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1.1 Community Profile Update Commentary

The Community profile has been updated as the last draft was compiled in 2003. This allowed the Darke County Hazard Mitigation Committee (DCHMC) to see what had changed in the county. The results included:

- Darke County population decreased slightly.
- The county remains a strong agricultural community.
- The farms decreased in number but grew larger in acreage.
- Several large county employees such as Whirlpool, Midmark, and Greenville Technology, Inc. have expanded.
- Several county manufacturers have closed operations such as Master Industries and VanLeer Container.
- Several new agricultural related plants have been constructed such as The Anderson's Ethanol Plant and Continental Carbonics, a dry ice plant.
- New residential construction have decreased.
- Mobile homes have decrease from 910 to 882.
- The total active business renamed relatively stable – 1,249 in 2000 and 1,243 in 2008.
- Many of the rural county school districts have replaced their older school buildings with new ones.
- The county's hospital, Wayne HealthCare, has expanded with a large new addition.
- Family Health Services, Inc., the county's largest facility of health care providers, has expanded.
- Tourism remains strong within the county due to Darke County's history and rich heritage.
- The Darke County Parks has grown in size and continues to develop and promote trails and greenspace.
- Elderly care facilities within the county continue to expand.

1.1 Introduction

Darke County is located in West Central Ohio. It has a total area of approximately 387,136 acres or 605 square miles. It includes 20 townships, 1 city (Greenville – the county seat), and 20 incorporated villages with a total population of 52,959 residents in 2010. Darke County borders Randolph County, Indiana to the west, Preble County to the south, Miami and Shelby Counties to the east and Mercer County to the north. It has acres of farmland; deep historical roots; many, small communities with friendly people; unique festivals; parks with miles of trails; and many business advantages. Darke County, with its agricultural roots, has ranked at the top of Ohio's agricultural receipts for many years as approximately 85% of the land area is cropland. The wealth of the land and work ethic of the people combine to create opportunities for those who live and work in Darke County.

Although rural in nature, Darke County is located within a 30 to 90 minute drive of several major Midwest metropolitan areas, such as Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana. Because of its geographic location, Darke County is within a 90 minute or less air travel distance for 55% of the population of the United States. U.S. Route 36 and State Routes 47, 502, 571, 705, and 722 cross the county east and west, and U.S. Route 127 and State Routes 49, 118, and 503 run north and south. Darke County has 1,479.4 miles of roadway which is the most of any county in the State of Ohio. The Wabash, Stillwater, Whitewater, and Mississinawa Rivers flow from Darke County. However, the Stillwater River Watershed which includes the Greenville Creek tributary drains most of the county.

Darke County and its industries are served by the Darke County Airport near Versailles. The County, State, and Township are served by the highway systems, the CSX & R.J. Corman Railroads, and more than 15 motor freight and interstate truck lines.

Darke County's largest employers are Whirlpool Corporation, Midmark Corporation, Greenville Technology, Inc., Wayne HealthCare and Brethren Retirement Community.

1.1 Population

Darke County: 52,959 (Total in 2010) 0.7% loss from 2000 to 2010
 53,309 (Total in 2000)

21 Incorporated Cities & Villages: 26,109 (Total in 2010)

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>		<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
Ansonia	1,145	1,174	New Weston	135	136
Arcanum	2,076	2,129	North Star	209	236
Bradford (part)	825	765	Osgood	255	302
Burkettsville (part)	74	74	Palestine	170	200
Castine	129	130	Pitsburg	392	380
Gettysburg	558	513	Rosburg	224	201
Gordon	190	212	Union City	1,767	1,666
Greenville	13,294	13,227	Versailles	2,589	2,687
Hollansburg	214	227	Wayne Lakes	684	718
Ithaca	102	136	Yorkshire	110	96
New Madison	817	892			

20 Unincorporated Townships: 26,850 (Total)

Adams	Jackson	Twin
Allen	Liberty	Van Buren
Brown	Mississinawa	Wabash
Butler	Monroe	Washington
Franklin	Neave	Wayne
Greenville	Patterson	York
Harrison	Richland	

Decennial Census of Population:

1800	N/A	1910	42,933
1810	N/A	1920	42,911
1820	3,622	1930	38,009
1830	6,204	1940	38,831
1840	13,282	1950	41,799
1850	20,276	1960	45,612
1860	26,009	1970	49,141
1870	32,278	1980	55,096
1880	40,496	1990	53,619
1890	42,961	2000	53,309
1900	42,532	2010	52,959

<u>Population Breakdown 2010</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Population	52,959	100.0%
White	51,180	96.6%
African-American	187	0.4%
Native American	23	0.1%
Asian	167	0.3%
Pacific Islander	16	0.0%
Other	171	0.3%
Two or More Races	626	1.2%
Hispanic (may be of any race)	589	1.1%

1.1 Climate, Geography & Environment

Darke County is cold in the winter and fairly warm in the summer. The winter precipitation is frequently in the form of snow. In winter, the average temperature is 27 ° F, and the average daily minimum winter temperature is 18° F. The lowest temperature on record is -23° F which occurred in Greenville on January 18, 1977. The average seasonal snowfall is about 26 inches. In summer, the average daily temperature is 70° F. The highest temperature on record was 104° F which occurred on July 7, 1977. The prevailing winds are from the northwest. The average wind speed is 12 miles per hour in spring. The average annual temperature is 60.3° F, and the average annual precipitation is 37 inches.

The county is in the region of Ohio that was glaciated during the Wisconsin age. Elevation ranges from 930 to 1240 feet above sea level. The highest point, about 1240 feet above sea level, is on top of a knoll about two miles southwest of New Madison. The lowest point is on a flood plain about two miles north of Bradford approximately 930 feet above sea level.

Approximately 85% of the county is drained by the Stillwater River, Greenville Creek, and the tributaries of these streams which flow into Miami County drains to the Great Miami River Basin. The northwestern part of the county is drained by the Mississinawa and Wabash Rivers. The southern part of the county is drained by tributaries of larger streams flowing into Preble County and the State of Indiana.

Because it has large, fertile areas of land, Darke County is well suited for livestock production and cash grain farming. Thirty-three soil types have been identified in the County. An increasing area of land is being converted to non-farming uses, mainly around Greenville and along highways in the southern part of the county. Poor natural drainage areas are the major limitation affecting areas in the more nearly level areas of the county. Erosion is a hazard on the gully sloping to steep areas mainly in the southern part of the county. Most of the soils are highly productive if an adequate drainage system is installed. In most areas the soils are well managed.

