

2016
ANNUAL
REPORT
CITY OF DUBLIN PLANNING





Ohio University Dublin Campus Master Plan



MESSAGE FROM THE **DIRECTOR**



*Vincent Papsidero, FAICP,
Director of Planning*

Welcome to the 2016 annual report of the City of Dublin's Division of Planning. This recognizes the division's accomplishments, as well as acknowledges the excellent development that occurred in the past year.

The Planning Division manages the day-to-day zoning and subdivision process, long range planning projects, and enforcement of various codes and landscape requirements. We staff the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Architectural Review Board and Administrative Review Team. And we provide support to City Council on development casework, planning projects and other assignments.

The work of the division touches all parts of the City. From the crafting of planning policies to the inspection of landscaping on commercial properties, the work of the staff has a major influence on the built environment, character and quality of life enjoyed by Dublin's residents and business community.

Working with other City departments, Planning provides support and partners on a variety of projects. It's been an exciting year and 2017 offers much to look forward to.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Planning Division operates as a tiered organizational structure with four distinct work groups: Administration, Current Planning, Long Range Planning, and Code Enforcement. The Division works as a single team, but each group focuses and dedicates resources to address specific areas of responsibility in support of the overall mission of the division.

Administration: This team is charged with the day-to-day operation of the department including programmatic, budget, human resources, and related tasks, as well as providing support to the Development Director.

Long Range Planning: This team is charged with managing the Community Plan, undertaking plan amendments, and various other planning projects assigned to the division. These projects are often undertaken in response to goals established by City Council.

Current Planning: This team is charged with managing the day-to-day zoning, subdivision, and annexation process – which includes staffing the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Architectural Review Board, and the Administrative Review Team, as well as presenting cases to City Council.

Code Enforcement: This team is charged with enforcing city code including zoning, property maintenance, parking enforcement, and other enforcement efforts.



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LONG RANGE PLANNING

Long range planning is the process of capturing a vision of a community and memorializing that vision in a plan—a plan that focuses on compatible land use patterns, infrastructure needs, economic stability, and inviting gathering spaces. The result of long range planning is a place that generations of families call home.

Every community needs a vision of who they are and where they want to go. Long range planning is the process of gathering local officials, residents, business owners, and community leaders to collaborate on what that vision will be. Dublin has always been on the forefront of communities that have taken great pride in what their community will become as it grows.

Initiated Projects

In 2016, Long Range Planning initiated a series of new projects focused on how growth and development should occur throughout the City. Phase II of the Legacy Office Parking Study which has evolved into the Dublin Corporate Area Plan was initiated. The plan focuses on the elements that make older office parks successful and will include implementation strategies to make these legacy office parks competitive in the market. Another plan introduced in 2016 is the West Innovation District Plan, which is an update to the existing area plan intended to reassess

land use recommendations in the western portion of the City. With the adoption of the Ohio University Master Plan, significant growth is anticipated within the district. The City is evaluating land use policies to ensure there is a cohesive land use pattern for this vital part of the City. The West Bridge Street Corridor Framework Plan was the third plan initiated in 2016. The objective is to build upon the Bridge Street District Vision Plan and provide more details regarding land use, density and development character. A final project initiated in 2016, at the request of the Architectural Review Board was the Historic and Cultural Assessment. Its objective was to identify the varied historic assets located throughout the City and provide an assessment of their contributing factors.

