

SECTION 3

CURRENT CONDITIONS

One of the first steps in creating a plan is finding out what a community is like today, also called the current conditions.

We gathered information from published sources such as the U.S. Census and from face-to-face interviews with community members.

After assessing the current physical conditions, we conducted a large-scale public input meeting. Over 150 attendees told us what they like about Blendon Township and what they want to see changed. The data, interviews and public input results set the strategic direction for the plan, providing the basis for the plan's forward-looking recommendations.

People and Housing, p. 33

People and Housing provides information on Blendon Township's population, age distribution, housing and businesses. The information is the first look into the community, providing a high-level overview.

Current Conditions Maps, p. 35

The Land Use and Transportation portion of the Current Conditions section describes and shows the current land uses, zoning, bus routes, sidewalk locations, bikeways and paths, and community facilities in the planning area. This is the second level of research, showing Blendon Township's current conditions in greater detail.

Public Meeting Results, p. 45

The public meeting results provide an in-depth review of what the community thinks about various community aspects such as land uses, parks and the transportation network.

Gathering community opinion helps form the strategic vision for the future, and in turn the specific recommendations detailed in *Section 4, Recommendations*.



PEOPLE AND HOUSING

PEOPLE

Population: Blendon Township's population was 7,905 in 2000. Projections from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission show a population growth of 9.5 percent from 2000 to 2030, compared to a 25 percent projected county-wide increase. This table shows the projected population change for the township.

Population density: Net population density for the township is 1,437 people per square mile, lower than Franklin County's overall density of 1,980 people per square mile. This means that Blendon Township's population is more dispersed than the county as a whole.

Households: 3,386 total households exist in Blendon Township. The township has a higher percentage of the population in family households than Franklin County, 90 percent compared to 77 percent. The average household size for the township is higher than that for the nation, state and county.

Age: Minors and middle-aged people make up a larger percentage of the population than in Franklin County as a whole. The high percentage of family households in the township likely contributes to this age distribution.

Race: The township's racial make-up differs from the county, with a higher percentage of whites and a lower percentage of all other races than the county as a whole.

Population and Housing Trends		
	Population	Housing Units
2000*	7,905	3,481
2005†	8,251	3,102
2030†	8,657	3,610
% Change	9.5%	3.7%

Sources: *2000 U.S. Census †Estimates, MORPC

Demographics				
	Blendon Township		Franklin County	
Race	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
White	7,243	91.6%	806,851	75.5%
Black	394	5.0%	191,196	17.9%
Asian	76	1.0%	32,784	3.1%
Other/ Multiple	192	2.4%	38,147	3.5%
Age				
Under 18	2,391	30.3%	268,321	25.1%
18 to 34	1,783	22.6%	308,545	28.9%
35 to 59	2,873	36.3%	353,461	33.1%
60 & above	858	10.8%	138,651	13.0%
Total	7,905		1,068,978	

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

HOUSING

Geographic areas

We divided housing characteristics into the following geographic areas:

- Cleveland Heights
- Huber Ridge
- Sunbury Woods
- Area east of Big Walnut Creek

Housing age

Median year of housing construction shows the basic development progression over time. Median years of construction are:

- Cleveland Heights, 1953
- Huber Ridge, 1969
- Sunbury Woods, 1983
- Area east of Big Walnut Creek, 1971

This information shows a common trend seen throughout the United States. Populations have moved away from central-city areas since the end of World War II.

Occupancy

The occupancy rate for Blendon Township, 97.3 percent, is higher than Franklin County’s 93.2 percent. Blendon Township has a lower proportion of vacant housing compared to Franklin County overall.

Housing types

Common housing types are single-family, townhomes and apartments. Huber Ridge contains the largest apartment complex in Blendon

township. A 120-unit extended-stay hotel was recently constructed on Executive Parkway.

Rental Units: The table below shows the proportion of renter- and owner-occupied housing units by geographic area. While Huber Ridge has a higher number of rental units than Sunbury Woods, rentals account for a larger share of the overall housing in Sunbury Woods.

Housing units: In 2000, Blendon Township contained 3,481 housing units. Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission projections predict an increase of 3.7 percent from 2000 to 2030.

EMPLOYMENT

Jobs in Blendon Township: Data from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission shows approximately 3,000 people work in Blendon Township.

Blendon Township residents: According to the 2000 census, most residents work in these industries: Professional, scientific/technical services, retail, education, and health/social services.

Approximately 194 businesses operate in Blendon Township. Business information was obtained from ReferenceUSA.

Primary Business Locations:

- Westerville Road from State Route 161 to Interstate 270
- Sunbury Road and Executive Parkway Area
- Areas along Morse Road and Cleveland Avenue

Most common business types:

- Retail, 46 businesses
- Other services (including personal and auto repair services), 38 businesses
- Real Estate, 17 businesses

Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units						
	Huber Ridge		Cleveland Heights*		Sunbury Woods	
Owner occupied	1,287	74.1%	791	91.4%	754	71.5%
Renter occupied	449	25.9%	74	8.6%	301	28.5%
Total	1,736		865		1,055	

Source: 2000 U.S. Census *Includes portions of Columbus

CURRENT CONDITIONS MAPS

Maps on the following pages show geographic information about Blendon Township.

Current Land Use map, p. 36

Shows how land within the township is currently being used.

Zoning map, p. 37

Shows existing zoning districts, which determines the range of permitted land uses.

Roads and Transit map, p. 38

Shows major roads and bus routes connecting people to destinations.

Sidewalks map, p. 39

Shows locations of existing sidewalks connecting pedestrians to schools and businesses.

Bikeways and Paths map, p. 40

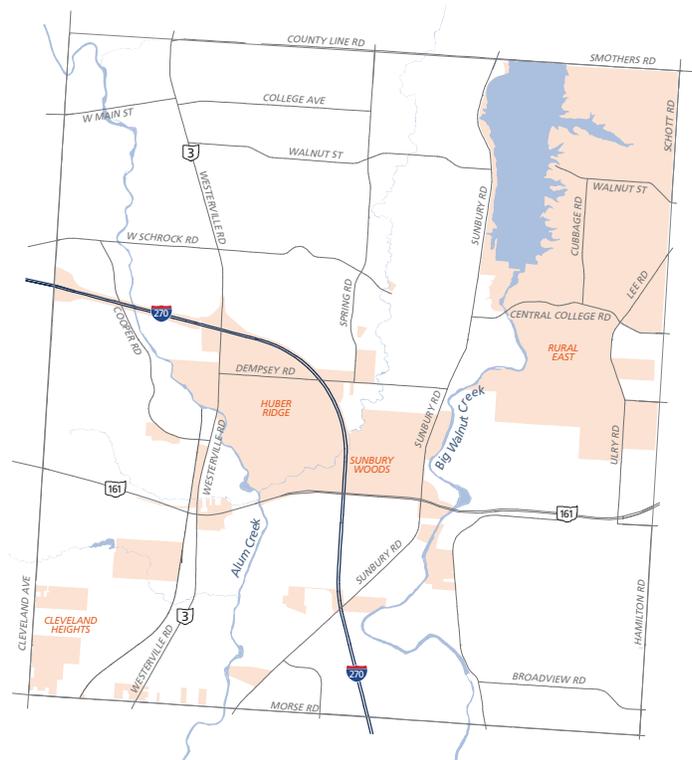
Shows existing and proposed locations of bikeways and paths.

