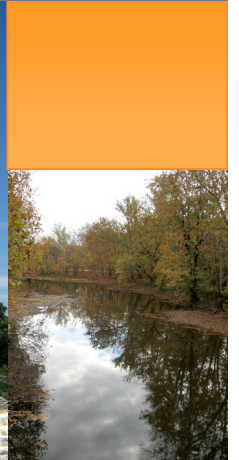




2011 Annual Report

DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



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Mission

The Delaware County Regional Planning Commission was established to provide growth management systems, planning services and general information to all governmental entities in Delaware County, Ohio relating to land use planning and coordination of activities of regional significance.

Involvement

In addition to the involvement and contact RPC has with county offices and local jurisdictions, we have also had interaction or contact with the following organizations in 2011:

American Planning Association-Ohio County Planning Directors Association of Ohio	Ohio State University Dept. of City and Regional Planning ACHIEVE/Go Healthy! Delaware County	Olentangy Local School District Olentangy Watershed Action Group Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed
MORPC Staff Summit	County Greenways Forum	Delaware General Health District's PACE-Environmental Health Committee
MORPC Balanced Growth Planning Partnerships (Olentangy, Scioto, and Big Walnut Watersheds)	Partnership for a Healthy Delaware County	

Commission members

The DCRPC is comprised of one representative from each Township/Municipality participating in the funding of the Regional Planning Commission. County Commissioners and the County Engineer are representatives as are one member from the Board of Health, Sanitary Engineer Department, and Code Compliance. Members serve a three-year term commencing March 1st of each year. The Board of County Commissioners and the County Engineer serve during their tenure in office. The Executive Committee is comprised of four appointed members of the DCRPC and one Commissioner appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Executive Committee officers serve a term of one year commencing at the first regularly scheduled Executive Committee meeting in April.

Executive Committee (5/2012)

Steve Burke, Delaware General Health District, Chair

Dave Stites, Kingston Township, Vice-Chair **Ken O'Brien**, Delaware County Commissioner, 2nd Vice-Chair

Vacant until June, Member-At-Large **Tiffany Jenkins**, Sanitary Engineer, Member-At-Large

Representatives and Alternates (5/2012)

Village of Ashley

Jim Nelson, Rep.

Berkshire Township

Jeff George, Rep.
William Holtry, Alt.

Berlin Township

Rick Sedlacek, Rep.
Ray Armstrong, Alt.

Brown Township

Susan Kuba, Rep.
Paul Clay, Alt.

Concord Township

Ric Irvine, Rep.

Delaware County

Dennis Stapleton, Commissioner
Ken O'Brien, Commissioner
Tommy Thompson, Commissioner
Tim Hansley, (Administrator) Alt.
Fred Fowler, Code Compliance
Duane Matlack, Code Comp. Alt.
Steve Burke, Health Dept. Rep.
Steve Ruckman/Mike Rogich,
Health Dept. Alts.
Tiffany Jenkins, Sanitary Eng. Rep.
Jack Smelker, Sanitary Eng. Alt.
Chris Bauserman, Engineer Rep.
Rob Riley/Doug Reidel,
Engineer Alt.

Delaware Township

Sharon Hough, Rep.
Karl Johnson, Alt.

City of Dublin

Gary Gunderman, Rep.

Village of Galena

Tom Hopper, Rep.
Scott Jamison, Alt.

*Early minutes of
the Regional
Planning
Commission.*



Genoa Township

Joe Clase, Rep.
Karl Gebhardt, Alt.

Harlem Township

David Andrian, Rep.
Dave Jackson, Alt.

Kingston Township

Dave Stites, Rep.
Bob Talbott, Alt.

Liberty Township

Holly Foust, Rep.
David Anderson, Alt.

Marlboro Township

Hal Clase, Rep.

Orange Township

Dick Gladman, Rep.

Village of Ostrander

Jennifer Dew, Alt.

Oxford Township

William Thurston, Rep.
James Hatten, Alt.

Porter Township

Marvin Miller, Rep.

Radnor Township

Lloyd Shoaf, Rep.
Mike Watkins, Alt.

Scioto Township

Tom Brown, Rep.
Sandra Stults, Alt.

Village of Shawnee Hills

Charlie Callender, Rep.
James Gauldin, Alt.

Village of Sunbury

Bill Metzler, Rep.

Thompson Township

Bonnie Newland, Rep.

Trenton Township

Mike Dattilo, Rep.
Larry Walton, Alt.

Troy Township

Doug Price, Rep.
Charlie Cooperider, Alt.

From the Director

April, 2012 – For more than 50 years, the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission has existed to support planning efforts within Delaware County and the Central Ohio region. It has been well-documented that the county was the country’s 15th fastest-growing by percentage of growth from 1990-2000 at 64.3%. With the 2010 Census information, we know that the county ranked 22nd in the same growth category from 2000-2010, with a 58.4% growth rate.

Following a dramatic platting decline in 2007 which continued through 2009, the last two years have seen an increase in new lots. However, the only significant activity was in final platting, where 101 new residential lots were created. Applications for Preliminary Approval were slightly up to 12 residential lots and 21 commercial lots.

Residential building activity saw a slight increase. The county saw another increase in overall permits. In the unincorporated townships, there were 358 permits in 2009, 404 in 2010 and 472 in 2011. Including municipalities, county-wide permits over the last three years were 622 in 2009, 923 in 2010 and 733 in 2011. The spike in 2010 was caused by an apartment development in Columbus. Commercial activity continued to see activity. Commercial building permits were at 27 in 2009, 36 in 2010 and 19 in 2011. This is just an indication of activity, since multiple businesses can locate on the same parcel.

In 2011, we completed the **Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Shawnee Hills**. Staff is currently working with the **Liberty Township Zoning Commission** and the **County’s Rural Zoning Commission** on updates to their Zoning Codes. Those projects should wrap up in 2012. Staff is just beginning work on an update to a **Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Sunbury**.

We continue to advocate **Healthy Communities** in various ways, including representation on the Health District’s environmental health committee (**PACE-EH**) and in park and trail support with multiple jurisdictions, Preservation Parks, school districts and other county agencies.



