary Engineer's Office, Allen Soil and Water Conservation District, Allen Water District, Allen County Auditor's Office, Allen County Public Health, and local political subdivisions.

## Subdivision Regulations

LACRPC is responsible for facilitating the major and minor subdivision processes within the unincorporated areas of Allen County. In 2020 staff responded to 246 telephone inquiries and facilitated 36 in-house reviews. On-site technical reviews were limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Subsequently, the Commission approved 26 minor land divisions, not including 49 land transfers and 51 exempted land divisions affecting some 1,036.25 acres. Examining the major subdivision process, the Planning Commission reviewed proposed replats of the Brookline Subdivision (American), Twillingate Subdivision (Shawnee), and Vernon Heights Subdivision (American). The Planning Commission also reviewed Revised Overall Development Plans for the Autumn Ridge (Bath), Hidden Creek/Village at Sugar Creek (Jackson), and the Kenyon Heights Subdivision (American) in 2020. The Commission reviewed four variance requests to the County Subdivision Regulations in American, Bath, and Spencer townships.

# DEVELOPMENTAL CONTROLS



## Zoning Regulations

Since its inception, the Commission has provided technical assistance in the preparation, interpretation, and enactment of zoning resolutions to the unincorporated political subdivisions within Allen County as required under Chapter 519 of the Ohio Revised Code. The LACRPC continues to assist member political subdivisions in the review, development, and revision of zoning regulations to ensure that development occurs in an orderly manner. In 2020, Commission staff provided technical assistance to various member political subdivisions including the villages of Bluffton and Elida, as well as Amanda, American, Auglaize, Bath, Jackson, Marion, Perry, Richland, Shawnee, Spencer, and Sugar Creek townships. In 2020, staff responded to 134 telephone inquiries from local governments, institutions, and officials; and, responded to no formal zoning amendment petitions filed by local governments. Staff facilitated the review of eight (8) zoning petitions in Amanda (1), American (2), Bath (5), Perry (2), and Richland (1) townships.

## Floodplain Management

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has identified 15,834 acres in Allen County as floodplains. In order to promote public health and safety, the Board of Allen County Commissioners accepted guidance from FEMA and adopted Floodplain Management Regulations. Subsequently, the County delegated responsibility to manage regulatory guidelines and standards in floodplain lands within the unincorporated areas of the County to LACRPC. In 2020, the agency provided technical assistance and program oversight of the regulations which govern development-related activities in response to 89 inquiries, and issued floodplain development permits in American (1), Marion (1), Richland (2), Shawnee (1), and Sugar Creek (2) townships.

# INFORMATION SERVICES

The LACRPC strives to provide information and/or data analyses to local decision makers in order to enhance an intelligent decision-making process. The Commission, under contract, concentrates data collection analysis activities in community development, transportation, environmental planning, and other areas of local governmental concern with such services delivered in a timely, competent manner. Much of the information gathered and provided by the LACRPC is also available on the web at [www.lacrpc.com](http://www.lacrpc.com). The agency website proved to be a valuable tool for local information as it recorded 19,727 hits and recorded 15,062 user sessions in 2020.

## Technical Libraries

The LACRPC Technical Library attempts to collect and provide technical reports and documents on areas of local concern focusing on transportation, environment, land-use, and public safety concerns. The agency acts as a regional repository of aerial photographs, traffic flow maps, topographic and planimetric maps, as well as hydrologic and soil maps. Moreover, the Commission maintains a full complement of regional data sets including school enrollments, elected officials, population projections, traffic flow/accidents, and employment by the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). LACRPC collects quarterly Cost-of-Living data for Allen County and stores similar data for 300 urbanized areas across the United States.

## Census Affiliate

The LACRPC is designated as a Local Census Affiliate by the United States Department of Commerce and has participated in the local review process since 1965. The wealth of Census data is a major asset to the region as well as to member political subdivisions. LACRPC works with the Allen County Commissioners and Census Bureau to complete the Census Boundary & Annexation Survey (BAS) of political boundaries impacted by annexation, the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) process for each of Allen County's townships, and the City of Delphos. Beginning in mid-2019, the agency began to work with the US Census Bureau and the Bureau's Ohio Office to establish a Complete Count Committee of local governments and community stakeholders to support the local 2020 Census tabulation. This work continued into 2020.

## Technical Support

LACRPC has been able to create and maintain strong relationships with local stakeholders which have created opportunities to provide technical support to a number of diverse agencies across Allen County. Examples of cooperation and assistance include the mapping of flood-prone repetitive loss structures with insurance agents, crime analysis and mapping for local law enforcement, providing support and supplies for litter collection activities, participation in the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Advisory Board, and support for the West Central Ohio Land Conservancy. The agency has facilitated housing development discussions with the Allen County Housing Consortium, supports local economic development initiatives undertaken by the local Chambers of Commerce and Allen Economic Development Group, provides technical assistance to local school districts interested in Safe Route to School programming, and offers general grant writing assistance to local governments, social service agencies, and nonprofit organizations.



# 2020 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## LIMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MANUFACTURER'S COUNCIL

The Regional Planning Commission recognizes freight as a particularly important sector of the economy as freight movements effect everyone both directly and indirectly. Recognizing the logistical and transportation expertise already contained within the Manufacturer's Council (MC) of the Chamber of Commerce, the Planning Commission opts to use the existing council to support its need to secure insights related to mobility, safety, reliability and economic competitiveness. The MC offers the MPO the ability to identify potential projects with the greatest positive impacts and assess actual rather than expected project outcomes; moreover, the MC can act as a development catalyst able to assist owners and operators in project development. The MC is comprised of area manufacturer's, trucking firms, rail services, public sector engineering and public and private sector economic development representatives. The primary responsibility of the MC is to help public-sector policy-makers, planners, and engineers better understand the complexities associated with freight movement to more effectively guide public investment in the transportation infrastructure.

Heath Alloway	John Ficorilli	Steve Hatkevich	Hank Kennedy	Jed Metzger
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Monica Orick	James Rudolph	John Shaver	Kris Thacker	
Joe Patton	Tracie Sanchez	Bob Stead	Andrew Wannemacher	

## The Village of LaFayette Community Mailbox Cluster



CDBG money was utilized on updates in the village of Lafayette

## The City of Delphos Road Way Improvements



CDBG money was utilized on updates in the City of Delphos



# Lima-Allen County

Regional Planning Commission

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