

Chardon Area Chamber of Commerce

State of the City



June 8, 2022

Presenters

- City Manager, Randy Sharpe
- Chief Larry Gaspar, Chardon Fire Department
- Chief Scott Niehus, Chardon Police Department
- Finance Director, Mark Iacofano
- Deputy Human Resources / Finance Director, Heidi Delaney
- Public Service Director, Paul Hornyak
- Parks & Recreation Director, Adam Rogers
- Community Development Administrator, Steve Yaney



Overview

- Financial condition of the City of Chardon
- Budget and capital projects for 2022
- What else are we up to?

City – County Lawsuit



History of the Chardon Fire Department

- Department established on March 21, 1877.
- Result of the Great Fire on Aug 25, 1868 that burned almost all of Main Street on Chardon Square.
- A fire bell was placed on Chardon Square in 1879 to alert the town's people of a fire.
- First motorized Engine was a 1923 Model T Ford. Soda Acid tanks.
- In 1928 the business community raised \$7,000 to purchase the department a new fire engine.



History of Large Fires in Chardon

- Main Street fire of 1868.
- Hotel fire of 1879 (Geauga Theatre/ Pro Rental).
- Asplin Basket Company fire 1928.
- Geauga Farm Co-op fire 1948.
- Spear's Farm and Auto Body Shop fire 1966.
- Weekly Mail fire 1976.
- Van Gorder Warehouse fire 1982.
- Grandriver Hardwood fire 1993.
- Bostwick's Hardware Chardon Plaza 1999.
- Chardon Street Garage 2008.
- Car Star Chardon Square Auto Body 2018.



Emergency Medical Services

- Medical emergencies were handled by the local funeral home, mainly because they were the ones who had a station wagon / hearse to carry people in.
- In 1975 Geauga Ambulance was formed, covering most of Northern Geauga County with two ambulances. In 1983 Geauga ambulance went out of business and the fire department started EMS services.
- Before 1983 the Fire Department would only respond with a fire engine and personnel to assist at medical emergencies as needed.



Chardon Fire Department Today

- 44 members on the department
 - 34 are paramedics (4 members in paramedic school)
 - 8 are full-time, 36 part-time
- Daily staffing
 - 5 personnel on duty 24/7
 - B shift has extra 12 hour FF from 6a-6p
 - At least two on duty must be a paramedic
 - Most shifts all 5 are paramedics
- Provide fire and rescue protection to City of Chardon, Chardon Township, Claridon Township and Aquilla Village.
 - Covering 42 square miles out of our station on the Square.
 - Automatic aid with surrounding fire departments.
- Alarms handled in the last 3 years
 - 2019 1,933
 - 2020 1,872
 - 2021 2,044

What does the Fire Department do?

- Fire control.
- Award winning paramedic medical service.
- Fire prevention education for children, schools, pre-schools, blind camp.
- Fire prevention inspection.
 - Blue print review.
 - Fire alarm and sprinkler testing.
 - Annual business inspections.
 - Residential inspection for adopted kids.
- Carbon monoxide emergencies.
- Motor vehicle crashes – two sets of jaws of life.
- Hazardous material incidents.
- Ice rescue.
- Residential assistance during storms.
- Issue open burning permits.
- Knox box and smoke detector program for the handicapped and elderly.
- Public CPR and AED training.
- First aid and baby sitter training.
- Fire extinguisher training for businesses.
- Dry hydrant installation.
- Assist residents and businesses after a fire.



The lasting effects of COVID-19

- Every EMS called is treated like a haz-mat incident.
- Personnel wear masks on all EMS responses.
- A mask is also placed on all patients.
- Full gowns are put on outside a building when the patient is know or suspected of having COVID-19.
- All 911 calls are screened by the dispatcher for COVID-19 information.
- Ambulances are sterilized after transport of COVID-19 patients and at set intervals during the week.
- Disinfectants used in spray guns and ultraviolet lights built in the squads.



Fire Rescue Apparatus

- Two engines.
- Ladder truck.
- Two advanced life support rescue squads.
- 2500 gallon tanker pumper.
- Grass fire jeep.
- Rescue gator.
- Paramedic chase pickup.
- Two staff cars.



2021 FEMA Grant Received For All New Radios

- \$356,000 Regional Grant with the Montville Fire Department.
 - About \$180,000 of the grant is for Chardon Fire.
 - Cost to the Department about \$9,000.
 - Current radios will be obsolete in 2025.



- Portable radios for firefighters.
- Mobile radios for all emergency vehicles.
- New base station for the fire station.
- Dual mobile radios for command car.
- Microphones for each radio.
- Belt clips.
- Multi-county / agency programming.
- Ohio state-wide interoperability.



Motor Vehicle Accidents / Car Fires

- Many State and US Routes within the coverage area.
 - Rt.44, Rt. 6, Rt. 608, Rt. 322.
 - All have 55 mph crossovers.
- Equipment carried
 - Two sets of “jaws of life”.
 - Roll over bars.
 - Various metal cutting saws.
 - Heavy jacks and chains for semi truck crashes.
 - Scene lighting.