1.1 History

Named For

Darke County was named for Lt. Col. William Darke, a Revolutionary War Officer, who fought many battles with Native Americans. Greenville was the site of Fort Greenville, constructed in 1793 by the army of General Anthony Wayne. Fort Greenville was named in honor of General Wayne's Revolutionary War co-patriot, General Nathaniel Greene.

The Treaty of Greenville

It was in Fort Greenville's military headquarters that General Anthony signed the Treaty of Greenville with the chiefs of 12 allied Indian tribes bringing peace to the area and opening the Northwest Territory for settlement.

Early Settlers

In 1807, Azor Scribner took over a Frenchman's abandoned cabin and other structures at Fort Greenville and opened a trading center.

Famous Sons and Daughters

Darke County is the birthplace of Phoebe Ann Mosey (often pronounced and spoken as "Moses"), known to the world as Annie Oakley. She was born near Willowdell in northern Darke County on August 13, 1860. Annie adopted the stage name of Annie Oakley after she met and married shooter Frank Butler and they began to tour the vaudeville circuit. Between 1885 and 1901, she starred in the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show. It was during this time that Chief Sitting Bull gave her the title of "Little Miss Sure Shot."

Lowell Thomas, well-known world traveler and radio personality, was born April 6, 1892 at Woodington, five miles northwest of Greenville. The author of 51 books and public broadcaster for both the CBS and NBC Networks, Thomas died at the age of 89.

Lieutenant Commander Zachary Lansdowne was a United States Navy Officer and early naval aviator who contributed to the development of the Navy's first lighter-than-air craft, a helium filled dirigible. He was born on December 1, 1888, in Greenville. He died in command of the Airship USS Shenandoah which crashed near Ava, Ohio, on September 3, 1925.

1.1 Tourism and Points of Interest

Fort Jefferson

General St. Clair's outpost in 1791.

Tecumseh's Point

The site of Native American encampment during the summer of 1795. It is located in Greenville.

Altar of Peace

A commemorative site of the signing of the Treaty of Greenville with Native Americans on August 3, 1795. It is located in Greenville City Park along Memorial Drive.

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

A non-profit organization dedicated to the collecting, preserving, interpreting, and disseminating the history of southern Darke County, the Village of Arcanum, and Wayne Trail located in southwestern Ohio.

Garst Museum & Historical Society

The museum contains Darke County memorabilia, exhibits, artifacts from Native Americans including the Crossroads of Destiny exhibit telling the history of the Treaty of Greenville, and early Darke County Settlers such as Annie Oakley, Lowell Thomas, and Zachary Lansdowne collections.

Versailles Area Historical Society & Museum

The museum showcases the rich history of northern Darke County.

Bears Mill

Located off State Route 36 on Arcanum-Bears Mill Road it is one of a few remaining operable grist mills: grinding corn, wheat, and oats into flour and meal. It is water-powered and open to the public.

Darke County Parks – Shawnee Nature Center/Preserve

This building is a 6,800 square foot nature center at the Darke County Park District's 120 acre Shawnee Prairie Preserve just west of Greenville off State Route 502.

The Treaty Stone

A monument, located on the public square in front of the Greenville Municipal Building, marks the approximate place where General "Mad" Anthony Wayne signed the famous Treaty of Greenville in 1795.

Henry St. Clair Memorial Hall

Built during 1910-1912, Memorial Hall is located on West Fourth Street in Greenville and is the artistic center of the county.

Zachary Lansdowne Residence

Located on East Third Street at the corner of Locust Street, it is the birthplace of Zachary Lansdowne who was commander of the U.S. Shenandoah.

Lowell Thomas Birthplace

His relocated Woodington home has been moved to the grounds of the Garst Museum on North Broadway Street in Greenville.

Annie Oakley Gravesite

The gravesite is located in Brock Cemetery on Greenville-St. Mary's Road off U.S. Route 127, north of State Route 47.

Darke County Fairgrounds

Home of the "Great Darke County Fair" it is located on the south side of Greenville along State Route 49. The nine-day county fair begins the 3rd Friday in August.

Eldora Speedway

Twelve miles north of Greenville on State Route 118, this one-half mile track includes USAC Sprints, late model races, and the annual Kings Royal race. Eldora hosts many of America's most outstanding annual events in Sprint car racing and is owned by famed NASCAR racer Tony Stewart.

Other Notable Points of Interest

Downing Fruit Farms

Brumbaugh Fruit Farms

Greenville City Park (featuring the State and National Horseshoe Pitching Tournament which is held annually in July).

County Festivals

Annie Oakley Days in Greenville

Arcanum Old Fashion Days

Versailles Poultry Days

Union City State Line Heritage Days

Bradford Pumpkin Show

Steam Threshers Reunion in Greenville

The Gas Power of the Past Show north of Greenville

1.1 Parks/Recreation Areas, Public Libraries & Education

The City of Greenville Parks featuring

Greenville City Park
North Park
South Park

Community Parks featuring

Ansonia
Arcanum
New Madison
Versailles Heritage
Rossburg
North Star
Gettysburg

Recreational Trails

Future East/West Connector Trail
Alice Bish Trail
Indiana-Ohio Gateway Trail
Gettysburg, Ohio - The Fast Mile Trail

Darke County Park District featuring

32 acre Coppess Nature Sanctuary
51 acre Routzong Nature Preserve
Tecumseh Point
Shawnee Prairie Reserve
Winterrowd Wetland Preserve
Ft. Jefferson Memorial Park
Alice Bish Park & Walkway
Drew Woods Preserve
Eidson Woods Preserve
Prairie Ridge Park
Turkey Foot Preserve
Worth Family Preserve

Golf Courses

27 hole Beechwood Golf Course – near Arcanum
18 hole Stillwater Valley Golf Club – near Versailles
9 hole Union City Country Club – near Union City
9 hole White Springs Golf Club – near Greenville
18 hole Greenville Country Club – near Greenville