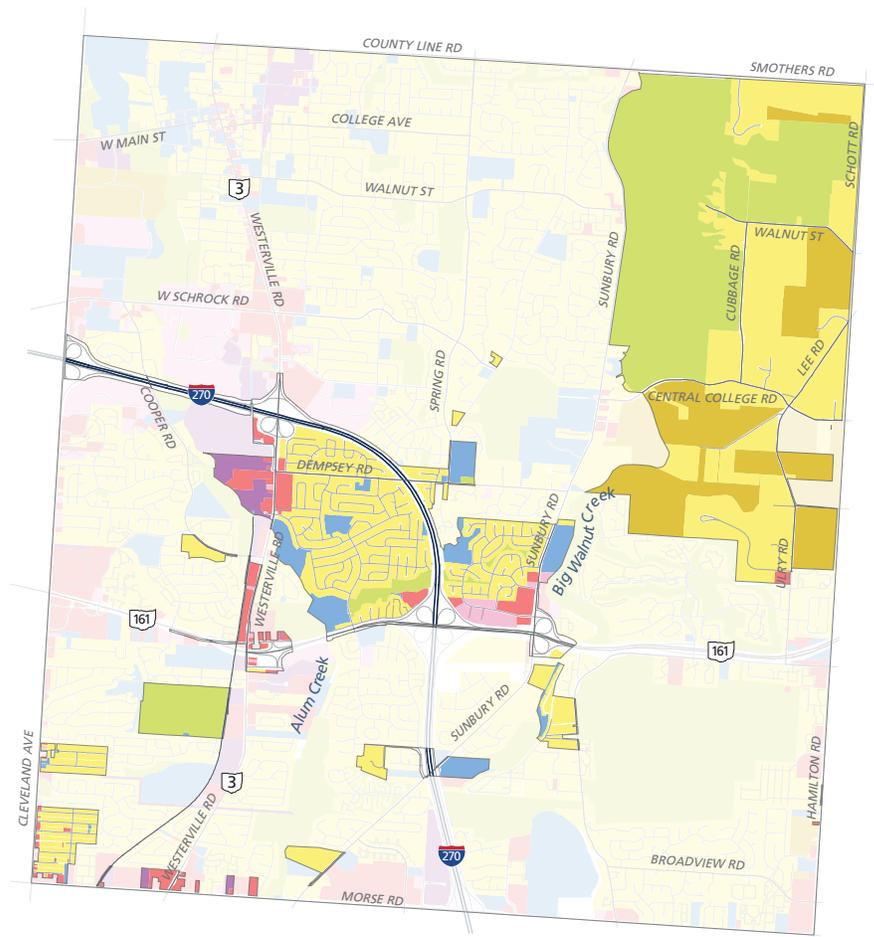
Community Facilities map, p. 41

Shows places residents rely upon for community services that enhance the quality of life.

Township Identity map, p. 43

Shows the areas and corridors that help to define Blendon Township.





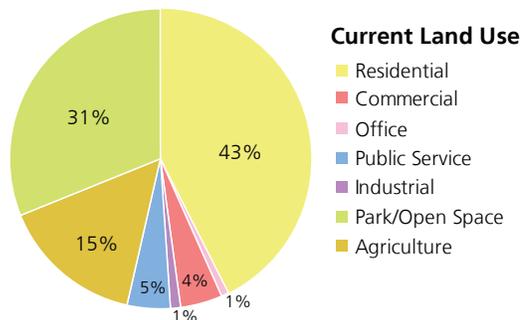
CURRENT LAND USE

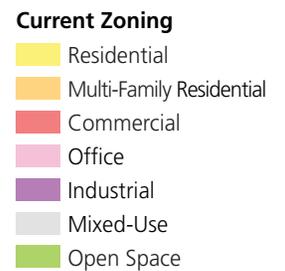
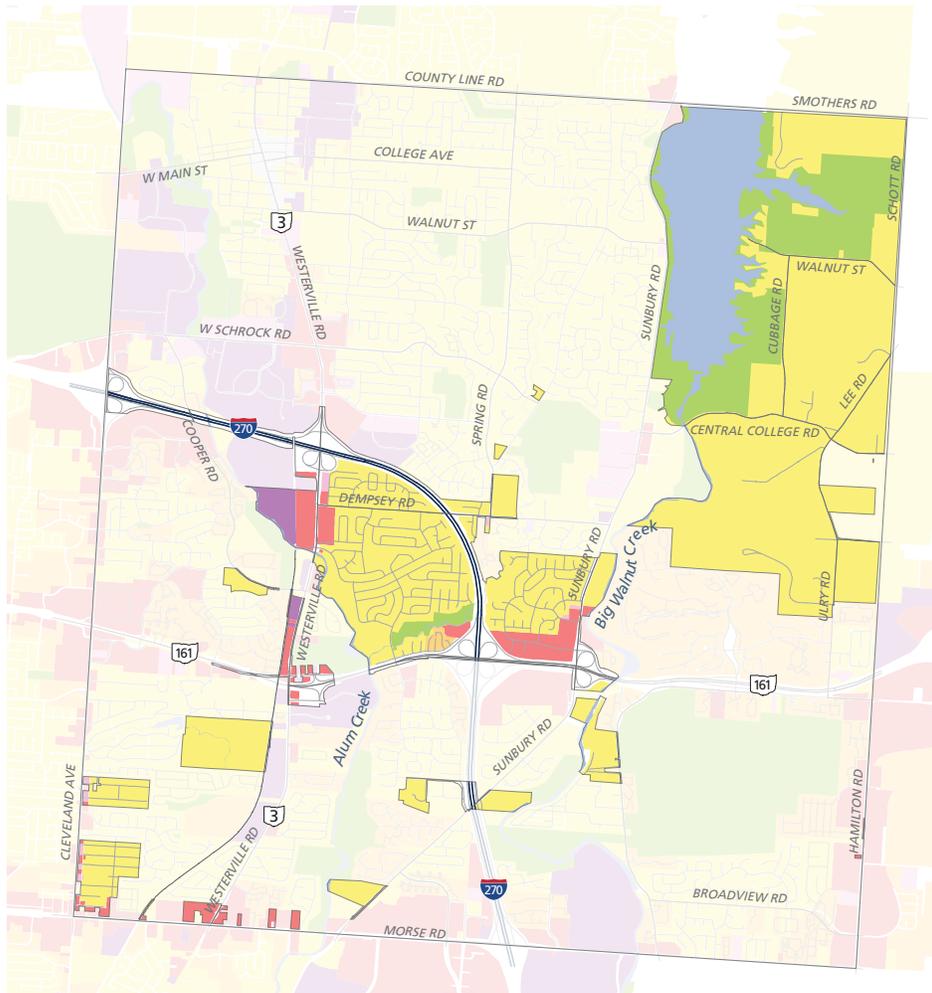
The current land uses in Blendon Township are shown in this map and figure. Land in Blendon Township is predominately used for residential purposes. Parks and open space is the second-most-common land use.

Commercial uses make up approximately 4 percent of the planning area. Commercial uses are primarily found along main roads, especially Cleveland Avenue, Westerville Road and Sunbury Road.

There is a significant amount of office space in Blendon Township, but office uses represent less than 1 percent of the overall land area.