Fire Safety Education

- Teach over 500 children each year in pre-K through 5th grade, Park, Maple, St Mary's, day cares, baby sitting classes at Geauga Library, various summer camps.
- Stop drop and roll.
- Know two ways out of a house.
- Crawl under smoke.
- Have a meeting place.
- Know what to do with matches and lighters.
- Correct use of the 9-1-1 system.
- National fire safety program, Joint effort with the Munson and Hambden Departments, business donations to provide fire safety materials.
- Sparky the fire pup car.
- Our children are the future.

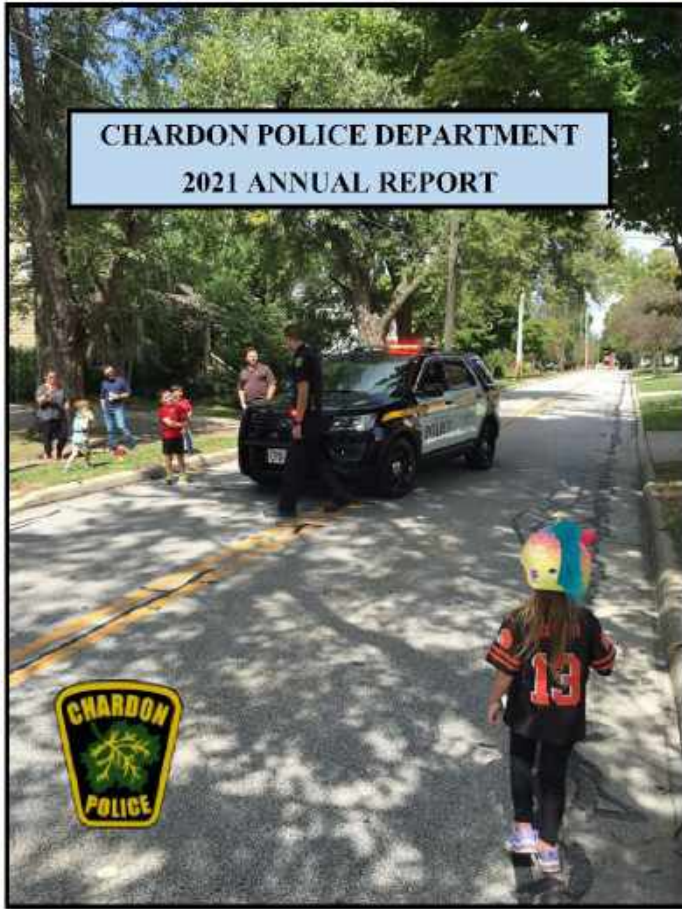


Goals Planned for 2022

- Three new Firefighter EMT's hired in April.
- New incident command car is in service.
- Continue with firefighter turnout gear replacement.
- Replacement of 58 year old grass fire jeep. (1964)
- Continue fire prevention education for children in the schools.
- Complete installation of new emergency radios.
- Update / replace bullet proof vests.
- New rescue squad ordered early (2024 planned replacement).



2021 Review



- Incidents – 6,250.
- COVID-19 Procedures remained in place.
- Vaccinations for personnel.
- Impact on staff, recruitment, and replacement of personnel.
- Decrease in pro-active activities.
- Traffic crashes decreased.
- Assaults increased.

School Resource Officer



- SRO involved incident reports.
- THC vaping & vaping.
- Student groups: AC4P, ASAP
- Internet safety presentation 4th & 7th grade.
- D.A.R.E.: 7th grade – 5 classes (138).
- D.A.R.E.: 5th grade – St. Mary's (23).
- Safety planning – drills.

Personnel



- Matt DeLisa – Promoted to Lieutenant
- Paul Pfiester – Promoted to Sergeant
- Derek Carlson – Promoted to Sergeant



- Officer James Klima – F/T from P/T
- Officer Allan Frantz – F/T from P/T
- Officer Cody Vadascio
- Officer Andrew Moleski

A Look Forward

- Projects
 - Body worn cameras.
 - Technology update dispatch.
 - City camera study & upgrade.
 - Chardon Local Schools Strategic Plan.



Actual Ending 2021 Unencumbered Balance

- In 2021, the City ended with \$9,256,315 in unencumbered balances.

YEAR	ALL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND
2012	\$9,383,297	\$1,595,158
2013	\$5,449,845	\$1,613,783
2014	\$6,860,939	\$1,808,956
2015	\$7,366,024	\$2,410,500
2016	\$8,046,353	\$2,467,988
2017	\$7,106,414	\$1,774,985
2018	\$7,685,042	\$2,025,452
2019	\$8,708,304	\$1,700,709 ¹
2020	\$8,288,825 ²	\$1,536,766 ²
2021	\$9,256,315	\$2,571,170 ³

¹ As the City budgeted for a lower reserve in 2019 in the General Fund because the General Operating Reserve was fully funded, the decline in fund balance was expected and mainly due to transfers to the General Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, totaling \$930,000.

