



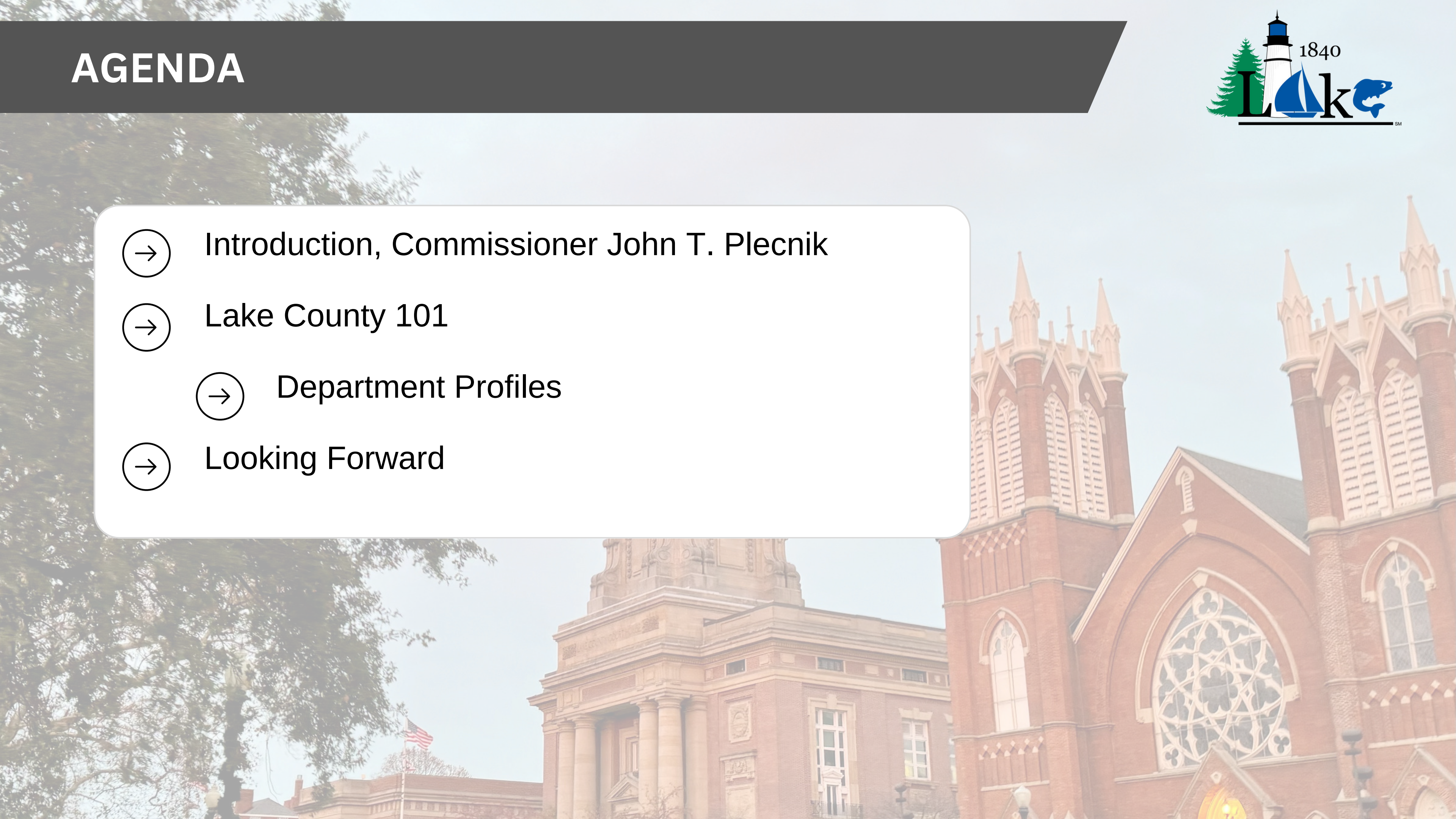
STATE OF THE COUNTY 2024

10/29/2024

AGENDA



- Introduction, Commissioner John T. Plecnik
- Lake County 101
- Department Profiles
- Looking Forward



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



John R. Hamercheck



**John T. Plecnik,
President**



Richard J. Regovich

COUNTY LEADERSHIP

ELECTED OFFICIALS



Christopher Galloway, Auditor



Faith Andrews, Clerk



Dr. David J. Keep, Coroner



James R. Gills, Engineer



Charles E. Coulson, Prosecutor



Becky Lynch, Recorder



Frank Leonbruno, Sheriff



Michael Zuren, Treasurer



Patrick J. Condon, Judge



Vincent A. Culotta, Judge



John O'Donnell, Judge



Jeffrey Ruple, Judge



Colleen Falkowski, Judge



Michael DeLeone, Judge

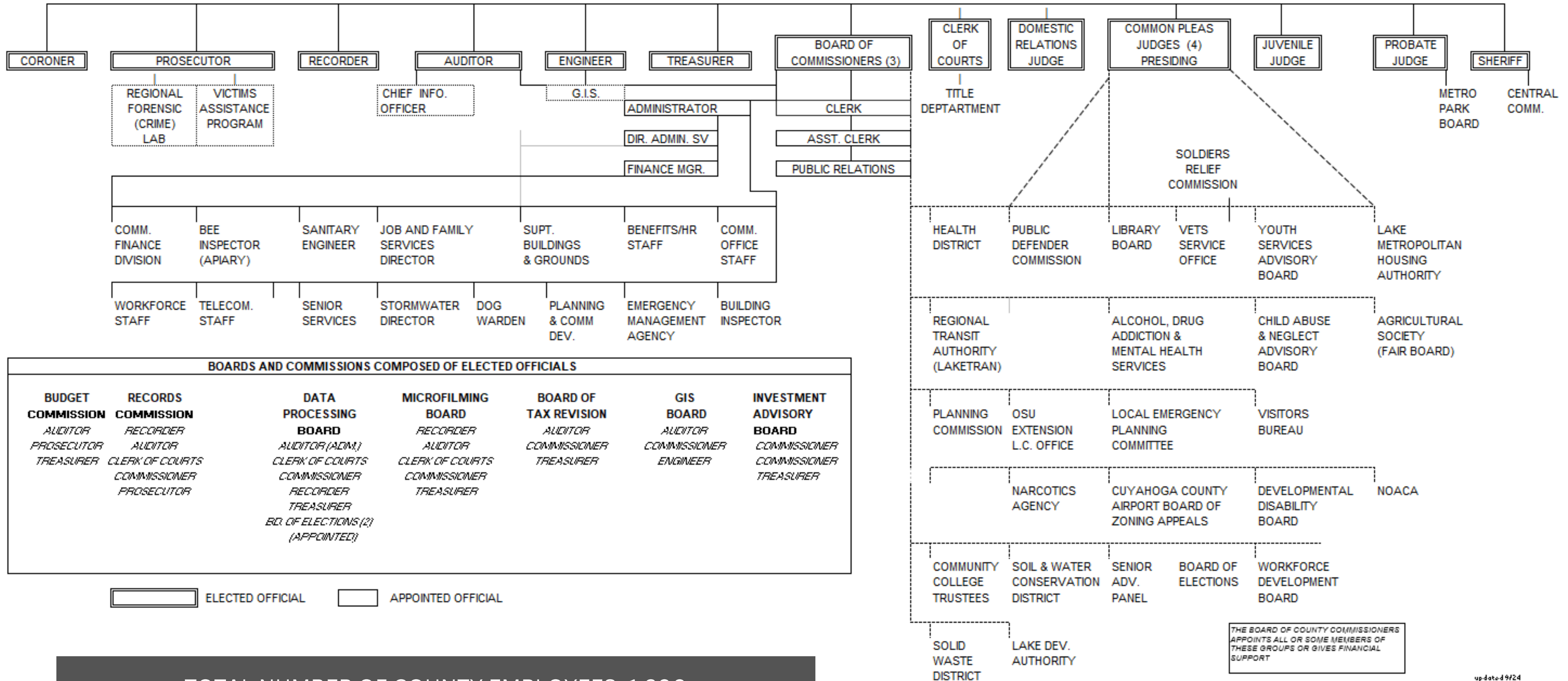


Mark J. Bartolotta, Judge

LAKE COUNTY 101



VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY



TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES: 1,200



Jason W. Boyd

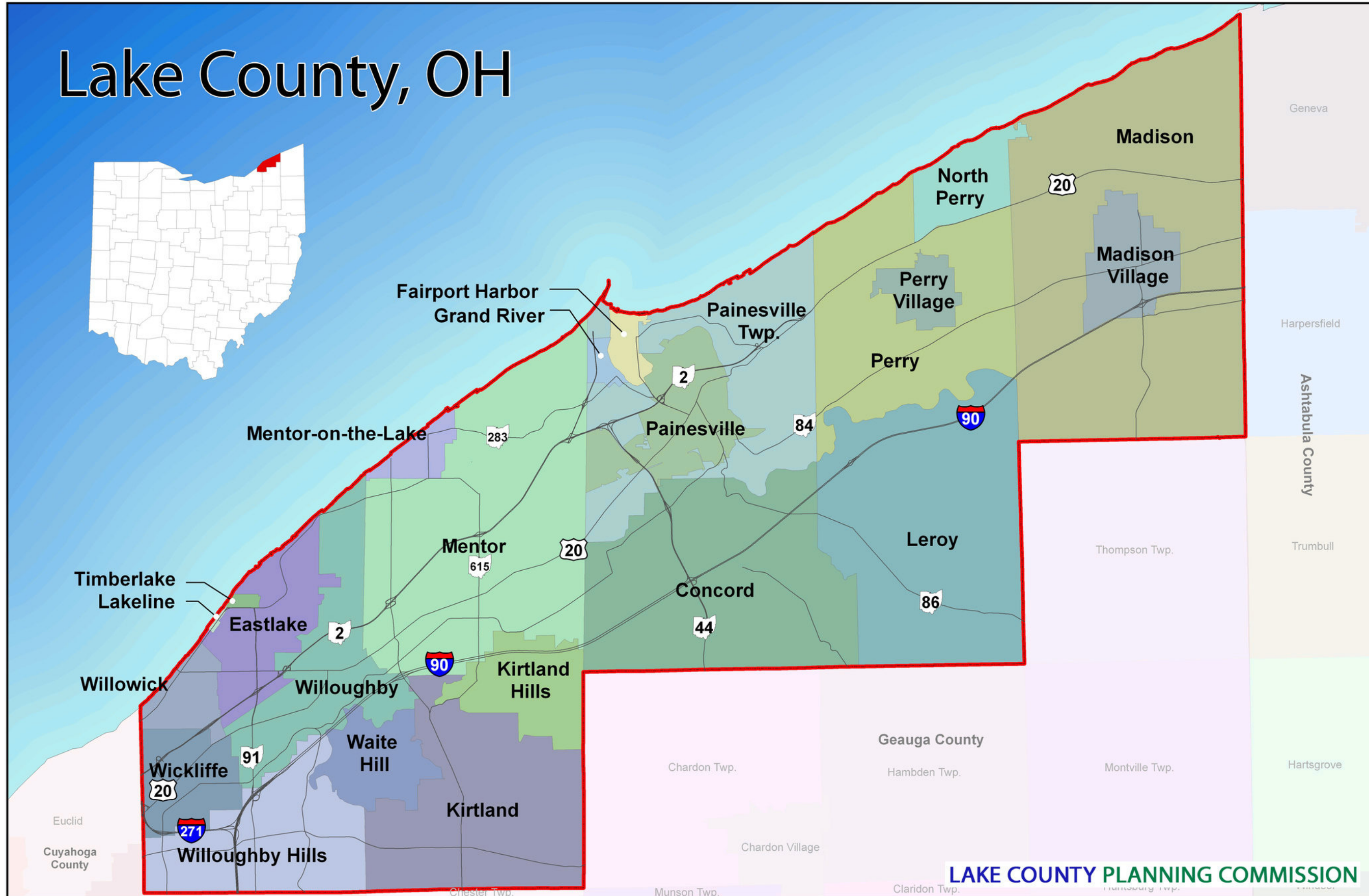
**COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**



LAKE COUNTY 101



Lake County, OH



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	2010	2020	Change	% Change
Concord Township	18,201	19,254	1,053	5.47%
Eastlake	18,577	17,670	-907	-5.13%
Fairport Harbor Village	3,109	3,108	-1	-0.03%
Grand River Village	399	394	-5	-1.27%
Kirtland City	6,866	6,937	71	1.02%
Kirtland Hills Village	646	692	46	6.65%
Lakeline Village	226	216	-10	-4.63%
Leroy Township	3,253	3,128	-125	-4.00%
Madison Township	15,693	15,057	-636	-4.22%
Madison Village	3,184	3,435	251	7.31%
Mentor City	47,159	47,450	291	0.61%
Mentor-on-the-Lake	7,443	7,131	-312	-4.38%
North Perry Village	899	915	16	1.75%
Painesville	19,563	20,312	749	3.69%
Painesville Township	16,891	16,951	60	0.35%
Perry Township	6,449	6,345	-104	-1.64%
Perry Village	1,663	1,602	-61	-3.81%
Timberlake Village	675	629	-46	-7.31%
Waite Hill Village	471	543	72	13.26%
Wickliffe	12,750	12,652	-98	-0.77%
Willoughby	22,268	23,595	1,327	5.62%
Willoughby Hills	9,485	10,019	534	5.33%
Willowick	14,171	14,204	33	0.23%
Lake County total	230,041	232,603	2,562	1.10%

FUN FACTS

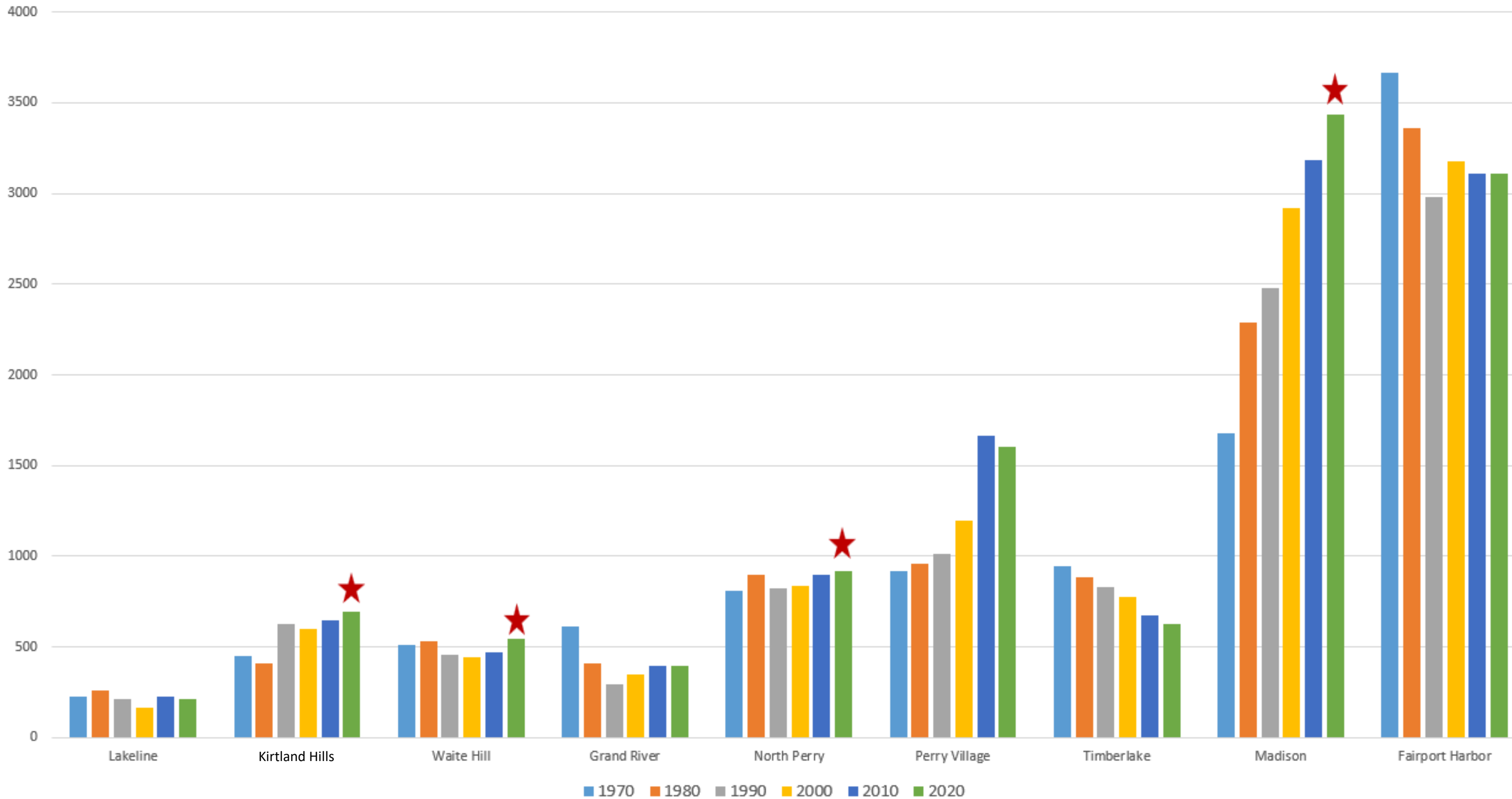
- 11th largest population in Ohio (88 counties)
 - Smallest geographically
- 1 of 33 counties to have a population increase from 2010 - 2020
- 16th out of 33 counties in total increase (2,562) people