Darke County YMCA

Greenville
Versailles

Public Swimming Pool Facilities

- Greenville
- Arcanum
- Versailles

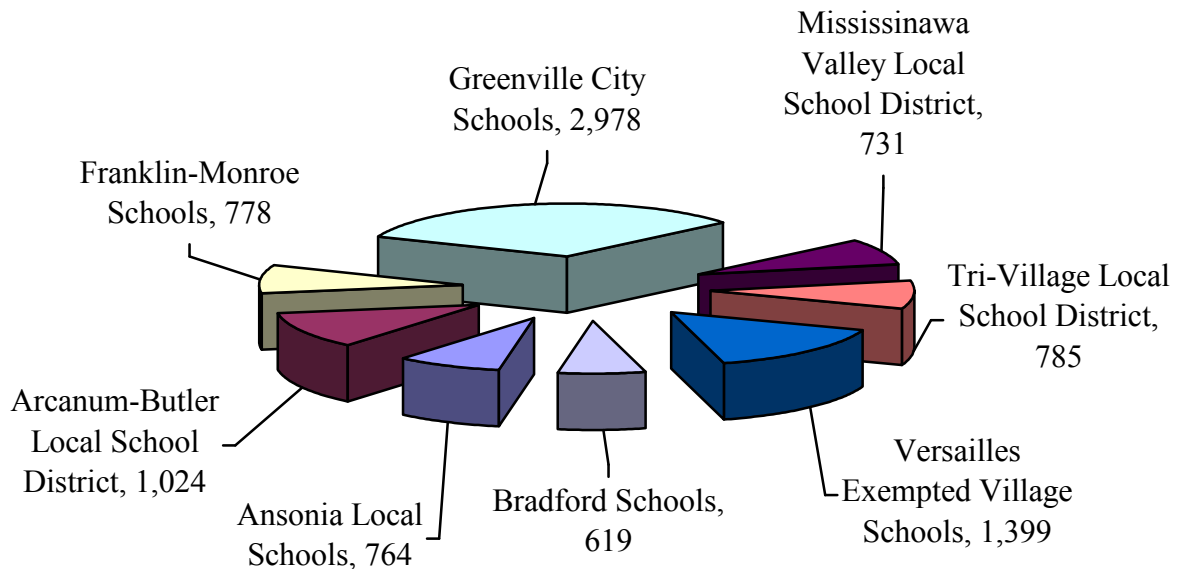
Public Libraries

- Arcanum Public Library
- Bradford Public Library
- Greenville Public Library
- New Madison Public Library
- Versailles – Worch Memorial Public Library

Education

Darke County has eight public school districts including:

<u>Public School System</u>	<u>Enrollment as of 2009</u>
Ansonia Local Schools	764
Arcanum Butler Local School	1,024
Bradford Schools	619
Franklin Monroe Local Schools	778
Greenville City Schools	2,978
Mississinawa Valley Local Schools	731
Versailles Exempted Village Schools	1,399
<u>Tri-Village Local Schools</u>	<u>785</u>
Total public school enrollment:	9,078



The Darke County Education Services Center provides curriculum leadership and management to the County education system.

Pre-School Programming:

- Anthony Wayne Early Childhood Center, Greenville
- Brilliant Beginnings, Versailles
- Darke County YMCA Child Care, Greenville
- Darke county YMCA Child Care, Versailles
- EUM Christian Preschool, Greenville
- Kids Learning Place, Greenville
- Kids Learning Place, Union City
- Kinder Korner, Versailles
- Rainbow Preschool, Arcanum

Private and parochial schools include:

- Bears Mill Farm School, Adams Township
- Church of God School (former North School – Greenville)
- DeColores Montessori School, Greenville
- St. Mary’s Parochial, Greenville

Total private school enrollment: 387

Career related schools include:

- Greenville Career Technical Program - Greenville
- Miami Valley Career Technical Center - Clayton
- Upper Valley Joint Vocational School - Piqua

Advanced education includes:

- Greenville Campus of Edison State Community College

1.1 Business and Industry

Darke County is one of the leading agricultural counties in Ohio. Major farm products include soybeans, wheat, corn, hogs, livestock, poultry, beef, and dairy products. Darke County has approximately 85% of its land in farms and ranks first in the State in corn and soybean production and second in raising hogs.

In 2010 the total employment for all industries in Darke County was 19,012 with manufacturing claiming the largest percent at 27.8%.

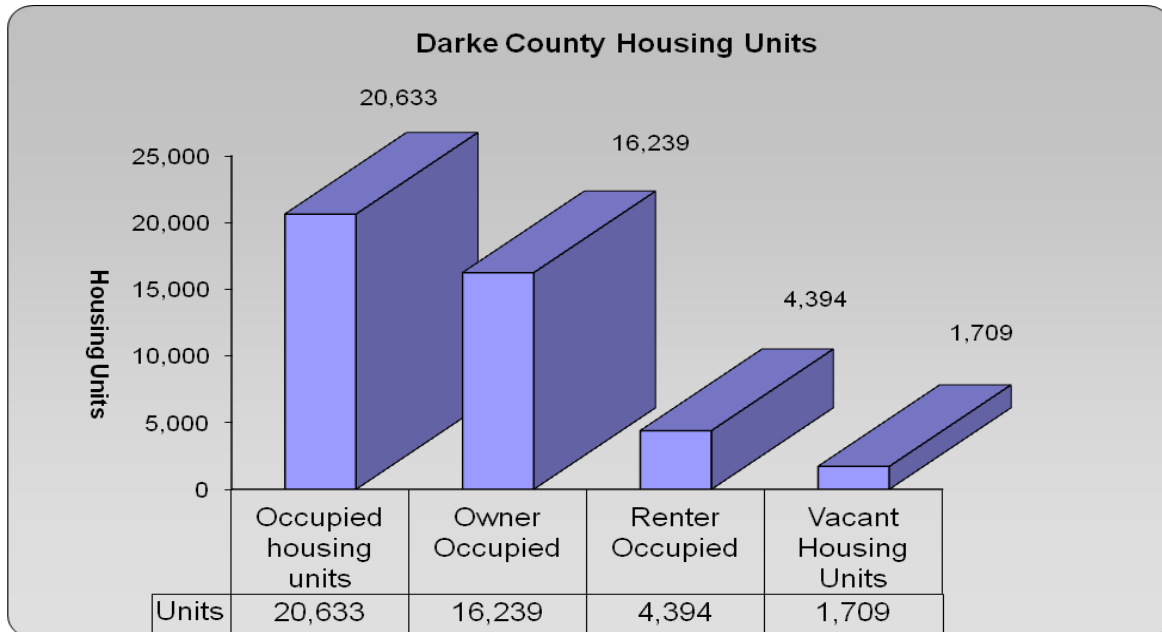
<u>Employment by Industry</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>		
Private Sector	15,528		
Goods-Producing	5,719		
Natural Resources and Mining	571		
Construction	946		
Manufacturing	4,201		
Service-Providing	9,809		
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	3,750		
Information	123		
Financial Services	754		
Professional and Business Services	1,150		
Education and Health Services	2,184		
Leisure and Hospitality	1,290		
Other Services	558		
Federal Government	117		
State Government	49		
Local Government	2,177		
<u>Major Employers</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Whirlpool/KitchenAid	Greenville	Manufacturing/Sales	900
Midmark Corporation	Versailles	Medical/Dental	835
		Manufacturing	
Greenville Technology, Inc.	Greenville	Plastic Automotive	700
		Parts Manufacturing	
Wayne HealthCare	Greenville	Hospital/Health Care	425
Brethren's Retirement Community	Greenville	Retirement Services	247
Dick Lavy Trucking	Bradford	Truck/Motor Freight	230
		Carrier	
Beauty Systems Group	Greenville	Beauty Supply	200
		Distribution	
Honeywell	Greenville	Automotive Filter	179
		Manufacturing	
Weaver Brothers, Inc.	Versailles	Egg/Poultry Processing	150
Neff Motivation, Inc.	Greenville	Awards Manufacturing	141