In 2011, the Director was invited to participate in a program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and attend an Action Institute called “Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and Environmental Change (ACHIEVE)”. As part of this effort, a group representing a wide variety of sectors and organizations from across the county started convening to put together a plan.

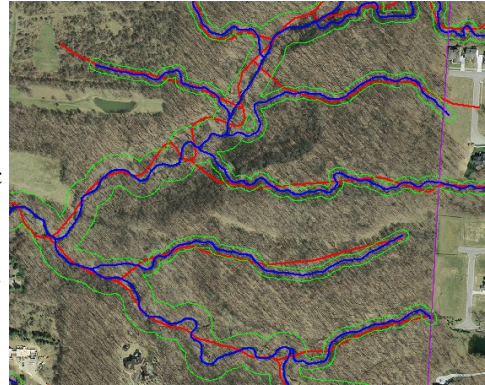
Unincorporated Development Pipeline

Each column represents figures at the end of each given year. Although the total lots in the pipeline has been decreasing, the 5-year average has also decreased, resulting in an increase in the amount of time it might take to build all the units in the pipeline. See “Subdivision Statistics” for more detail.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Single-family lots	7,397	6,325	6,068	5,244	5,535	5,528	4,799
Multi-family units	3,638	3,972	3,767	3,019	3,000	2,366	2,452
Total lots in the pipeline	11,035	10,297	9,835	8,263	8,535	7,894	7,251
5-year average permits	1,942	1,685	1,382	1,035	726	545	472
Years to build-out	5.68	6.11	7.11	7.98	11.75	14.48	15.4
“Ready to build” lots	1,925	2,248	2,066	1,835	1,619	1,452	1,238

The purpose of the plan is to advance the nation's efforts to prevent chronic disease and risk factors through policy creation and environmental change. The Regional Planning Commission is an important part of this group based on our role in influencing the built environment. In that regard, the plan will seek additional awareness of the importance of sidewalks, biketrails and parks. Activities will continue throughout 2012 and 2013 as we **Go Healthy! Delaware County**.

Last year also marked an important project for the DCRPC as we were awarded a grant from the **Ohio Environmental Education Fund** of the OEPA for further study within the Olentangy River Valley. In 2007, the OEPA established new permit requirements near the streams that lead to the Olentangy River. The grant we received allowed us to generate more specific GIS maps of the permit area, as well as use partners to create a manual and workshops for train local government representatives and developers in how to comply with the permit.



Example of improved mapping data. Red indicates the stream lines before updating, blue is the updated line and green represents the mitigation zones in the permit (Big Run and Weeping Rock).

We have started noticing two trends in our zoning review. First, as the rental market is more viable than the single-family market, we've seen a push for conversion of approved multi-family uses to higher densities. In 2011, a development with 53 acres of condos sought additional density while a similar case was reviewed in 2010. That case sought additional density on a 28-acre site near U.S. 23.

The second trend is in the area of senior housing. In 2011, age-restricted single-family detached condominiums were proposed and later approved on 7.6 acres in Genoa Township. Earlier in the year, the Franklin Foundation completed a rezoning for an assisted living facility on 2.88 acres in Orange Township. Previously, in 2010, a three-story assisted living facility was proposed in Liberty Township on 4.4 acres. This proposal was not approved by the township, however. National and regional trends suggest that these developments will continue to be needed and the market shows that developers will continue to see rentals and age-related developments as a potential development tool.

What of the future?

We can again predict that the Commission is in good shape for 2012 financially thanks to the support of all our member communities, including the County Commissioners. Staff continues to seek ways to be frugal with the budget and may consider proposals for adjusting dues downward during the current economic situation, based on our position at the end of the year. In the meantime, staff continues to be available to help member communities on land use and code issues. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

2011 By the Numbers (unincorporated areas)

Lots reviewed through the lot split process	13
Lots reviewed for Sketch Plan Applications	75
Lots reviewed on Preliminary Plans	35
Lots reviewed on Final Plats	102
Total acreage reviewed in rezonings	235
Building Permits issued by county	472
Acreage of open space platted (approx.)	28,515

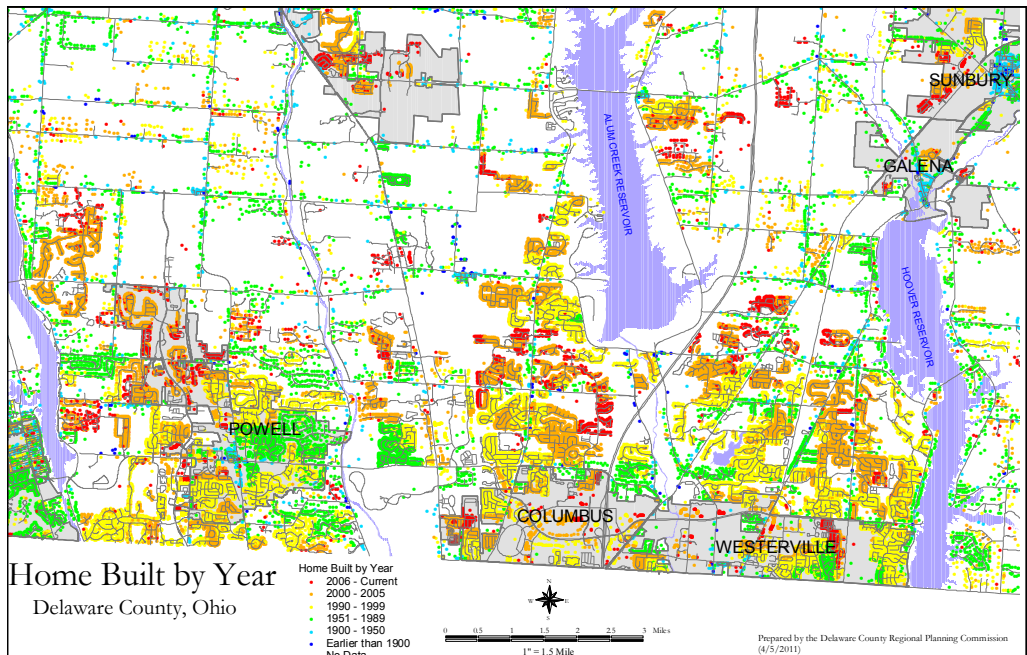
Scott B. Sanders, AICP
Executive Director

The data in the following chart is detailed elsewhere in this report. This table is a summary of all the activity in each township throughout the year. These represent RPC review, not zoning approval from the township, final lots that were recorded, or multi-family units. Marlboro, Oxford, and Radnor Townships were removed (no activity) for space considerations.