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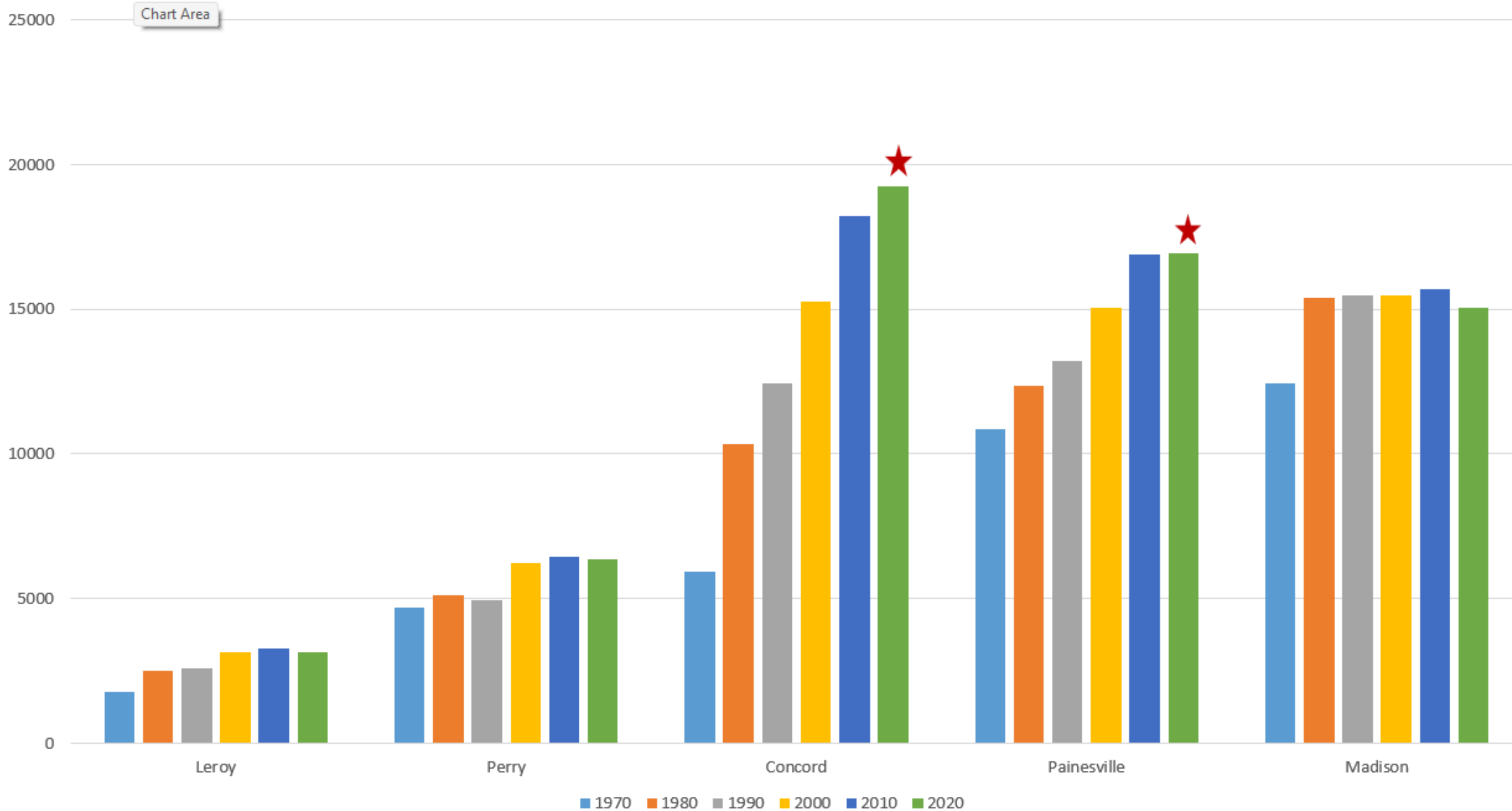
Population Change of Lake County Villages 1970-2020



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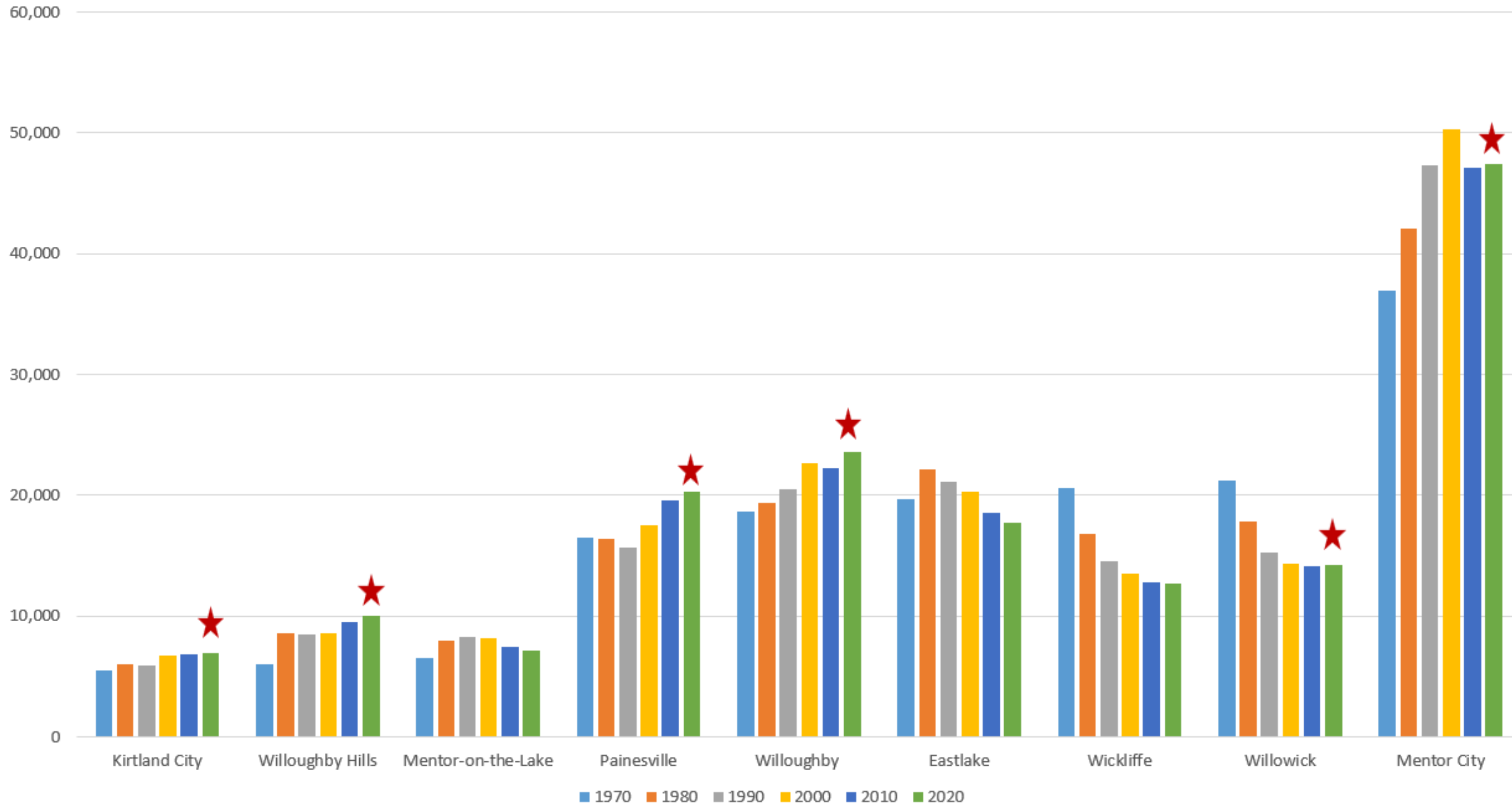
Population Change of Lake County Townships 1970-2020



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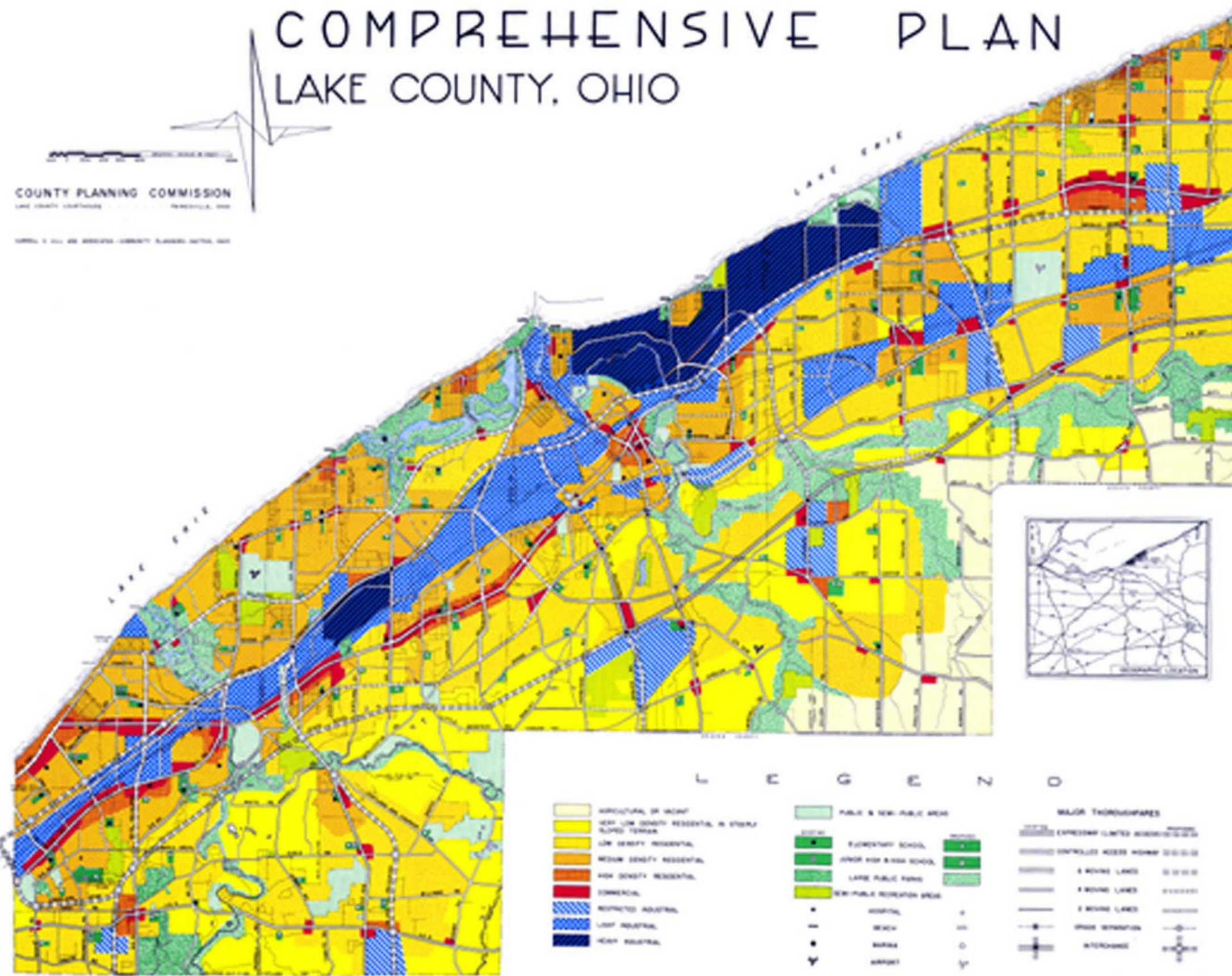
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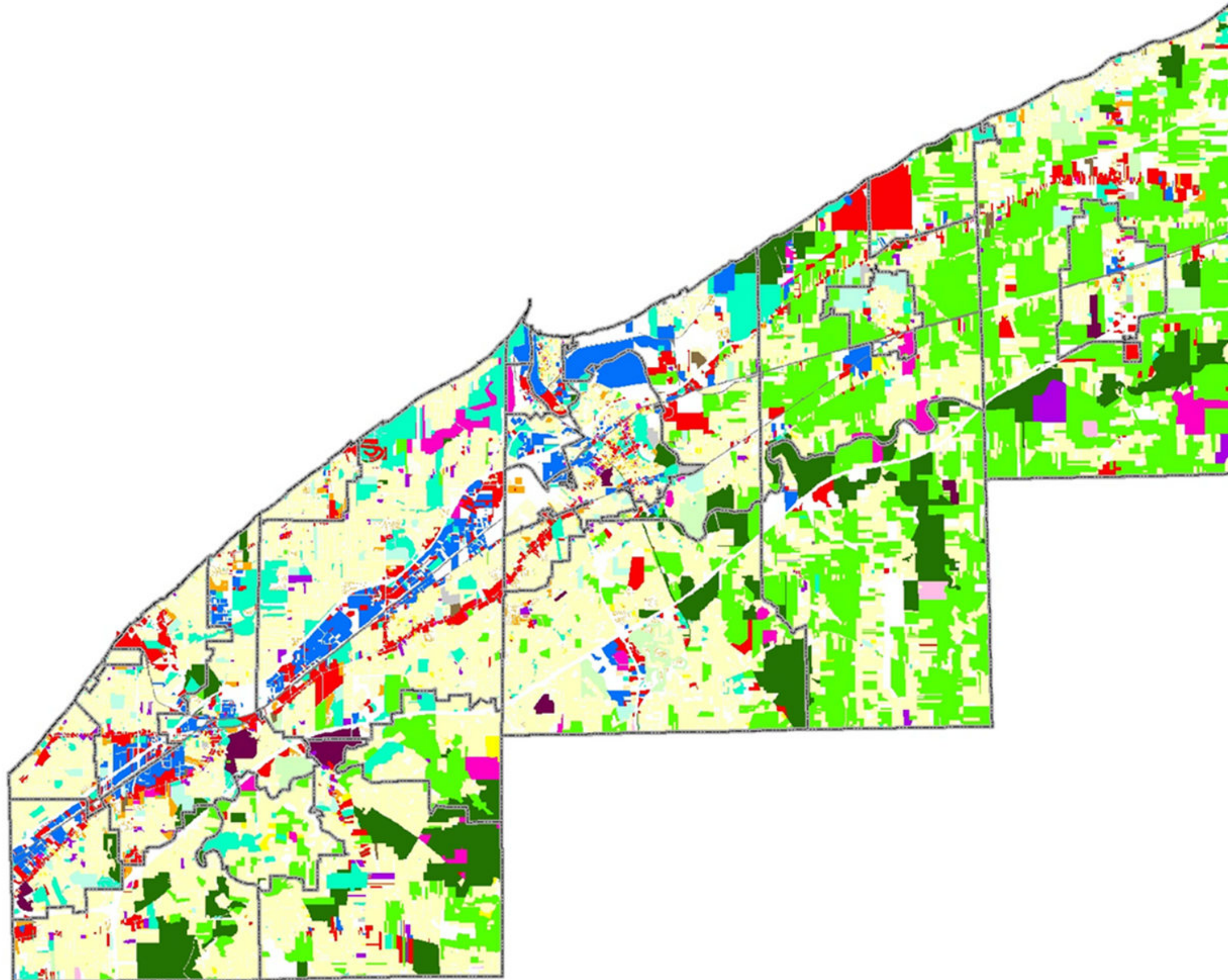
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO



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Land Use

Where do we live?

Major employment centers?

Parks and open space?

Agricultural still exist?