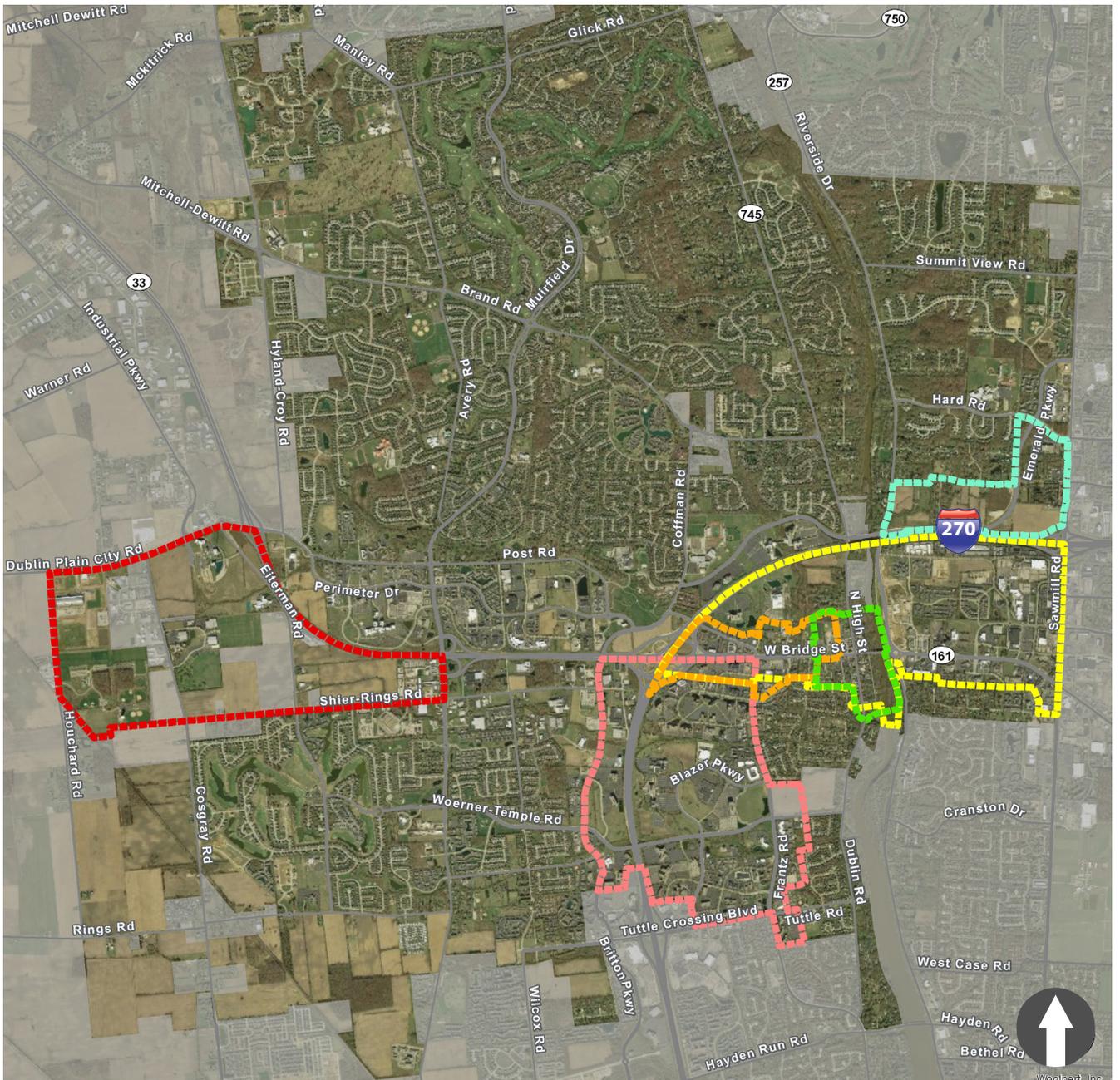
Ongoing Projects

The Long Range Planning Section also participated in other complex projects that will span more than one calendar year. One example is a parking study for Downtown Dublin, focusing

on management strategies for on-street parking and resulting in recommendations to City Council. Another project is the Bright Road Area Plan, addressing land use recommendations and transportation needs of Bright Road extending west of Sawmill Road to Riverside Drive. The planning work is currently awaiting more detailed analysis of the transportation needs of Sawmill Road Corridor.

Completed Projects

Planning is proud to announce the successful completion of several projects in 2016. The Shier Rings Corridor Plan provides policy guidance for development for the corridor, including the streetscape, architectural style and roadway amenities preferred in this important portion of the City. Also completed was the Crossroads Area Plan that was the first regionally collaborative plan for Dublin, Jerome Township, Union County, and the City of Marysville. The plan focuses on the area north of Dublin and extending towards Marysville. This plan has led to collaborative meetings amongst the jurisdictions to review potential development



- West Innovation District
- West Bridge Street Corridor
- Bright Road Area Plan
- Metro-Blazer District (Dublin Corporate Area Plan)
- Historic Dublin

projects and discuss land use decision and infrastructure needs in a cohesive manner.

Regional Cooperation

Long Range Planning staff has also been involved in planning processes and application reviews for communities within the

central Ohio region. Staff has worked with other jurisdictions such as the cities of Columbus, Hilliard, and Marysville; Jerome Township, and Delaware County to monitor and participate in pending development applications that may impact or complement initiatives of the City of Dublin. Additionally, Planning

has participated as support staff to the Logan, Union, and Champaign Regional Planning Commission and represents Dublin on the Delaware Regional Planning Commission in an effort to enhance Dublin's affiliations among the Central Ohio region and to support efforts related to regional planning.

MAJOR PROJECTS

Dublin Corporate Area Plan

According to national studies, today's employees expect to be able to walk to lunch, fitness centers, and other services from their workplaces during the work day. The challenge for older office parks is to find the space for such uses, as well as the facilities that support walking, biking, and transit connectivity. Parking ratios have also shifted as today's businesses use a much higher employee per square foot ratio than in the past.

The Dublin Corporate Area Plan is a study of Dublin's legacy office parks – including Metro Place and the businesses along Frantz Road – to determine ways to improve these areas for businesses, employees and residents. The trends that will have an increasingly important impact on aging suburban office campuses will be a focus of this plan. The Dublin Corporate Area Plan will serve as a model for other communities with aging office infrastructure.

West Innovation District

The western edge of Dublin is an area poised for significant change. The West Innovation District contains 1,100 acres of land between Avery Road, Houchard Road, Shier Rings Road, and State Route 161/Post Road. The District is a key priority of the City and is targeted for office, research, laboratory and clean manufacturing uses. In particular, the District is home to the Dublin campus of Ohio University, which is intended to grow to over two

million square feet of development. Just as Dublin has grown and changed significantly over the last few decades, technology and the way business is conducted has also evolved.

West Bridge Street Corridor Framework Plan

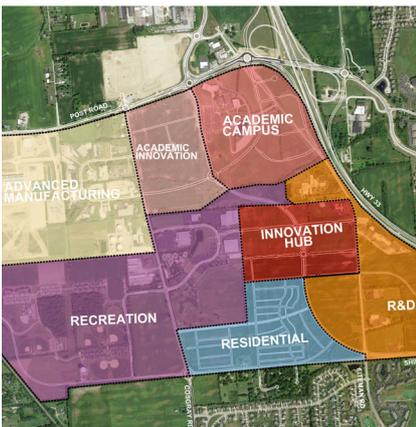
With the completion of the I-270/ US 33 interchange, the West Bridge Street corridor is expected to undergo increased development pressure. The purpose of the West Bridge Street Corridor Framework Plan is to establish a consensus-based development vision for the planning area that will ensure public and private investments are consistent with the community's vision. It will also include conceptual streetscape plans for the West

Bridge Street right-of-way to ensure it transforms to a walkable public space. The framework plan will establish a cohesive policy so that all aspects of future development, including development character, walkability and pedestrian experience, connectivity and access, and supporting infrastructure are consistent with the previously established Bridge Street District Vision Plan.



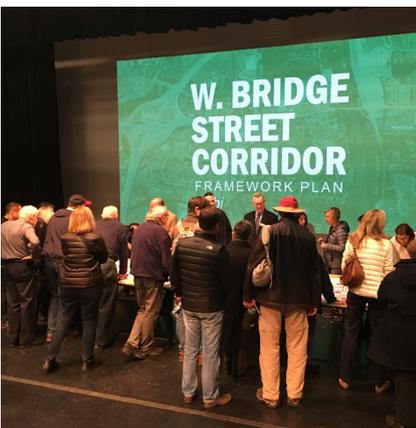
“The purpose of the Plan is to understand the shifting office and employment demographics and their effects on aging suburban office parks in this very competitive market... approximately 87% of Dublin’s office inventory was built in the 70s, 80s, and 90s, and approximately 12% of that space is currently vacant.”

**- Devayani Puranik,
Planner II,
City of Dublin**



“The West Innovation District is more than a workplace for Dublin. It will become a vibrant location for life activities that the talented next generation workforce will seek for themselves and their families.”