Township	Zoning Reviews	Zoning Acreage	Text Reviews*	Preliminary Approved**	Final Approved**	New No-Plat Lots	Building Permits
Berkshire	1	2.5		10		2	25
Berlin			3			1	30
Brown							3
Concord						1	75
Delaware							9
Genoa	3	7.68	1	2	31		83
Harlem			1				13
Kingston						1	2
Liberty	1	.47	2		20	1	73
Marlboro							0
Orange	5	219.66		21	51		136
Oxford							1
Porter				2			6
Radnor						3	1
Scioto	1	5.00					8
Thompson							2
Trenton						1	3
Troy							2

*Includes Comprehensive Plans and Zoning Resolutions **Includes residential and non-residential lots.

Year Built Map shows two decades of growth along the southern half of the county.



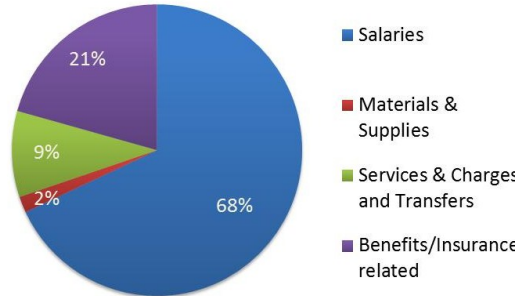
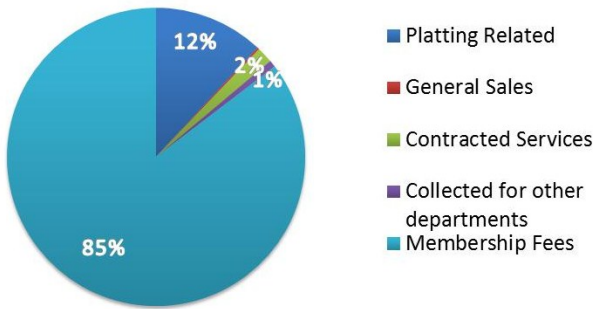
Financial report

2011 Revenues

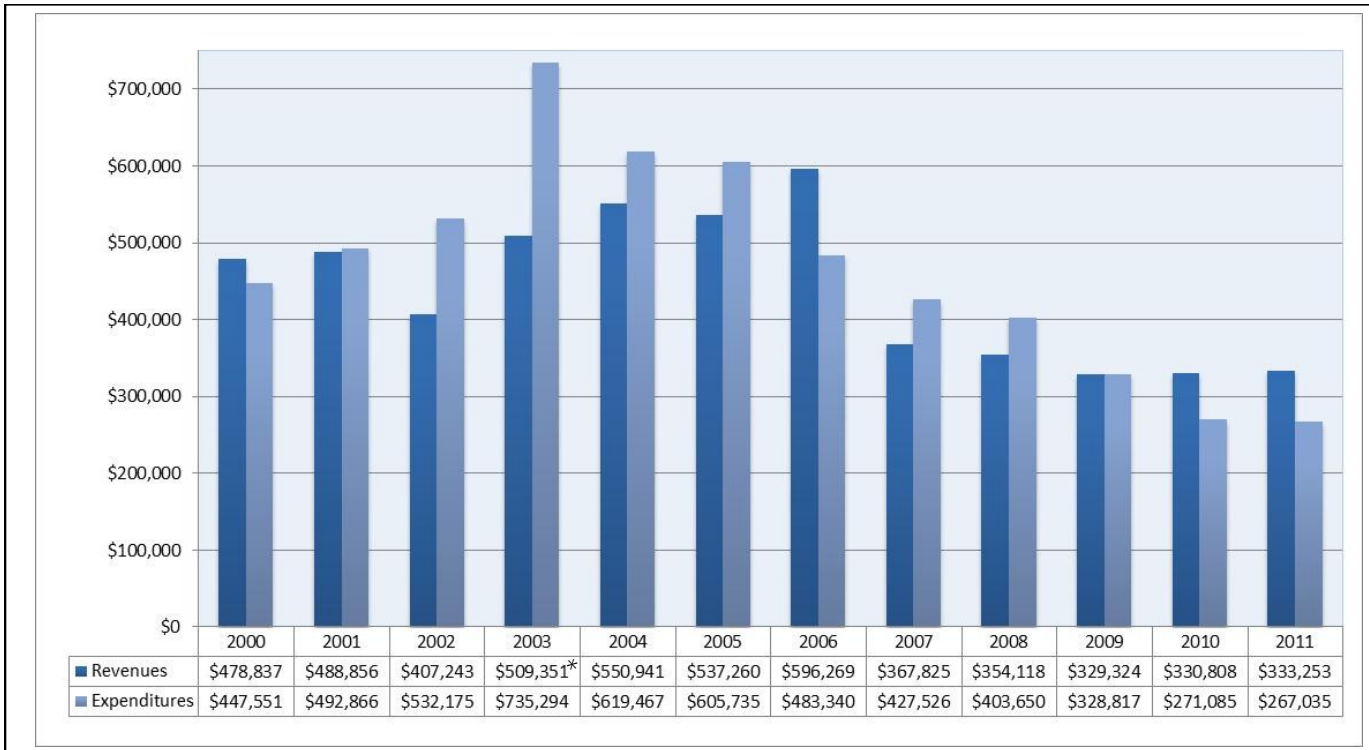
Platting Fees: Subdivisions, NPA	\$39,305
General Sales	\$729
Contract Services (Member Assistance)	\$5,796
Health Dept. Fees	\$1,300
Soil & Water Fees	\$1,150
Membership Fees	\$281,623
Total	\$329,903

2011 Expenditures

Salaries	\$181,600
Worker's Compensation	\$1,816
Hospitalization/Dental/Life Ins.	\$26,245
PERS	\$24,408
Medicare	\$2,657
Materials & Supplies	\$4,772
Services, Charges and Transfers	\$25,537
Total	\$267,035