When planning for an area’s future land use, it is important to ensure compatibility with existing land uses.





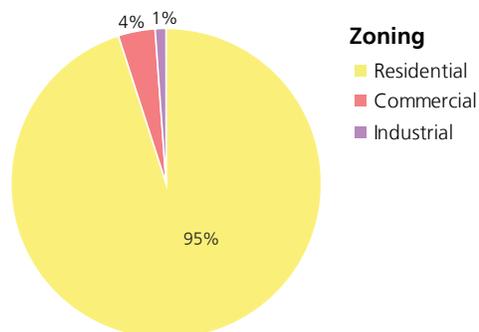
ZONING

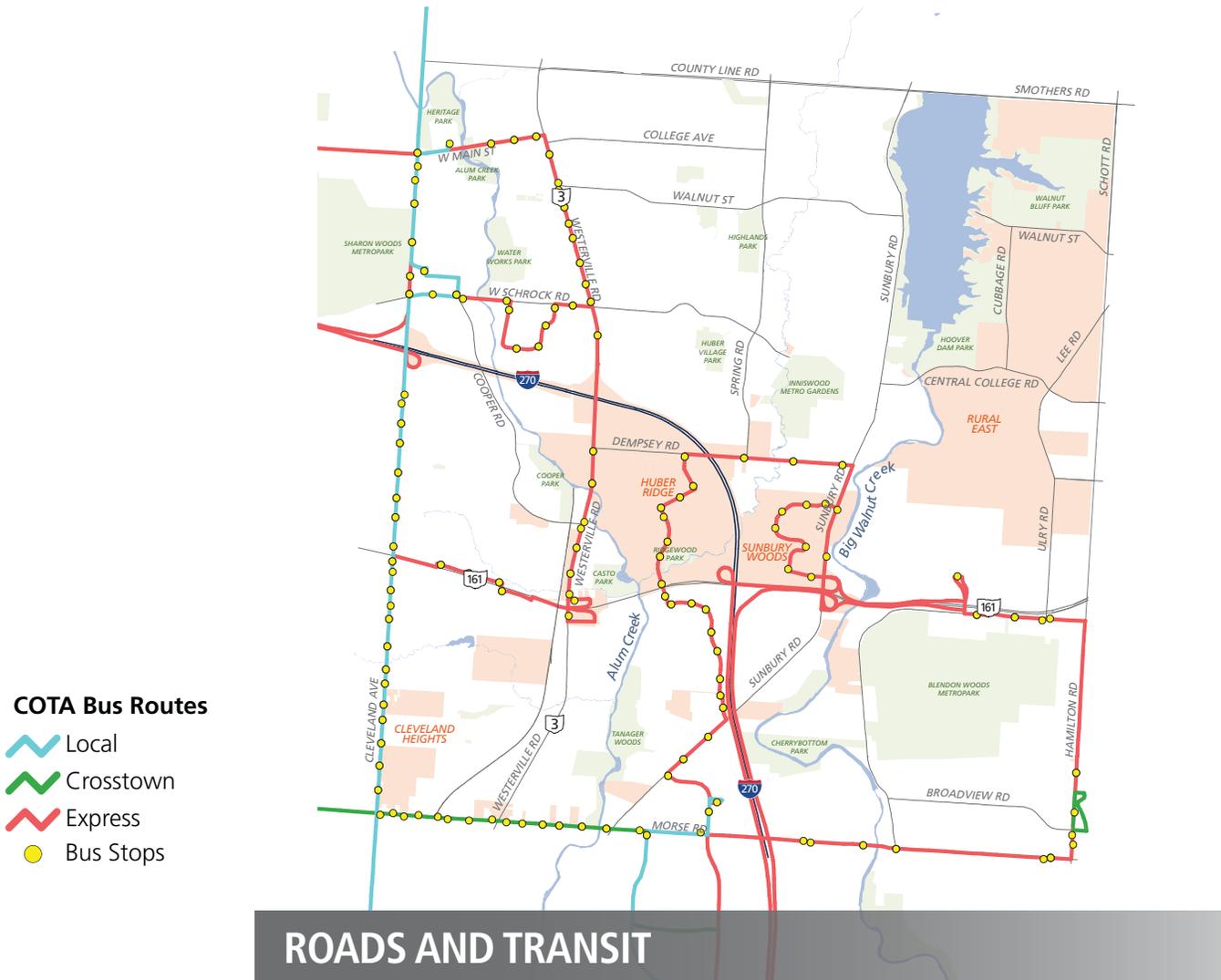
The Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department administers zoning regulations in the planning area.

Nearly 95 percent of land in Blendon Township is zoned for residential and agricultural uses. The figure at right shows the percent of land in Blendon Township zoned for residential, commercial and industrial uses.

The map above shows the generalized zoning in the planning area. The generalized zoning map consolidates zoning classifications into general categories for residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts. Generalized zoning maps allow us to quickly see the permitted uses for an area.

Existing zoning tells how land can currently be used and therefore is considered when making recommendations for future land uses.





Highways, Road and Streets

The planning area has easy access to major highways.

Interstate 270 curves through the center of Blendon Township with four interchanges to the planning area. State Route 161 runs east to west through the center of Blendon Township. Major non-freeway roads include Morse Road, Cleveland Avenue, Westerville Road and Sunbury Road.

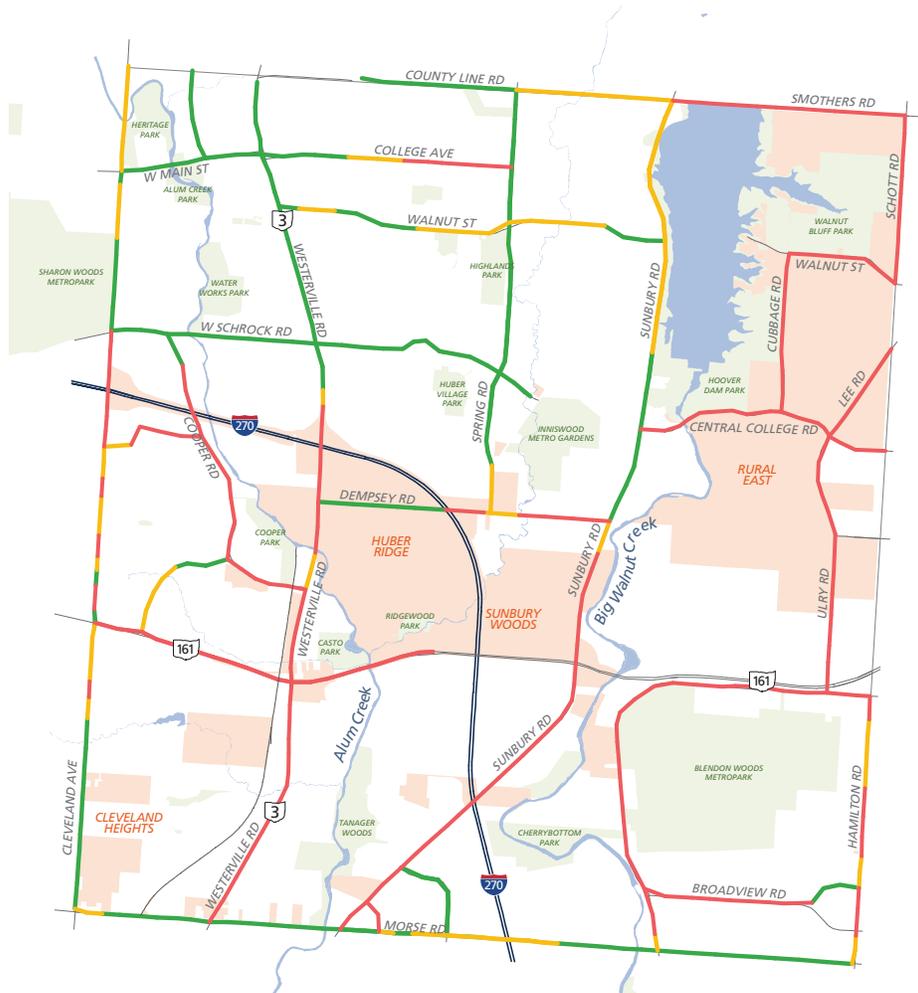
Planned road improvement projects include intersection improvements at Westerville Road and Dempsey Road, road widening and resurfacing on Dempsey Road from Interstate 270 to Sunbury Road, and a bridge-replacement project