Total Active Business (2008): 1,243

1.1 Residential Housing

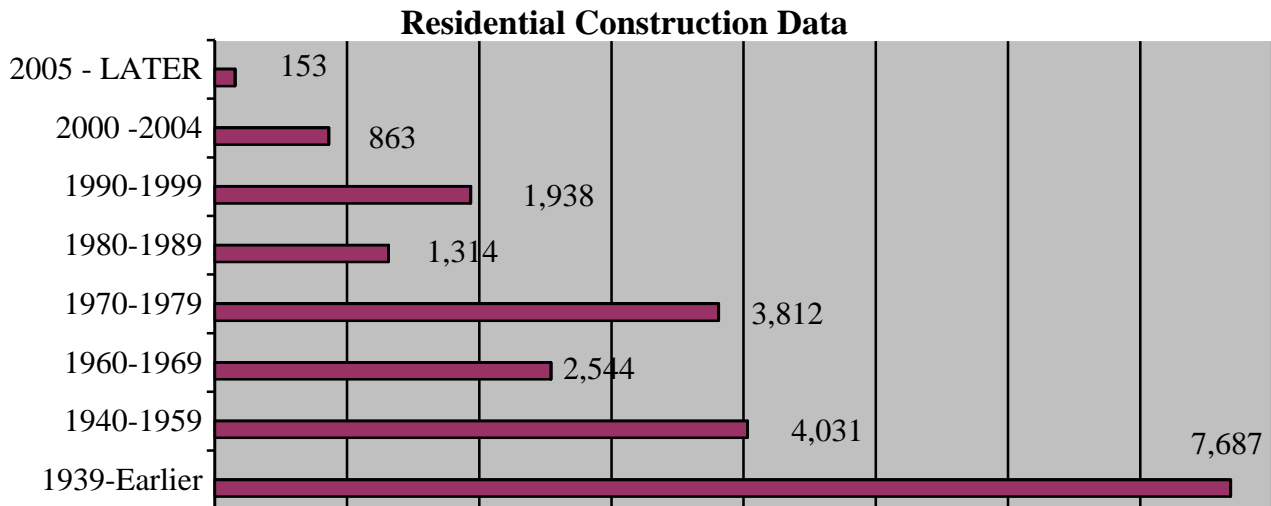
Housing Units

Residential Households	22,342
Average Household Size	2.56 persons
Detached 1 Family Units	17,651
2 Family Units	349
3 or 4 Family Units	794
10 to 19 Family Units	167
20 or more Units	218
Mobile Homes	882



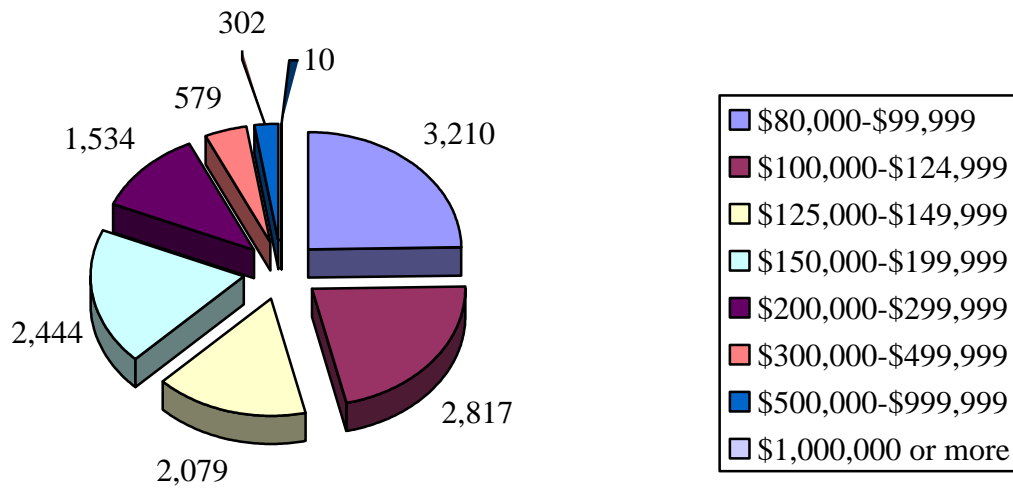
Residential Construction Data

<u>Year Structure Built</u>	<u>No. Built</u>	<u>Percent</u>
2005 & later	153	0.7
2000 to 2004	863	3.9
1990 to 1999	1,938	8.7
1980 to 1989	1,314	5.9
1970 to 1979	3,812	17.1
1960 to 1969	2,544	11.4
1940 to 1959	4,031	18.0
1939 or earlier	7,687	34.4



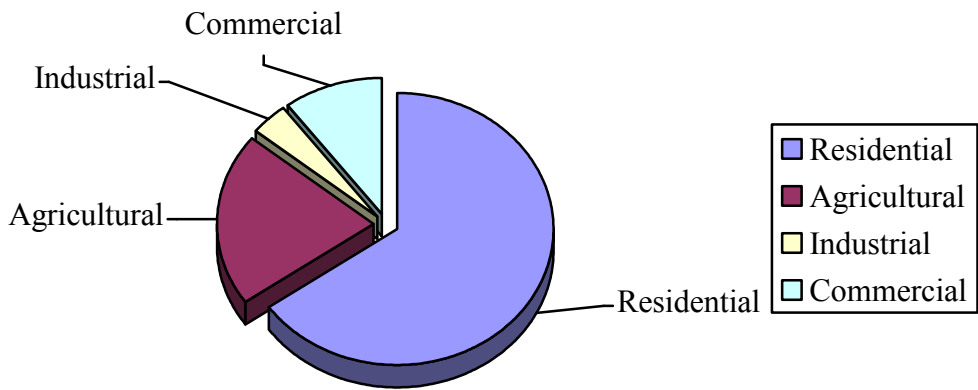
Value	No.	Percent
Specified Owner-Occupied Units	16,239	100.0
Less than \$60,000	1,627	10.0
\$60,000 to \$79,999	1,637	10.1
\$80,000 to \$99,999	3,210	19.8
\$100,000 to \$124,999	2,817	17.3
\$125,999 to \$149,999	2,079	12.8
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,444	15.1
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,534	9.4
\$300,000 to \$499,999	579	3.6
\$500,000 to \$999,999	302	1.9
\$1,000,000 or more	10	0.1