2000-2011 Revenues vs. Expenditures



2009 and 2010 revenue has been adjusted to place dues in the applicable year.
*includes office renovation

Subdivision review

Potential Number of Single-Family Lots and Multi-Family Housing Units (end of year)

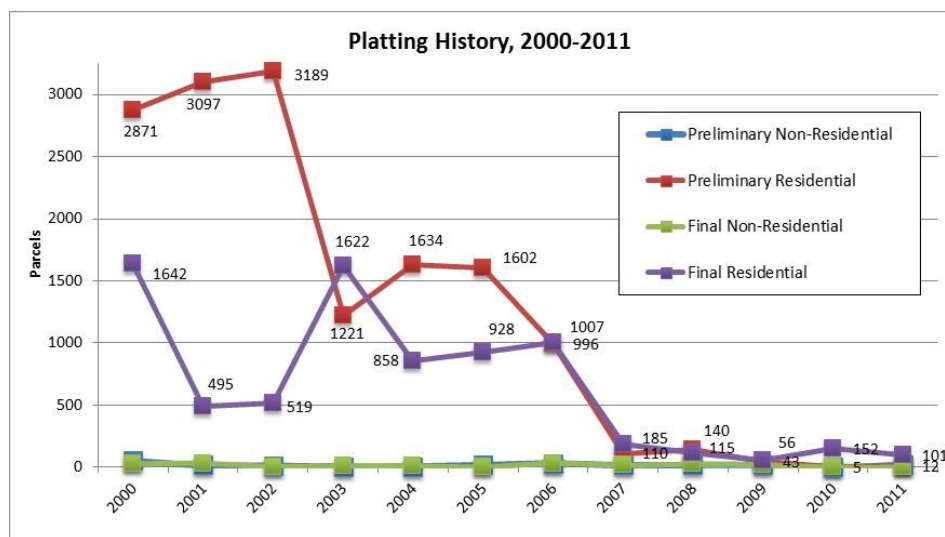
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Non-platted zoned lots:					
Approved by Townships	1,486 lots	1,386 lots	1,423 lots	1,941 lots	1,549 lots
Pending in Townships (at year end)	12 lots	0 lots	635 lots	612 lots	396 lots
Sketch Plan reviewed lots	479 lots	48 lots	64 lots	76 lots	119 lots
Preliminary approved lots	1,951 lots	1,889 lots	1,736 lots	1,417 lots	1,488 lots
Final approved lots	74 lots	63 lots	38 lots	30 lots	6 lots
Non-built recorded lots	2,066 lots	1,835 lots	1,619 lots	1,452 lots	1,238 lots

TOTAL: lots/units (4,799 single-family lots and 2,452 multi-family housing units)

(Single family is down from 5,526 in 2010 and multi-family is up from 2,366 units that year)

Unincorporated Delaware County supply of 15.4 years, figured using the previous 5-year average for building permits at 472 permits

Summary Statistics of 2011 Subdivision Proposals					
Active Subdivision Proposals Approved by RPC (2011 only, not cumulative)					
Township	Total		Single-Family Lots	Multi-Family Housing Units	Non-Resident. Lots**
	Acreage	# of Lots*			
Berkshire	7.24	11	10		1
Genoa	108.67	108	104		4
Liberty	31.47	28	28		
Orange	111.17	90	44	20	26
Porter	10.00	2	2		
TOTAL (*10 total)	268.55 (159.912)	239 (156)	188 (157)	20 (0)	31 (1)
* Number of units including total subdivided lots and multi-family housing units in 2011, including sketch plans.					
** Number of subdivided lots for commercial, industrial, or open space use.					
*** Commercial use, but an assisted living residential facility.					



For a complete review of DCRPC's development trends, please consult the "Downloads" area of our website.

Sketch plans

The Sketch Plan is the first phase of the Subdivision process. It includes an on-site walkabout performed by several county agencies. Comments made after the visit assist applicants with the proper design of their projects. Staff recommendations do not prevent additional comments being made by either staff or members of the Commission during the platting process.

Month	Township	Subdivision Name or Applicant	Lots	Acres	Comments
May	Genoa	Lake of the Woods, Lots 233, 234, 244*	3	8.136	Resubdivision of existing 2 lots
July	Genoa	Vinmar North	72	73.11	Residential

*as of March 2012, project has proceeded either through township zoning or with the submission of a Preliminary Subdivision Plan.

Approved subdivisions

This listing includes all subdivisions receiving approvals for Preliminary Plans, Final Plats, or Combined Preliminary/Finals in 2011. It does not represent tablings, extensions, withdrawals, or disapprovals.

Month	Township	Subdivision Name	Lots	Acres	Process	Type
January	Genoa	Vet Clinic	2	1.471	Combined	Commercial
March	Orange	Olentangy Crossings Sec. 2, Lot 7354	1	2.88	Combined	Commercial
May	Genoa	Sheffield Park Sec. 3, Ph. B, Pt. 3	29	25.949	Final	Residential
May	Orange	Meadows at Lewis Center Sec. 1, Ph. A	37	25.42	Final	Residential
June	Porter	Sheedy CAD	2	10.002	Preliminary	Residential
August	Orange	Glen Oak, Sec. 5, Ph. B	13	11.897	Final	Residential
September	Liberty	Olentangy Falls, Sec. 2	20	17.049	Final	Residential
December	Berkshire	Northstar Sec. 2, Ph. A	10	6.072	Preliminary	Residential
December	Orange	Menards Creekside	20	70.969	Preliminary	Commercial

According to the *Business First*, Greif Inc. was the 6th highest-ranked public company in Central Ohio ranked by 2010 revenue.

The 2010 Census notes that several of the fastest-growing municipalities in Central Ohio for 2000-2010 were in Delaware County: #3 Powell (84.1%), #8 Delaware (37.7%), and #9 Dublin (33%).

Business First also listed Condominiums ranked by starting price in communities under construction. The following Delaware County projects made the top ten: Meadows at Harvest Wind (#6, Genoa Twp.), Slate Creek at North Orange (#7, Orange Twp.), Kinsale Village (#8, Powell), Ravines at Scioto Reserve (#9, Concord Twp.), Village at Bale Kenyon (#9, Orange Twp.) (tied).