² While the City also budgeted for a lower reserve in the General Fund in 2020 than in 2019, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic contributed to the lower ending balances in 2020 for the General Fund and all funds.

³ In 2021, the fund balances increased significantly because the actual impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was not as dire as the estimates at the beginning of 2021, primarily reflected in the higher income tax collections.

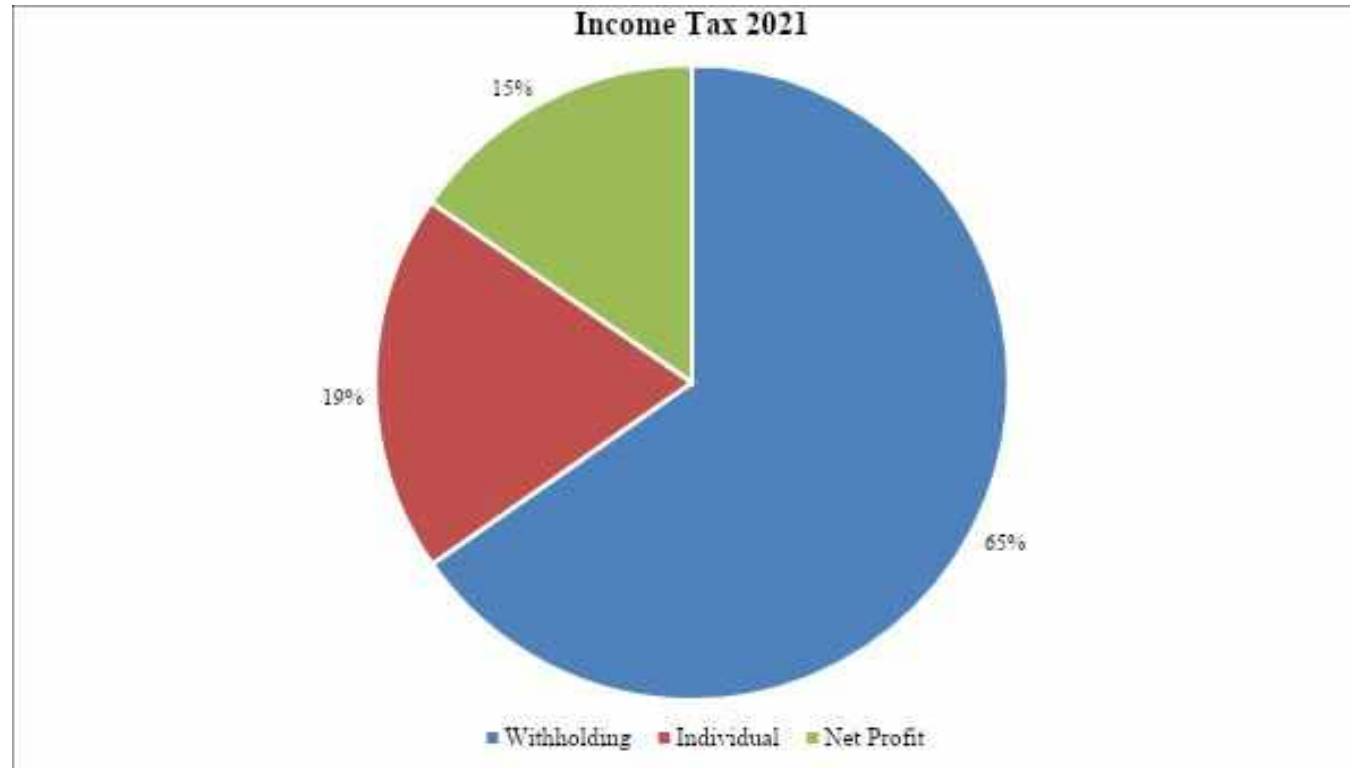
Revenues 2021

- Primary Source of Revenue is from Income Taxes.
- Income taxes were appx. 36% of 2021 Revenue.

CATEGORY	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022
Income Taxes	\$6,525,057	\$6,721,955	\$6,385,192	\$7,182,992	\$6,835,800
Charges for Services	\$4,256,344	\$4,617,192	\$4,153,271	\$4,571,829	\$4,932,128
Property Taxes	\$1,429,929	\$1,429,383	\$1,421,785	\$1,472,763	\$1,768,995
Other Taxes	\$1,028,054	\$796,113	\$631,177	\$716,951	\$753,090
TIF/RID	\$105,118	\$137,155	\$173,832	\$211,297	\$219,220
Grants, Loans, Bonds	\$4,608,536	\$1,115,951	\$1,954,017	\$1,382,413	\$1,156,857
Court Costs & Fines	\$1,251,174	\$1,282,582	\$1,040,467	\$1,245,852	\$1,248,269
Interest Earnings	\$169,385	\$241,176	\$158,738	\$66,016	\$62,515
Transfers In	\$2,618,065	\$3,166,312	\$2,830,107	\$2,548,221	\$4,055,660
Other	\$483,311	\$609,384	\$745,512	\$585,775	\$457,364
Internal Svc Charges	\$0	\$104,873	\$66	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$22,474,973	\$20,222,076	\$19,494,165	\$19,984,107	\$21,489,898

Income Tax 2021

- Withholding: Income taxes withheld by employers from their employees' pay.
- Individual: Income taxes paid directly by individual taxpayers.
- Net Profit: Income taxes paid by a business on their net profits.