Darke County Home Values



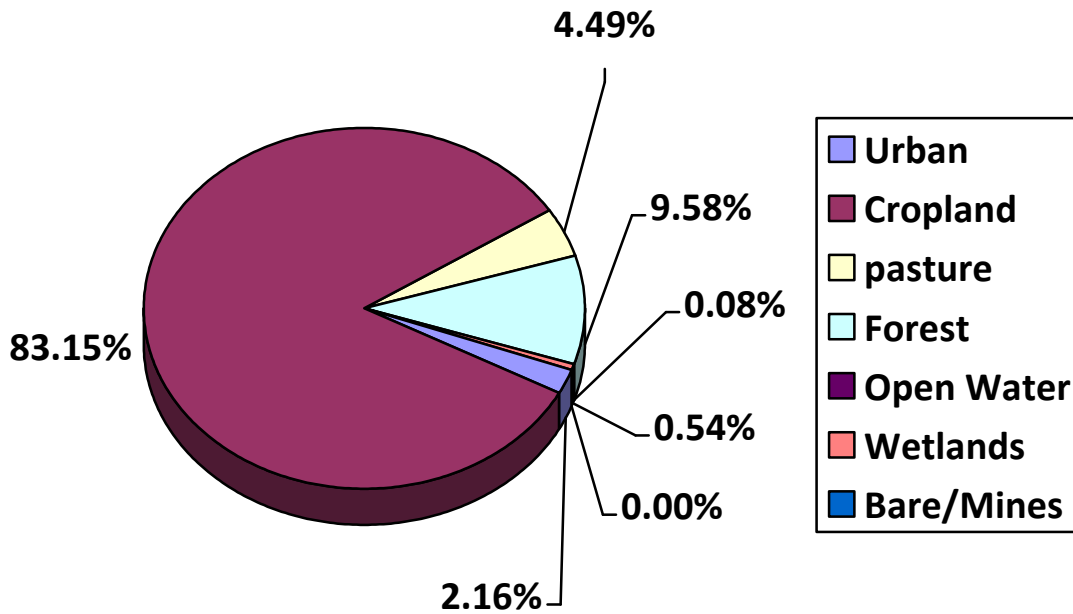
1.1 2010 Taxable Value of County Real Property
2010 Agricultural Data
2010 Land Cover in Acres

Residential	\$467,569,010
Agricultural	146,311,700
Industrial	27,801,530
Commercial	73,846,440
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$715,528,680</u>



Agricultural Data	
Land in Crops	353,000 acres
Number of Farms	1,780
Average Size	198 acres
Total Cash Receipts	\$449,285,000

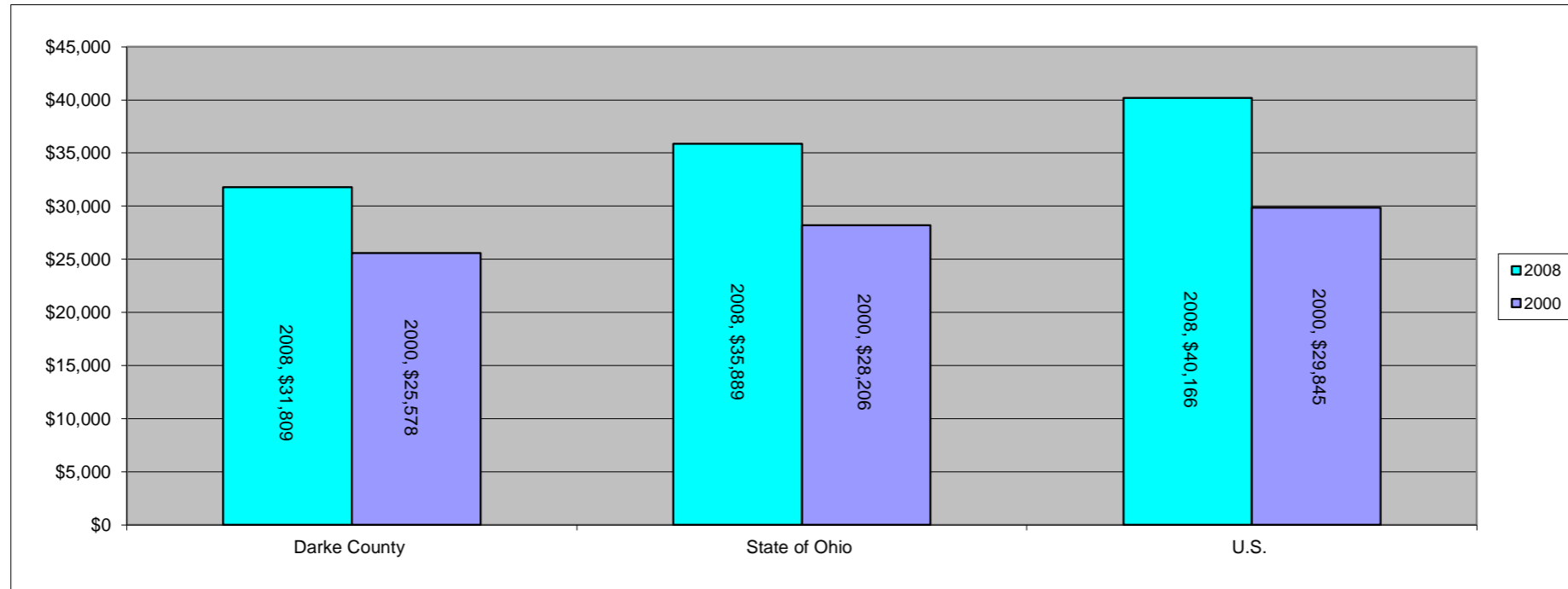
<u>Land Use/Land Cover (2010) in Acres</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Urban (Residential/Commercial/Industrial/ Transportation and Urban Grasses)	2.16%
Cropland	83.14%
Pasture	4.49%
Forest	9.58%
Open Water	0.08%
Wetlands (Wooded/Herbaceous)	0.54%
Bare/Mines	0.00%
Total Acres:	387,136