on Central College Road at Big Walnut Creek. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is conducting a study for Westerville Road, from State Route 161 to Interstate 270, to identify solutions for reducing traffic congestion.

Transit

The Central Ohio Transit Authority serves the Blendon Township area with five express routes, two local routes and one crosstown route. Bus routes are shown on the map above.

The express routes provide transportation for the morning and evening commutes from Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods to downtown Columbus. COTA is satisfied with the express



SIDEWALKS

routes' ridership, except bus route 38 which serves the Huber Ridge neighborhood.

The Delaware Area Transit Agency's service boundary extends into Franklin County, however no bus routes serve Blendon Township.

Public transportation is an essential part of a complete transportation network. Buses provide transportation for a wide range of people: those that do not want to drive, those without access to a vehicle and those unable to drive.

Rail

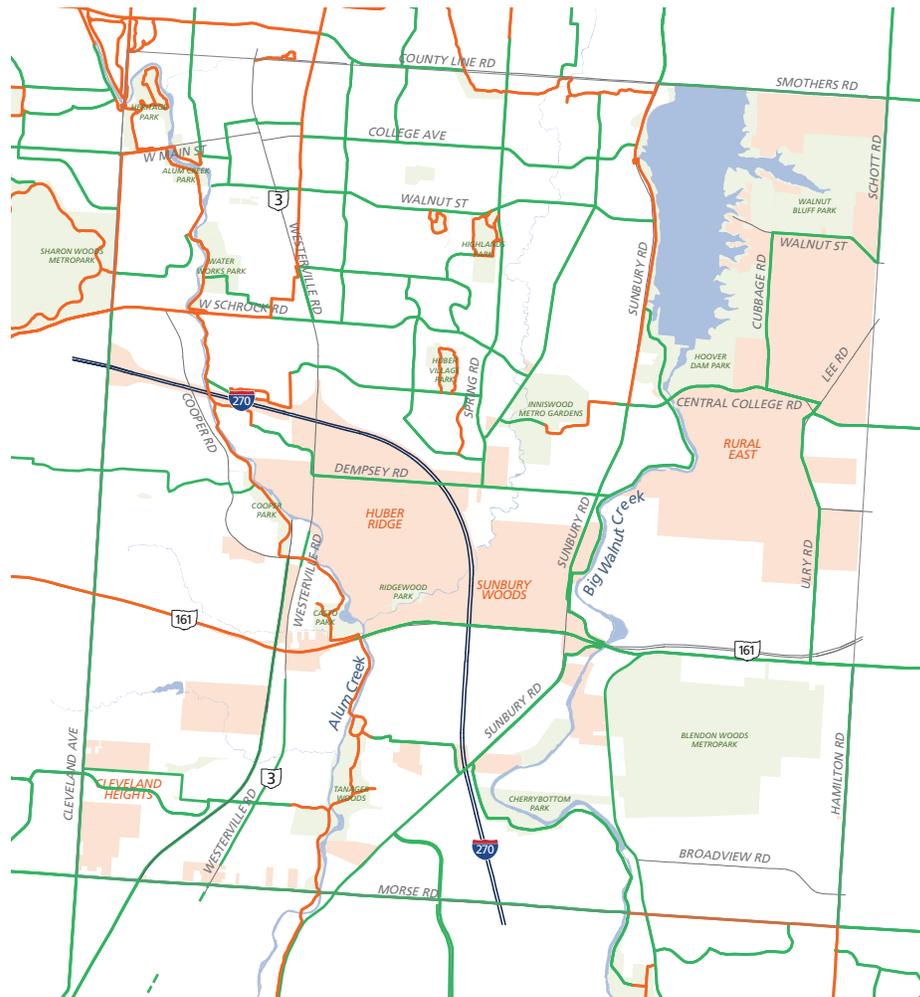
There are no active rail lines in the planning area. There is an abandoned railroad right-of-way located west of Westerville Road.

Abandoned railroad rights-of-way have a number of potential uses, including the installation of bike paths. The Columbus Bicentennial Bikeways Plan proposes a bikeway in this location.

Sidewalks and Multi-Purpose Trails

Sidewalks and trails serve important functions for communities. Sidewalks connect neighborhood residents to services, children to schools, provide opportunities for exercise and serve as an alternative mode of transportation.

The sidewalks map on the above page shows the presence of sidewalks along main roads, whether on both sides, one side, or absent



BIKEWAYS AND PATHS

Bikeways
 Proposed
 Existing

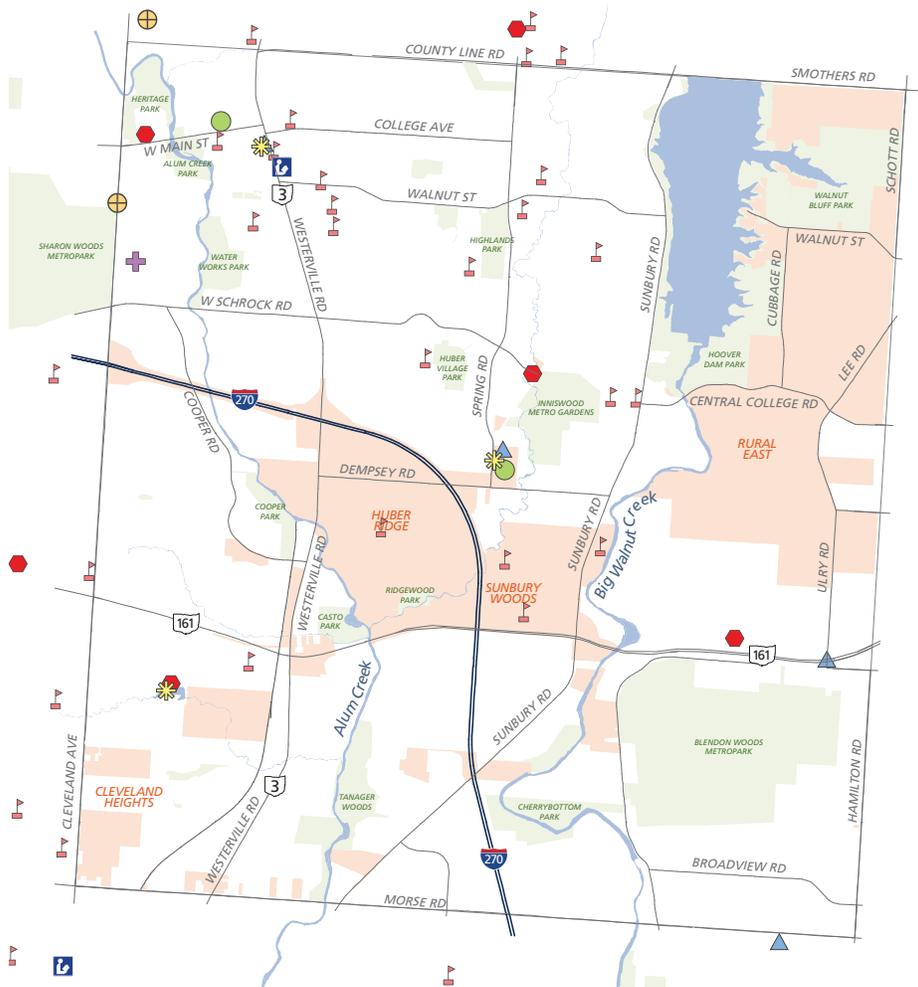
altogether. The Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods neighborhoods have sidewalks throughout. The commercial corridors of Westerville Road, Sunbury Road and Executive Parkway are in the greatest need of sidewalks to allow residents from neighborhoods to access commercial destinations. Sidewalks exist on both sides of Cleveland Avenue.