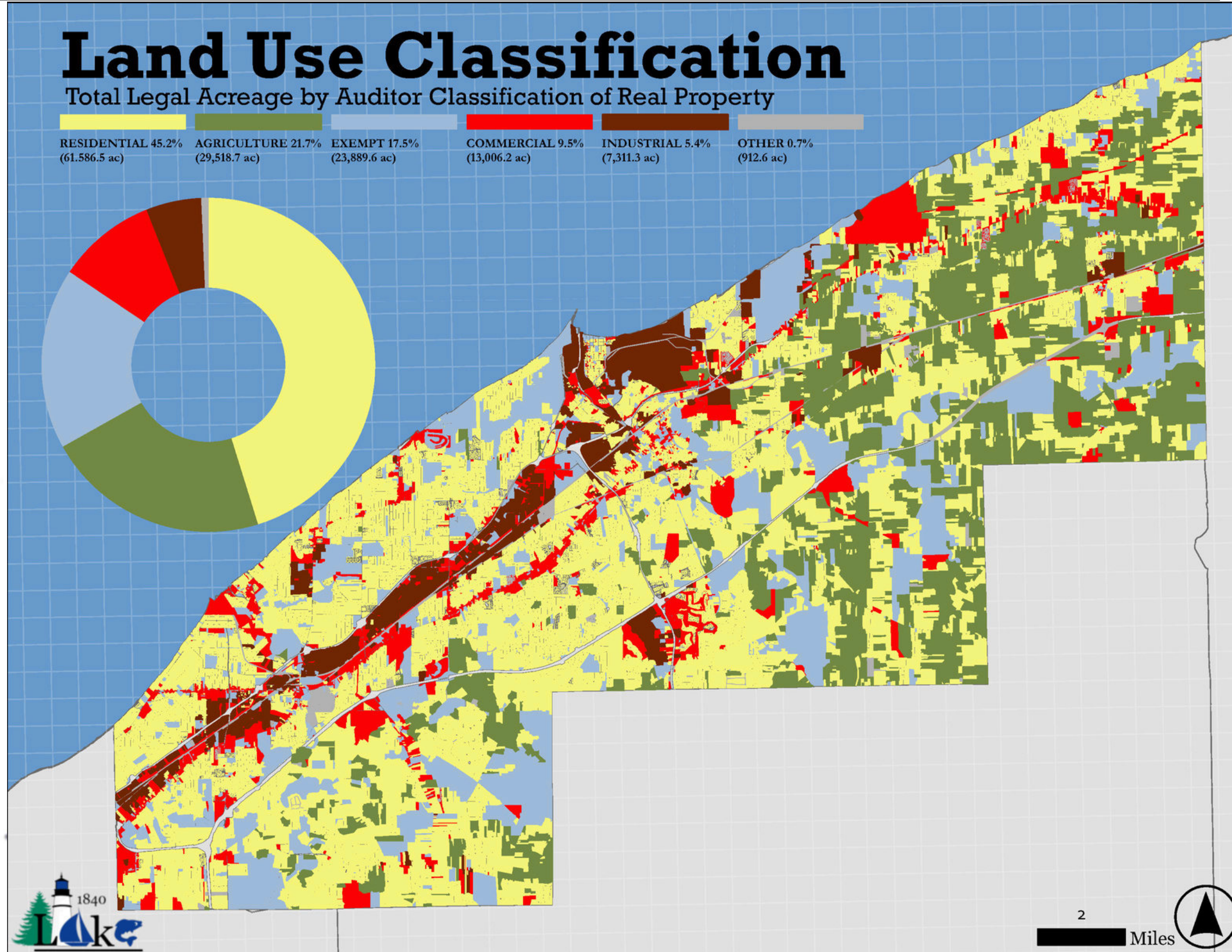
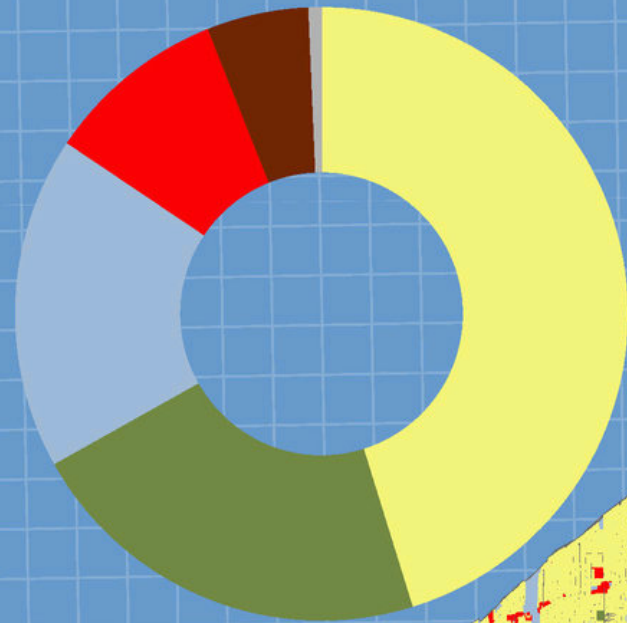
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Land Use Classification

Total Legal Acreage by Auditor Classification of Real Property

RESIDENTIAL 45.2% (61,586.5 ac)	AGRICULTURE 21.7% (29,518.7 ac)	EXEMPT 17.5% (23,889.6 ac)	COMMERCIAL 9.5% (13,006.2 ac)	INDUSTRIAL 5.4% (7,311.3 ac)	OTHER 0.7% (912.6 ac)
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Post WW II Boom

1950 – 76,979

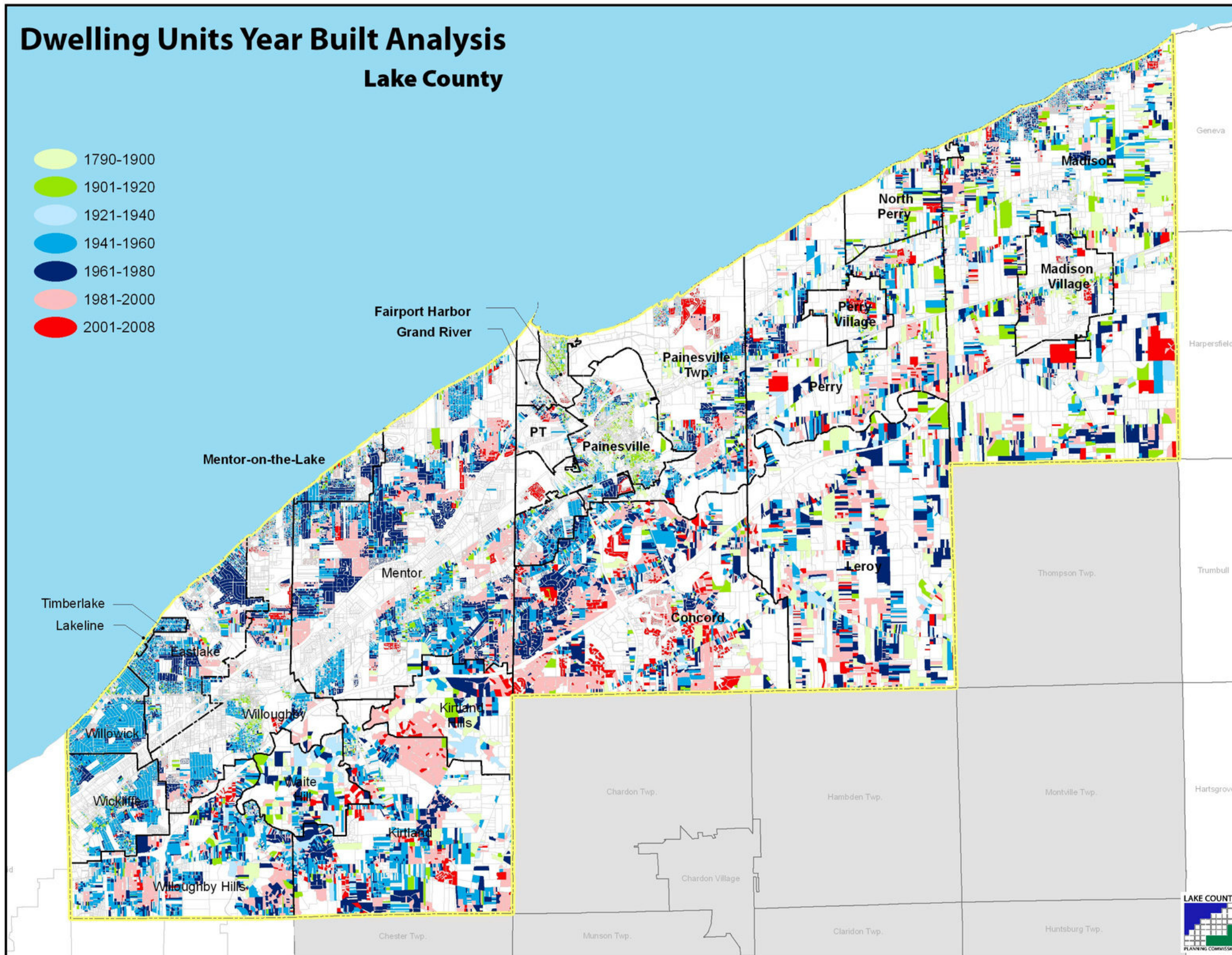


Post WW II Boom

1970 – 148,700



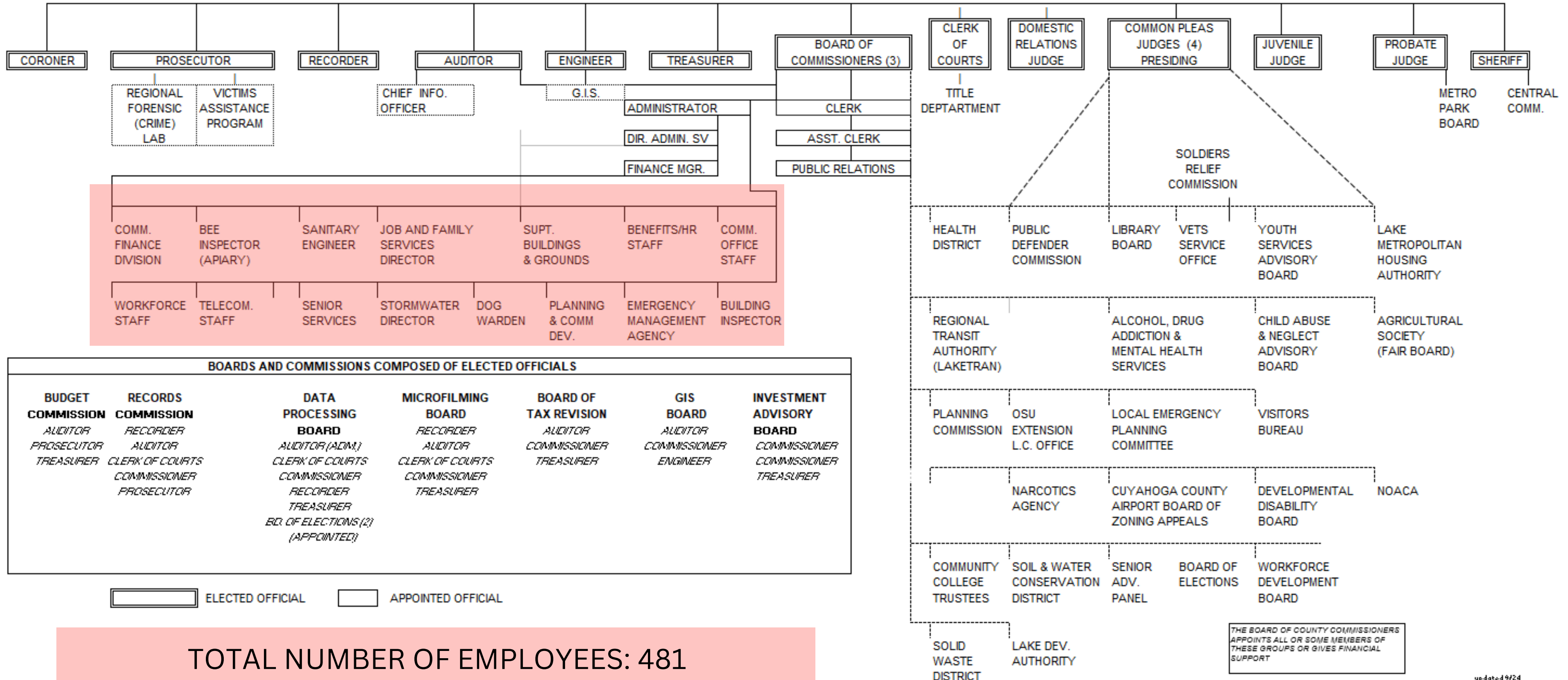
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DEPARTMENT PROFILES



