

# SMART PLANNING FOR SMALLER COMMUNITIES

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## **SMALL TOWN PROS & CONS**

### POTENTIAL CHALLENGES:

- Smaller Volunteer, Sponsorship & Membership Pools
- Less business diversity /depth
- Decisions impact friends
- Rumors travel @ "lightning" speed
- Isolated from large population centers -or-
- Overshadowed by larger nearby metro area

CORRESPONDING ADVANTAGES:

Relationships longer & stronger / Greater % of Community Involvement

**Less Internal Competition** 

**Decisions benefit friends** 

Good/"Newsy" info also @ "lightning" speed

Best game in town

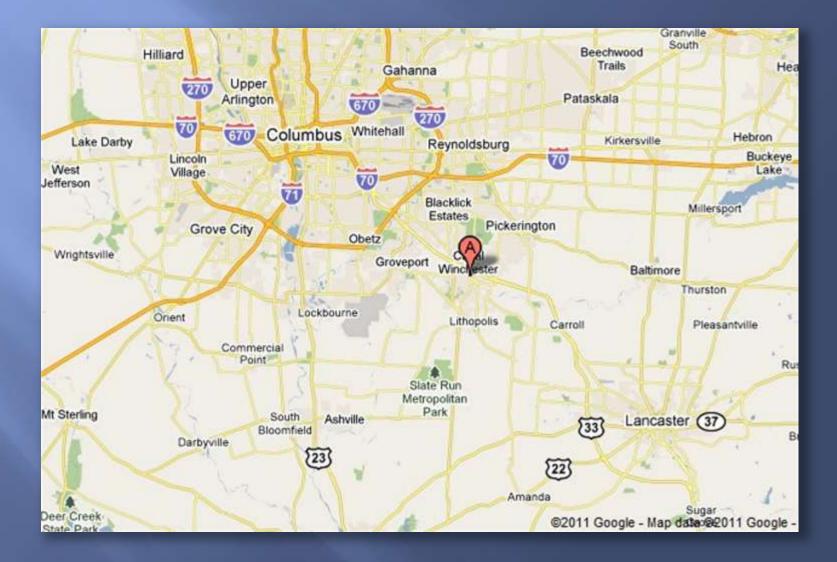
Access to large population

## CANAL WINCHESTER AT-A-GLANCE

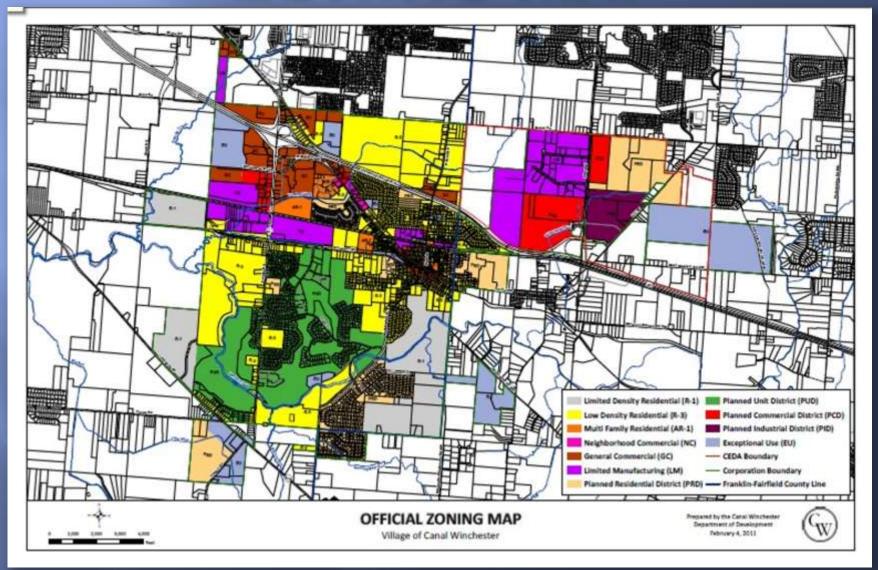
- Founded 1828
- Strong Mayor-Council Charter Form of Government
- 7 Square Miles
- Population: 7,108 (2010 Census)
- Median Household Income: \$61K
- 5 Historic Districts (3 DOI & 2 Local)



