

## Comprehensive Plan Updates- Meeting Notes

Date: 1/10/2024

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Mission Statement- *“Our mission is to update the Comprehensive Plan for Washington Township, Licking County, by prioritizing the preservation of its natural beauty, agriculture, and history, and to protect and improve the health, safety, and values of the community through the establishment of intentional and logical development recommendations.”*

### Meeting Notes

#### Q&A/Work Session

- History- Nancy Coad, Bill Dyke
  - Bill provided updated History section for Justin to review
- Demographics- Ikeya Morning, Beth Dyke
  - Beth provided updated Demographics section for Population and Age/Gender
  - Beth and Ikea are still reviewing statistics for the Education/Income and Housing sections
  - Ikea is waiting to hear back from a few reports on the Housing section
- Land Capability- Ron Thompson, John Martinsen, Beth Dyke
  - Kristy Hawthorne from Licking County Soil and Water (LCSW) presented at the meeting
  - Suggestion to Wetlands Inventory Map and Groundwater Vulnerability Map
  - Aquafer Vulnerability Map was presented at the meeting and can be received from LCSW
  - Soil Types Map will remain the same
  - Prime Farmland Map will need updated
  - More detailed Soil Map can be provided if desired
  - Hydrologic Soil Map can be added to the plan if desired
  - Flood Plain Map will need updated
  - Generalized Land Use Map can be updated by Kyle at LCSW
  - All of the maps that we need updated can be provided by LCSW
  - Ohio Geology Interactive Map is another good source for township maps
  - Other general notes...
    - “Water War” is going on in Licking County- most recent attempt to provide water to Western Licking County is in St. Albans township
    - Permitting processes required to “use” water from certain areas is governed by ODNR and EPA
    - Open spaces and floodplains are key for water regeneration and need to be protected
    - Over 1 acre of disturbance in flood plain requires strict review process
    - Packaged Sewer Plants are being rapidly processed to allow infrastructure in areas where there is no septic
      - Look into options to “opt out” of these plants in the township for Zoning Resolution update

- Water study report for Licking County will be complete in 2024
  - 208 Report- Sewer and Mapping of the county
  - Use Framework book for zoning and township management (TJ Evans)
  - CAUV and AG District Programs- Conserve farmland/green space
    - Farmland Preservation Program
    - Ag Security Program
  - Planning Specialist that can help with rewriting township documents
    - Jim Leonard- Neighborhood Strategies
    - Holy Maddie- Crossroads Community Planning
- Infrastructure- Bill Dyke, Ben Posey
  - Ben met with Glenn Richard's to discuss Utica's Infrastructure Plan
    - Utica is getting ready to start comprehensive planning as well
  - Utica's sewer and water infrastructure have remained the same since last plan, with only changes being sustained maintenance.
  - Utica is looking to double sewage plant capacity from 450k/day to 900k per day
    - Do we know when this will take place?
  - As of 2022 county switched to GPS mapping and road mileages are slightly different
    - Rex is looking into this and can provide insight on surface upgrades
  - Mention aquifers in this section, but mainly reference in Land Capability
  - Can discuss Packaged Sewer Plants in this section if desired
- Community Services- Susan Hatch, Nancy Coad, Ikea Morning, Joseph Merrill
  - Schools- Susan provided package with information about the North Fork School District
    - Information included for Transportation/Safety, School Statistics, Curriculum, Extra Curriculars, and Technology
  - Law Enforcement- Susan still waiting for information from Chelsea Fulk
- Economic Development- John Martinsen, Ben Posey, David Troyer

### Next Meeting

Present findings for Infrastructure, Community Services, and Economic Development sections