**- West Innovation District
Workshop Presentation
10/17/2016**



“The Plan intends to establish a cohesive community vision so that all aspects of future development, including character, walkability and pedestrian experience, connectivity and access, and supporting infrastructure are consistent with a consensus-based vision.”

- NBBJ

MAJOR PROJECTS

Bright Road Area Plan

The Planning Division has initiated an update to the Community Plan's Bright Road Area Plan. The last update occurred with the 2007 Community Plan. Since that time, the final phase of Emerald Parkway has been completed through the planning area and improvements to Sawmill Road and Hard Road are either completed or underway. The Bright Road Area Plan provides a review of the current,

infrastructure, and transportation recommendations for this important Area Plan. The process is on hold pending the results of a traffic study for the Sawmill Road Corridor.

Historic and Cultural Assessment

The City is conducting an inventory of historic properties and assets. This includes an assessment of contributing and non-contributing buildings. The assessment will also help identify funding strategies for historic preservation efforts for property owners.

Residents and business owners may have seen the Hardlines Design Company team in their neighborhoods assessing buildings, structures or other assets such as dry laid stone walls, cemeteries and built features that may predate the founding of the City.

Downtown Parking Management Study

Development of the Bridge Street District is creating a robust set of parking assets (public and private) that will require coordinated management. This study was initiated to propose solutions and strategies.

Ensuring availability across all parking options, when demand is high, is essential to meaningfully improving the parking experience. This is the central principle

for effective urban parking management. The study is underway to explore opportunities to develop such a "performance-based" approach to public parking in Dublin, and to provide a Toolbox of management strategies, practices, and policies that define and further specific management objectives for Dublin's diverse parking activities and needs.



“An important asset of the Bright Road Area is the development of the Holder-Wright Earthworks Park, which will memorialize the existing native earthworks on the property, and provide an important cultural and community destination in the Bright Road Area.”

**- Vincent Papsidero, FAICP,
Planning Director,
City of Dublin**



“I appreciate that physical landscapes will be taken into account because the river valley is integral to how Dublin was created including Riverside Drive, Old Dublin Road, stone walls, mills, stone quarries, and the Indian Run.”

**- Jane Fox,
Board member,
Dublin Architectural Review Board**



“While establishing a highly walkable, urban environment is a key element of development in the Bridge Street District, it is a reality that personal vehicles will still be part of the fabric. The on-street parking spaces are very important for economic stability of any new businesses located within the urban context.”

**- Devayani Puranik,
Planner II,
City of Dublin**

CURRENT PLANNING

Current Planning ensures the visioning and planning work accomplished by the Long Range Planning Team is implemented through the thorough review of annexation petitions, subdivision requests and development applications for compliance with the Community Plan, the Zoning Code and other special plans.

The Current Planning Section is responsible for reviewing and managing day-to-day zoning, subdivision, and annexation review processes; coordinating with supporting staff; and staffing the Planning and Zoning Commission, Architectural Review Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Administrative Review Team.

Staffing Changes

The Section has added three new staff members in 2016. Lori Burchett, AICP, was hired as a Planner II and is responsible for managing of all types of development applications, with a special focus on the Bridge Street District. Lori is also managing the Division's internship program. Nichole Martin was promoted from Planning Assistant to Planner I in the spring of 2016 and has been supporting the team primarily with applications to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Nicki has also been integral in the

administration of the Bridge Park Master Sign Plan and pending updates to the Bridge Street Code. The newly created position of Planning Technician was filled with Mike Kettler, who assists the Current Planning staff with application flow and tracking and is responsible for the intake of development applications.

Major Bridge Park Applications

During the year, the Section continued the review process for the Bridge Park development with the approvals of development plans for Blocks A and H. Block A, at the northeast corner of the new roundabout at SR 161 and Riverside Drive is described by the developer as "a cohesive composition anchor to complement the approved development in B and C Blocks." The approved plan consists of an eight-story hotel with a rooftop bar, an events center, a parking structure and associated open space. The approved plans for Block H permit the construction

of a residential condominium development consisting of 73 townhome units, located on the west side of Dale Drive, south of the intersection with John Shields Parkway. The team also worked with the Penzone Grand Salon developers on a successful new spa near their current location on Village Parkway.

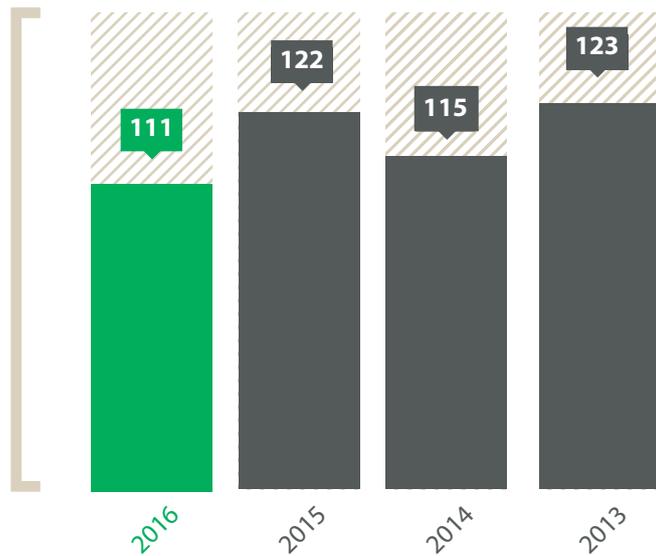
Ohio University Collaboration

Outside of Bridge Street, the Section worked closely with staff from Ohio University on their Framework Plan for the Dublin campus, which is a vision plan intended to offer a comprehensive view for how the campus may evolve over time to guide future development. The plan will be a valuable tool to the University to facilitate decisions on future expansion and will ultimately tie into planning work underway for an update to the area plan for the West Innovation District and accompanying Zoning Code amendments.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City's Boards and Commissions are advisory to City Council. Board and Commission members are appointed by Council for three- or four-year terms. Planning staff works as a liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Architectural Review Board, and Administrative Review Team to review applications and make recommendations to the final reviewing body.