1.1 Darke County Workforce Labor Statistics

Income

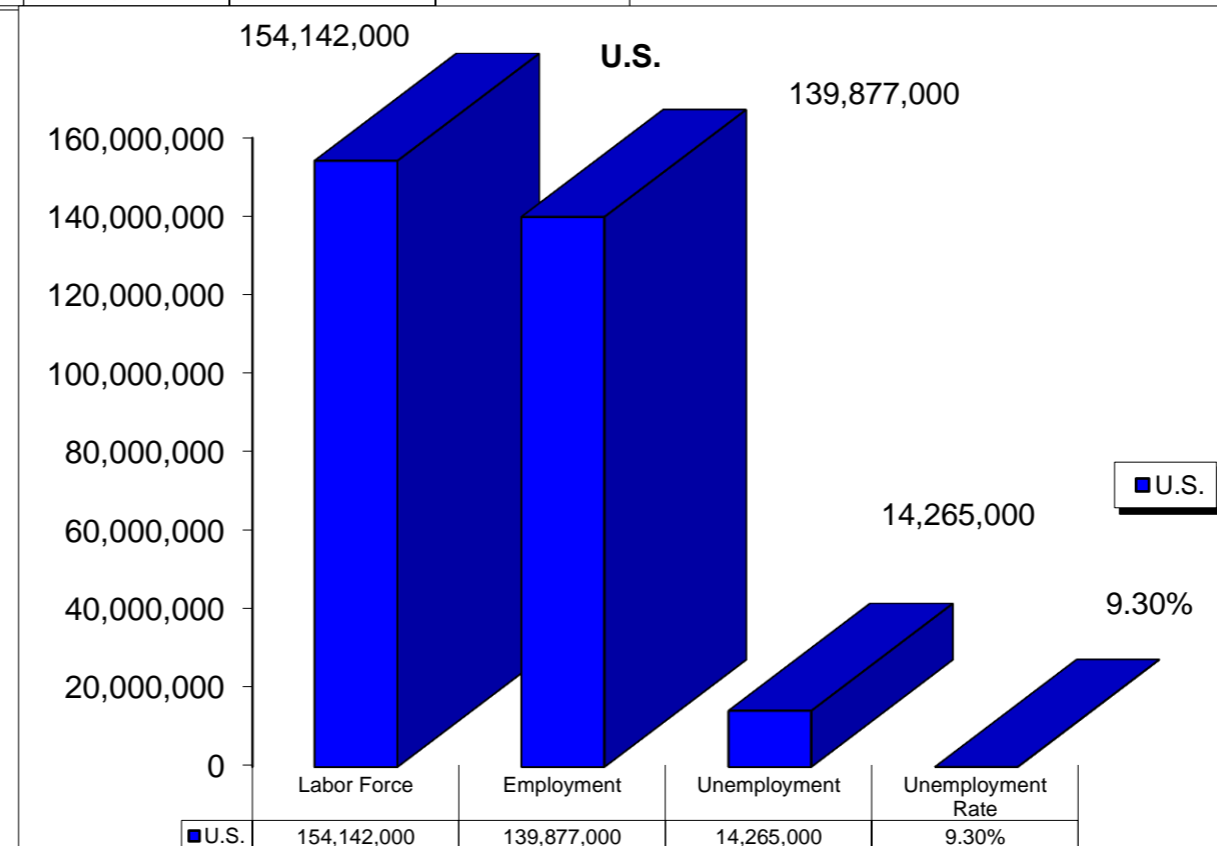
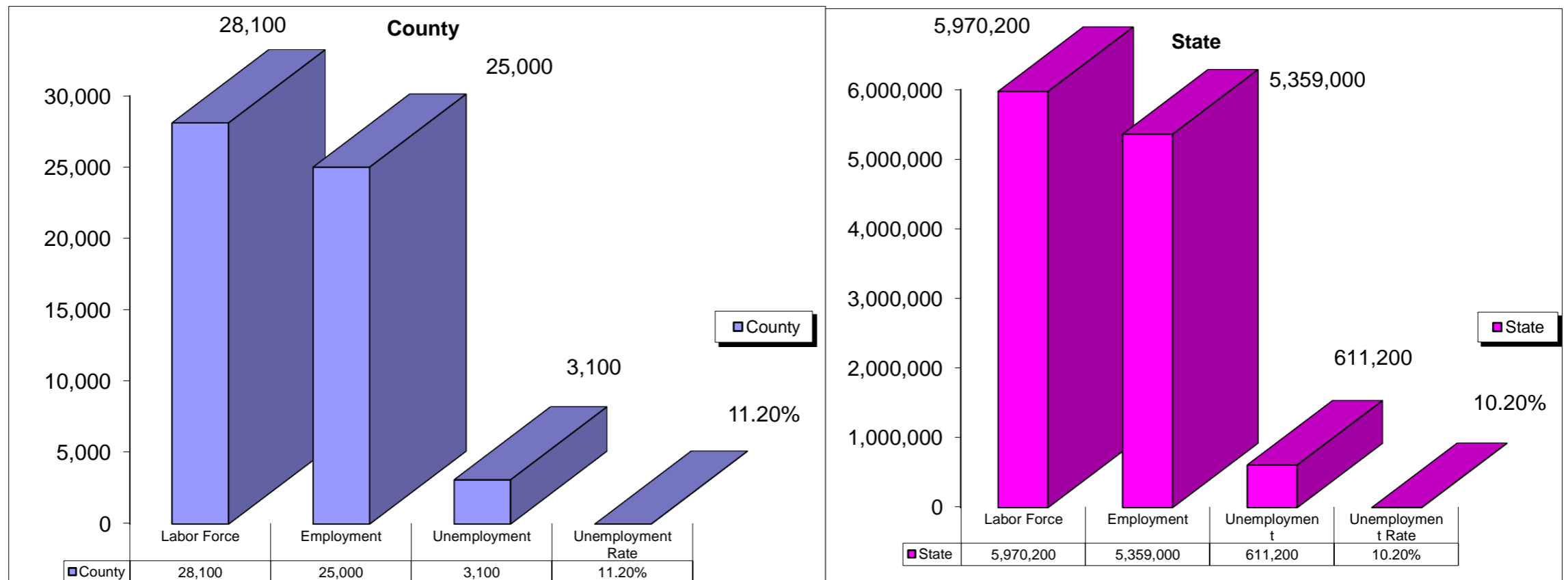
Per Capita Income Comparisons	Darke County	State of Ohio	U.S.
Per Capita Income 2000	\$25,578	\$28,206	\$29,845
Per Capita Income 2008	\$31,809	\$35,889	\$40,166



Labor Force and Employment

CY 2009

	County	State	U.S.
Labor Force	28,100	5,970,200	154,142,000
Employment	25,000	5,359,000	139,877,000
Unemployment	3,100	611,200	14,265,000
Unemployment Rate	11.20%	10.20%	9.30%



1.2 Documentation of the Planning Process

Organizing the Process

The planning process to update the Darke County Hazard Mitigation Plan was provided under the leadership of:

- Dave Keiser, Hazard Mitigation Chairperson
- Rick Lee, Darke County Emergency Management Director
- Mindy Saylor, Darke County Emergency Management Deputy Director
- Mike Henderson, Mote & Associates, Inc.
- Ron Darrow, Mote & Associates, Inc.