VOTERS OF LAKE COUNTY



TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 481

DEPARTMENT HEADS



Jennifer Bell
Clerk
Commissioners Office



Joel DiMare Jr.
Director
Administrative Services



Randy Rothlisberger
Sanitary Engineer
Department of Utilities



Suzanne Casar
Director
Job and Family Services



Mark Iafelice
Superintendent
Buildings and Grounds



David Radachy
Director
Planning and Community
Development



Rodney Shelton
Dog Warden
Dog Shelter



Paul Stefanko
Director
Telecommunications



Joe Busher
Director
Emergency Management Agency



David Strichko
Chief Building Official
Building Department

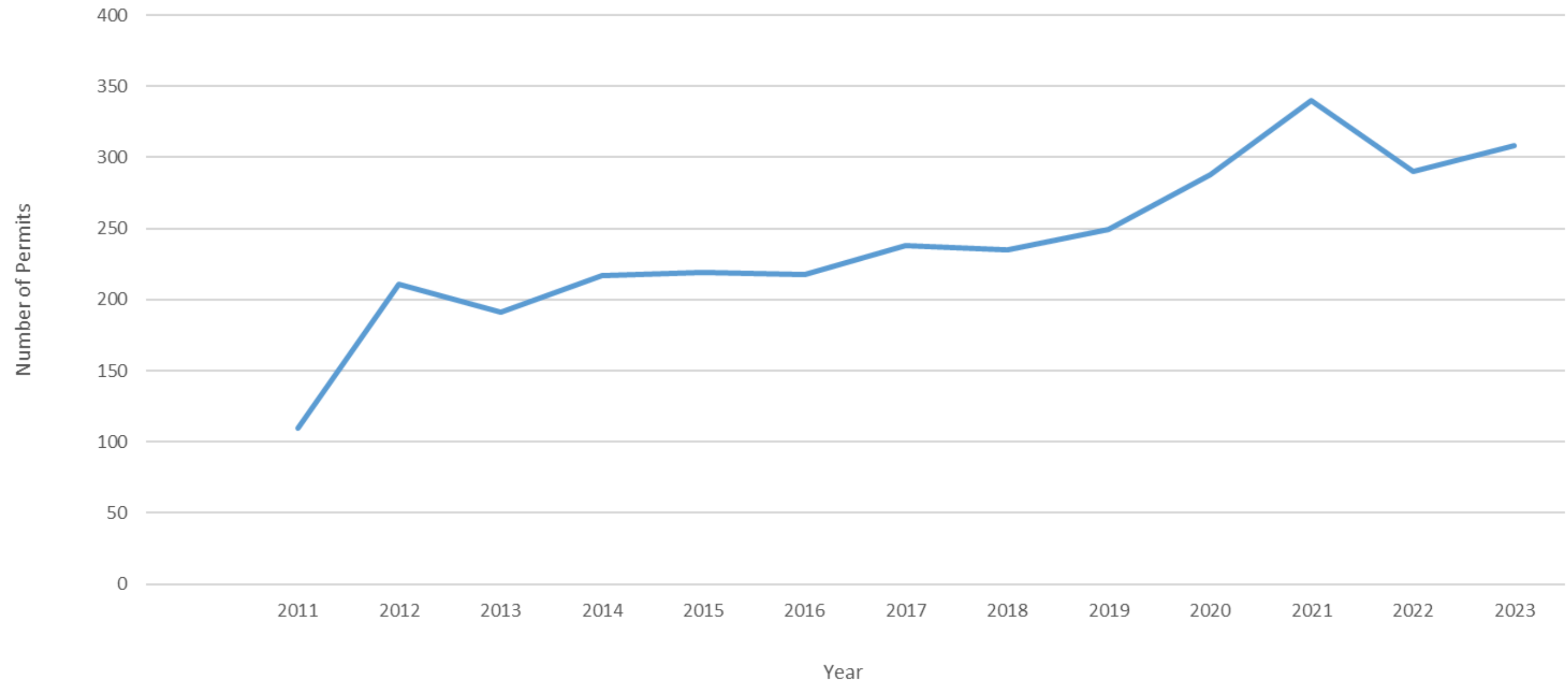


Timothy A. Miller
Director
Stormwater Management

Wastewater Division

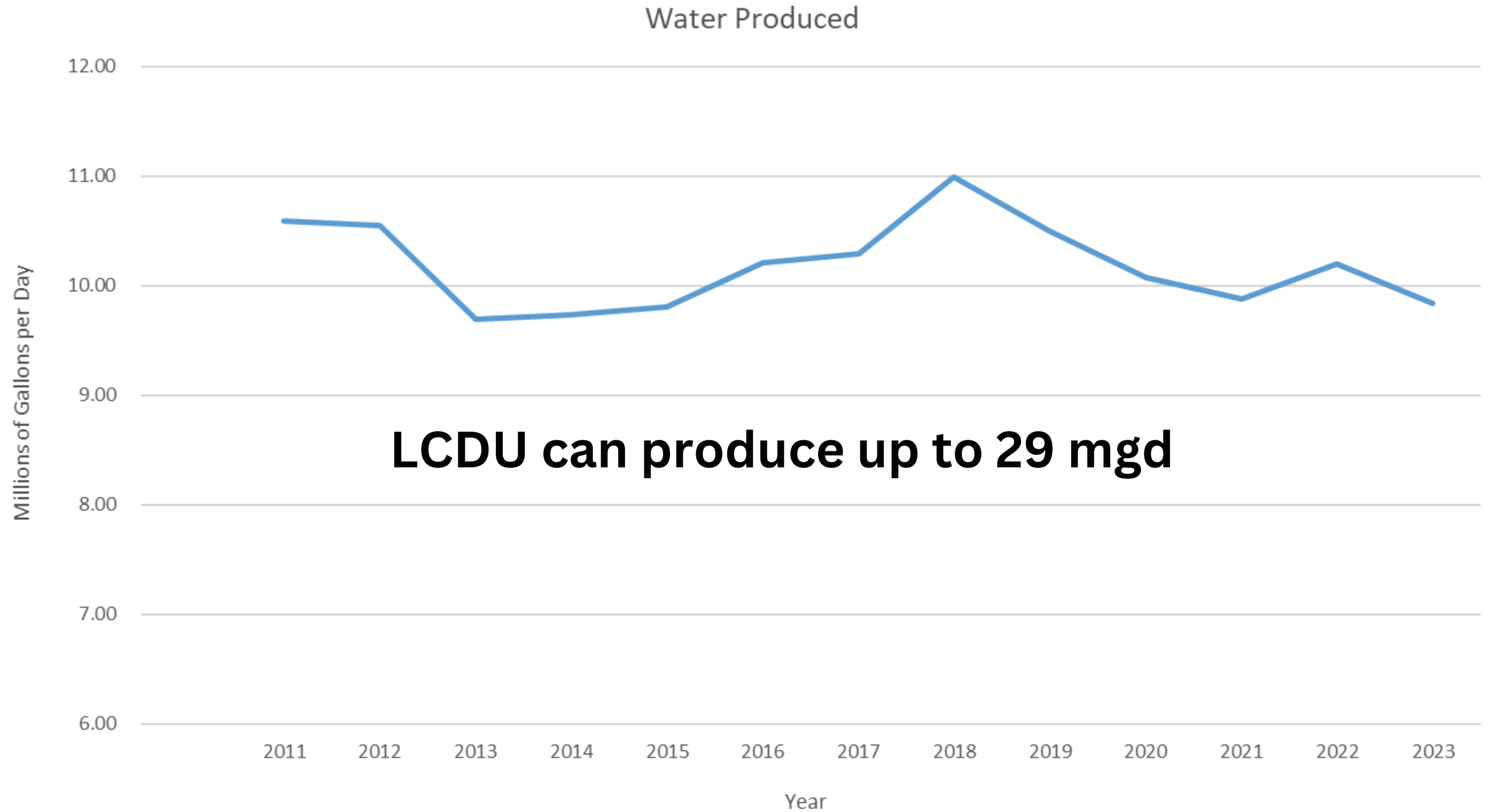
- 94 employees
- Operating Budget - \$18,500,000
- Capital Improvement Budget - \$5,000,000
 - Capacity to treat 26 million gallons of wastewater per day
 - Maintain 500 miles of pipes & 55 pump stations

SANITARY SEWER
Permits Issued Per Year



Water Division

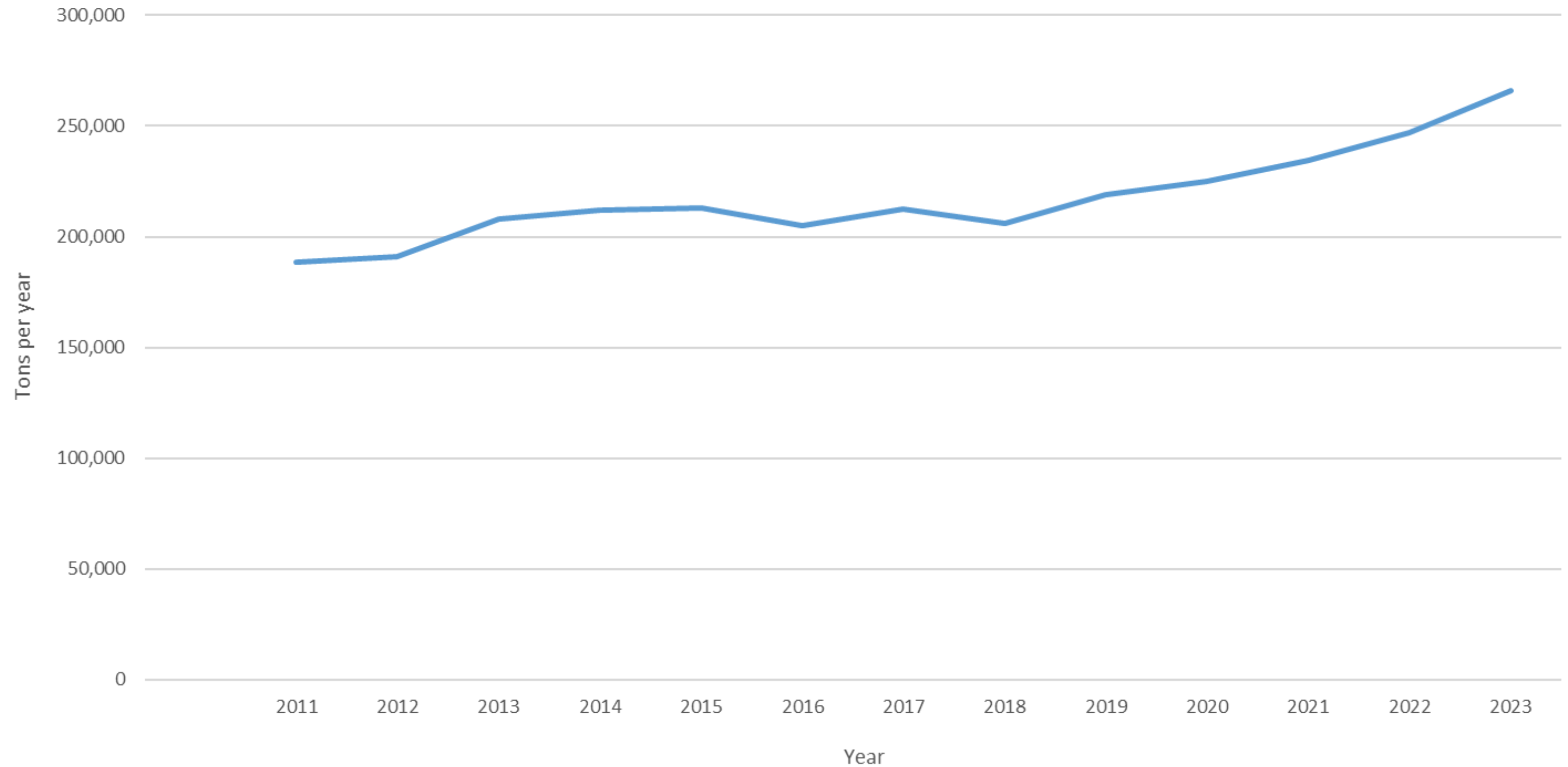
- 93 employees
Operating Budget - \$18,000,000
Capital Improvement Budget - \$5,000,000
- Capacity to treat up to 29 million gallons of drinking water per day
Maintain 550 miles of waterline & 7 storage tanks



Solid Waste Division

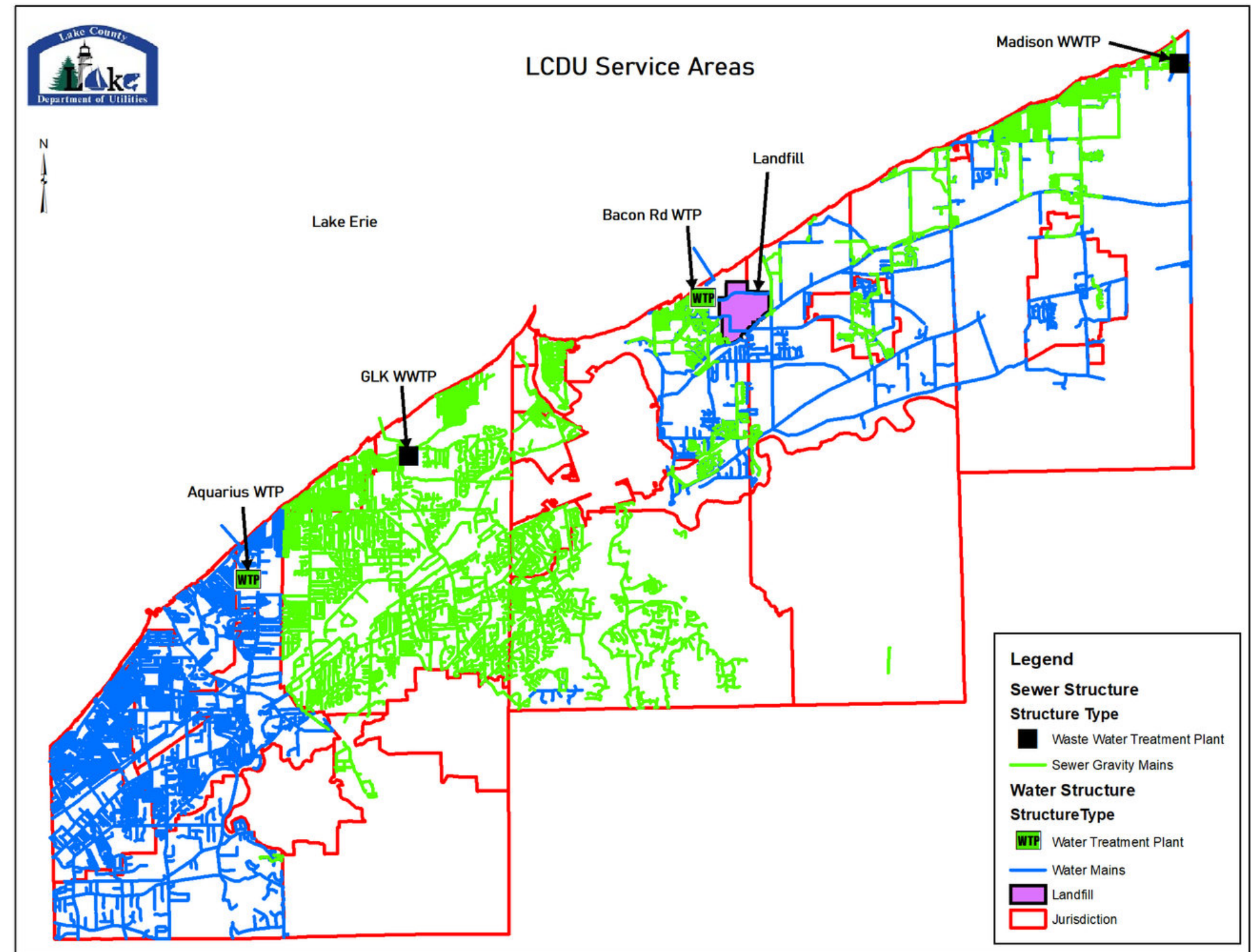
- 10 employees
- Operating Budget - \$8,000,000
- Capital Improvement Budget - \$2,000,000
 - Safe disposal of 1,000 tons of garbage per day

Solid Waste Facility (Annual Use)



2023-2024 PROJECTS

- Madison Village Sewer Interconnect - \$10,000,000
- Red Creek Sewer Improvement - \$5,000,000
- Water Plant Electrical upgrades - \$6,000,000
- Wastewater Plant upgrades - \$4,000,000
- Water Plant Shore Protection - \$5,000,000
- Local Waterline Improvements - \$6,500,000
- Sanitary Sewer Rehab Projects - \$7,500,000





Lake County Planning Commission was established in 1957. Lake County Planning and Community Development established in 2013 via consolidation of the Lake County Planning Commission and Federal Grants Office.

- **Planning functions (3FTE):**

- Subdivision admin
- Zoning review and analysis
- Comprehensive planning
- Demographic analysis
- GIS mapping
- Address Map maintenance for four townships and various villages

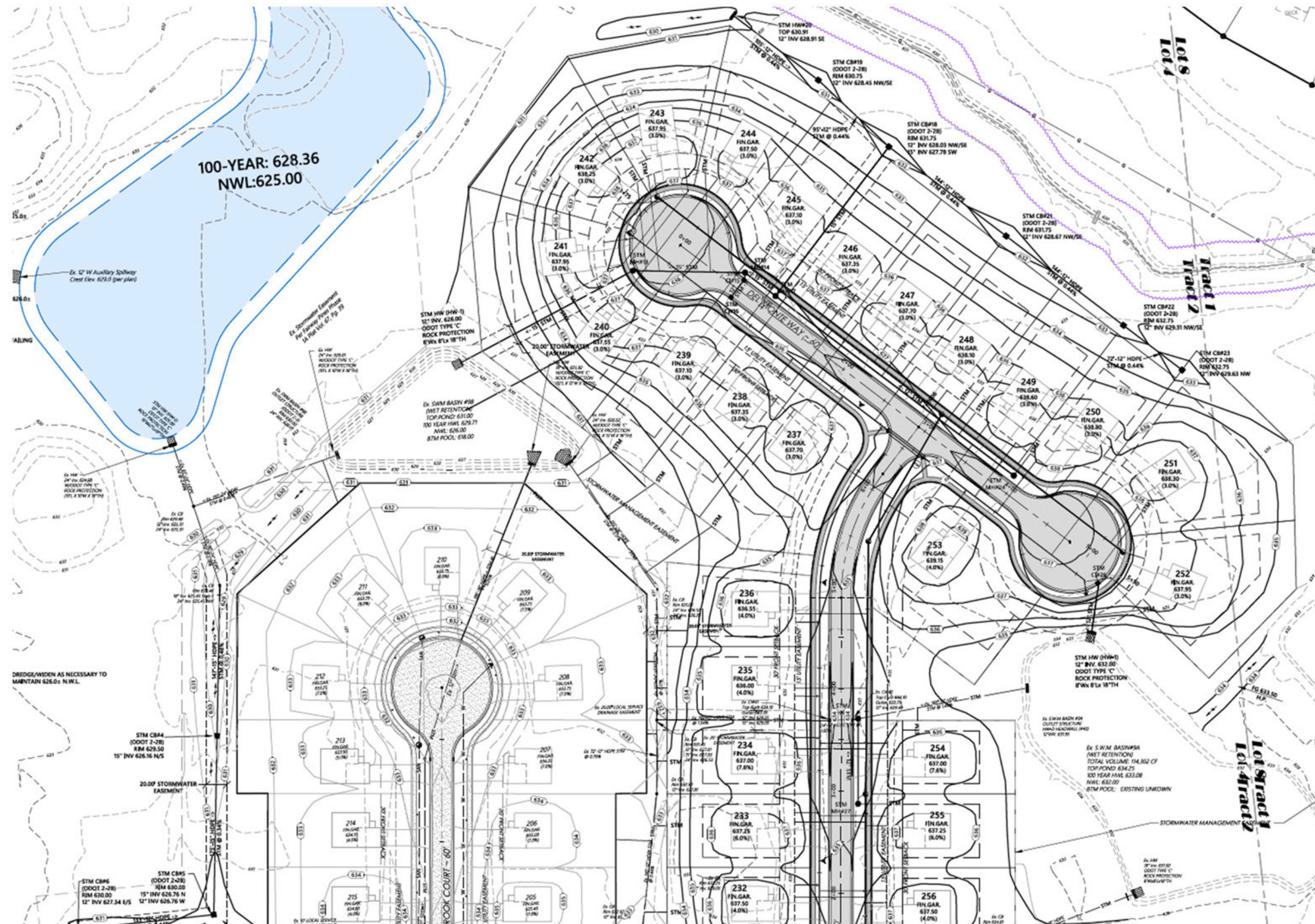
- **Community Development functions (3FTE):**