Total Planning Cases



Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC)

Victoria Newell
Chair

Chris Brown
Vice Chair

Amy Salay
City Council Representative

Cathy De Rosa

Bob Miller

Deborah Mitchell

Stephen Stidhem



Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

Brian Gunnoe
Chair

James Zitesman
Vice Chair

Patrick Todoran

Rion Myers

Martha Cooper



Architectural Review Board (ARB)

David Rinaldi
Chair

Thomas Munhall
Vice Chair

Jane Fox

Everett Musser

Shannon Stenberg



Administrative Review Team (ART)

Vincent Papsidero
Planning Director, Chair

Donna Goss
Director of Development

Jeff Tyler
Building Standards Director

Matt Earman
Parks & Recreation Director

Colleen Gilger
Economic Dev. Director

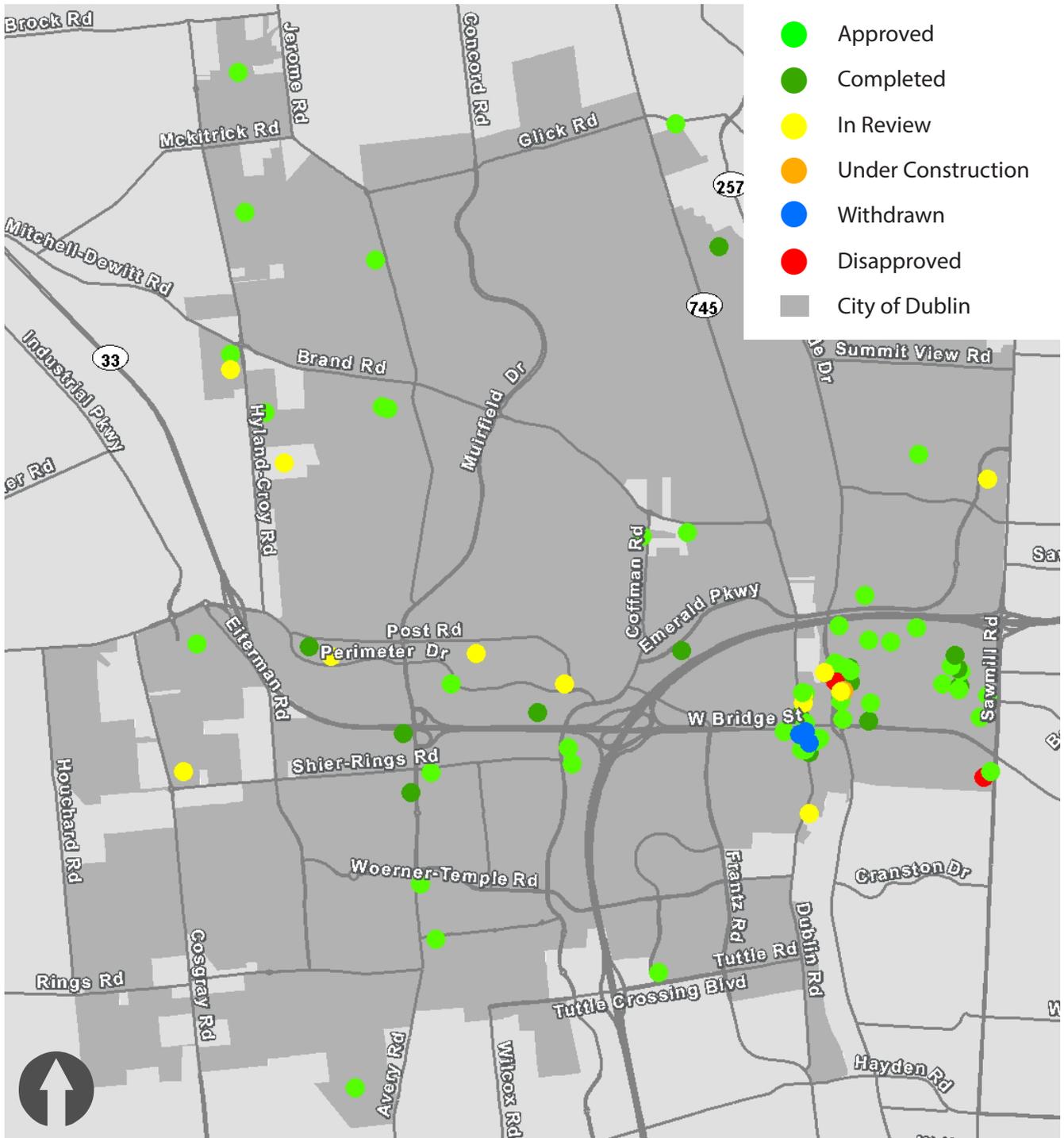
Aaron Stanford
Senior Civil Engineer

Mike Altomare
Fire Marshall

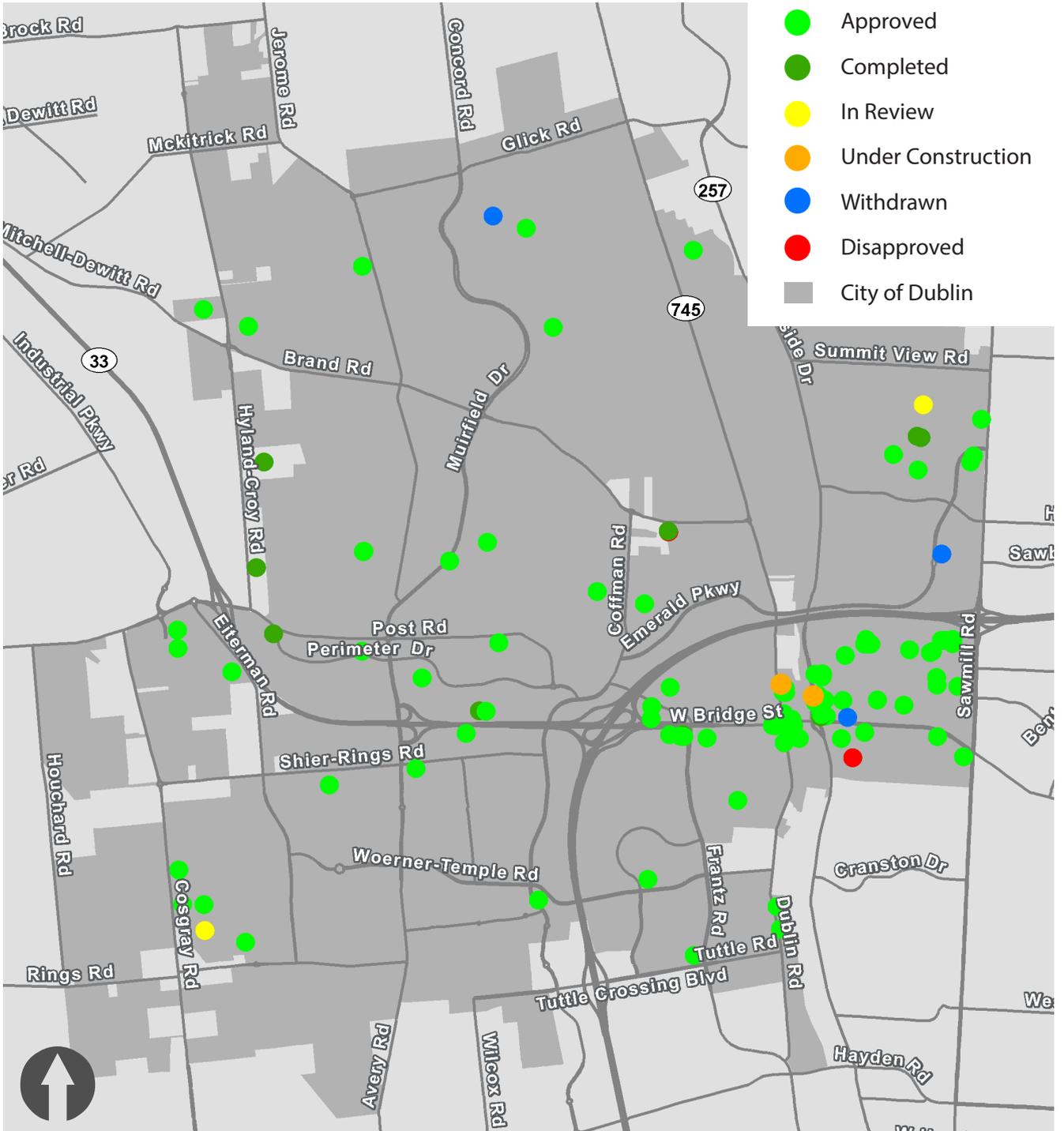
Tim Hosterman
Police Sergeant

Shawn Krawetzki
Landscape Architect

2016 CASE LOCATIONS



2015 CASE LOCATIONS

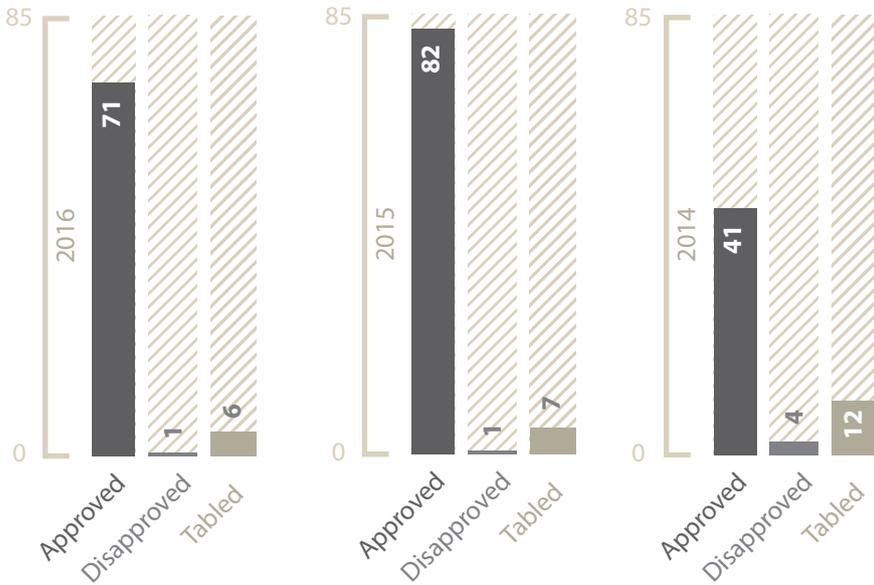


Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC)

2016 Agenda Items: 71

2016 Meetings: 22

Actions taken



Summary of Data

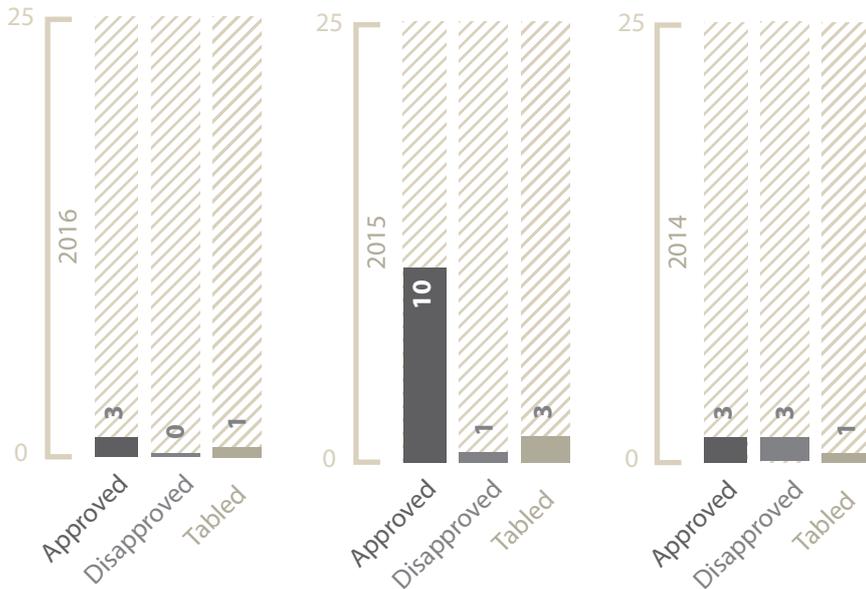
The following graphics represent different tools of measurement to understand the workload associated with application review by our Boards and Commissions. The total number of Board and Commission meetings and the total number of agenda items are provided for each group in 2016. Agenda items are counted individually rather than as a total number of applications accepted throughout the year. The individual items are shown because each application may be reviewed more than once on any given agenda and each review requires staff time and resources. The total number of actions taken by each Board and Commission is also provided for 2016 and the previous two years. This information shows the type of action taken by each group and that compares to actions taken in subsequent years. Informal reviews are not counted as action taken.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