Bikeways

This map shows the location of existing and planned bikeways in Blendon Township. Existing bikeways are intermittent and typically not

connected. The longest lengths of connected trails near the planning area are along Alum Creek and west of Hoover Reservoir. No bikeways directly serve Blendon Township. The Alum Creek Bikeway runs west of Huber Ridge, but the neighborhoods in the planning area do not have access.

Bikeways are proposed along many roads in the area east of Hoover Reservoir that would help connect parks and neighborhoods. Bikeway types can include shared roadway lanes, bicycle lanes along roadway shoulders and separate bicycle paths.



Community Facilities

-  Libraries
-  Schools
-  Government
-  Police
-  Fire stations
-  Recreation Centers
-  Senior Centers
-  Hospitals

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Parks and Recreation Facilities

Parks: Approximately 1,040 acres of park, parkland and recreational space exist in Blendon Township. Hoover Reservoir, Hoover Dam Park and Walnut Bluff Park account for 1,010 acres. Three metro parks and numerous neighborhood parks are located near Blendon Township.

Recreation facilities: The Blendon Township Board of Trustees owns and maintains Ridgewood Park in Huber Ridge and a commons area in Sunbury Woods. The Ridgewood Park includes three baseball fields and the commons two play areas.

The Huber Ridge elementary school has basketball courts and a baseball field. Township residents also use recreation facilities located in Westerville.

Recreation facilities are important to community health by allowing individuals the opportunity to be physically active.

Schools

Three school districts serve Blendon Township: New Albany-Plain Local Schools, Columbus City Schools and Westerville City Schools.

The planning area contains two Westerville schools.

Huber Ridge Elementary School: Huber Ridge Elementary serves the Huber Ridge neighborhood with an enrollment of approximately 550 students in grades K-5. Approximately 400 students walk to school each day. Two school buses provide transportation.

The school is located on a one-way street with parking on both sides which has led to motorist-pedestrian conflicts.

Wilder Elementary School: Wilder Elementary serves the Sunbury Woods neighborhood. Attendance is approximately 460 students. Wilder Elementary provides schooling for grades K-5 and offers a special needs preschool program.

Both schools offer after-school programs and are open to various groups.

One private school, Eastwood Junior Academy, is located in Blendon Township on Sunbury Road. The academy provides schooling for grades K-8. The school is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Three schools of higher education are located in the planning area: Franklin University, Bohecker College and Hondros College. All three schools are located on Executive Parkway.

Safety services

Fire: The Westerville Fire Division provides fire suppression and emergency medical service to Blendon Township through a 20-year contract.

Three fire stations serve Blendon Township, providing a 4-minute average response time. Stations are located on West Main Street, East Schrock Road and North Spring Street.

Police: Blendon Township provides police services with a 20-member staff that includes 18 officers. The Blendon Township Police Department is located at the township complex on Hempstead Road.

Other Community Facilities

Blendon Township Senior Center: Located at the township complex, the center is open to anyone in the surrounding area that is 55 and over. There are approximately 140 members from Blendon Township. Most members drive to the center although transportation is provided to those unable to drive. The center offers programs Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Postal Service: A post office is located at Glen-gary Shopping Center.

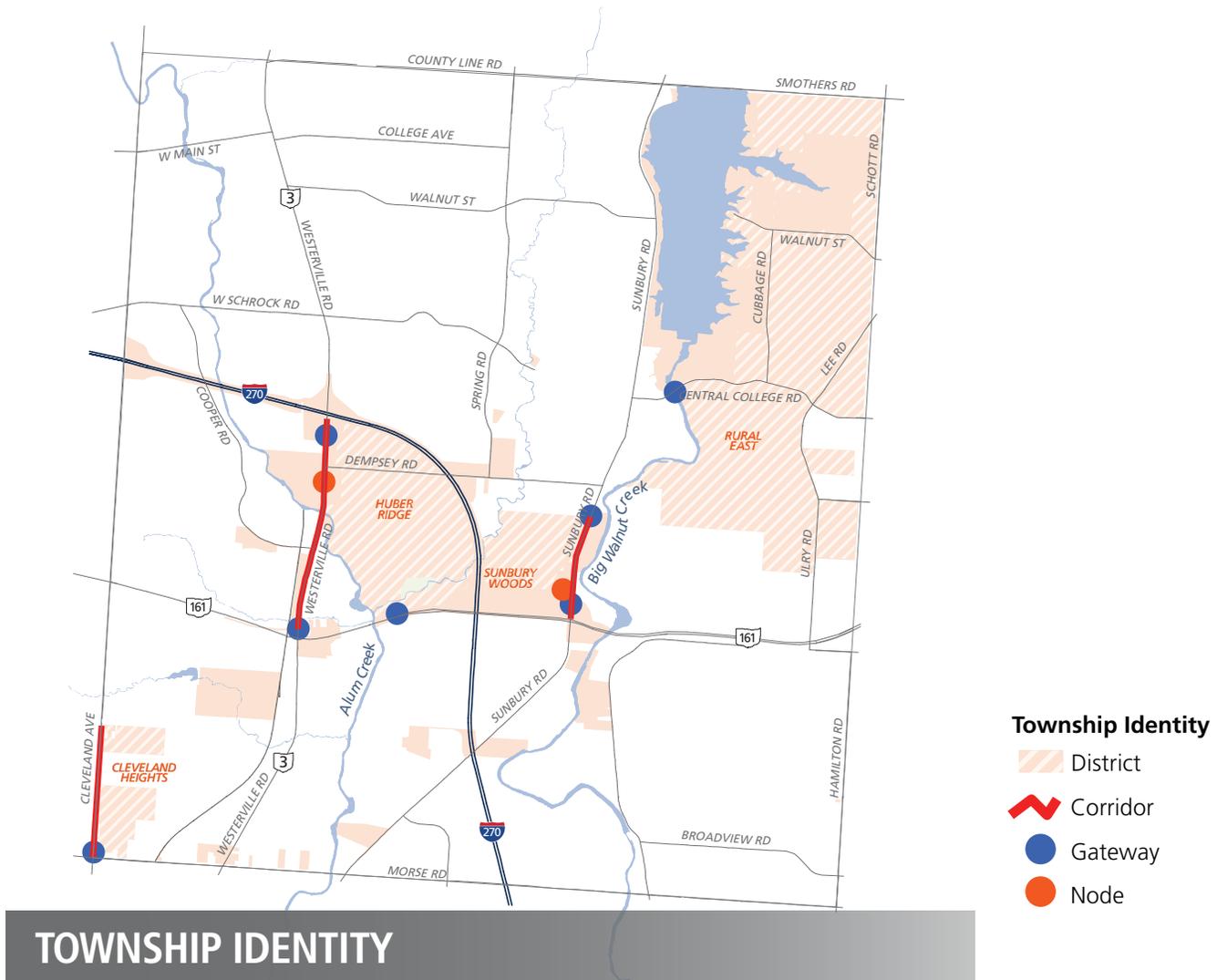
No libraries are located in the planning area. The Westerville Public Library is located on South State Street and the Northern Lights Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library is located on Cleveland Avenue south of Morse Road.