Budgeted Capital Expenditures for 2022

- Projected to be appx. \$3.5 million which includes street and sidewalk maintenance programs. Other projects include:
 - Designing the improvement to Seventh Avenue and Meadowlands Drive.
 - Construction of the water line loop from Hidden Glen Trail to Woodiebrook Road.
 - Completion of the Maple Highlands Trail Stream and Wetland Restoration Project.
 - Completion of Chardon Living Memorial Park, Phase 2.
 - Installation of sidewalk on Center Street.
 - Relocation of, and improvements, to John Bohl Memorial.
 - Upgrades to the Colonial Park Lift Station.
 - Replacement of 4 vehicles.

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

- \$350 billion in funding for state and local governments.
 - \$130 billion, equally divided between cities and counties.
 - City of Chardon's total amount is \$540,410.71.
 - \$270,205.36 received to date and the other half expected to be received in the next month.
 - Funds must be spent by December 31, 2024.
- Eligible Uses:
 - Revenue loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - COVID-19 expenditures or negative economic impacts of COVID-19 in the community.
 - Premium pay for essential workers; and
 - Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.
- This money will be used to help fund the Water Line Loop from Hidden Glen Trl to Woodiebrook Rd.

Street Maintenance Program

- The City's Street Maintenance Program enters its 7th year with less than 5% of all city streets rated in "poor" or "critical" condition. As a result, the need for full rehabilitation work has decreased and staff has been able to implement more "maintenance" type repairs. (i.e. crack sealing, micro-surfacing and Reclaimite applications)
- This year, the City will spend \$211,637 on various street maintenance projects.



Annual Street Inventory and Infrastructure Assessment

- This program is entering the 8th year and is typically done in early June providing staff with important data for the Street Maintenance Program and the 5-year Capital Plan. It helps staff to formulate the required maintenance practices such as:
 - Resurfacing
 - Patching
 - Crack seal
 - Striping
- This review also looks at infrastructure items such as:
 - Catch basins
 - Storm and sanitary sewers
 - Sidewalks in the public right-of-way



Such was the case here in this photo of the Chardon Avenue Rehabilitation Project.

Infrastructure Improvements and Upgrades

- SCADA System Cellular Notification Upgrade
 - Staff concluded the installation of “real time” Cellular Notification Systems for alarms related to the water tower, Waste Water Treatment and Water Treatment facilities. This new process provides staff with real-time notifications via cell phone when plant operations need attention.
- LED Upgrades
 - LED Traffic Lights – in 2021 upgrades were performed to 13 intersections and the balance of Traffic and Pedestrian Signals from incandescent bulbs to LED lights.
 - LED Street Lights – The City continues to work with First Energy on changing out the aging and less efficient high-pressure sodium, mercury and halogen street lights and replacing them with more efficient LED fixtures. Due to equipment shortages, this program will likely continue through 2022 and into 2023.



Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

- In April of this year, the City officially opened 2 dual port Electric Vehicle charging stations in the parking lot at 106 Water Street and Court Street. These units were funded in part by an EPA grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the EPA's Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund.
- Later this year or possibly into early 2023, the City will install another EV charging station at the trailhead of the Maple Highlands Trail parking lot. This 480-volt Level #3 Quick charge station will have 2 ports and be able to fully charge most vehicles to 80% capacity in under 30 minutes. Funding for this entire project was made possible by a grant from NOACA. All of these units will accept credit card payment for this service.



Maple Highlands Trail Stream and Wetland Restoration Project

- The City of Chardon with the assistance from Chagrin River Watershed Partners were successful in securing an Ohio EPA Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Program grant application. The funds will be used to restore approximately 940 linear feet of channelized and eroding streambank, restore .46 acres of wetlands, create approximately 300 linear feet of cascading waterway and revegetate $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre of adjacent riparian area on 2 city-owned parcels between Chardon Plaza and the MHT. This project will use restoration methods that mimic nature to reduce stormwater runoff, erosion and sediment loading to the Chagrin River, and will educate the public on the importance of maintaining healthy stream side habits.

