

## MEMBERSHIP

Dear Community Leader,

In May of 1996, a Declaration of Interdependence was signed by elected officials in Lorain County that stated:

*"When in the course of human events, it is deemed important for a variety of political jurisdictions who share common concerns and interests and who are interconnected by geographical boundaries, to agree and commit to working together for the mutual benefit of all concerned, then be it assured that they have every right to create a council of governments and to declare their interdependence.*

*Therefore, we, the undersigned, declare and proclaim that state of interdependence exists for jurisdictions in Lorain County. And, we further agree and assert that collaboration should be pursued when:*

- *It is mutually advantageous to the local units;*
- *It provides a means of obtaining a more adequate and effective level of public service;*
- *It provides a mechanism to save money for the communities involved;*
- *It benefits the cooperating communities in ways that could not be achieved separately.*

*We therefore agree to begin working together for the betterment of the communities we represent as well as the larger community of which we are all a part, and, in so doing, we hereby create and establish a Council of Governments which shall forthwith be called the Lorain County Community Alliance."*

**We look forward to you becoming an active member of the LCCA. Your input and support is key to the success of your community and Lorain County.**

## SAVE THE DATES

Please note ALL 2021 events will be held at the:

**Lorain County Community College  
John A. Spitzer Conference Center  
1005 Abbe Rd N, Elyria, OH 44035**

**LCCA TRANSPORTATION DAY  
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021  
8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

LCCA Transportation Day gives agencies the opportunity to update LCCA members on impending Transportation Projects and gives attendees the forum in which to get their questions answered. Speakers include Lorain County Engineer Ken Carney and representatives from Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency and the Ohio Department of Transportation District.

**LCCA SUMMIT  
POST PANDEMIC RECOVERY  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021  
8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

The LCCA Summit guest speakers will examine post-pandemic local government issues and present the resources that are available to assist with changes. The future of Lorain County's economy and jobs market will be discussed. Guest Speakers to be announced.

**LCCA YEAR END  
GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021  
8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

Government leaders review accomplishments from 2021 and convey expectations for 2022. Speakers include Representatives from Congressional and Legislative Offices, State and local Governments, Ohio Township Association and the Ohio Municipal League.

**Refreshments for these events are sponsored by:  
Ken Carney, Lorain County Engineer** 

***"Partnerships for the Future"***

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Lorain County  
**LCCA**  
Community Alliance

CELEBRATING  
**25**  
Years

### Mission Statement

The Lorain County Community Alliance is a council of governments, formed under the Ohio Revised Code and made up of political jurisdictions and organizations working together for the benefit of the citizens of Lorain County and the entire region.

The Alliance seeks to explore more effective levels of public service, develop mechanisms to save money for the communities involved and benefit the member communities and the region in ways that could not be achieved separately.

## VISION

***“No substantial countywide change is likely unless the persons willing to work for it find some way of joining together for joint planning and coordinated action.”***

*Peter Szanton,*

*1991 report Lorain County 20/20: A Vision for the Future*

Collaboration and cooperation are key. Issues do not begin and end at political boundaries.

The Lorain County Community Alliance is not another layer of government and does not usurp the powers of an individual community, but serves as an effective, unique and progressive platform for the betterment of Lorain County as a whole.

Lorain County is urban, suburban and rural, all within 495 square miles. It's an area larger than Cuyahoga County and just as complex.



The Alliance provides a forum for bringing the County together to focus on county-wide and regional issues, while allowing local control of issues that are indigenous to individual communities.

## A REGIONAL VOICE

Before the LCCA, Lorain County had no structure in place to represent cross-community interests.

Without such an organization, we forego opportunities to encourage and manage the growth of the County and its surrounding region.

We consume valuable time and precious resources on competitive interests rather than channeling toward cooperative ventures.

Preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Lorain County is a challenge that can be met by the collaboration of organizations and political jurisdictions working together.

The Lorain County Community Alliance seeks to raise community awareness of the economic and quality-of-life advantages of thinking regionally.

This Council of Governments embraces the concept of cooperation among local governments to promote cooperative agreements.

***"Partnerships for the Future"***  
***The Future is NOW***

As a community leader, your voice and participation in the Alliance are vital to providing your constituents with the best resources available to achieve the outcomes projected for your community.

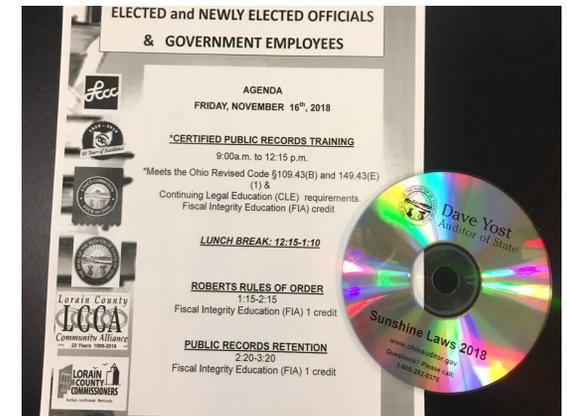
### Alliance Officers

Chair – Dick Heidecker, Columbia Township Trustee  
Vice Chair – Kevin Corcoran, North Ridgeville Mayor  
Treasurer – Matt Lundy, Lorain County Commissioner  
Secretary – David DiVencenzo, Village of Grafton, Mayor  
Administrative Coordinator – Virginia Haynes

## THE JOB AHEAD

By working together, the communities of the County can achieve more in terms of maintaining a certain quality of life, while achieving greater prosperity at the same time. As Lorain County prospers over the long term, its communities and its citizens share in that prosperity.

Over the years, the Alliance has addressed issues such as transportation, water quality, storm water management, land use, railroad congestion, bulk purchasing, digital infrastructure and utility aggregation and most recently, providing continuing education for government officials and their employees.



Many times, the County's over 300,000 residents want and need specific services. By bringing the appropriate people together in constructive ways, strategies for negotiating shared concerns are generated and developed.

The Alliance focuses on long-term community strategies that enable Lorain County as a whole to move forward in a coordinated effort, not in ways that jeopardize individual communities. Issues pertaining to the greatest common interests of the County are addressed at the meetings.