The Conference Center at Northpointe (Orange Twp.) is ranked 10th largest meeting facility in Central Ohio at 35,000 s.f. of meeting space.

The Columbus Zoo, located in Liberty Twp., is the most visited attraction in Central Ohio, with 2 million visitors in 2010, with 350,000 attending Zoombezi Bay.

Numerous private golf courses are located in the Columbus District Golf Association's Top Ten ranking, including Muirfield (Dublin), Tartan Fields (Concord Twp.), Wedgewood (Liberty Twp.), Double Eagle (Berlin Twp.), and Rattlesnake Ridge (Trenton Twp.). Other are close behind, like Kinsale (Powell), Scioto Reserve (Concord Twp.), The Lakes Golf and Country Club and Medallion (both Genoa Twp.).

Rezoning statistics

The last year saw the same number of zoning cases as were reviewed in 2010. Eighteen cases included 11 map amendments and 7 text amendments. The total reviewed acreage rose by about 140 acres with cases in only five townships. The majority of this acreage was in Orange Township, related to a case that rezones a site along U.S. 23 for a Menards and other related outbuildings. It includes 43 acres in the outlot area along the frontage of U.S. 23 and 28 acres on the Menards store site. There is an additional 92 acres of future Planned Industrial behind this site which is currently not proposed for any specific uses. Infrastructure improvements on the overall site will be substantial. Berkshire, Genoa, Liberty and Scioto Townships also saw small map cases.

Township	Map Cases	Total Acreage	Acreage Change from 2010	Text cases
Berkshire	1	2.50	-0.459	0
Berlin	0	0	0	3
Genoa	3	7.68	+7.68	1
Harlem	0	0	-5.822	1
Liberty	1	0.47	-3.902	2
Marlboro	0	0	+5.010	0
Orange	5	219.66	+136.027	0
Scioto	1	5.00	-0.001	0
Total	11	235.31	+138.533	7

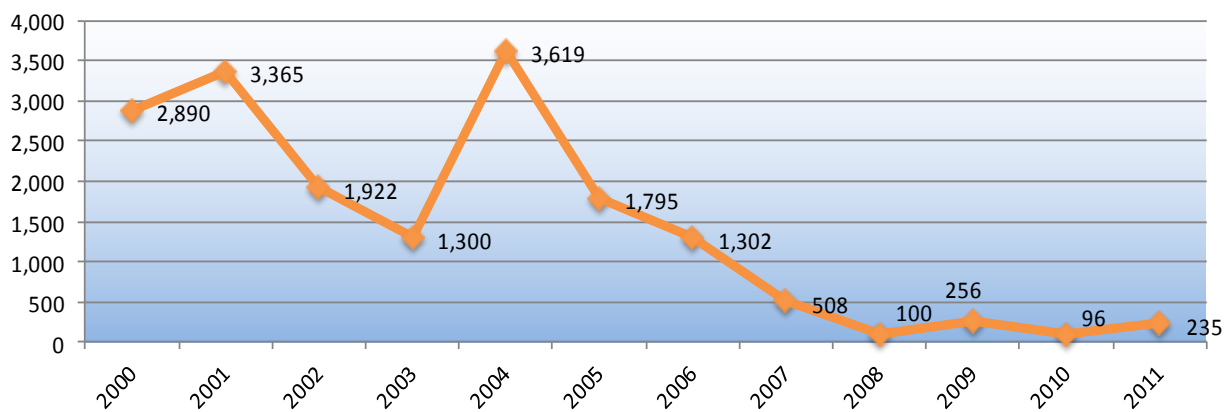
The slump in zoning reviews continues to represent the slow-down in residential growth. In fact, only one case was a standard land use change to a higher density.

The only other significant residential rezoning activity included two requests, for reworking existing approved multi-family proposals with new layouts, building products, and higher densities. Two cases were age-restricted. One was a Senior Housing facility in Orange Township and the other was age-restricted freestanding condominiums in Genoa Township.

There were also several non-acreage Zoning Map changes, with Genoa Township proposing changes to its Comprehensive Plan Map, and two Zoning Commission initiated changes to the Zoning Map, also by Genoa Township. Besides those cases that directly impacted the Zoning Map, there were seven text cases reviewed throughout the year.

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Zoning Cases - Acres Reviewed



Rezoning review

This listing includes all non-binding rezoning recommendations sent to the townships. Applications which were withdrawn from consideration by either the applicant or the township are not included. For more details, consult the RPC minutes.