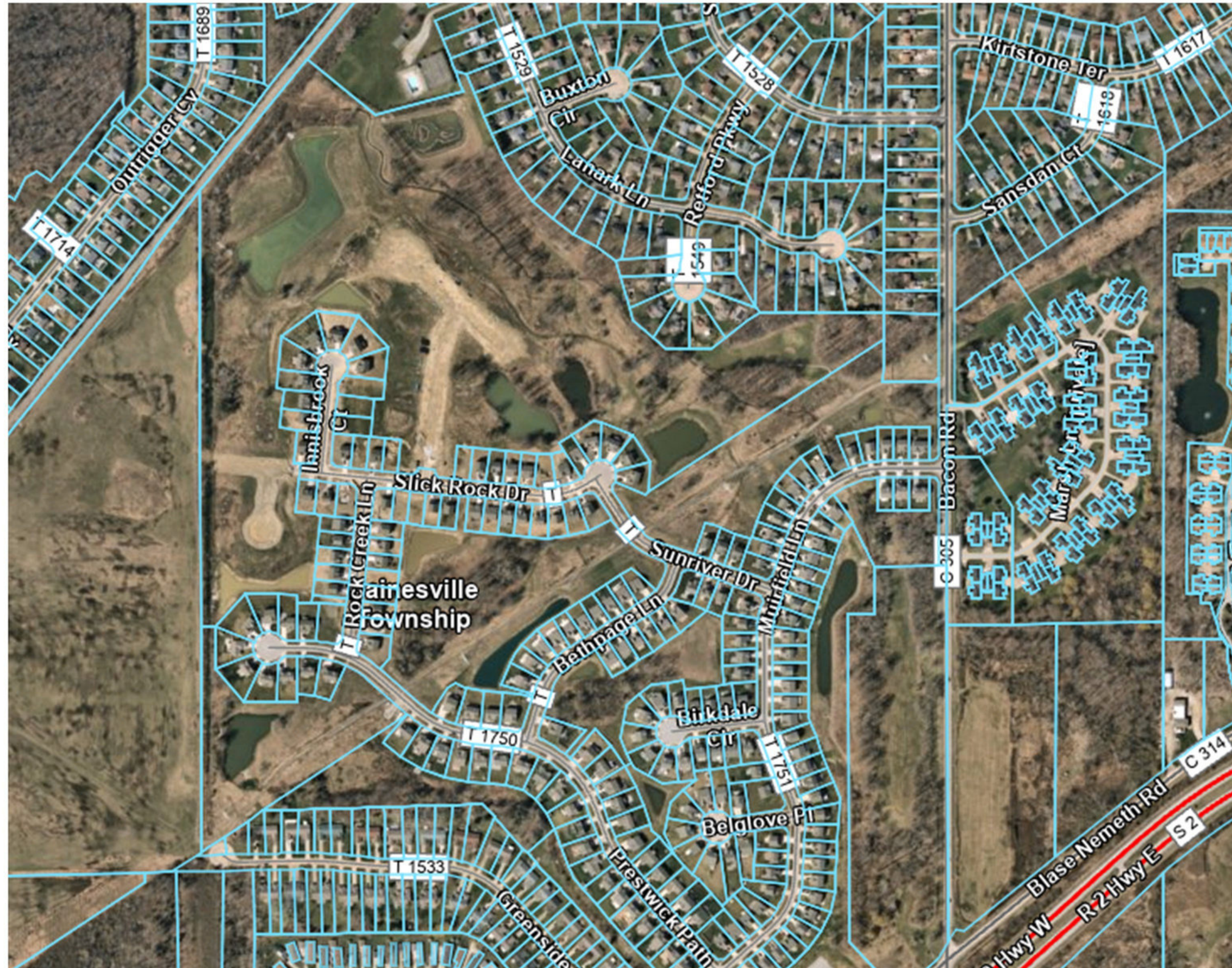
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- CDBG CARES Act (CDBG-CV)
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
- HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (HOME ARP)
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP-2)
- Lead Safe Ohio Program



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

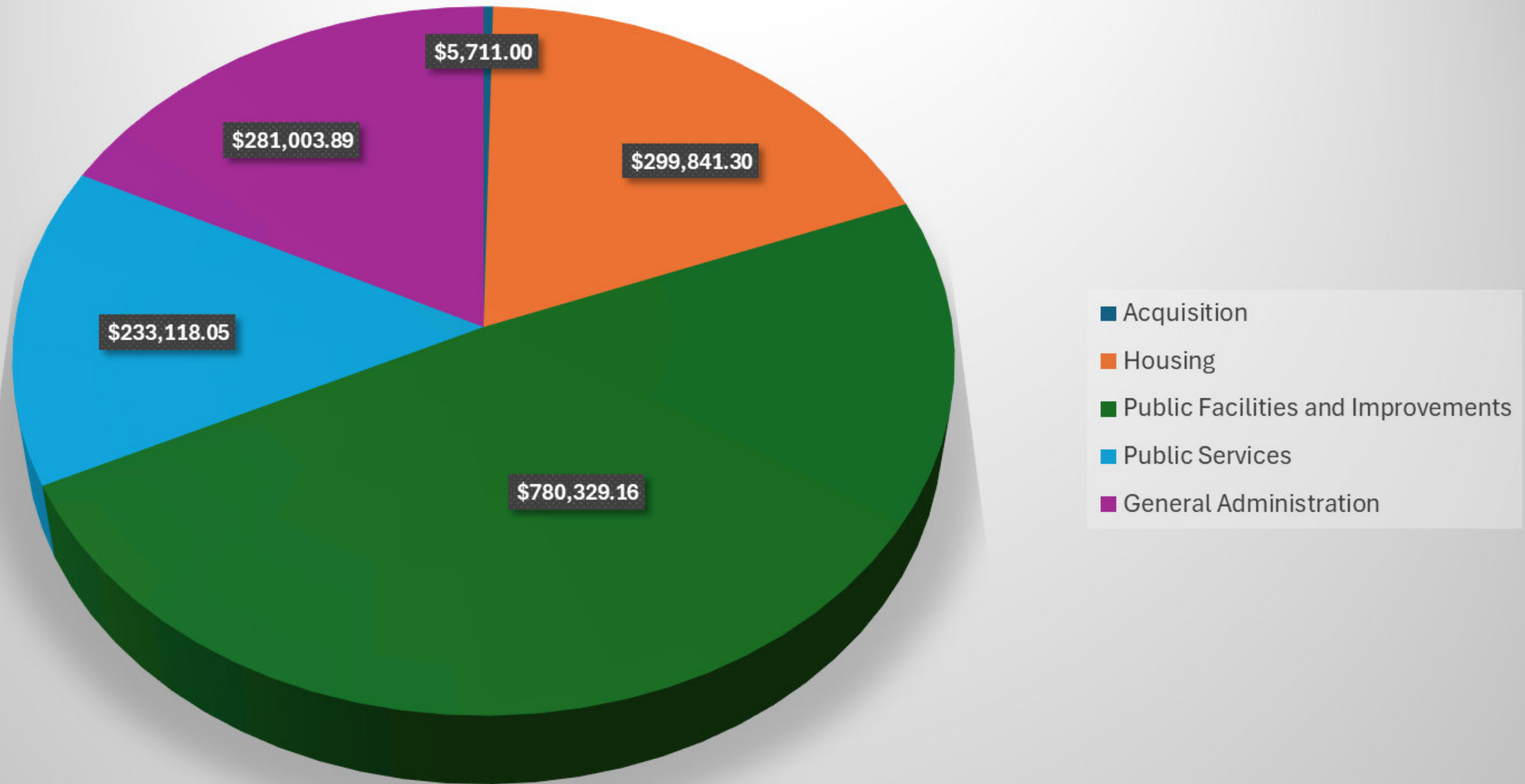
DAVID RADACHY





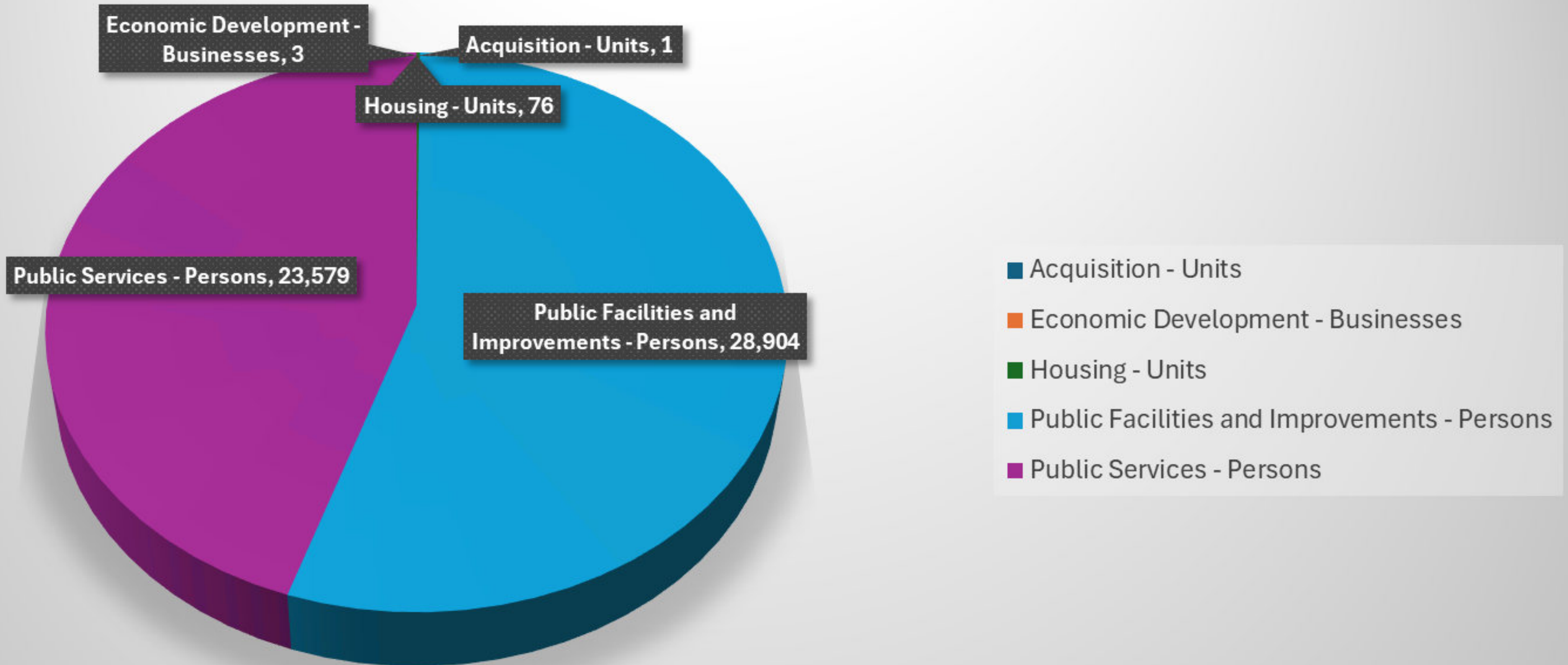


FY 2022 CDBG & CDBG-CV Activities with Disbursements (Total: \$1,600,003.40)





FY 2022 CDBG & CDBG-CV Accomplishments





SUCCESS STORY

WILLOW PRAISE CHURCH

32901 VINE STREET, WILLOWICK



CDBG FUNDS: \$22,000



PROBLEM OR NEED ADDRESSED: The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted supply chains and caused economic instability, leading to increased food prices and reduced availability of essential goods. Job losses and reduced incomes left many households unable to afford sufficient, nutritious food, exacerbating food insecurity.

RESULT: Installation of a walk-in-freezer to support emergency food distribution services. Willow Praise Church and their volunteers provided over 23,000 free lunches to children in need during the COVID-19 pandemic and government lockdowns. The transformative impact of their work was recognized with a formal Certificate of Recognition by Lake County Commissioners.



SUCCESS STORY

MIRACLE LEAGUE PLAYGROUND

CITY OF EASTLAKE

PROBLEM OR NEED ADDRESSED:

The Miracle League is a nationwide program that provides opportunities for children with physical and intellectual disabilities to play baseball and be a part of a team. The Eastlake facility is the third in Ohio. The thoughtful design of the park also includes four family restrooms, one designed to accommodate an adult changing table.

RESULT:

The Miracle League All Inclusive Playground provides play opportunities for individuals with special needs and disabilities, and it is estimated that there are 2,000 Lake County residents who can benefit from the utilization of the facility. This is a resource not just for Eastlake or Lake County, but for Northeast Ohio as well. The nearest similar playground is in Findlay, Ohio, more than 3 hours away. The project is a result of wide-spread collaboration and is a source of much excitement. It enhances the county as a wonderful place for people of all abilities.



TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:
\$1,300,000
CDBG FUNDS: \$200,000





STORMWATER

TIM MILLER



Lake SMD Overview

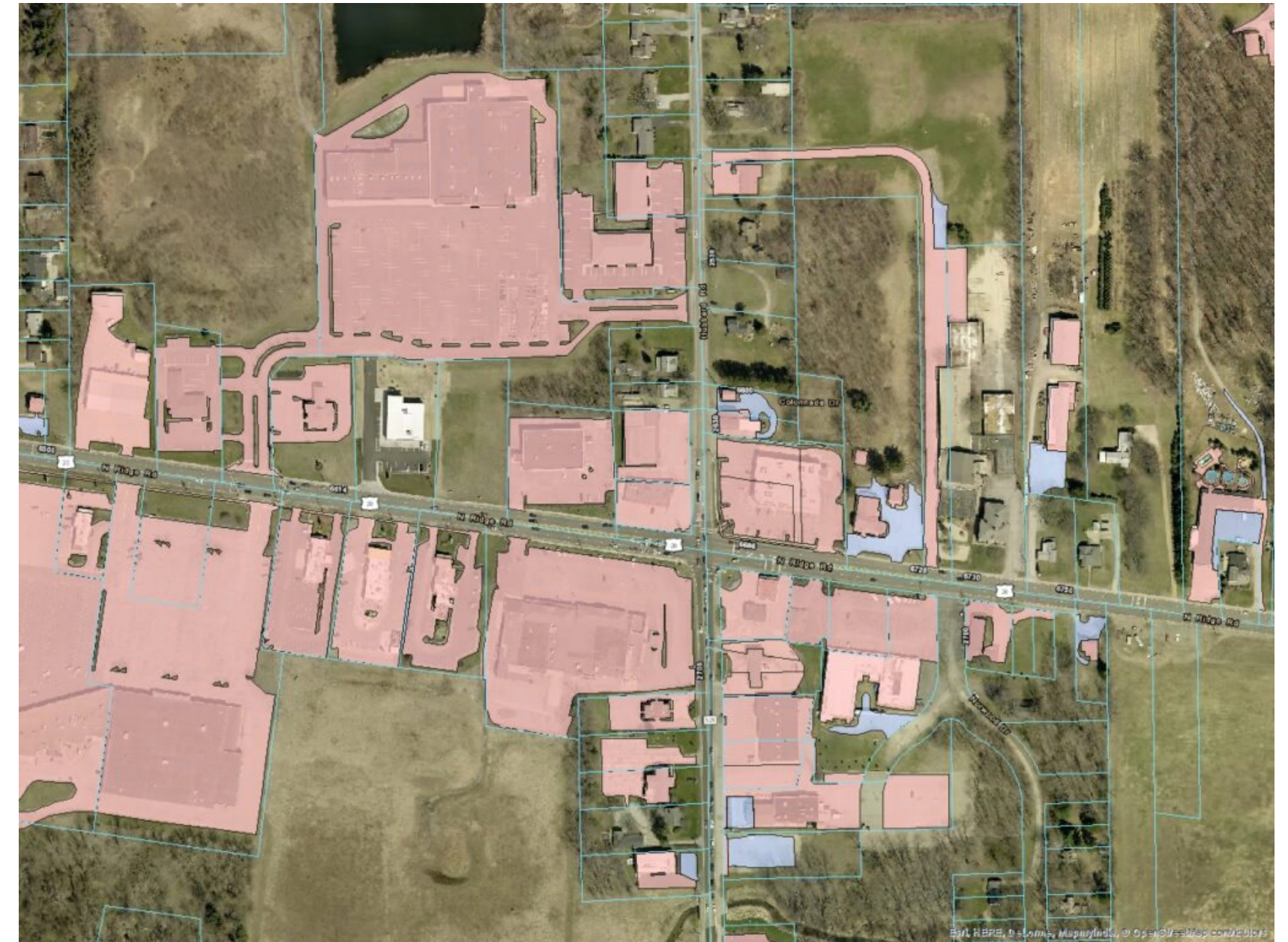
- 4 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee
- Established in 2003 due to Ohio EPA NPDES Permit
- Completed \$37 million in infrastructure improvements across 17 communities