2016 Agenda Items: 4

2016 Meetings: 4

Actions taken

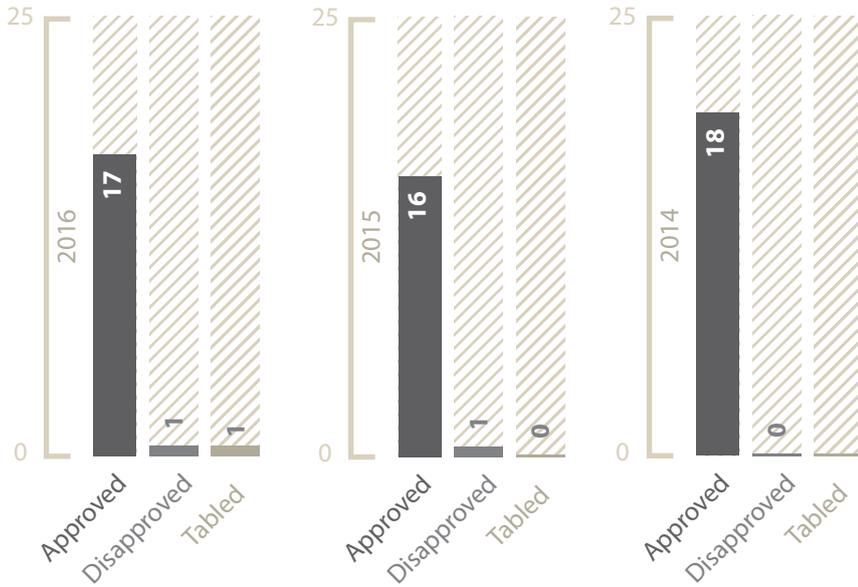


Architectural Review Board (ARB)

2016 Agenda Items: 25

2016 Meetings: 11

Actions taken

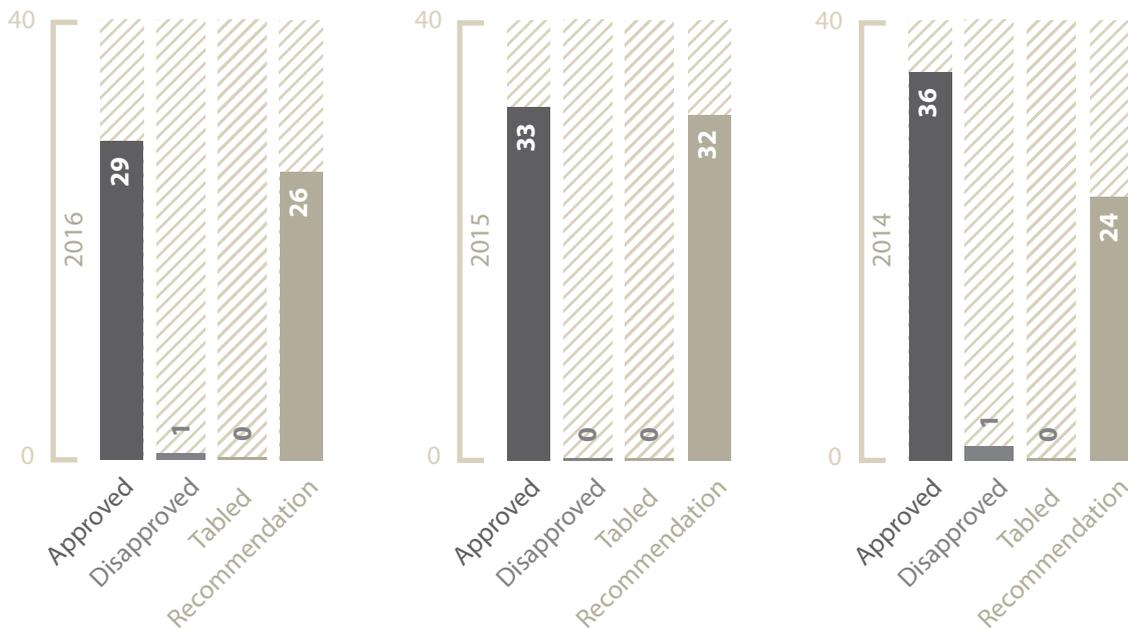


Administrative Review Team (ART)

2016 Agenda Items: 134

2016 Meetings: 45

Actions taken



MAJOR CASES

Bridge Park, Block A

Current Planning, in collaboration with the Administrative Review Team, reviewed the proposal for the third block of development within the Bridge Park development. This third block of a mixed-use development is located northeast of the Riverside Drive and Dublin Granville Road intersection, south of Banker Drive, and west of (future) Mooney Way. The approved plan consists of a 150-room hotel with a rooftop bar, a 19,000-square-foot event center with a sculptural

outdoor pavillion, and a parking structure. City Council approved the Basic Plan and appointed the Planning and Zoning Commission as the required reviewing body for future applications. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Development Plan and Site Plan with associated Waivers, a Parking Plan and Conditional Use for the event center and parking structure. The project is currently under construction and expected to open in the later half of 2017.

Midwestern Auto Group, Land Rover & Jaguar Expansion

Midwestern Auto Group (MAG) proposed an approximately 30,000-square-foot showroom, service area, car wash and associated site improvements for the Land Rover and Jaguar brands as an expansion of the MAG campus. The Planning and Zoning Commission previously reviewed and recommended approval to City Council of the rezoning and preliminary development plan for the auto campus expansion in January, 2016. The proposed showroom is located north of US 33/SR 161, on the south side of

Venture Drive, approximately 600 feet south of the intersection with Perimeter Drive. The architecture of the showroom will complement the contemporary look of the existing campus. The Final Development Plan and Site Improvements were approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission in April, 2016. The showroom is not yet under construction due to consideration of modifications to the approved plan by the owner. Any deviations to the proposed plan will require Planning and Zoning Commission approval prior to construction.

