

Vision Statement As Adopted by the Community Plan Committee
for the City of Canal Fulton

“To ensure a quality of life that preserves our unique canal heritage, personal and environmental character, while promoting business and intergenerational growth, and a secure sense of community.”

At the beginning of the year, eleven residents and business owners of the Canal Fulton area were appointed by City Council to form the Canal Fulton Community Plan Citizens' Committee. These eleven people met monthly with planners from the Stark County Regional Planning Commission to create a Community Plan.

In a nutshell, the purpose of the plan is to determine where we are, where we should be going, and how do we get there as a city. Demographics such as the population of various age groups and housing, transportation and infrastructure, zoning and land use, and community and economic resources were identified.

This was followed by a visioning process which included a public forum for citizen input towards our community's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Other communities were researched. Options for community, economic, and residential development were evaluated along with infrastructure, zoning, and land use planning.

The Committee then began forming goals, objectives, and strategies in terms of economic development, community livability, housing, and transportation and infrastructure. Again, a public review meeting was set up to get additional citizen input for more information. The Stark County Regional Planning Commission then put it all together in ninety page document that has been submitted to City Council and is also accessible on the City website.

The eleven person Canal Fulton Community Plan Citizens' Committee should be commended for their efforts:

John Workman – Chairman
Karl Blanding
Sean Craney
Victor Colaianni
Dennis Downing

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