Participation and Partnerships

- 17 of 20 political subdivisions in Lake County participate in the program
- Partners with Lake General Health District and Lake Soil and Water for certain services

Current Budget

- Approximately \$5.2 million





STORMWATER

TIM MILLER



Buildings & Grounds Staff

- 45 staff members, including custodians, laborers, tradesmen, and administrative roles
- 718,160 sq. ft. for all 23 Buildings

Budget and Utilization

- Buildings & Grounds: \$3,191,570 for county building maintenance
- Central Purchasing: \$151,630 for purchasing and accounts management
- Mailroom: \$145,440 for mail handling and deliveries



Current and Completed Projects

- Fairgrounds Roof Replacement: Ongoing, \$1,190,875 ARPA funded
- NEOCAP Roof Replacement: Complete, \$356,444
- Park Rd. Facility Roof Replacement: Complete, \$517,786
- Various other roof replacements and upgrades: Complete and ongoing
- In House project management for improvements at 41 E. Erie St. and the new Public Defenders Office located at 100 W. Erie St..
- HVAC upgrades: Ongoing, \$7,654,487 (\$5,000,000 ARPA funded)
- Flooring, elevator modernizations, and remodels: Various stages of completion





TELECOMMUNICATIONS

PAUL STEFANKO



Employees

- 9 Technicians, 2 Supervisors, 1 Office Manager, 1 Director

Telephone

- 2500 Telephones, 850 cameras, 450 card readers
- All County offices, 2 Cities, 2 Townships, 1 Village
- 13,000 calls per day, 5 digit dialing, Central Dispatch Center- 911 system

Radio

- 3500 radios for Police, Fire EMS, Schools, Utilities, etc.
- Central Dispatch Center with 12 consoles, 5 Radio Towers, 30 microwave hops
- Zone 2 for Ohio MARCS, Fire Station Alerting for 14 stations, Lake County Siren system with 50 sirens

Jail

- Electronic security for Jail and Juvenile detention: doors, cameras, card readers, control panels, intercom, electrical distribution
- 18 Generators and electrical distribution in County offices





LAKE COUNTY DOG SHELTER

RODNEY SHELTON



Facility Overview

- 11,000 sq. feet of space
- 54 spacious kennels
- 3 outdoor public dog parks

Additional Features

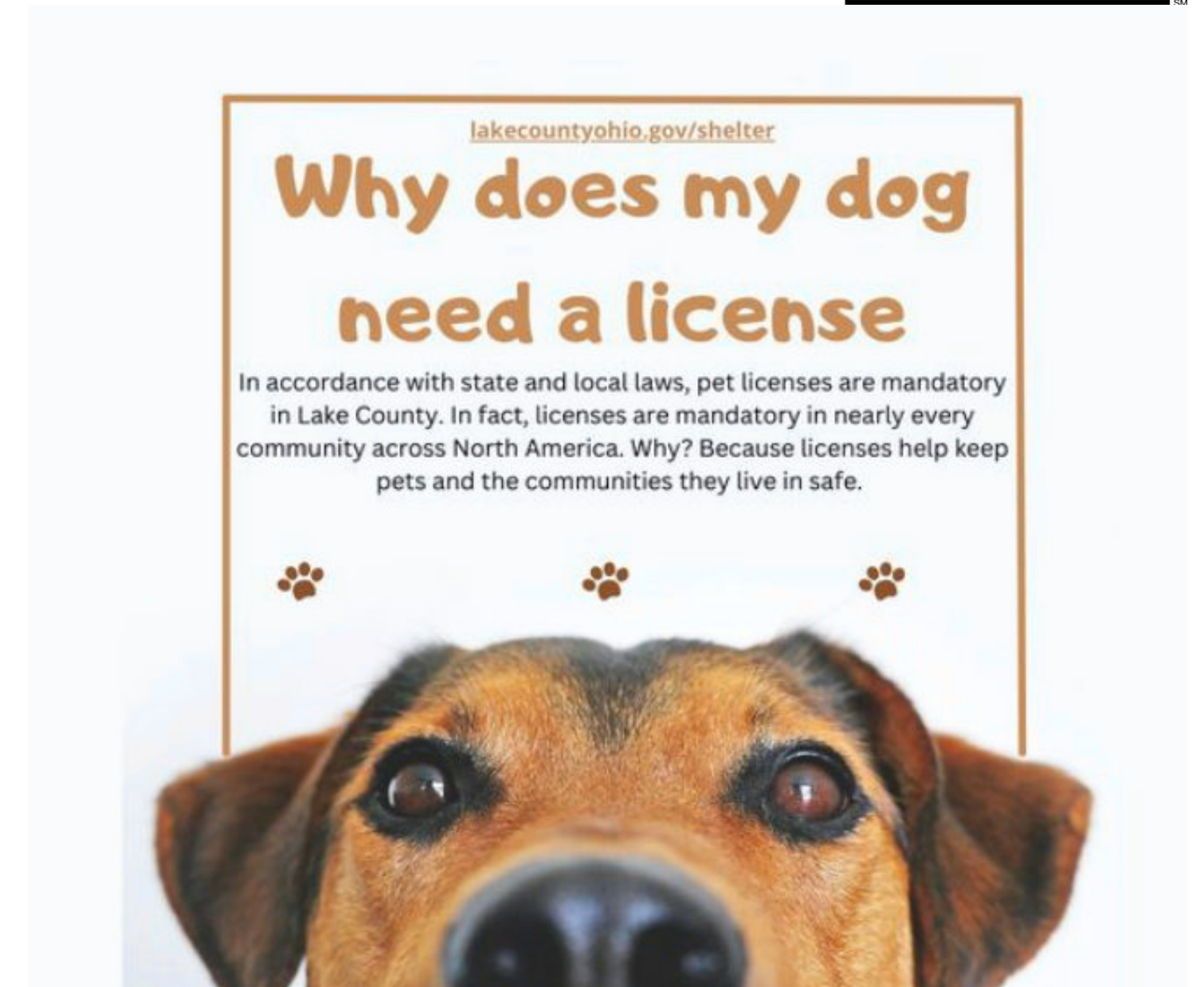
- Grooming and vetting stations
- 7 staff members

Location and Opening

- 2600 North Ridge Road
- Opened in 2007

Mission and Goals

- Provide licenses for identification
 - Residents can easily license their pets online at lakecountyohio.docupet.com, or can license in person at one of the locations listed below. the shelter during business hours. Residents can also purchase license through the mail by sending a completed license application.
- Reunite dogs with their owners
- Find responsible, loving homes for adoptable animals
- Encourage permanent homes with essential care
- Benefit community by reducing roaming and unwanted animals





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Can we help with something?



Building Summary

- Building permits issued increased from 2018 to 2023.
- 2020 permits included Painesville City, leading to a notable rise.
- 12 Employees
 - 1 Building Official – Dave Strichko
 - 4 Full time inspectors
 - 1 part time inspector
 - 5 full time clerical / office staff
 - 1 part time clerical / office staff
- Budget - \$1,250,000
- YTD Permit Revenue \$1,141,000





BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DAVID STRICHKO



- Average – 45-50 inspections a day
- Average – 5-6 residential plan review / submittals a day (Decks, New homes, Additions, garages etc.)
- Average – 6-7 residential (non-review) permits issued a day (electric services, HVAC replacements, etc.)
- Average – 2-3 Commercial plan review / submittals a day. (New buildings, renovations, additions)
- Average – 1-2 Commercial (non-review permits issued day (electric services, HVAC replacements, etc.)
- Average - 80 – 100 Phone calls received in the department a day





- **Building Permits Issued* (Lake County Building Dept only)**

- **2018: 3085**
- **2019: 3508**
- **2020: 4903****
- **2021: 4679**
- **2022: 4975**
- **2023: 4988**

***Includes structures, electrical, HVAC, fire, etc.**

****Added Painesville City**





SENIOR SERVICES

ALYEA BARAJAS



Senior Services

- 2 employees

Senior Services Levy

- First approved in 1992, renewed every 5 years
- Generates \$4.8 million annually
- Funds fifteen organizations providing senior services

Lake County Volunteer Network

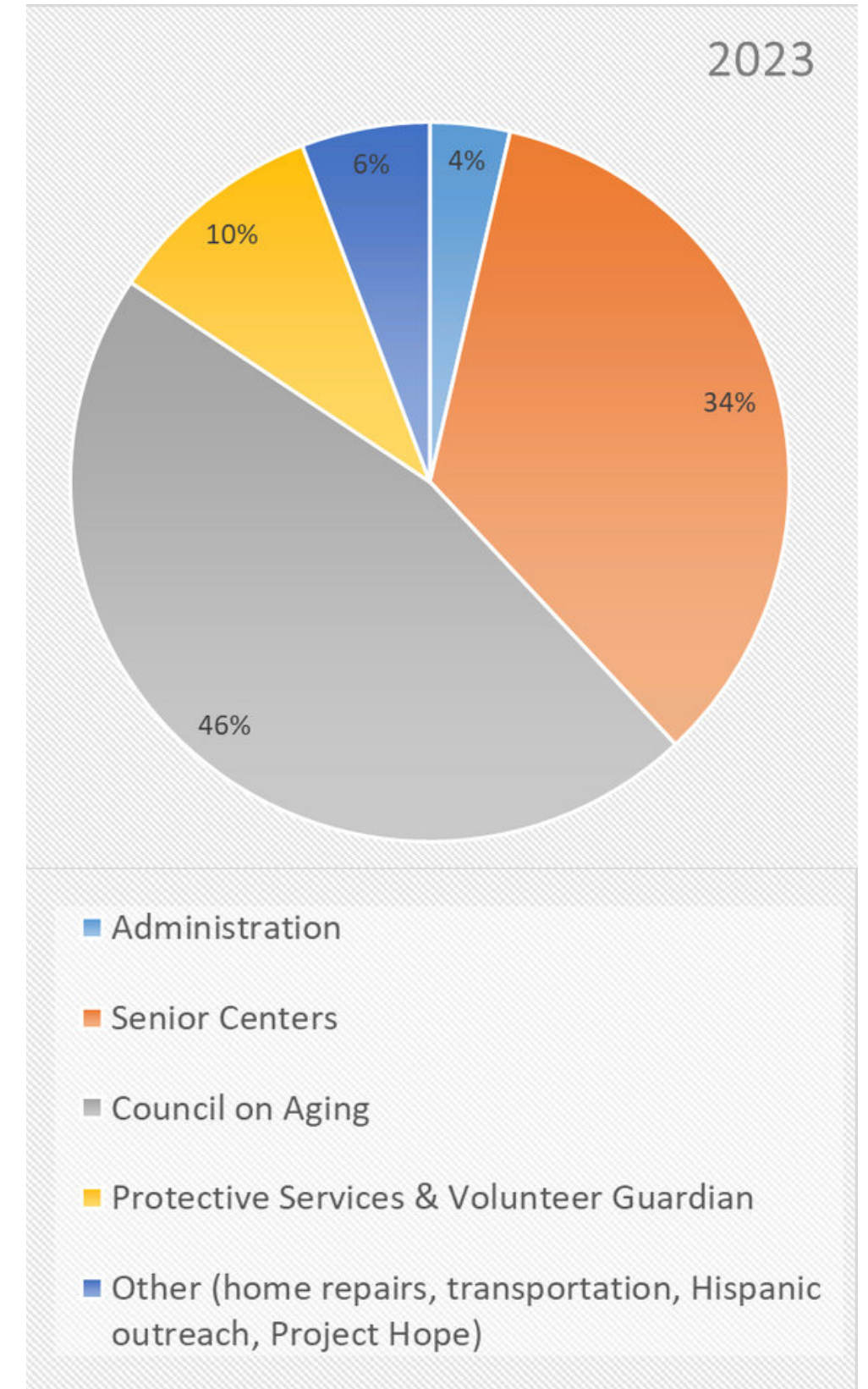
- Engages volunteers 55 and older
- Acquired by the Board of Commissioners in April 2021
- Currently 418 active volunteers

AmeriCorps Federal Grant

- \$114,993 grant ended June 2024
- Engages volunteers 55 and older in community work plans

Healthy Aging Grants

- \$454,522 provided to address social determinants of health
- Funds six organizations focusing on nutrition, housing, and digital literacy





The Lake County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will protect Lake County communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters.

Lake County Emergency Management Agency Overview

- 6 Employees
 - Director: Joe Buser
- Legal Foundation: Established under Chapter 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- **Operational Structure:**
 - Focus on local-level preparedness.
 - Escalates to county-level with Lake County Commissioners declaring emergencies as needed.
- **Assistance Protocol:**
 - Local resources → County incident → State of Ohio assistance → FEMA support if necessary.



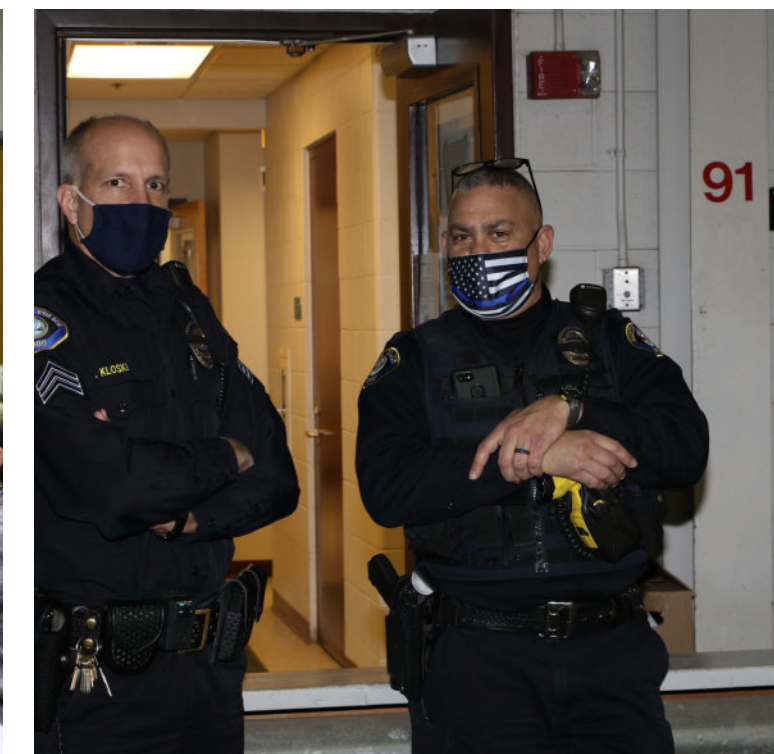
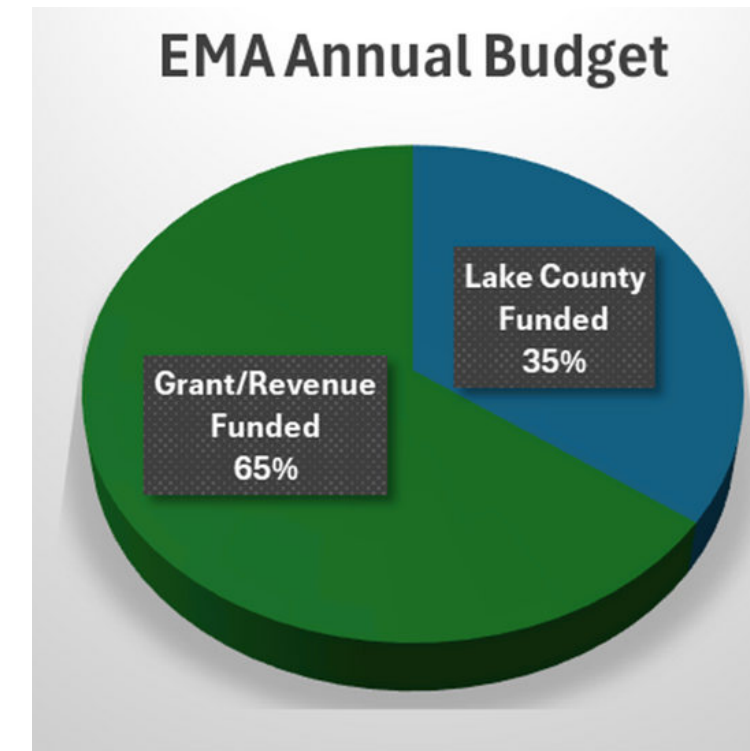
Safety Plan and EOC Refurbishment

- Developed a safety plan for Lake County's Solar Eclipse with stakeholders.
- Received a \$1,000,000 FEMA grant for EOC refurbishment.
- Total budget allocated: \$452,200.