Deer Run, Subarea B

The Current Planning Section managed the review of the Final Development Plan for Deer Run, Subarea B. This proposal includes the subdivision and development of 5 single-family estate lots located in the Deer Run Planned Unit Development, located in the northeastern portion of the City. The site encompasses Deer Run Creek located along the northern edge of Subarea B and a private street, Deer Run Drive, with connection to Dublin Road on the west side of the site. The development preserves the site's

unique natural features including its heavily wooded character with mature trees, and a significant grade change due to the proximity of Deer Run Creek and the Scioto River to the east. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Final Development Plan in August, 2016, and forwarded the recommendation of approval of the final plat to City Council. City Council approved the final plat in September, 2016. The project is currently not yet under construction.



“ This block is designed to address the Vision Principles for the development of the Bridge Street Corridor districts, by providing an interesting, walkable setting for urban lifestyles that places value on human scale and a diversity of experiences.”

**- Application Statement,
Crawford Hoying**



“This is a new prototype for Jaguar and Land Rover. They are very excited about bringing this to the market with the hope that this location will be one of the first in the United States for this prototype. MAG is very excited about the opportunity to bring this online.”

**- Brad Parish, President
President, Architectural Alliance**



“The development seeks to protect the site’s unique characteristics, including the ravine and the existing woods. The resulting balance of protecting natural and sensitive areas, while configuring buildings and integrating development in harmony with the existing character of the land, is expected to create opportunities for outstanding living environments.”

**- Final Development Plan Statement
City of Dublin Staff**



LANDSCAPE INSPECTION PROGRAM AND ZONING COMPLIANCE

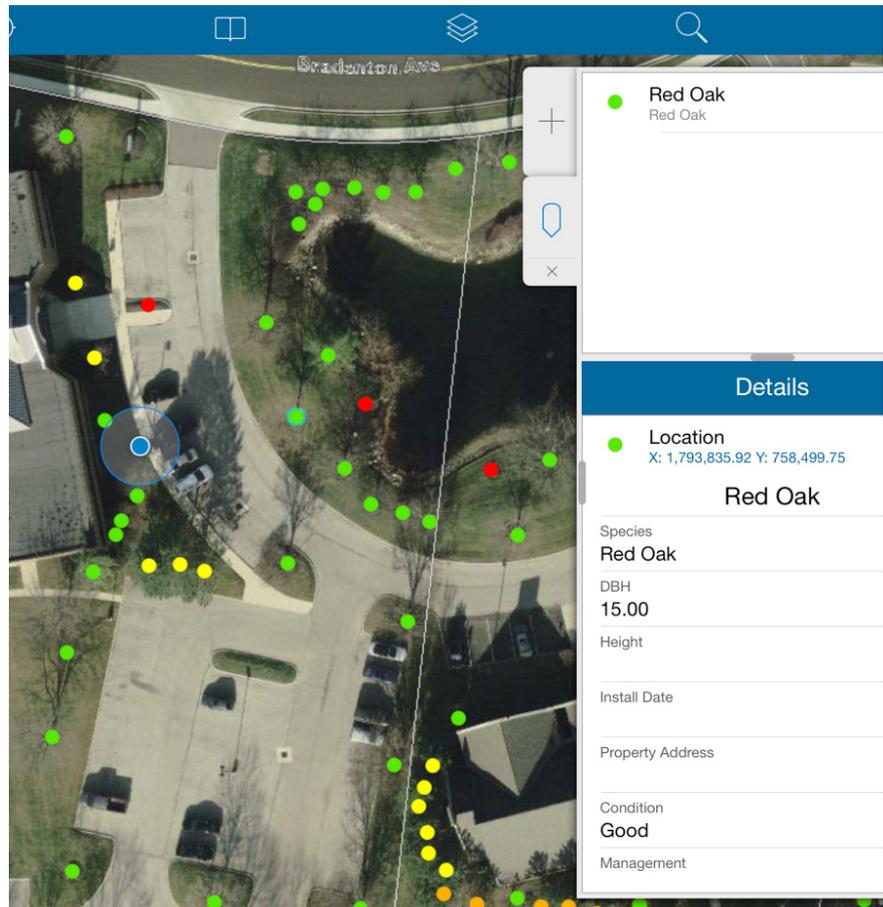
Dublin's Zoning Compliance and Landscape inspectors ensure that developments retain the high quality appearance that is required by code in the City.

Landscape Inspection

Prior to submission to the various boards and commissions, the team reviews all applications for compliance with the Landscape Code. This includes ensuring that all screening requirements are met and open space is designed to have healthy and sustainable vegetation. This facilitates staff recommendations that help create a common landscape feature or mounding that is prominent along a roadway or office complex. It ensures that plant selection is appropriate for a site and that with proper installation, will retain a healthy and sustainable appearance. It also ensures developers replace all trees removed for construction and that healthy trees are preserved. These recommendations are made during the development application stage and are monitored via site inspections throughout construction.

Zoning Compliance

Zoning Compliance review occurs in response to inquiries and for residential building permits. Inquiries are often submitted from lending institutions, private developers, or potential landowners. This requires an in-depth review of the site and the associated development standards. This information is provided in a formalized letter so that financial transactions or development projects can proceed. Staff also reviews residential building permits to ensure projects meet



Dublin Tree Inventory: the colors represent the condition of the tree at the time of the survey; Green (good), Yellow (fair), Orange (poor), and Red (dead)

applicable zoning requirements. This often entails working with contractors, developers and homeowners to ensure construction projects meet City requirements. Once all requirements have been met, the property owner is issued a Certificate of Zoning Plan Approval. More than 250 certificates were issued in 2016.

Some of the most significant accomplishments of the program are the ongoing efforts to be proactive in ensuring a site remains compliant throughout

its tenure. Staff conducts inspections on a three-year cycle to ensure all zoning and landscaping requirements continue to be met after construction. Staff created five inspection "zones" based on geographical locations. If landscaping has not been successful or the health of the vegetation is questionable, the inspector will work with the property owners to replace trees with a more appropriate species or make other site improvements to ensure overall health of planted trees.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement is responsible for the enforcement of the City of Dublin Codified Ordinances.

Code Enforcement has the responsibility for ensuring compliance on a broad range of regulations: zoning requirements, parking enforcement, property maintenance/housing, nuisance violations, and health/safety regulations.



