

THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE









Project Area Overview:

- 81.75 acres extending from SR-82/US-42 intersection north past Zverina Lane
- Contains numerous community amenities utilized by hundreds of thousands of residents/visitors each year
- Area amenities include:

-Strongsville Police Headquarters

-Strongsville Safety Town

-The Strongsville Backyard Preserve

-Westwood Senior Living Apartments

- -The Strongsville Commons -Strongsville Recreation & Senior Center
 - -Cuyahoga County Public Library Strongsville Branch
 - -Strongsville Communications Center
 - -Westwood Commons Retail Development
 - -Public Baseball Diamonds, Tennis Courts, & Castletown Playground

- -Strongsville City Council Chambers
- -Strongsville Historical Society
- -Southwest Regional Dispatch Center
- -Strongsville Food Bank
- -The Freedom Trail & multiple hiking trails

THE STRONGSVILLE Municipal Baseball TOWN CENTER Diamonds **ENHANCEMENT &** Strongsville Recreation & Senior Center Strongsville Freedom Communications Center Playground

Annual community events including the City Homecoming Festival & Fireworks, Strongsville Rib Burn-off,
Winter Wonderland Celebration/ Fireworks, and more make the Strongsville Town Center one of the most visited
areas within SW Cuyahoga County

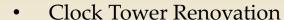


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Completed Town Center Improvements

- Redevelopment of Westwood Commons Retail Center
- New Strongsville Food Bank Facility
- Pearl Road & Strongsville Middle School Connectivity
 - -New Crosswalk & Pedestrian Countdown Signal
 - -Optimized Signal Timing for Pedestrian Safety
- Pearl Road & Westwood Drive Intersection Improvements
 - -ADA Curb Ramps
 - -New Pedestrian Countdown Signal
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- Pearl Road & Royalton Road Intersection Improvements
 - -Intersection Redesign (Utilizing NOACA Studies)
 - -ADA Curb Ramps
 - -New Pedestrian Countdown Signal
 - -Pedestrian Refuge Islands
 - -Optimized Signal Timing for Pedestrian Safety
- Upgraded Lighting on the City Commons & Freedom Trail





- Old Town Hall Repainting
- Castletown Playground Repair
- Stamped Concrete Branding
- Tennis Court Repair

-Resurfaced to include Pickle Ball Courts







Realizing the importance of the Strongsville Town Center, the City of Strongsville launched the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement & Walkability Initiative

Two Primary Goals of the Initiative:

- Improve the <u>CONNECTIVITY</u> & <u>WALKABILITY</u> within the Strongsville Town Center Area
- Construct new community amenities within the Strongsville Town Center that improve the quality of life for residents, with a specific focus on amenities that serve:
 - -Area Families
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New Community Amenities



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Community Amenities Survey Results

- Survey released September 3, 2021
- <u>Goal:</u> Seek input from Strongsville residents on the types of new amenities they would like to see in the Town Center
- **Response:** Over 1,000 survey responses
- <u>"Top 3" Results:</u>
 - Outdoor Swimming Pool (632 respondents ranked in "Top 3")
 - Splash Pad (578 respondents ranked in "Top 3")
 - New Playground (370 respondents ranked in "Top 3")

STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER STUDIES

<u>Strongsville Master Plan:</u> Completed in May 2019, in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

<u>Strongsville Wayfinding Analysis Report:</u> Completed in May 2019, in partnership with Guide Studio

<u>Strongsville Town Center District Redevelopment Plan:</u> Completed in August 2015, in partnership with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)

Strongsville Walkable Community Workshop Report: Completed in February 2009, in partnership with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)

*Each study listed above included public/stakeholder participation

*All reports are available in full at:
www.strongsville.org/towncenter



New Community Playground

- Fully ADA compliant playground designed to accommodate children with disabilities
- 12,350 SF
- <u>Cost Estimate:</u> \$600,000