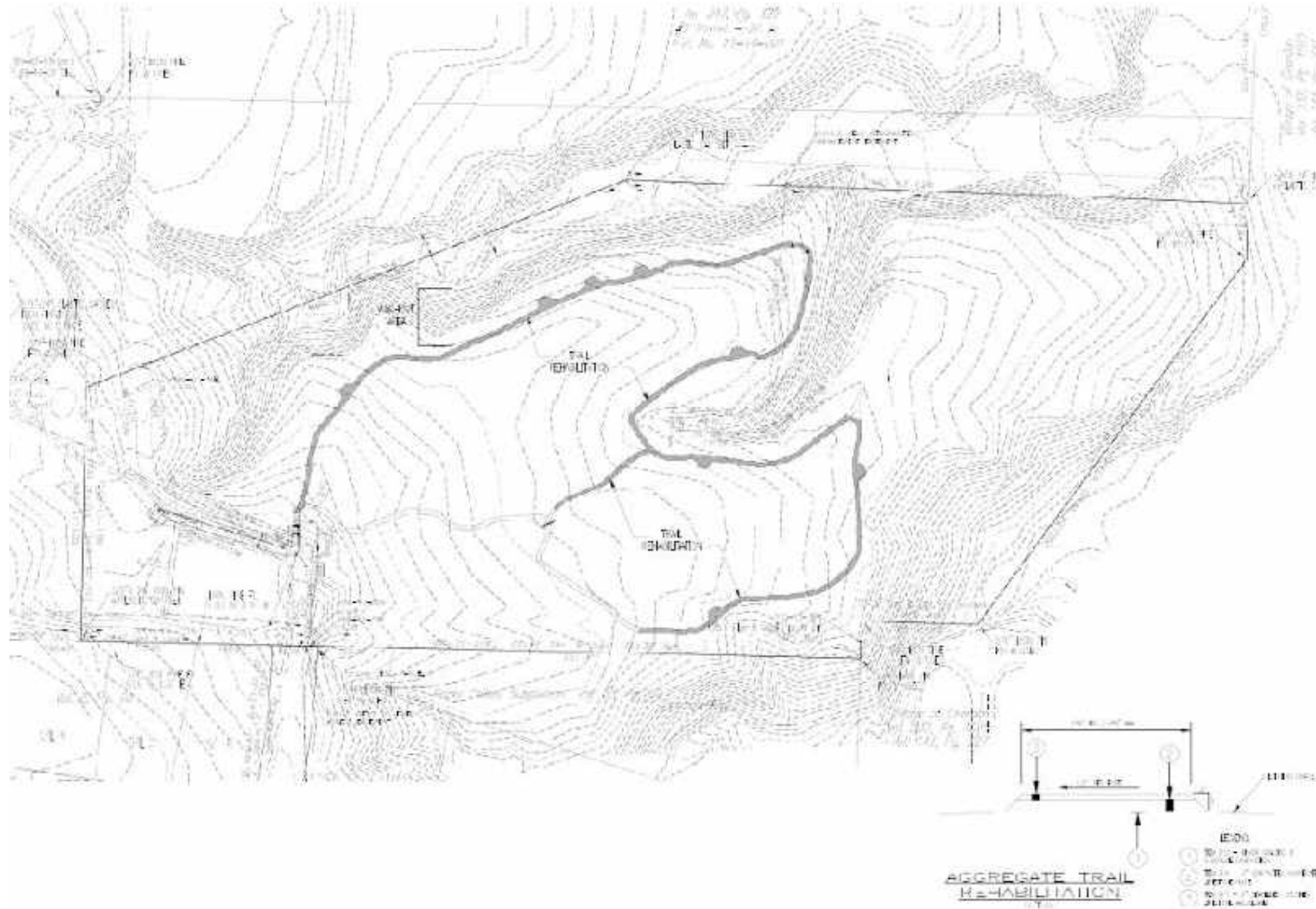


City Services

- Brush collection
- Leaf pick-up
- Snow plowing
- Street repair
- Utility repair and maintenance
- Plant maintenance
- Plant tours



Chardon Living Memorial Park Phase II



Maple Highlands Trail

New Electrical Vehicle Charging Station



Programs



Around Town



Water-Cherry



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Movie-in-the-Park
SPIDERMAN
–No Way Home
June 11