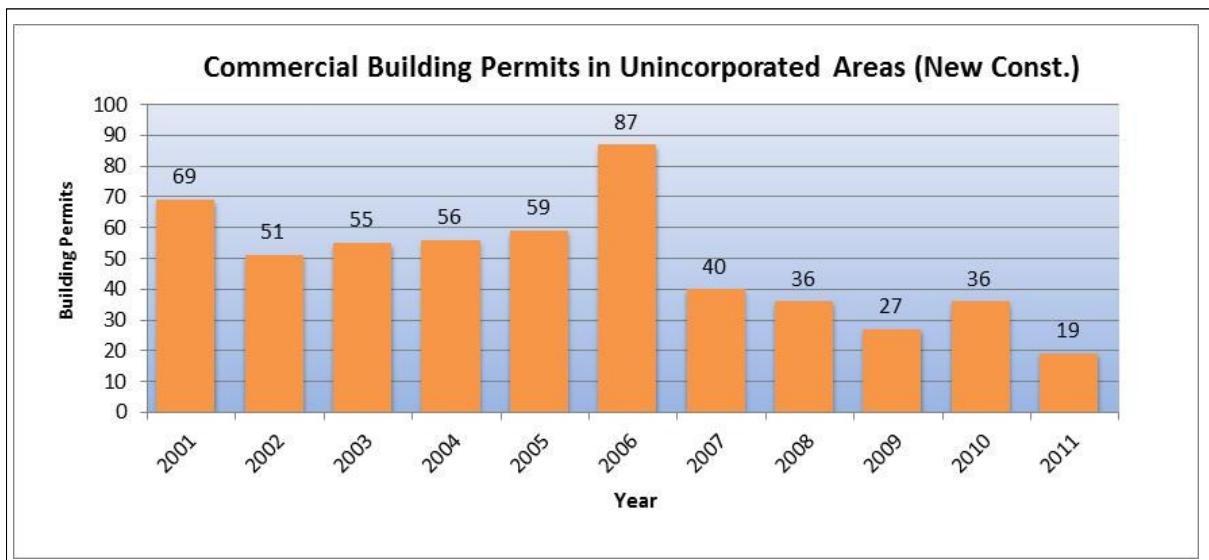
Month	Twp.	Applicant	Acres	From/To	Reason
January	Genoa	Genoa Twp. Zoning Commission	-	-	Comp. Plan amendments
January	Scioto	Alexander and Julie Andrews	5	FR-1/PC	Antique store, small café
February	Berkshire	Glen Reese	2.5	A-1/FR-1	Split
February	Genoa	Genoa Twp. Zoning Commission	-	-	Zoning Map amendments
February	Orange	Lewis Center Inv./Franklin Found.	2.88	MFPRD	Senior Housing
February	Orange	Highdev Inc./Menards	43.163	FR-1/PC	Retail, restaurant outlots
February	Orange	Highdev Inc./Menards	27.806	FR-1/PI	Menards
February	Orange	Evans Capitol Investments Ltd.	92.551	FR-1/PI	Industrial park
April	Berlin	Berlin Twp. Zoning Commission	-	-	Text amendments, signs
April	Genoa	Epcon Communities	7.675	RR/PD-1	Age-restricted condominiums
April	Liberty	Liberty Twp. Zoning Commission	-	-	Text amendments
May	Berlin	Berlin Twp. Zoning Commission	-	-	Text amendments (IV & XII)
June	Liberty	Liberty Twp. Zoning Commission	-	-	Text amendments
June	Liberty	Liberty B-1 LLC	.469	PC Amend.	Panera bread retail
June	Orange	Village at Bale Kenyon	53.263	MFPRD	Additional units
October	Genoa	Genoa Twp. Zoning Commission	-	-	Zoning Map amendments
November	Harlem	Harlem Twp. Zoning Commission	-	-	Text amendments (X, XVI, XIX, XXI)
December	Berlin	Berlin Twp. Zoning Commission	-	-	Text amendments (XXII)

Commercial activity

Non-residential Building Permits 2011

Berkshire: 4; Berlin: 1; Concord: 1; Genoa: 2; Liberty: 3; Orange: 6; Oxford: 1; Troy: 1.

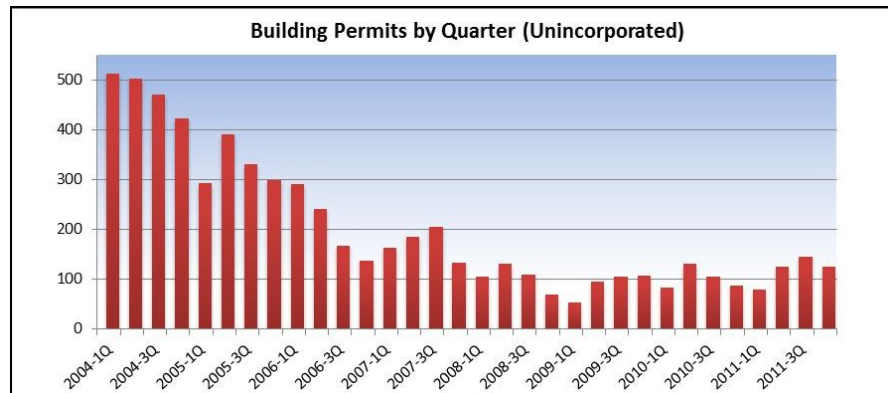
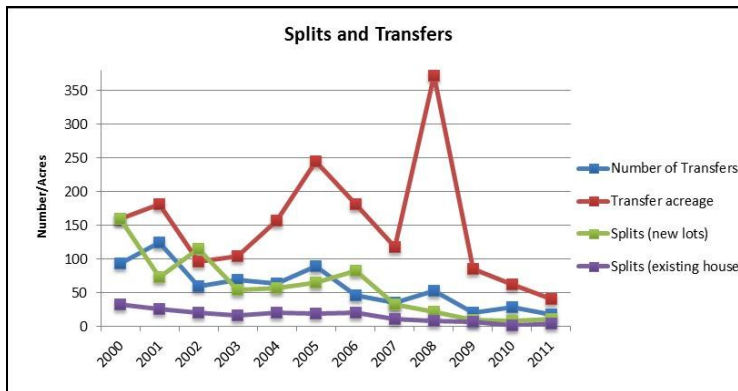
Total: 19



Lot splits and transfers

The pace of lot splits improved again with only 15 reviewed lots compared with 8 reviewed lots in 2010. Staff reviewed splits on 35.085 acres, creating 10 new lots. Adjacent property transfers are small “slivers” of land that are not intended to be independent building sites. Liberty Township topped the list of most acreage transferred. The average transfer size was 2.221 acres.

Township	Lot Splits			Transfers	
	No.	Acreage	Vacant Lots	No.	Acreage
Berkshire	2	5.002	2		
Berlin	2	4.821	1	1	4
Concord	2	3.842	1	2	.303
Delaware				1	1.838
Genoa				1	.0176
Genoa/Harlem				1	14.867
Kingston	1	2.007	1	3	1.468
Liberty	3	7.126	1	5	11.077
Porter				1	1.015
Radnor	4	9.287	3		
Scioto				1	0.064
Trenton	1	3	1	1	2.9
Troy				1	2.429
Total	15	35.085	10	18	39.979



Building permits

Building activity in the unincorporated areas posted a second year of increase, with 14% growth from 2010 to 2011. Municipalities saw a drop, driven by a large apartment development in Columbus in 2010. Developing township, such as Concord, Liberty, and Orange saw increases over 2010. RPC's recently-published Development Trends report shows that the ratio of building permits to lots in the pipeline has reached 92.6% of the total lots county-wide, indicating a higher lot absorption rate. This trend will continue as long as building permits outpace new subdivision activity, which is currently the case.