The DCHMC members, through the planning process of October 2010 through June 2011, reviewed the current Darke County Hazard Mitigation Plan and addressed the county's mitigation needs in order to:

- Put together a good cross representation of public, community, and stakeholders representing all of Darke County.
- Researched consensus on how to achieve a desired outcome of the county's hazard mitigation challenges.
- Gain widespread support for directing the countywide financial, technical, and human resources towards an agreed upon course of action.
- Describe the planning process and intended outcome so that the description of the planning process serves a permanent record on how decisions were reached.
- Develop a strategy to reduce losses which have been developed by consensus in a methodical and reasonable way.

Involving the Public

The DCHMC held eight public planning meetings from October 2010 through June 2011. A published article appearing in the Daily Advocate on October 22, 2010, described the countywide hazard mitigation planning process and encouraged the public to attend the monthly planning meetings. Mr. Tony MacKenzie, Staff Writer of the Daily Advocate, served as a committee member and wrote the published article. The public monthly meetings were intended to educate the community about the benefits of hazard mitigation planning and seeking the input of citizens during the planning process. The following public planning meetings were held at the conference room of the Darke County Emergency Management Agency which was centrally located in the county.

List of Public Planning Meetings

Meeting	Date	Purpose	Attending
1	October 27, 2010	Kick-off Meeting	Public / DCHMC
2	November 10, 2010	Planning Meeting	Public / DCHMC
3	December 8, 2010	Planning Meeting	Public / DCHMC
4	January 12, 2011	Planning Meeting	Public / DCHMC
5	February 9, 2011	Planning Meeting	Public / DCHMC
6	March 9, 2011	Planning Meeting	Public / DCHMC
7	April 13, 2011	Draft Plan Discussion	Public / DCHMC
8	June 15, 2011	Draft Plan Discussion	Public / DCHMC

Copies of the published planning article, public meeting minutes, and agendas can be found in Appendix A.

Copies of the Draft Plan are available for review on the Darke County Emergency Management website: www.darkecountyema.org. Hard copies are available for review at the County Emergency Management Agency, 5183 County Home Road, Greenville, OH, 45331, 937-548-1444 or the Darke County Board of Commissioners, County Administration Building, 520 South Broadway St, Greenville, OH, 45331, 937-547-7370.

Having a large mitigation committee of 30 community leaders and representatives of various agencies, businesses, farmers, and residents with many years of experience living and working in Darke County was a huge asset in the planning process. Their input led to spirited debate and helped the DCHMC identify problems the county had faced during past hazard events. Likewise, the large committee also helped identify and promote all of the positive mitigation activities that have been completed by various agencies over the past several years since the completion of the initial Darke County Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved in 2006.

Neighboring Community Involvement

The Darke County Emergency Management, in addition to the public announcement, also involved all of the neighboring counties' Emergency Management Agencies to participate in the planning process. Copies of the invitations are included in Appendix A. In addition, several community agencies and businesses were invited to participate in the public planning meetings. Some of the agencies represented included:

- Edison State Community College
- Wayne HealthCare (local hospital)
- Darke Rural Electrical Cooperative (utility)
- Darke County Solid Waste District
- Daily Advocate Newspaper
- Darke County Red Cross
- County Mayors and Trustees Association

The Planning and Review Process

During the eight months of the plan review and plan update process the Darke County Hazard Mitigation Committee evaluated each section of the 2006 plan, had spirited discussions, and made recommendations for updating the 2006 Darke County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Some of the planning documents referenced to assist the DCHMC in the planning process included:

- FEMA's local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance
- The local Mitigation Plan Review Crosswalk
- The 2011 State of Ohio Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Available planning documents from County and Local Municipalities

For this Plan update, it was decided that the DCHMC would primarily address natural disaster mitigation planning. At this time the DCHMC decided not to address manmade hazards as part of the Hazard Mitigation Planning update process.

The DCHMC reviewed draft sections of the Plan and developed the mitigation strategy for the 2011 Plan update process as outlined below:

- 1: Review of Initial Planning Process:
 - Reconvened and expanded hazard mitigation committee and inform public
 - Recommended update of the community profile.
 - Review hazards to determine if there are any changes to be made or additional hazards to be added.
 - Reviewed the following referenced Plans to ensure coordination:
 - Darke County Emergency Operations Plan.
 - Community Comprehensive Plans, Zoning Plans, and Capital Improvement Plans.
 - Review new updated countywide Floodplain Maps.
 - Review of State Mitigation Plan.

- 2: Review of Risk Assessment Strategy Section:
 - Determine if there is missing data or if more data is needed for future plan updates.
 - Determine if change of conditions over the past five years warrants change of hazard priorities.
 - Determine if other hazards should be added and profiled.
 - Update last 5 years of weather history.
 - Review repetitive losses for the county.

- 3: Re-assessment of Hazard Vulnerability:
 - Discussion on what has changed.
 - Re-evaluate vulnerability of the hazards that can affect the County.
 - Identify and incorporate the changes into the updated Plan.
 - Analyze probability of future events.
 - Evaluate County development trends.

- 4: Review 2006 Plan Goals and Objectives:
 - Discussion on what has changed in the last five years that may have affected vulnerability issues.
 - Identify and discuss new problems.
 - Review progress of current action items.
 - Verify if current strategy goals and objectives are accurate or if need revised.
 - Identify new action items and progress made on current action items.
 - Task out priority action items.

- 5: Evaluate Plan Maintenance Process:
 - Strengthen process to make it a stronger countywide collaborative effort.
 - Detail process on how the local government will incorporate the mitigation strategy into other planning mechanisms.

- Review and modify process as necessary to continue public participation in the Plan.
- 6: Draft a Revised Plan Document:
- Review by stakeholders.
 - Modifications as recommended by stakeholders.
- 7: Plan Adoption:
- Reviews by State Emergency Management Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, & FEMA.
 - Make recommended revisions as requested by State EMA and FEMA.
 - Formal adoption by the Darke County Board of Commissioners and all participating communities.