Chardon Polka Band July 1st

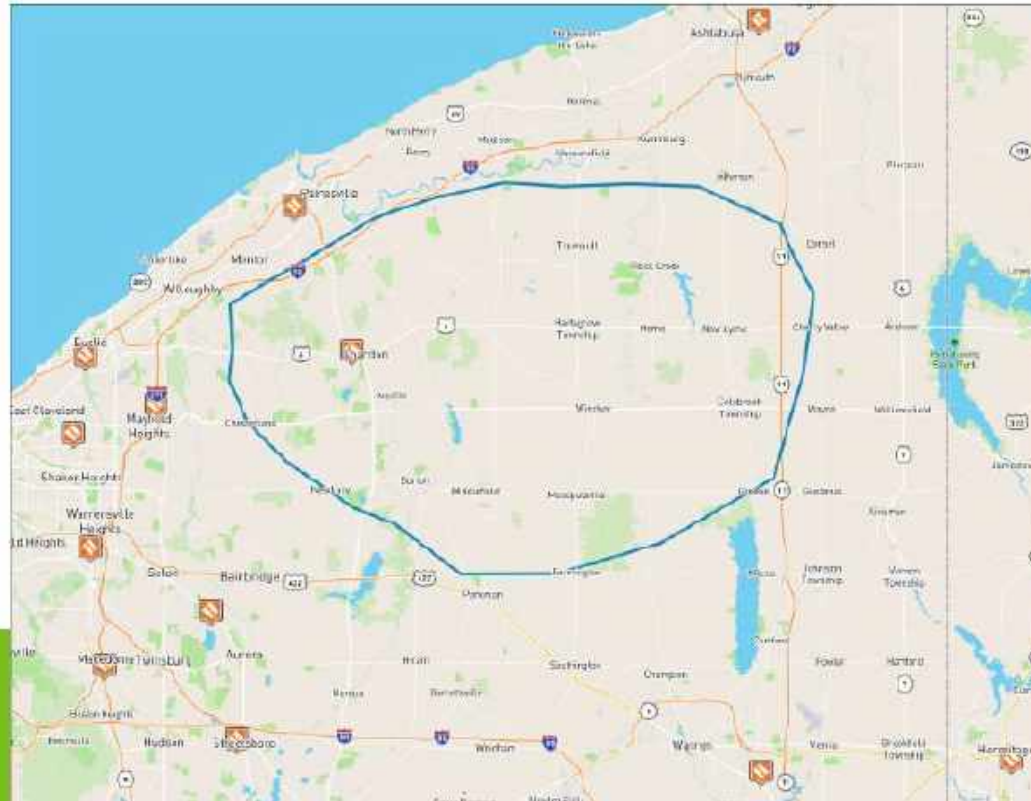
Retail Strategies

DISCOVER

Customized Trade Area

Each retailer has a specific set of site selection criteria they use to determine if they will have a profitable store. Municipal boundaries, radius rings and drive times are a start to evaluating the information sought by these decision makers. A customized trade area is the next step to analyzing a market. A trade area defines a core customer base of consumers highly likely to shop and eat in the market at least once a month. Your trade area has been created by combining the mobile tracking data with drive times, geographic boundaries, and proximity to neighboring shopping destinations. Each retailer will analyze their own trade area based on their existing stores, their competition and site selection criteria.

Retail Strategies has created the customized core trade area shown in the map here which is focused on a consumer who might travel to the market to shop or dine.



Retail Strategies

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Customized Trade Area

98,892

2021 estimated population

99,487

projected 2026 population

0.6%

projected growth rate
2021-2026



41

male average age

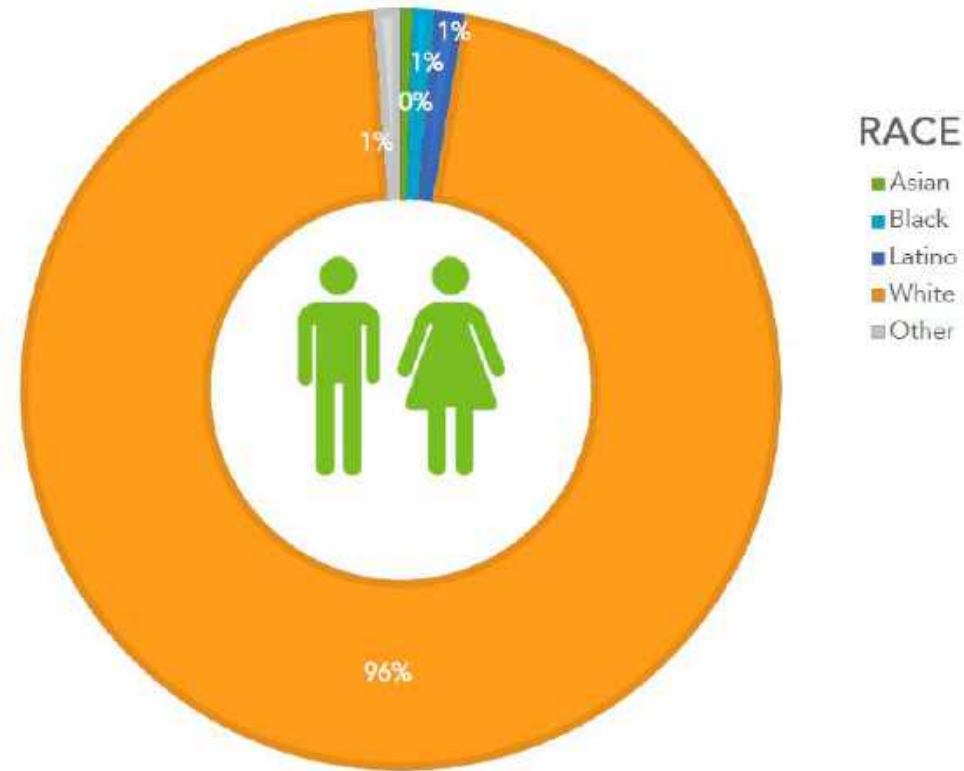
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female average age