COVID Response and PPE Distribution

- Coordinated distribution of over 1.5 million PPE pieces.
- Helped local communities recover \$250,000 in Public Assistance.
- Conducted the first virtual FEMA Nuclear Power Plant evaluated exercise.

**While most people think of the EMA's role with preparedness with the Perry Plant, they have been successful handling train derailments, floods and COVID 19.*





JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

SUZANNE CASAR

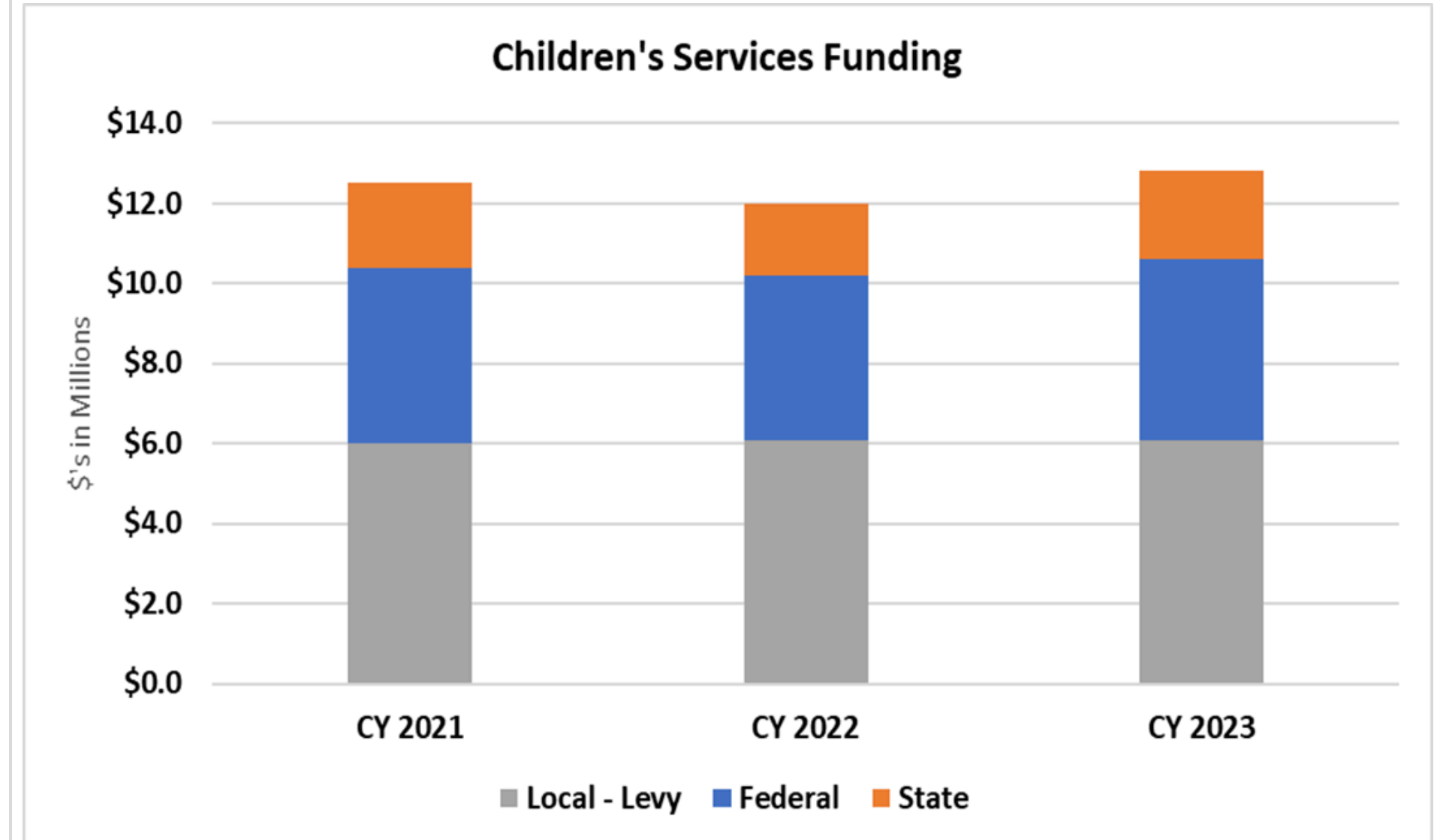


Lake County Department of Job and Family Services

- 174 employees, 11 vacancies as of August 2024.
- Director: Suzanne Casar
- Assists families via Public Assistance Programs, Protective Services, Employment and Training, and Child Support Enforcement.

Child and Adult Protective Services

- Receives reports of child and elder abuse, neglect, dependency, and exploitation 24/7.
- In 2023, managed 200 families (Children Services) and 60 adults (Adult Protective Services).
- 5,001 calls led to 2,022 investigations; 115 children in agency custody.
- Operates the 16-bed Caley Home for abused, neglected, or dependent children.
- Funded by a levy since 1968, providing essential services such as foster care, residential treatment, and financial assistance to families.



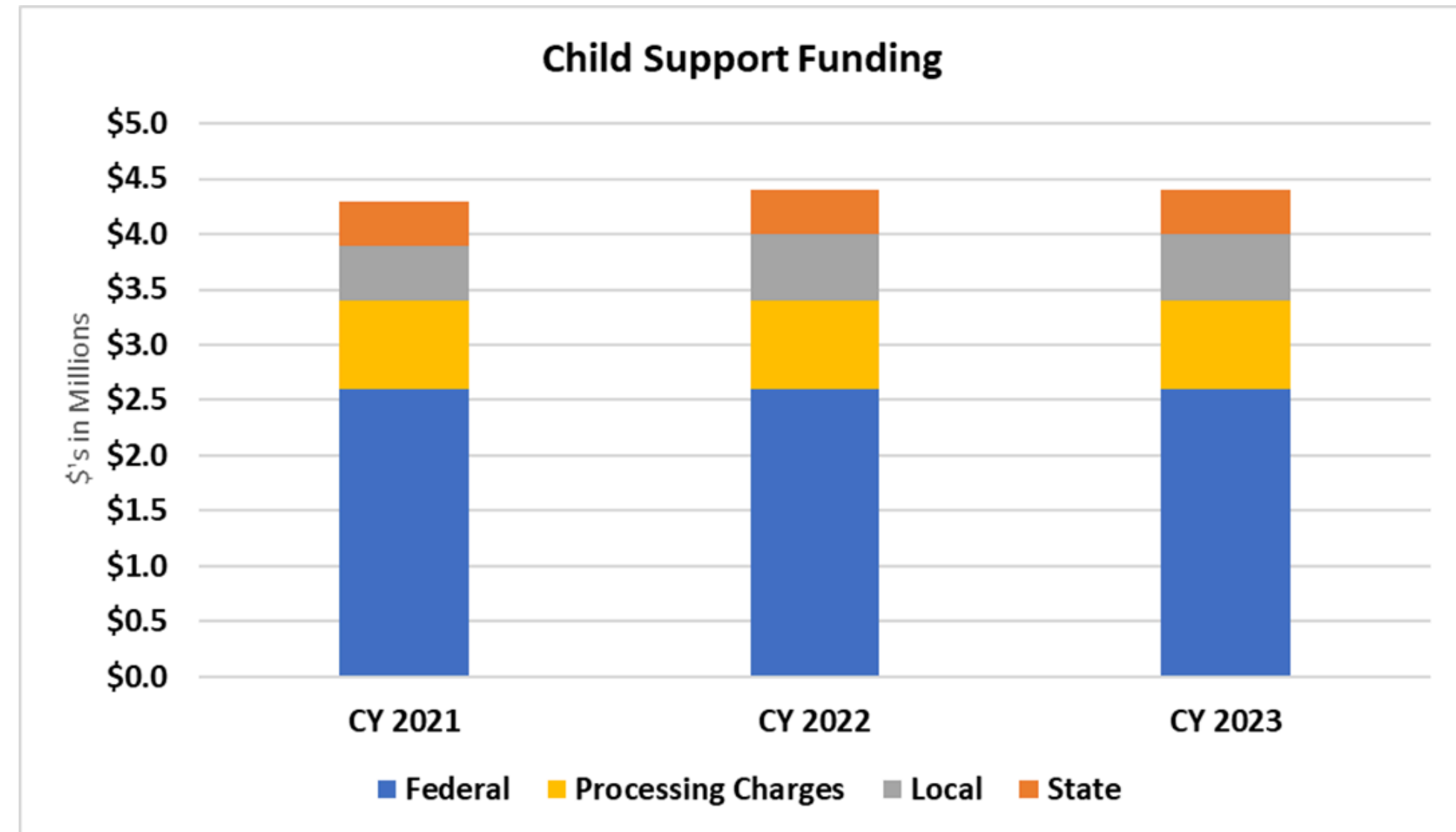


Public Assistance Division

- Determines eligibility for programs like SNAP, Medicaid, Child Care, and PRC.
- Supports workforce participation through the Publicly Funded Child Care program, currently with 844 cases.
- Relevant ORC Codes: 5101:1 (TANF and PRC), 5101:2 (Child Care), 5101:4 (Food Stamps), 5160 and 5161 (Medicaid).

Child Support Enforcement Agency

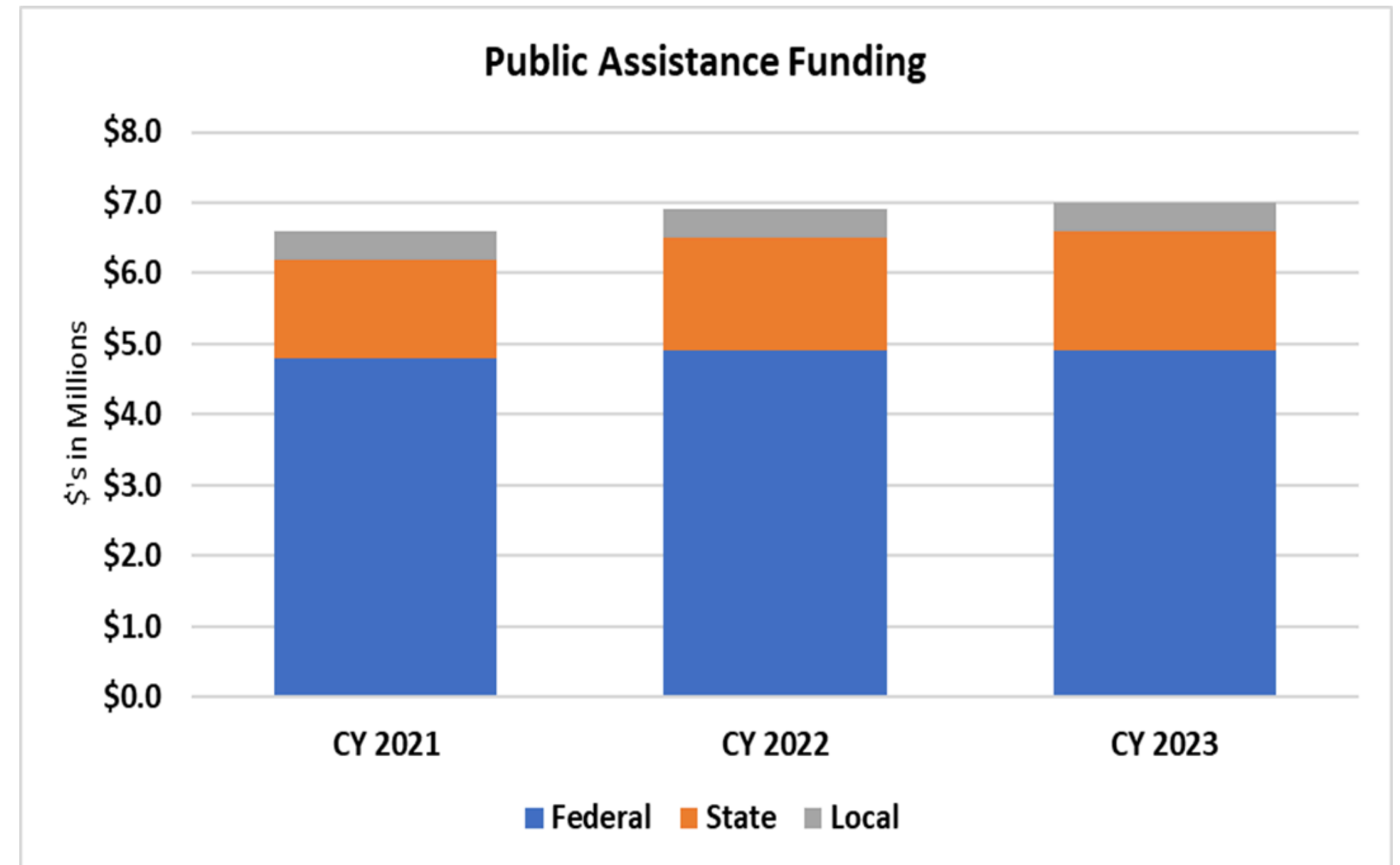
- Enforces all child support orders in Lake County.
- 9,972 open cases; \$31,082,979.78 collected in 2023.
- Assists with establishing paternity and support, ensuring consistent support.
- Relevant ORC Codes: 3109, 3111, 3115, 3119, 3121, 3123, 3125.





Challenges

- Staff recruitment and retention.
- Multiple state department oversight.
- Increasing Public Assistance caseloads due to changing income standards.
- Lack of affordable housing and available foster parents.
- Need for facilities for children with behavioral and mental health needs.





WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD



Mission and Key Functions

- Provides strategic guidance and oversight for workforce initiatives in Lake County.
- Enhance financial health by aiding the unemployed/underemployed and supporting local employers.

Board Composition and Legal Requirements

- Commissioners appoint Workforce Development Board (WDB) members.
- At least 51% of the board must be from the private sector.
- Certain board positions are legally mandated.



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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD



Educational and Training Institutes

- **Northern Career Institute:** Specialized programs in Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Medical Billing and Coding.
- **Auburn Career Center:** Technical/vocational trainings and certifications.
- **Lakeland Community College:** Academic degrees and professional certifications.
- **Great Lakes Truck Driving School:** Commercial truck driving training.
- **Lake Erie College:** Diverse educational programs, including a robust HVAC program.



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5 Employees / Budget~ \$950,000.00

Unemployment and Manufacturing

- Unemployment rate: 3.5% (St. Louis Federal Reserve)
- Over 600 manufacturers employ more than 21,000 people (Ohio Manufacturing Association)

Top Employers and Economic Projects

- Largest employers: University Hospitals, Lubrizol, Steris Corp (Team NEO)
- Since 2012: 37 attraction and expansion projects supported by JobsOhio
 - 2,100 new jobs, 6,600 jobs retained
 - \$100 million in payroll, \$275 million in fixed investment

Lake Development Authority Initiatives

- 2023: Issued \$8.6 million in bonds for industrial development
- Coastal development

Lake County Executive Airport Overview

- Economic contribution: \$9.4 million annually
- Facilities: Two asphalt runways, six hangars, outdoor aircraft parking
- Operations: 45,085 per year with approximately 90 based aircraft





LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PATRICK MOHORCIC



2007

The Lake County Port Authority was created in February 2007



10%

On average, the cost of living is 10 percent lower in the Cleveland Plus region when compared to the rest of the nation.



no taxes

There are no taxes on corporate or franchise profits, new machinery and equipment, or inventory.



31

The county boasts 31 miles of coast line containing tourist attractions and festivals, beautiful parks and superb beaches.



\$3.5

Annual shipping on the Lake Erie coming to or originating from Ohio alone is over 40 million tons worth approximately \$3.5 billion.



11th

It is Ohio's smallest county geographically but Ohio's 11th most populous with a population of over 230,000 people.