The preceding map shows the location of community facilities in the planning area.

Wilder Elementary School, located in the Sunbury Woods neighborhood



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Gateways

Gateways are major entry points to the community and offer a community’s first impression to newcomers. Blendon Township’s gateways lack distinguishing features such as welcome signage or landscape treatments that inform travelers they are entering the area. There are seven main gateways to the planning area, as shown on the map above.

Corridors

Corridors also convey a community’s image. Corridors are lengths of roadways that have similar characteristics and business activity.

Cleveland Avenue: A north-south road on the western edge of Blendon Township. The corridor has sidewalks on both sides of the road. Commercial properties lack street presence and many lack green space and landscaping.

Westerville Road: A north-south road through the western half of Blendon Township. Large volumes of traffic travel the corridor. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is conducting a capacity study for the portion between State Route 161 and Interstate 270.

Businesses on Westerville Road include restaurants, auto-related uses and construction contractors. There are no sidewalks. High traffic speeds make travel unsafe for pedestrians.

Commercial properties have limited landscaping and buildings are set back far from the road with parking in front.

Sunbury Road: A north-south road located east of Sunbury Woods. Sunbury Plaza is located here. A concrete barrier separates the road and the shopping center. Sidewalks do not exist and buildings lack street presence.

Nodes

Nodes are centers of attraction and activity. Glengary Shopping Center and Sunbury Plaza are nodes.

Glengary Shopping Center: The center has been a shopping destination for residents since the 1970s. The center is in a prime location and is fully occupied. Glengary Shopping Center occupies approximately 15 acres with limited landscaping. The shopping center lacks a pedestrian-friendly design. No bike racks or designated walking areas exist.

Landscaping reduces storm water runoff and helps reduce temperatures in urban environments. Bike racks encourage cycling. Designated walking areas allow safe pedestrian access to stores.

Sunbury Plaza area: The development of the shopping plaza and Executive Parkway began in the 1980s. This is a prime commercial area with access to the interstate system. Sixteen properties including Sunbury Plaza and businesses along Executive Parkway occupy approximately 45 acres.

One undeveloped property remains along Executive Parkway that serves as a buffer to the Sunbury Woods district. The property is zoned for commercial use. Businesses have an abundance of parking and there are no sidewalks.

Most properties lack designated walking areas from parking lots to buildings.

Districts

Cleveland Heights, Sunbury Woods, Huber Ridge and the Rural East are districts, or areas with common design characteristics.

Cleveland Heights: Residential neighborhood platted in 1924 and 1925. The neighborhood contains approximately 480 properties of which approximately 370 are undeveloped. No sidewalks exist in the district. A public sewer system is scheduled to serve all existing homes and businesses by mid-2011.

The neighborhood has a large amount of undeveloped land. Further utility service extension may be required for future development. Attention should be given to this area to ensure appropriate future development.

Huber Ridge: Residential neighborhood platted between 1960 and 1971. The neighborhood has approximately 1,500 developed properties. Neighborhood sidewalks connect residents to Huber Ridge Elementary and Ridgewood Park.

Sunbury Woods: Residential neighborhood platted between 1972 and 1981. There are approximately 1,100 developed properties. Sidewalks exist throughout the neighborhood. Roadways in the neighborhood are wide and contribute to speeding.

Rural East: The rural area east of Big Walnut Creek has areas of low to medium-density residential development. There are seven platted subdivisions in this district. A large amount of undeveloped land remains. Central sewer and water is not available. Natural features such as steep slopes, erodible soils and floodplains need attention when determining how the area should develop.

There are no sidewalks and no bikeways. Bikeways are planned for most of the major roads that will help connect residents to parks.

The map on the previous page shows gateways, corridors, nodes and districts in Blendon Township.



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Sunbury Plaza shopping center, a node located near the Sunbury Woods neighborhood

PUBLIC MEETING RESULTS



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Public meetings allow community members to provide input on their community's future. For the purposes of the Blendon Community Plan, the future includes how land is used, how buildings look and how people get around.

First public meeting

We held the first of four Blendon Community Plan public meetings on July 13, 2009 at the Blendon Township Senior Center, 6330 Hempstead Road.

Over 150 residents, property owners, business representatives and other interested individuals attended the meeting.

Gathering input

After our project team gave a brief presentation, we divided meeting attendees into four groups according to where they live: Cleveland Heights, Sunbury Woods, Huber Ridge, and the rural area east of Big Walnut Creek.

We conducted the following three exercises to gather detailed feedback from attendees.

1. Feedback form: Each attendee filled out a form, composed of two types of questions: questions to answer on a five-point scale from strongly agree to strongly disagree and open-ended questions asking attendees to list their general likes and dislikes about the community.
2. Group discussion: Within the small groups, attendees discussed their likes and dislikes then grouped their comments by general topic, to see which likes and dislikes are most common.
3. Favorite places maps: For the final exercise, attendees placed green and red dots on a map to show their top three favorite and least favorite places.

Using the results

We used the results from this meeting to establish a community vision for the future. After understanding what people like and what they want to see changed, we then begin to help shape policies and actions to achieve that future.

You can see the results of the public meeting on the following pages. In addition to the graphs, we also listed written and oral comments provided by attendees.

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LAND USE: RESIDENTIAL

In general

Attendees reported a sufficient range of housing options and a desire to remain in their neighborhoods as they grow older.

Overall, attendees are satisfied with the current residential densities in their respective areas. Most attendees desire to see farmland preserved east of Big Walnut Creek.

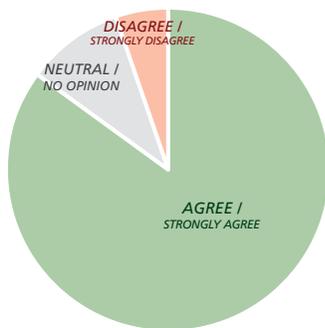
By area

Cleveland Heights: People enjoy nearby undeveloped land, open space and overall lower-density development.