TOWNSHIP	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Berkshire	16	14	15	19	28	29	37	17	46	23	25
Berlin	182	157	123	97	84	66	40	30	20	35	30
Brown	10	14	11	8	4	3	2	3	5	2	3
Concord	355	294	410	235	167	134	80	67	40	64	75
Delaware	49	46	50	26	19	13	1	3	1	4	9
Genoa	667	708	646	442	305	183	148	72	69	82	83
Harlem	18	26	29	34	20	14	19	17	5	5	13
Kingston	37	34	35	18	14	13	12	1	4	3	2
Liberty	198	238	175	179	168	102	75	69	30	49	73
Marlboro	10	4	4	0	2	4	2	0	1	0	0
Orange	532	561	601	762	420	216	228	142	129	122	136
Oxford	11	11	8	7	4	6	5	1	0	0	1
Porter	9	11	18	15	8	11	6	3	1	5	6
Radnor	5	15	16	15	16	6	3	3	0	0	1
Scioto	9	18	20	15	25	15	5	10	4	3	8
Thompson	11	8	6	4	4	6	7	0	0	2	2
Trenton	11	13	11	11	14	7	7	3	2	3	3
Troy	14	24	10	16	9	7	6	3	1	2	2
TWP TOTAL	2117	2198	2180	1903	1311	835	683	444	358	404	472
Delaware	368	313	510	446	324	220	199	108	102	108	98
Galena	0	1	1	25	35	13	4	3	4	1	7
Sunbury	75	72	54	3	0	18	20	31	37	34	19
Shawnee Hills	5	17	15	24	16	7	2	0	3	2	3
Powell	105	127	370	339	216	146	137	36	34	34	55
Ashley	0	3	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ostrander	0	1	1	0	16	15	7	6	0	7	8
Dublin	1	3	4	2	0	2	1	2	1	0	0
Westerville	122	58	17	38	161	81	61	29	37	60	36
Columbus	97	236	251	246	295	254	225	43	46	273	35
MUNI TOTAL	773	831	1226	1125	1064	757	656	259	264	519	261
GRAND TOTAL	2916	3029	3411	3028	2375	1592	1339	703	622	923	733

Population projections

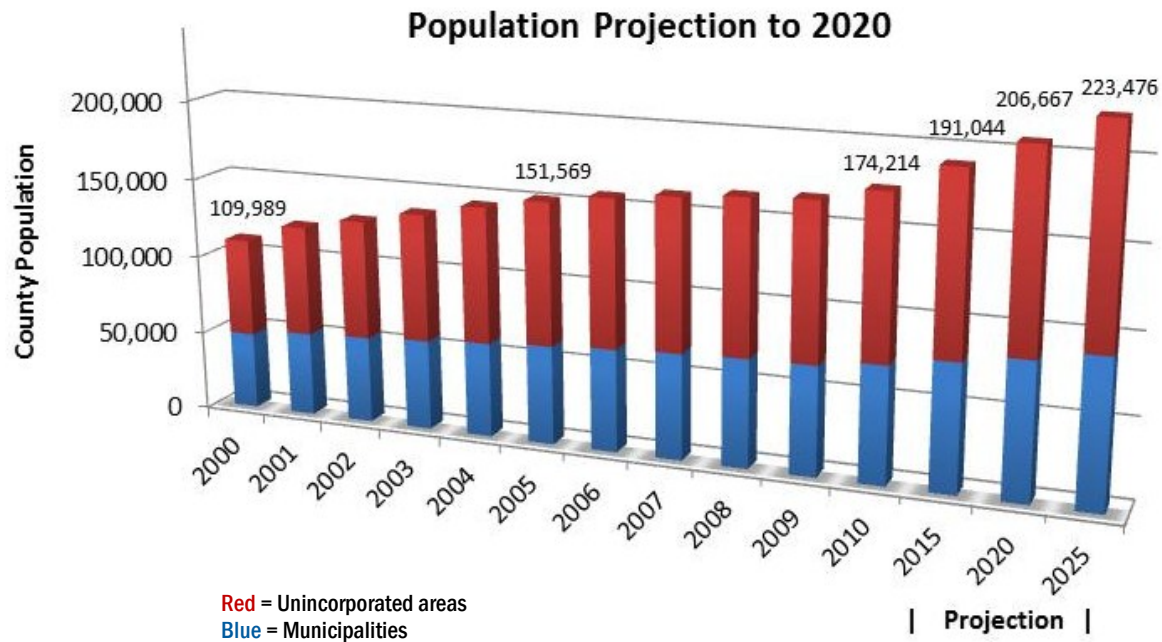
According to Census Population Estimates (released 4/2012), the 2.37% increase in population from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011 represented a numerical increase of 3,103 people to an estimated population of 178,341, making the county is still the No. 1 fastest-growing county in the state of Ohio. However, based on the recent slow-down in development, the county no longer appears on annual lists of the 100 fastest-growing counties in the nation.

The Census 2010 released last year showing the 58.39% increase in population from April 1, 2000 to April 1, 2010 represented a numerical increase of 64,225 people to an actual population of 174,214, making the 22st fastest-growing county in the USA.

Because of the domestic migration into Central Ohio and the regional domestic migration, Delaware County should continue to experience increasing population. Staff has revised its projections based on the recent drop in activity and projects the county's population will be:

- 191,044 at the end of 2015 with 6.71% growth rate (2010-2015)
- 206,667 at the end of 2020 with 8.18% growth rate (2015-2020)
- 223,476 at the end of 2025 with 8.13% growth rate (2020-2025)
- 243,112 at the end of 2030 with 8.79% growth rate (2025-2030)

Population projections are based on a Housing Unit Method with the following formula: 1) the last Census (2000) is used as a base year; 2) number of residents per dwelling unit is calculated based upon the last census information; 3) number and type of new residential building permits is tracked by month for all jurisdictions; 4) a time lag factor anticipates the occupancy date of new housing after building permit issuance; 5) new population is projected for each jurisdiction based on the number of building permits issued times the number of residents per dwelling unit type, after the lag factor; and 6) new population added to last census data to create projected population.