Code Enforcement Numbers

In 2016, Code Enforcement Officers processed 696 sign violations primarily consisting of signs that were removed from City rights-of-way or restricted areas. The officers processed another 196 enforcement cases related to tall grass and weed violations. In total, enforcement officers processed 285 property maintenance cases, which included premise conditions, unsecured/vacant structures, and inoperable vehicles. Approximately one third of the property maintenance cases were attributed to vacant and foreclosed properties.

The Team

The City has two Code Enforcement Officers and a Code Enforcement Supervisor. To effectively manage these responsibilities, the team responds to complaints that are reported either through the Dublin website, e-mail or by contacting staff personally by

phone. This allows officers to be responsive to the community by quickly rectifying complaints that are deemed violations, as well as addressing general inquiries regarding code or what constitutes a code violation and remediation of specific violations.

Proactive Enforcement

The team also conducts proactive enforcement throughout the City by routine patrols that address certain types of violations, such as illegal signs, premise condition, weed violations and illegal dumping/littering. These efforts are also used to address a range of violations that are based in specific geographical area such as a shopping plazas, residential neighborhoods, or business districts. An example of proactive enforcement is quarterly inspections conducted throughout Historic Dublin and annual inspections of commercial

parking/loading areas. Currently code enforcement is conducting inspections of the entire City on a house-by-house basis to determine compliance with the waste container screening ordinance.

The team also conducts proactive inspections during non-business working hours, weekends and public events to ensure that compliance is a constant commitment in the community.

Community Engagement

Officers periodically attend meetings with homeowners associations and business groups to educate residents and the business community on local zoning regulations. These efforts allow staff to create personal relationships with key representatives of the community and disseminate information to groups of people.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



West Bridge Street Corridor Public Workshop

Increasing Public Outreach

The City has made great strides in public outreach using many effective methods. Promoting all public meetings is essential, as well as gathering as much public feedback possible. The City posts information related to a public meeting on the website with regular updates for each project.

The City also uses various social media including Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor. Planning sends printed notices to effected property owners regarding a development proposal prior to a public meeting. In 2016, Planning initiated printed postcards to distribute meeting notifications more efficiently and sustainably. Staff also offers to contact any interested parties of future meetings associated with a project.

In 2016, Planning hosted 19 public meetings associated with long range planning projects. Hundreds of people attended. For the public that were not able to attend, the City provided online surveys for their convenience. In many instances, these surveys resulted in more participation than the public meeting itself. As an example, the first meeting that was held for the West Bridge Street Corridor Framework Plan was attended by 26 people. In comparison, the first survey posted for the project produced 124 responses. This is an efficient and effective way to gain comments, and support, from the community.

More importantly, Planning has been working with Community Relations, Information Technology and consultants to use technological tools to

relay information and encourage feedback. For the Dublin Corporate Area Plan, Planning worked with consultants to use the Mentimeter Live Polling application. This tool poses questions to attendees and gathers immediate responses via smartphones. It allows the public to be more engaged in the process as they may not be comfortable speaking up in a group setting or are unwilling to share an opinion that may differ from the majority. The tool results in more participation and clearer representation of the thoughts and comments of the collective group.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Planning staff presented to numerous home owners associations and professional organizations, including Dublin's Citizen University and Leadership Dublin on development topics.



Vince Papsidero, FAICP presented at the American Planning Association's National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, as part of a panel discussion on interconnected development.



Claudia Husak, AICP and **Tammy Noble** presented planning topics regarding public participation and multi-jurisdictional planning during the 2016 Central Ohio Planning and Zoning Workshop.



Our team received a number of awards and certifications, and participated in significant training opportunities throughout 2016. Most notably, **JM Rayburn** received the MORPC Green Mobility Award at the 2016 MORPC Summit for Sustainability in October, 2016 and **Brian Martin** received a Tree Risk Assessment Qualified certification in August, 2016.



MORPC Summit on Sustainability



The City participated in PARK(ing) Day 2016 on September 16th, an annual global event where citizens, artists and others collaborate to temporarily transform parking spaces into short-term public places. Planning collaborated with other City departments, Dublin Arts Council, MORPC, COTA and local businesses to create a parklet in Historic District around the theme of sustainability.



PARK(ing) Day in Historic Dublin



Vince Papsidero, FAICP presented at the OKI Regional Planning Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana as part of a panel discussion with MKSK and Crawford Hoying focusing on the Bridge Street District.



OKI Regional Planning Conference



Process Improvements

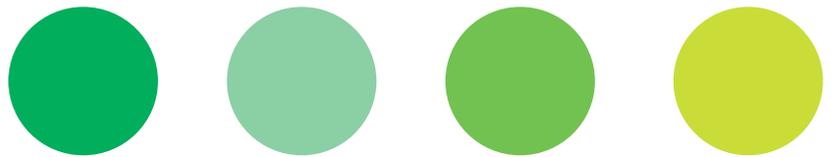
In December, 2016, Planning conducted a multi-day Kaizen event focused on process improvements for the intake and review of all development applications.



West Innovation District rendering by O'Brien/Atkins

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017

While much was accomplished in 2016, the Division is managing a number of major projects that will have positive long-term impacts for the City. Looking toward to 2017, several planning themes emerge:



- ▶ With a significant portion of Bridge Park reaching completion, the next phases of that project and new projects will begin to take shape in Bridge Street. The Bridge Street District Code will be updated and design guidelines will be prepared.
- ▶ Historic Dublin will continue to benefit from public and private investment, especially north of Bridge Street. The Cultural and Historic Assessment will be delivered, code updates will be initiated and a parking management study will be completed.
- ▶ A Council priority, the first phase of the Mobility Study will be completed and the second phase will be initiated.
- ▶ Development interest is expected to pick up in the West Innovation District and the Metro-Blazer District, as the City completes plans, updates codes and prepares design guidelines for both areas. Ohio University will further its vision and the City will move forward with developing its acquisition at the corner of Rings and Frantz Roads.
- ▶ There will be continued emphasis on Code compliance and enforcement. The reorganization of the Property Maintenance Code is to be adopted.
- ▶ Training on current zoning topics will occur with the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Architectural Review Board.