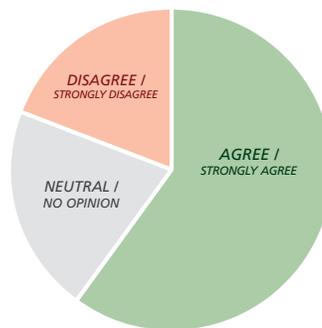
Huber Ridge: People enjoy Ridgewood Park and Huber Ridge Elementary School. People believe rental unit properties need better maintenance.

Sunbury Woods: People enjoy the two nearby parks, known as the large and small commons, and Wilder Elementary School. People do not desire increasing residential density.

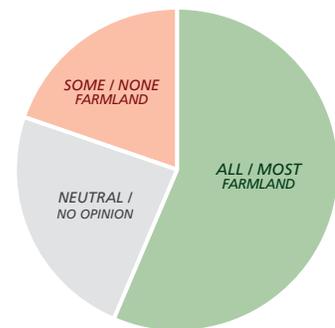
Rural East: People enjoy the area’s low density, rural character. Some expressed worry about future development.



Staying in my neighborhood is important to me/my family as we get older



There are enough housing options available in my neighborhood to allow me to remain as I get older



How much farmland should be preserved in the area east of Big Walnut Creek?



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LAND USE: COMMERCIAL

In general

Attendees report that a consistent visual appearance is important in commercial areas. Overall, attendees are satisfied with the number and variety of businesses.

By area

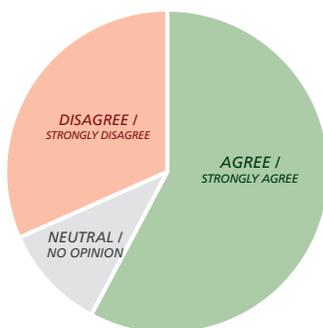
Cleveland Heights: Most people believe that nearby businesses have a poor appearance. Many said there are too many auto-related businesses along Cleveland Avenue.

Huber Ridge: Most people believe that businesses along Westerville Road have a poor overall appearance, especially a lack of landscaping.

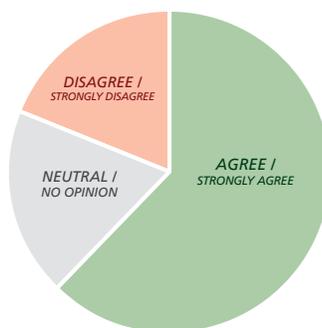
Similar to Cleveland Heights, many said there are too many auto-related businesses.

Sunbury Woods: People are satisfied with the appearance of most businesses. Many said the recently-installed concrete barrier in front of Sunbury Plaza shopping center is unattractive.

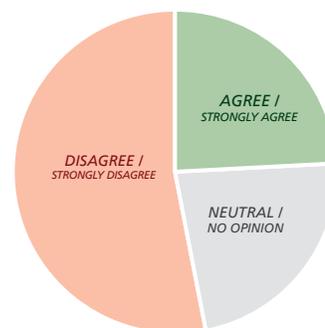
Rural East: People report satisfaction with the number, variety and appearance of nearby businesses. Most people shop for everyday items at Sunbury Plaza, in Westerville or New Albany.



The number and variety of businesses along commercial corridors nearby meet my needs



In commercial areas it's important to have a consistent appearance such as welcome signs, decorative street lights and building design



Commercial properties nearby look nice

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PARKS AND NATURE

In general

Attendees overwhelmingly believe that clean streams, wooded areas and natural areas are important to the community.

Most attendees report a sufficient amount of parks, playgrounds and ball fields. The one clear exception is in the Cleveland Heights area where attendees strongly believe more natural areas and recreational opportunities would be beneficial.

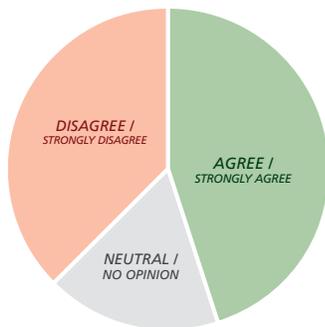
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Cleveland Heights: People visit parks on a regular basis and enjoy the trees and wildlife in their area.

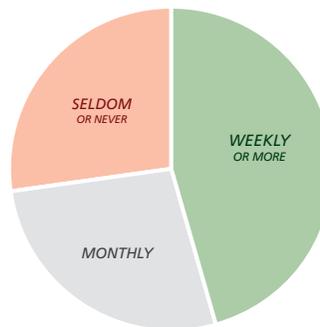
Huber Ridge: Most people visit parks on a regular basis. Many desire additional youth recreational facilities.

Sunbury Woods: Most people visit parks less than once a month. Many would like to see better maintenance of the commons.

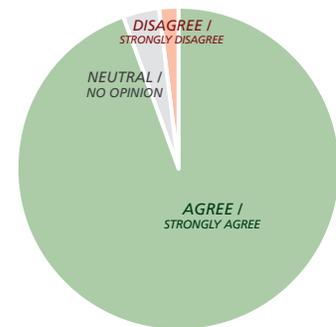
Rural East: Most people visit parks less than once a month but enjoy the nearby trees and wildlife.



There are enough parks, playgrounds, ball fields and other places to play in my neighborhood



How often do you/your family visit parks?



Having clean streams, wooded areas and natural areas is important to me



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COMMUNITY

In general

Attendees would like to see a consistent appearance within their neighborhoods or general area. Most report that future residential development should be mostly single-family homes.

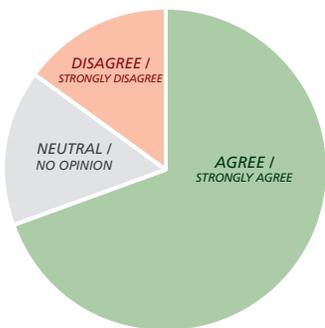
Sunbury Woods: People enjoy the friendliness and safety of the neighborhood.

Rural East: People enjoy the open, rural character of the area with large, single-family properties.

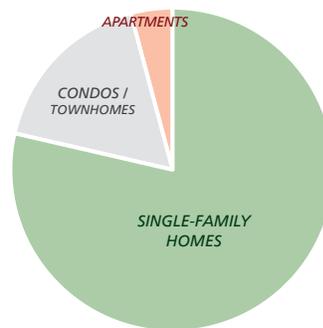
By area

Cleveland Heights: People enjoy their neighbors and the prevalence of single-family homes.

Huber Ridge: People enjoy the active neighborhood association, friendly neighbors and the safety of the area.



Having a consistent neighborhood look/feel such as neighborhood entrance signs, decorative street lights and uniform street signs is important to me



What type of housing would you like to see in your area?



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PUBLIC SERVICES

In general

Attendees are pleased with township services including police, fire and snow removal. Most are satisfied with the effectiveness of Blendon Township’s property maintenance code, except for some residents living in Cleveland Heights and Sunbury Woods.

Attendees believe parks and playgrounds are well maintained and safe.

By area

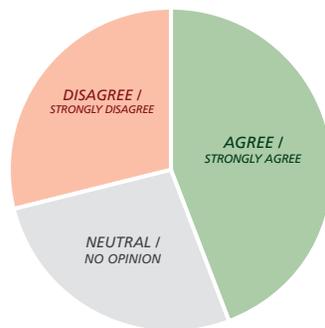
Cleveland Heights: People feel that the Blendon Township property maintenance code could be more effective. People, whose homes use

on-site aerators or septic systems, desire central sewer service but are apprehensive about the cost to install new sewers.