Role of the Lake County Board of Commissioners

- Exercise financial control over county finances by the adoption (management) of the county budget
- Appropriate monies for county offices
- Hold title to all county property
 - Provide and maintain space for all county offices
 - Courthouses
 - Public Safety Facility (Jail)
 - County Engineer
 - Board of Elections
 - General Governance (Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Prosecutor)
- Appoint members to various County boards and commissioners
- Work in cooperation with all other elected county officials and provide overall coordination for effective and efficient services to the residents and businesses



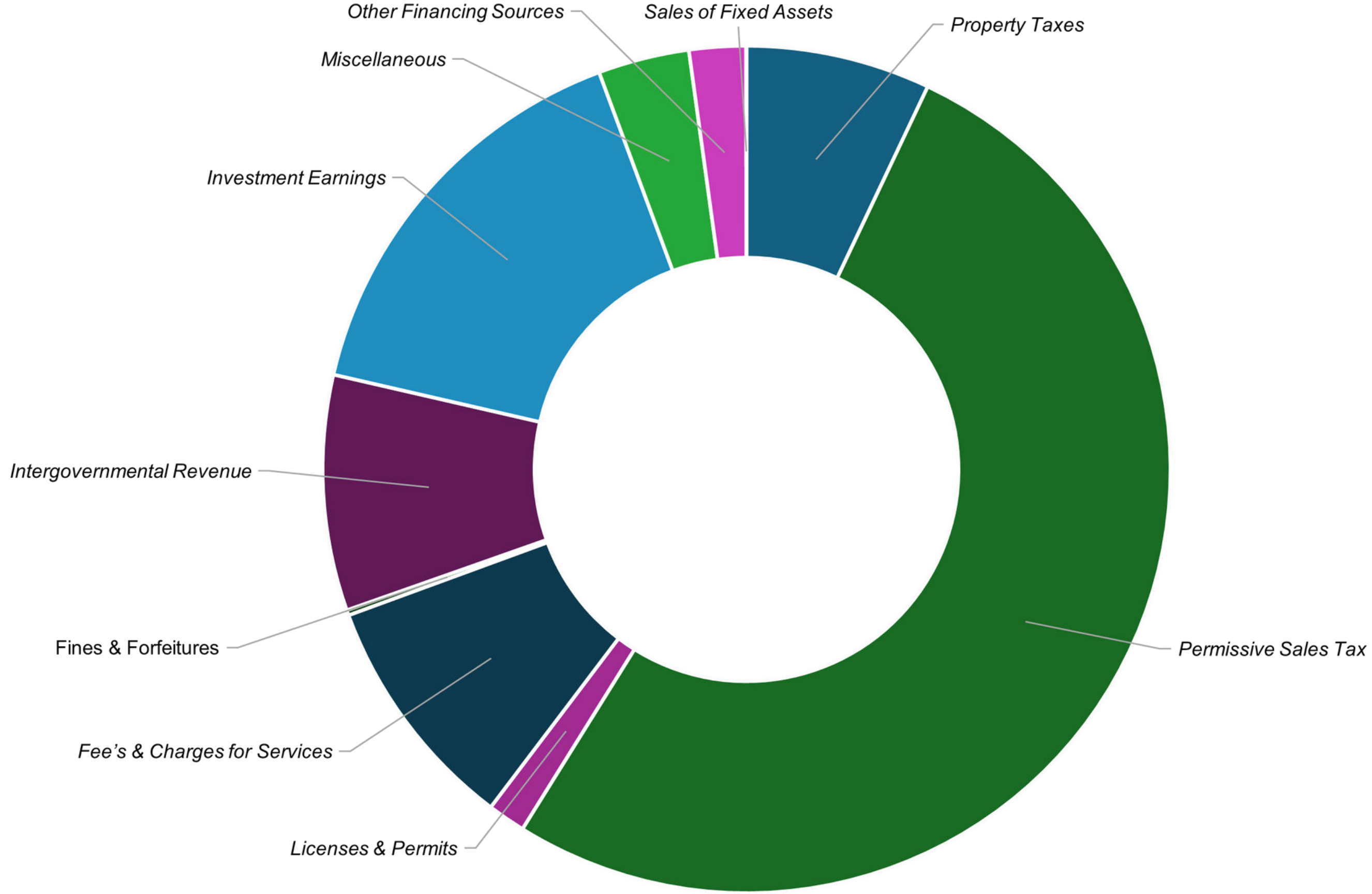
2024 Budget

- 2024 revenues for County operations are strong.
 - Primary revenue stream is 1% sales tax
 - Other revenue sources include:
 - Investment earnings
 - Fees
 - Property Tax
- General Fund Budget: \$70,218,817
 - Stable sales tax revenue
 - Above average interest earnings due to higher interest rates
 - Public safety / law enforcement / judicial system represent approximately 65% of the overall budget
- Outside General Fund: \$349 million
 - Enterprise Funds: water, wastewater, solid waste
 - Internal Service Funds: financing of services provided by one department to other departments on a cost reimbursement basis (ex. Health care costs)



COMMISSIONERS FINANCE

COMMISSIONER PLECNIK
COMMISSIONER HAMERCHECK
COMMISSIONER REGOVICH



2023 YEAR END REVENUES

- \$6,586,387 ■ \$48,545,801
- \$1,354,367 ■ \$8,518,153
- \$188,857 ■ \$8,417,061
- \$14,751,255 ■ \$3,257,503
- \$2,022,875 ■ \$15,417

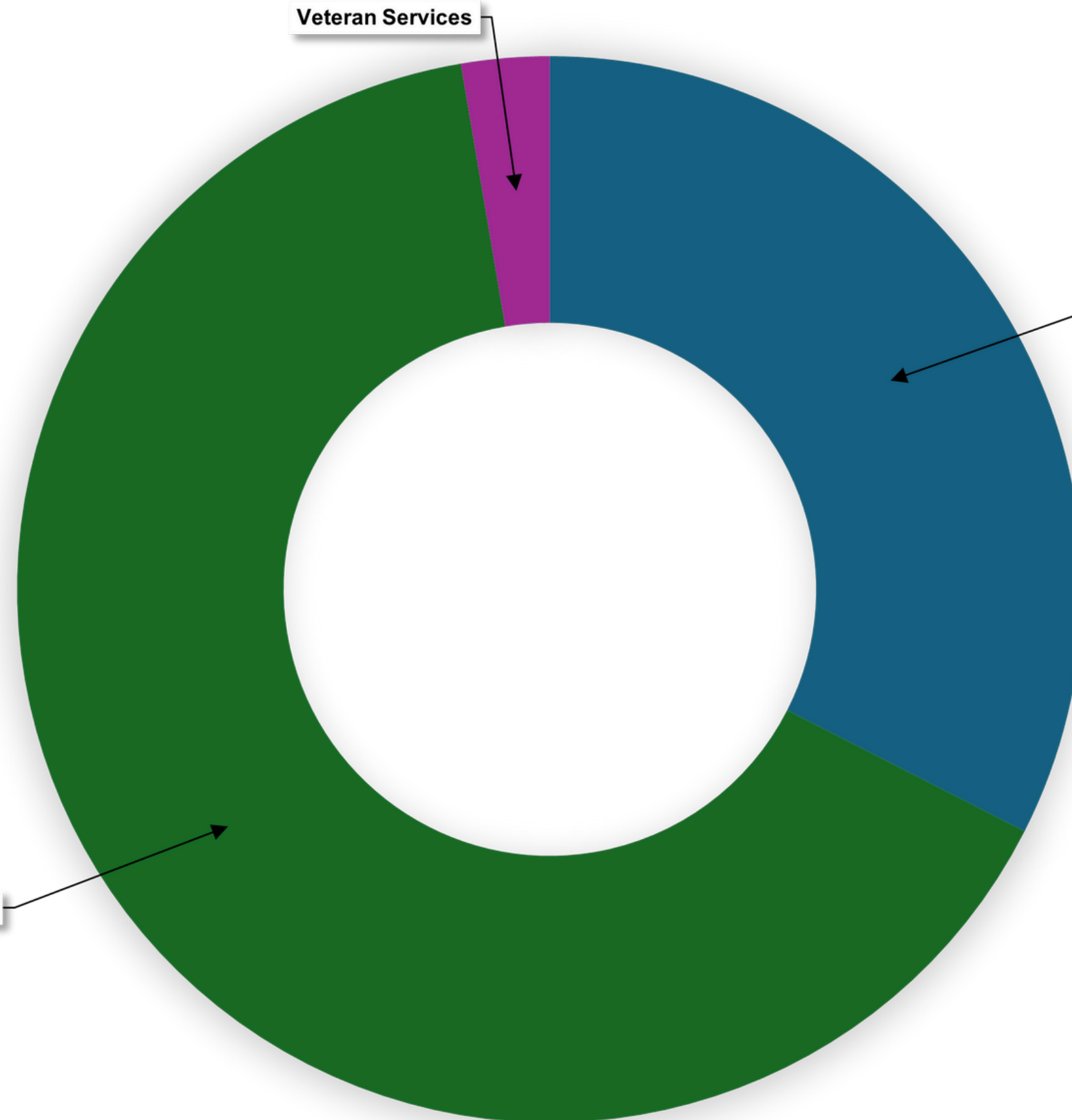


COMMISSIONERS FINANCE

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- **General Government** makes up 32% of total general fund expenditures
- **Judicial and public safety** makes up 65% of total general fund expenditures
- **Veteran Services** makes up 3% of total general fund expenditures



General Government

Judicial and Public Safety

Veteran Services

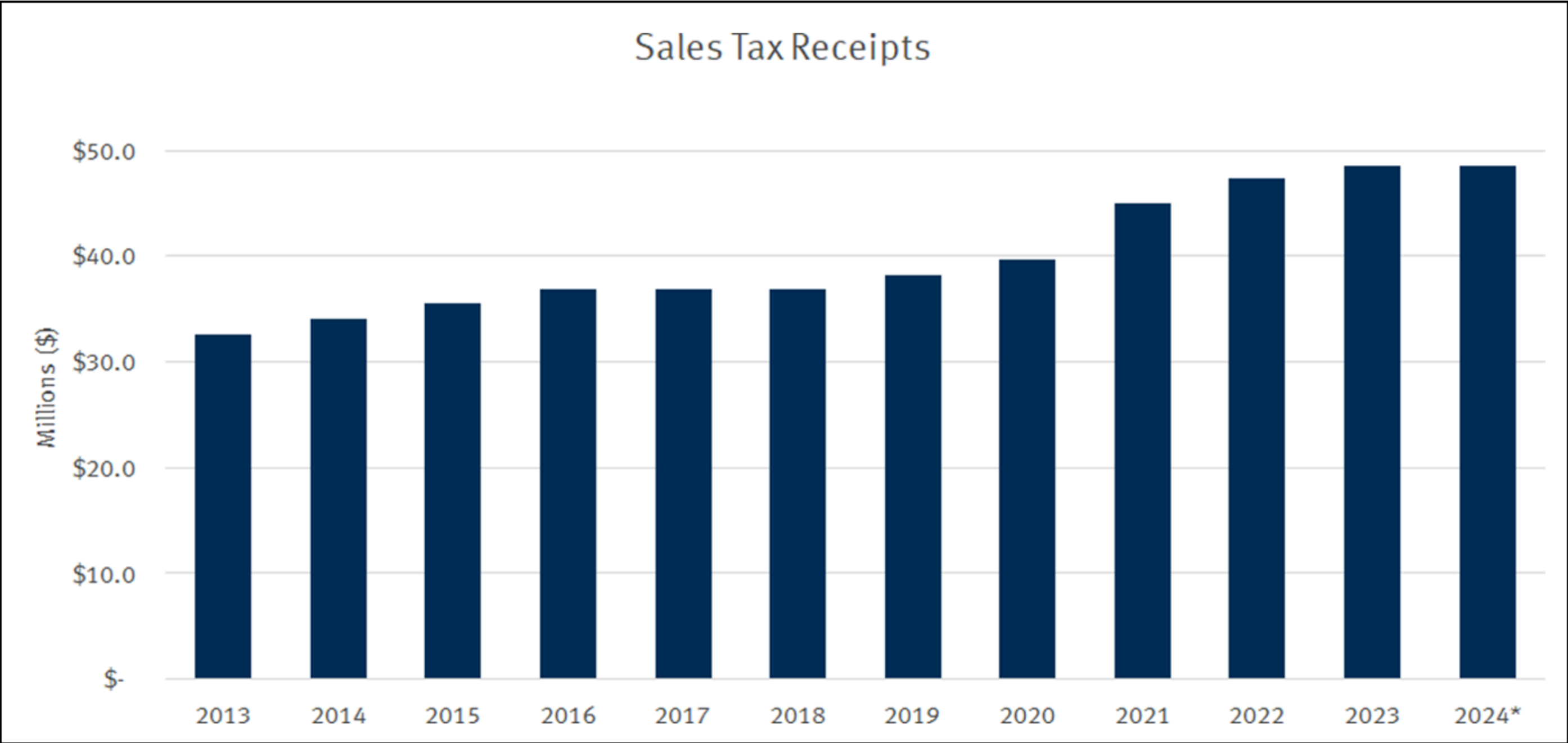
General Fund Expenditures 2024

- \$22,818,002
- \$45,520,818
- \$1,878,997



Financial Performance: Sales Tax continued

- The 2024 projection is based on year-to-date June collections that are ahead of 2023 by approximately 1.3% on pace to hit \$49m





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Groundbreaking on November 22, 2024 - Completion: summer 2027 - Facility size: 250,000 sq ft 504 beds

 PUBLIC SAFETY



Opened 2023 - Featuring 2 ranges, simunitions building, classroom that is accessible to all law enforcement agencies

LOOKING FORWARD



- **Continue our fiscal conservative budgeting model**

- \$6.4m annual debt service beginning in 2025 with existing revenue
- Maintain staff neutral budgeting
- Collective bargaining preparation
- Finalize capital improvement project(s)
- Finalize and administer ARPA projects
 - Complete obligations of \$44m worth of investments ranging from utilities, economic development and social services

- **Public safety remains the priority as we examine the County's criminal justice system and staffing levels.**

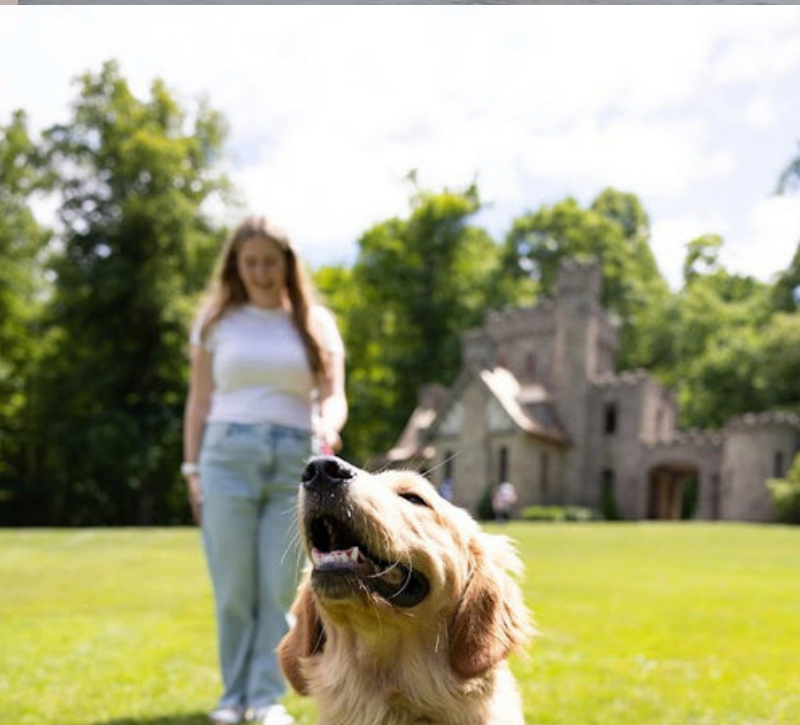
- Lake County Public Safety Center will begin in Winter 2024; Completion date Spring/Summer 2027
- In 2023, completed a state of the art training center for the Lake County Sheriff's Office
- Next Gen 911 planning

LOOKING FORWARD



- Infrastructure, while often under the radar, will continue to be a focus as we escalate our capital improvement strategy.
- Improving our Lakefront!
 - *Continue and expand collaboration with local partners including the Lake Metroparks and Tour Lake County*
- Lake County Comprehensive / Strategic Plan
 - RFP will be issued in November
- Lake County will continue to plan and exercise our Emergency Planning strategies. In addition, to our commitment with the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, we have learned to “never to say never”
 - floods, train derailments, multiple house fires and solar eclipse and COVID!

TOUR LAKE COUNTY





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THANK YOU