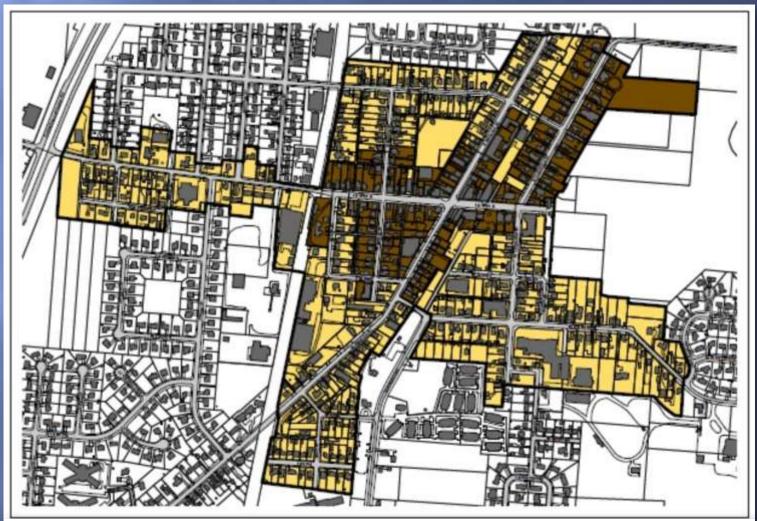
### **ORIENTATION MAP**



### **ZONING MAP**



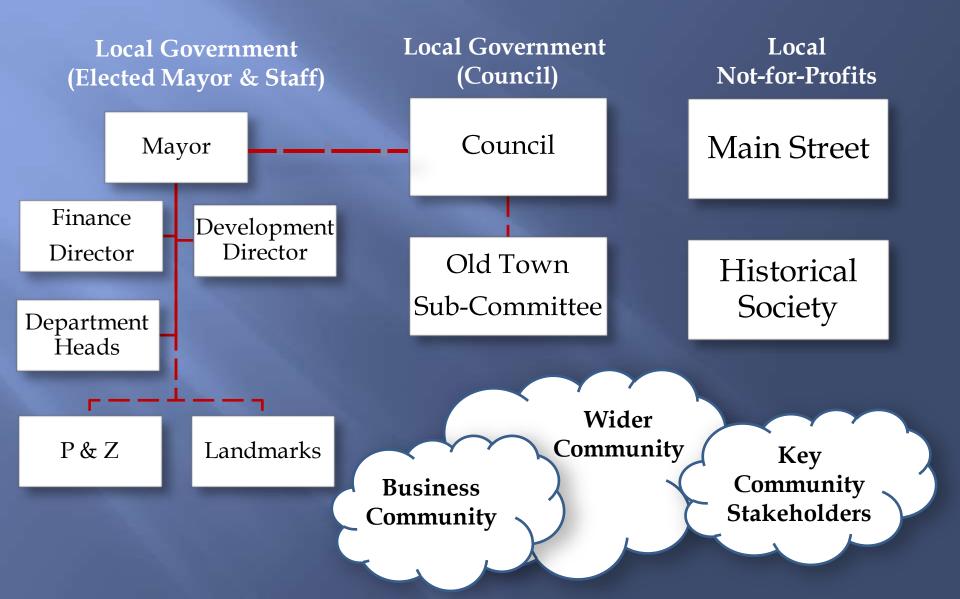
### **OLD TOWN DISTRICT MAP**



**Preservation Area** 

Historic District(s)

## **COMMUNITY ROLES/ROSTER**



# THE LANDMARKS ORDINANCE/COMMISSION

 The Commission follows established criteria listed in the Landmarks Ordinance and uses the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation to review proposed changes. Through the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness the Commission reviews building and demolition permits. Acts as design review board for building change requests.

## THE OLD TOWN GUIDELINES DOCUMENT

- Community's Architectural Styles
- Design-Review Process
- Rehab/New Construction Guidelines
- Site Elements (i.e. Parking, Landscaping, etc.)Signage
- Terminology

www.canalwinchesterohio.gov/ql/FormsPermits/PreservationGuidelines.pdf

### **O.T. GUIDELINES SAMPLE**

#### Italianate

Popular in Ohio from about 1860 to 1890, the Italianate style was used for both commercial and residential buildings in Canal Winchester. The primary defining feature of the style is an overall verticality, with tall and narrow features that include window and door openings, projecting bay windows, and features such as porches and storefronts. Windows are usually regularly spaced. Depending on whether the building is vernacular or high style, there are sometimes ornamental brackets, usually at cornices and on porches.