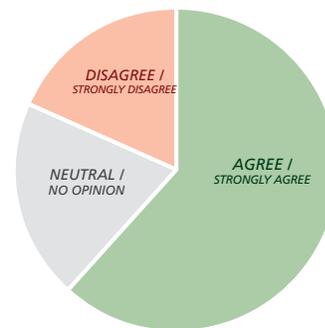
Huber Ridge: People are dissatisfied with costly water service.

Sunbury Woods: People feel that the township property maintenance code could be more effective. Most are dissatisfied with the cost of water service.

Rural East: Power outages and the lack of central water and sewer service concerns attendees.



The township’s property maintenance code is working



Parks and playgrounds are well maintained and safe



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TRANSPORTATION: WALKING

In general

Attendees reported it being easy to walk around their neighborhood, whether there were sidewalks or not. Walking to commercial areas presents a greater challenge.

Once they arrive at commercial areas, attendees find it difficult to walk, largely due to a lack of sidewalks.

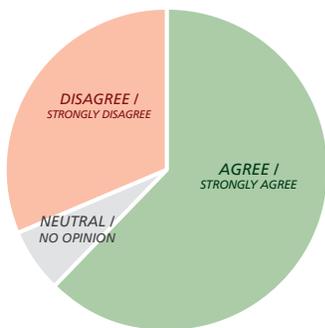
Huber Ridge: Sidewalks throughout the neighborhood makes walking generally safe. There are gaps in sidewalks between residential and commercial areas.

Sunbury Woods: Sidewalks throughout the neighborhood make walking generally safe. There are gaps in sidewalks between residential and commercial areas.

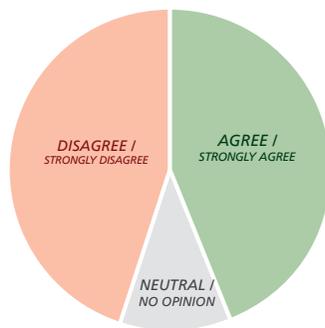
Rural East: Walking on some residential streets is safe, but walking longer distances is difficult since there are no sidewalks

By area

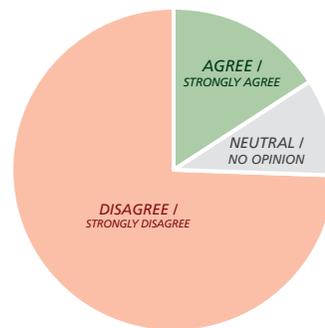
Cleveland Heights: Low vehicle traffic makes walking generally safe, even though there are no sidewalks on residential streets.



It is easy and safe to walk around my neighborhood



I can easily walk to commercial areas near my neighborhood



It is easy and safe to walk along main roads



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TRANSPORTATION: BICYCLING

In general

Attendees reported it being easy to bicycle around their neighborhood. Adults mainly bicycle on the road, while children bicycle on sidewalks.

Accessing commercial areas is difficult on a bicycle. Attendees expressed a strong desire for better connectivity with bicycle trails. Several trails pass near Blendon Township neighborhoods, but a lack of connection forces bicyclists to travel long distances via highly-trafficked main roads to access the trails.

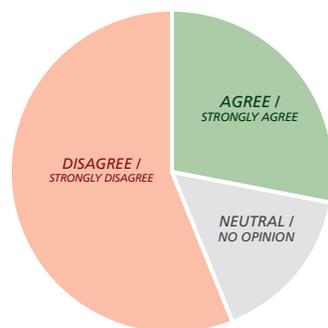
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Cleveland Heights: Bicycling to commercial areas is difficult. People desire an easy connection to the bicycle trail along Alum Creek.

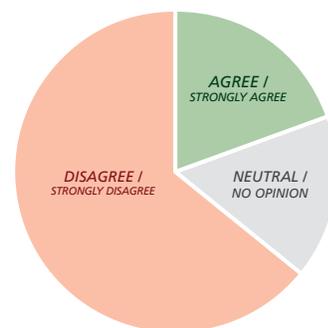
Huber Ridge: Bicycling to commercial areas is challenging. People strongly desire an easy connection to the bicycle trail along Alum Creek.

Sunbury Woods: People desire a connection to trails near Hoover Reservoir and to trails along Big Walnut Creek that connect to Blendon Woods Metro Park.

Rural East: Shopping is located too far to make bicycling practical. People desire connection to trails near Hoover Reservoir.



It is easy to ride a bicycle to commercial areas



It is easy to get to bicycle trails



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TRANSPORTATION: TRANSIT

In general

Public transit opportunities are important to attendees in all four areas to connect people to jobs, shopping and recreation.

With the exception of some residents of Cleveland Heights, attendees do not believe bus stop upgrades would increase their use of public transit.

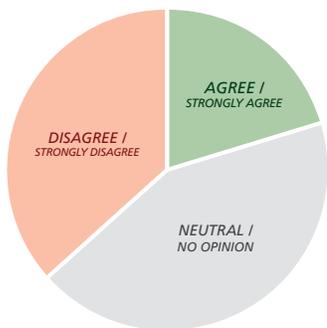
Huber Ridge: People feel a lack of transit routes exists and a wider variety of destinations is desired.

Sunbury Woods: People are generally satisfied with the number of bus routes.

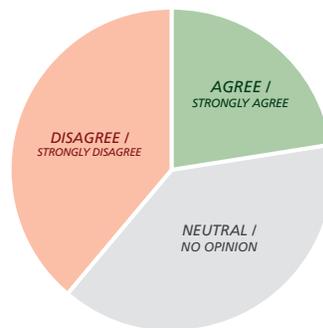
Rural East: People believe there is a lack of transit routes in the area east of Big Walnut Creek.

By area

Cleveland Heights: People believe sufficient public transit routes exist however upgrades to bus stops would increase ridership.



There are enough bus routes in my area to get where I need to go



Bus stop upgrades (benches, shelters, etc.) would increase my use of buses



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TRANSPORTATION: CAR

In general

Attendees from all four areas enjoy the good access to main roads. Speeding is a safety concern in residential neighborhoods and along rural roadways.

Attendees do not support the use of speed bumps to slow traffic in neighborhoods.

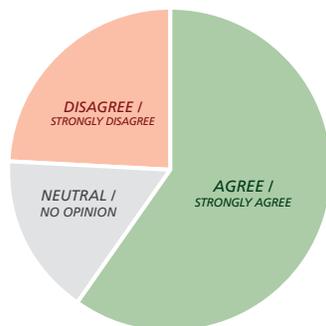
By area

Cleveland Heights: People enjoy low traffic volumes experienced along residential streets. Speeding cars are a problem along Cleveland Avenue, Sharon Road and Chester Road.

Huber Ridge: Speeding cars are a problem along Dempsey Road, Paris Boulevard and Buenos Aires Boulevard.

Sunbury Woods: Speeding cars are a problem along Sunbury Road, Executive Parkway and Valley Quail Boulevard.

Rural East: People note speeding cars on all main roads in the area.



Speeding is a problem in my neighborhood

Top speeding concerns:

- Cleveland Avenue
- Buenos Aires Boulevard
- Dempsey Road
- Paris Boulevard
- Executive Parkway
- Sunbury Road
- Valley Quail Boulevard
- Lee Road
- Smothers Road
- Ulry Road