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Customized Trade Area

CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATED POPULATION BY RACE

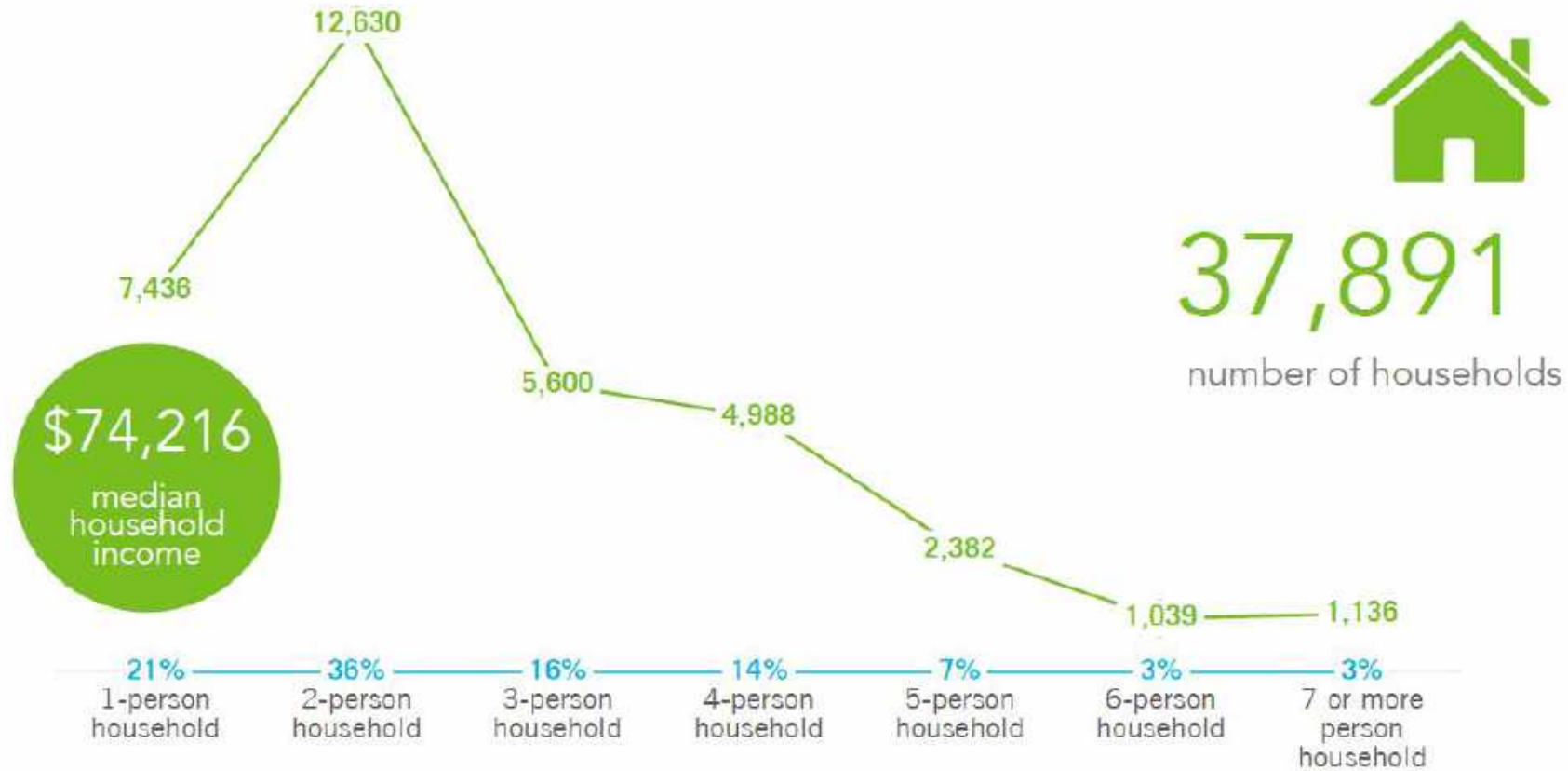


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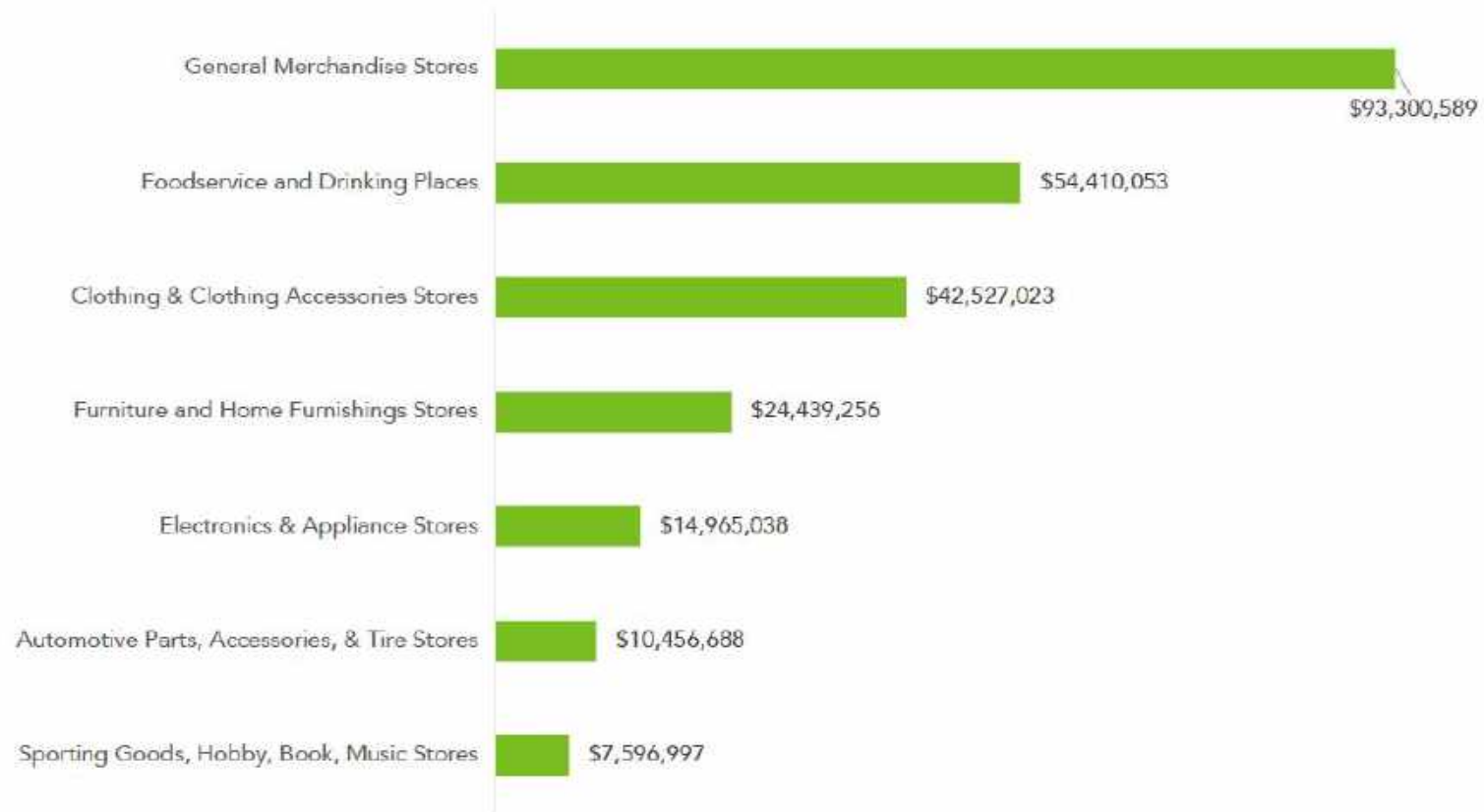
CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLDS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE



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Consumer Demand & Supply



Thistle Creek PRD Subdivision

Maple Trace PRD Subdivision



Redwood Apartments

- 91 Single Family Attached Units
- 2 Bedroom Units
- 2 Car Attached Garages
- Front Porch and Deck/Patio



Forestwood
1,294 SQFT



Meadowood
1,327 SQFT



Haydenwood
1,343 SQFT



Willowood
1,381 SQFT



Ledgewood
1,427 SQFT



Summerwood
1,620 SQFT

Beving & Dall - 185 Fifth Avenue



GBSA / GBSI Expansion - 124 Parker Court

Park Avenue Mews



Upcoming Events

JUNE

Concerts-in-the-Park every Friday evening June 3rd – September 2nd