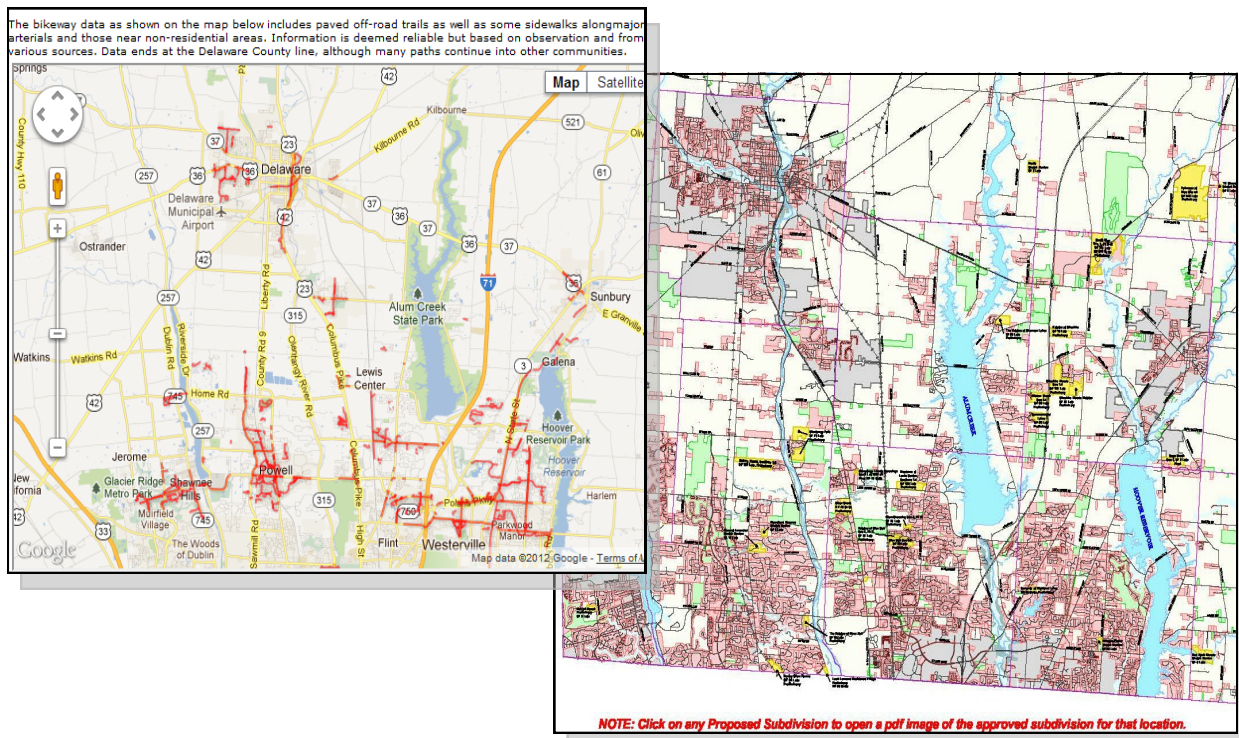
For the past thirteen years, DCRPC has been using departmental GIS for reviewing new development projects (such as subdivision and rezoning proposals), for creating township/municipal comprehensive plans, to create custom maps, and for monthly DCRPC meetings, township comprehensive plan meetings and other public presentations.

Since 2007, GIS staff has coordinated with the Auditor's Office GIS Department (DALIS) to publish GIS data through the DALIS website to allow the public to view and download data through the internet. That data includes Proposed Subdivisions, Pending Township Rezoning Applications, Township Zoning Maps, and Township Zoning Codes.

DCRPC Staff uses GIS to aid in preparing monthly staff reports and other special projects. DCRPC continues to enhance and improve the content of its website (www.dcrpc.org). The staff strives to make sure that the information is current especially zoning codes, zoning maps, comprehensive plans, demographic information and development trends. All of this information was created with the help of GIS applications. This year DCRPC published our Development Pattern Map (pdf format) on our web site. Not only can the public have a general idea of current development, but they can also click on any proposed subdivision to open a pdf image of the approved subdivision plan. DCRPC also plans to use Google Map to replace the pdf map in the near future.

In 2011, DCRPC used GIS applications to assist the Village of Shawnee Hills in updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan. DCRPC maintained updated zoning maps not only for townships in Delaware County, but also for seven townships in Morrow County and the Village of Ostrander. Several projects also utilized our GIS applications including the Delaware County Bikeway Plan, the Build-Out Analysis for Big Walnut Sewer Service Area, the OEEF Grant project for Olentangy River Watershed EPA Permit Study, etc. The GIS staff also continues to provide high-quality, customized mapping for DCRPC members, county agencies, and the public.

DCRPC is always trying to evolve our GIS capabilities to the highest standard possible.





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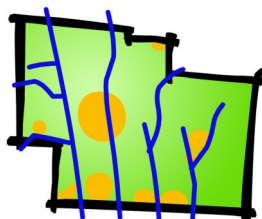
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*In its third year, the county-by-county **health ranking** rated **Delaware County** as best in the state. The ranking considers a number of health outcomes and health factors. These health factors can predict future health and longevity of a population. The rankings show the county led the state in Social and Economic factors, Clinical Care, Health Behaviors, and Mortality. It ranked fifth in Morbidity. The rankings also show that Delaware County ranked 33rd in Physical Environment. However, this was limited to poor rankings (compared to National Benchmarks) in Air Pollution, access to health foods and number of fast food restaurants. The county did fairly well in Access to Recreational Facilities, beating the national benchmark.*

- ◆ Top 10 in country for attracting young and wealthy 24 to 35 year-olds making more than \$100,000.
- ◆ Forbes Magazine Top 5 “Best Places to Raise a Family” (based on cost of living, reasonably priced homes, quality of schools and short commute times).
- ◆ Forbes Magazine named one of the “Best Places to Get Ahead” in 2010.
- ◆ Healthiest County in Ohio by Ohio Department of Health statistics.
- ◆ Best Year-Round Vacation Destination by The Official Best of Ohio 2010.
 - ◆ No. 6 on CNN/Money’s list of 25 counties that have experienced the most job growth in the last 10 years.
- ◆ Business Journal’s “On Numbers” survey ranked Powell 5th among 955 Midwestern communities for quality of life, ahead of any other Ohio city.



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