### **O.T. GUIDELINES SAMPLE**

Appropriate & Inappropriate Siding Practices



Original siding and wood trim intact.



Inappropriate remodeling; the porch and trim have been removed and artificial siding of the wrong dimension has been added

## VACANT/UNDERUTILIZED BUILDING INVENTORY

- 1. Identify candidate structures/properties
- 2. Create a specific desired vision of use (IAW zoning category)
- 3. Discuss with building owner
- 4. Obtain consensus/recommendation at subcommittee level
- 5. Obtain approval/adoption of full Council
- 6. Market for specific (and now approved) use

### **BUILDING INVENTORY**

#### **Substation Building Property Description**

#### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address/Location:	39 West Waterloo Street	
Property Owner:	Glenn and Peggy Eisnaugle	
Zoning:	General Commercial (GC)	
Last Sale Date:	6/4/2002	
Last Sale Price:	\$25,000	
Auditor's Assessed Value:	\$48,600	
Site Size:	0.09 acres	
Building Size:	2,126 sq. ft.	
Year Built:	1904 (approximately)	
Adjacent Uses:	North: Don Hartman Inc. South: South Central Power Substation East: Kaden Charles Salon West: The Iron Nail	

#### **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

Originally, the building on the subject property was used for functions related to the adjacent South Central Power Substation. The property has since changed ownership and no longer conducts operations related to the South Central Power Substation. The property currently does not have any discernable residential or commercial use.

Though the property is in very close proximity to the South Central Power Substation, the location should not have an effect on the use of the property. However, the condition of the structure may be a concern as bricks on the front face of the building are askew, though this problem may only be cosmetic in nature.

The property is quite small and contains little more than the substation building. A future use of the property would need to have the majority of parking located on West Waterloo Street.

The Substation Building Property is located in the Canal Winchester Historic District and is therefore subject to site and architectural standards. Any exterior changes to the property, other than an exact replacement of the existing structure, need to follow the Historic District sections of the Canal Winchester Preservation Guidelines.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

This property has a prime location on West Waterloo Street. The Construction of the building lends itself to office, retail or mercantile use.

#### OLD TOWN COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Old Town Committee recommends the property be used for retail or office.





### **HISTORIC INVENTORY**

• Required by OHPO for Historic Districts

• The Ohio Historic Inventory form provides a brief description of the location, background, and architecture of a building, site, structure, or object of architectural or historical significance.

• The Ohio Historic Inventory form is an important reference for organizing community preservation efforts and can be used as a guide for safeguarding the historical and architectural resources of Ohio.

• The Ohio Historic Inventory form serves as an important data base for the Ohio Historic Preservation Office's computerization efforts.

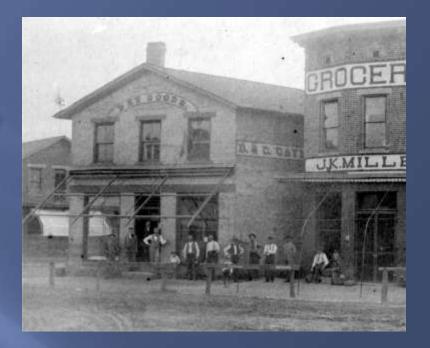
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# HISTORIC INVENTORY FORM

www.ohiohistory.org/resource/histpres/docs/OHI\_Form.pdf

# PERIOD PHOTOGRAPHY

 Priceless reference of how it all really looked



- Shows earliest/most original details
- Sources: Historical Society/Local Amateur Historians
- The photo postcard craze of the early 20thC

## PERIOD PHOTOGRAPHY











## CASE STUDY OF A RECENT SUCCESS:

## THE 1905 INTERURBAN DEPOT

### TAKE A PAGE FROM HOLLYWOOD – USE PROPS TO REINFORCE IMAGE



## THE "HERE'S A GREAT IDEA..." FEASIBILITY TEST

- Who will do it?
- Who will pay for it?
- What are the desired results?
- How will you measure success?

### (MUST BE 4/4 TO PROCEED)



### **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

- Take time to invest in relationships
- Communicate as you would with any respected partner (no surprises)
- Help develop realistic standards
- Anticipate loopholes/issues and change standards <u>before</u> they occur
- Gather historic reference material
- Treat your image as the gold that it is