New Community Pavilion

- Centrally located community gathering place
- Features including fireplace & enclosed meeting space
- <u>Cost Estimate:</u> \$500,000

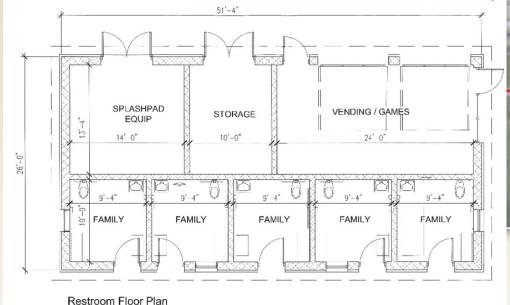






New Family Restrooms

- Five family restrooms designed for families and individuals with disabilities
- Building also contains vending machine area
 & ticket booth/sales capability for events
- <u>Cost Estimate:</u> \$490,000







New Interactive Fountain

Interactive water feature for use by children with ADA features & seasonal flexibility

Cost Estimate: \$550,000 to \$800,000



BUTTERFLY

TRAIL



New Public/Green Space for Community Use

- Redesigning access road to walkway
- Staging area for food trucks, farmers markets, and other community events
- Fenced-in green space for play or community events such as movie nights, etc.







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Enhanced Connectivity & Walkability



Improved Connectivity & Walkability

- Upgrades/Improvements to existing walkways and trails, including the Freedom Trail
- Completion of the trailhead north of the Strongsville Recreation & Senior Center walkway, allowing for better access the backyard preserve and hiking trails
- Increased pedestrian safety through new connects in Staging area for food trucks, farmers markets, and other community events
- Updated wayfinding signage to better identify area amenities and trails

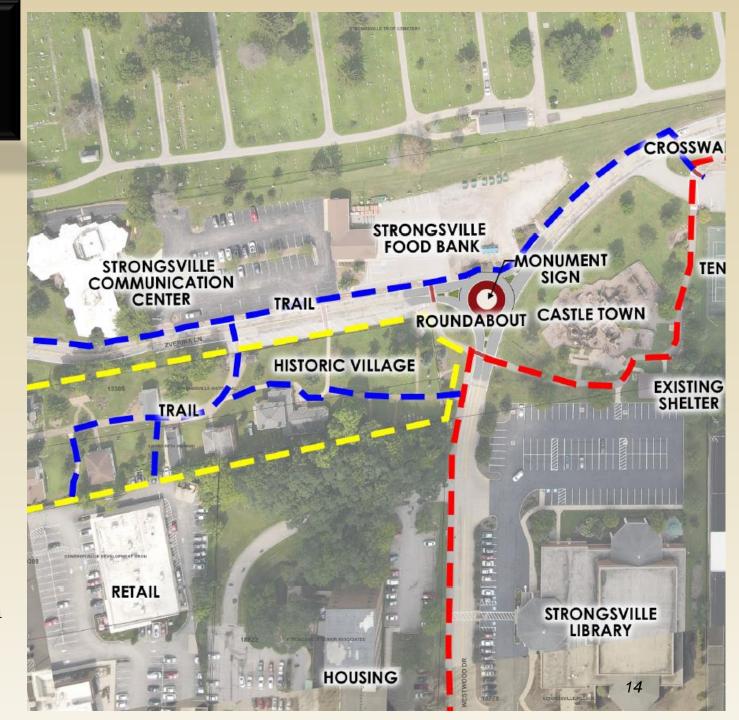
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New Zverina Drive Entryway & Signage

- Redesigned entry to the Strongsville Town Center off of Zverina Drive, including potential:
 - Roundabout
 - Gateway Monument Sign
 - New paved parking lot next to Strongsville Food Bank
 - New walkways to improve connectivity in the area





In Summary

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Anticipated Costs for Each Initiative:

- Improved Connectivity & Walkability: \$325,000
- <u>Construction of New Community Amenities:</u> \$2,600,000

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