CSA's Farmers Market every Saturday morning June 4th – August 27th 9am – 1pm

Free Yoga on the Square Saturdays June 11th – August 27th 9am

JUNE:

- 11th: Movie-in-the-Park – Spiderman: No Way Home - dusk
- 25th: Love Fest Noon – 10pm

JULY:

- 2nd: Fireworks at dusk
- 4th: Old Glory Day 1pm – 4pm
- 10th: Chardon Chamber Classic Car Show (Rain Date July 17th) 10am – 2pm
- 16th: Dog Day of Summer 2pm – 5pm



Upcoming Events

AUGUST

- 2nd: National Night Out 6pm – 8pm
- 4th: CSA's Kid's Flea Market and Kid's Fest 10am – 3pm
- 7th: CSA's Arts Festival 10am – 5pm
- 13th: BrewFest Noon – 5pm
- 20th: LiveWell Chardon



SEPTEMBER

- Chardon Library's Harry Potter Night 6pm
- 18th: CSA's Harvest Handmade Market 10am – 5pm

OCTOBER

- 1st: Fall Fest 7pm – 9pm
- 31st: Halloween on the Square 7:30pm – 8pm

NOVEMBER

- Thanksgiving Trot-to-Stop Trafficking 5k run & walk 8am

DECEMBER

- CSA's Christmas Tree Lighting on the Square 6:30pm – 8pm
- CSA's Home for the Holidays 10am – 5pm





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