Every Hazard Mitigation Committee member contributed to this Plan update. Some examples of how each mitigation committee member contributed to the success of the planning process are as follows:

- The Versailles Village Administrator experienced the devastation of the 1980 Versailles flooding that had occurred in his village. The flood was considered to be at or near the 500 year flood level. His expertise has been invaluable in how mitigation activities such as acquiring dedicated green space along the stream corridor, removing homes, and critical structures including the water plant (flood proofing the wastewater treatment plant) has prevented future damages and interruptions to his community.
- The Arcanum Fire Chief was able to express the importance of how having good warning and communication systems and stressing the importance of having adequate building codes with his experience of the November 1982 F-3 tornado that hit his community of Arcanum.
- A participating member of the Darke County Health Department was able to describe the process of being prepared for a health epidemic such as the H1N1 virus and what could be expected should Darke County experience a future epidemic crisis.
- The Fire Chiefs and utility company committee members' representatives were able to express the importance of having quality tree maintenance programs to minimize downed trees and power lines during severe storms. These actions can reduce loss of life and injury as well as reduce property damage from severe wind storms. The Solid Waste Director explained the importance of how having good mitigation practices in place will reduce the amount of debris that must be moved or stored after a storm event.
- The County Zoning and Floodplain Administrator explained how having strict building regulations and having a building site review committee in place will prevent having structures built in hazardous or floodplain areas.

The DCHMC reviewed the existing planning documents, studies reports, and technical information to determine if all of the previous plan referenced documents are still pertinent if other new documents and planning mechanisms should be incorporated into the Plan.

Community Plans

A summary of the known community documents to be incorporated included those shown in the following table:

Local Planning Mechanisms

Municipality Name	Population	Planning Commission	Zoning	Comprehensive Plans	Flood Plain Ordinance	Building Code - Residential	Building Code - Commercial	NFIP	5 Year Capital Improvement Plan	Downtown Architectural Review District	Darke Co. Community Improv.	Tree Commission
Ansonia	1,174	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
Arcanum	2,129	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
Bradford (part)	765		X		X	*	*	X				
Burkettsville (part)	85						**					
Castine	130		X			X	X					
Gettysburg	513		X		X	X	X	X				
Gordon	212											
Greenville (City)	13,227	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hollansburg	227											
Ithaca	136					X	X					
New Madison	892		X		X	X	X	X			X	
New Weston	136					X	X					
North Star	236						X					
Osgood	302											
Palestine	200											
Pitsburg	388	X				X	X					
Rosburg	201						X					
Union City	1,666	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	X
Versailles	2,687	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Wayne Lakes	718		X			X	X					
Yorkshire	96					X	X					
Unincorporated areas of Darke County including all townships	26,924	X***				X	X					

* Miami County Jurisdiction

**Burkettsville Commercial Building - Mercer County Building Department

*** All townships zoned except: Allen, Mississinawa, Patterson, Richland, York, Washington

County or Plans referenced and to be a part of the Plan include:

- 2011 updated Darke County FIRM Maps
- Darke County Upper Stillwater River Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment
- Darke County Lower Stillwater River Watershed Plan & Environmental Assessment
- Darke County Solid Waste District Plan

1.3 Planning Committee

The Darke County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee held eight public meetings from November 2010 through June 2011 to guide and participate in the June 2011 planning update process of the Darke County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Committee consists of representatives from the following public and private sectors of Darke County.

- Darke County Emergency Management Agency
- Darke County Board of Commissioners
- Darke County Mayors Association
- Darke County Township Trustees Association
- Darke County Chamber of Commerce
- Village of Versailles
- Darke County Rescue Association
- City of Greenville
- Darke County Extension Office
- Darke County Engineer's Office
- Darke County Building Planning, Zoning and Floodplain Administrator
- Darke County Resident Representative
- Darke County Farmer Representative
- Darke County Insurance Representative
- Darke County Newspaper/Media Representatives
- Darke County Red Cross
- Engineering/Planning Consultant
- Darke County Fire Chiefs Association
- Darke County Sheriff's Office
- Wayne HealthCare
- Public Sector Representatives
- Local Emergency Planning Committee Representative
- Darke County Solid Waste
- Darke Rural Electric
- Darke County Health Department
- Darke County Parks
- Edison State Community College

The City of Greenville, Board of Darke County Commissioners, and numerous villages had representatives or public officials present and participating on the Darke County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee. In addition, participation from all smaller villages and communities were documented by:

- Responses received from letters and questionnaires sent to each community mayor, clerk, or village administrator.
- Providing community action item update responses returned to the Darke County EMA.
- Receipt of updated community information provided by local fire department personnel, volunteers, or village officials.

- Participation by volunteers from the communities attending hazard mitigation meetings.

Attached is the 2010-2011 Darke County Hazard Mitigation Members list. Copies of the community letters, questionnaires and responses can be found in Appendix A.

Darke County 2010-2011 Hazard Mitigation Committee Member List			
<i>Name</i>	<i>Representing</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Email</i>
Mike Henderson	Mote & Associates	548-7511	mhenderson@moteassociates.com
Ron Darrow	Mote & Associates	548-7511	rdarrow@moteassociates.com
Rick Lee	Darke County EMA	548-1444	rick@darkecountyma.org
Mindy Saylor	Darke County EMA	548-1444	mindy@darkecountyma.org
Janice Michael	Edison State - Greenville	548-5546 ext. 7891	jmichael@edisonohio.edu
Tammy Beamblossom	Wayne Hospital	548-1141 ext. 5988	tamara.beanblossom@waynehealthcare.org
Chief Deputy Mark Whittaker	DCSO	548-3399	mwhittaker@darkecountysheriff.org
Chief Kurt Troutwine	Darke County Fire Chiefs	692-8310/459-6405	kurt@troutwine-ins.com
Chief Mark Wolf	Greenville FD	548-3040	mwolf@cityofgreenville.org
Steve Wenning	Darke County EMS	548-9339	swenning@woh.rr.com
Randy Gump	Versailles City Mgr.	526-3294	RandyGump@versaillesohio.cc
John Keller	Public Sector	548-8112/564-1020	jkeller@kellergrain.com
Jim Schaar	LEPC	548-5233	schaar@embarqmail.com
Dave Brewer	Township Trustee	447-3295	foxpen1@gmail.com
Larry Royer	Township Trustee	996-5851	
Mike Rhoades	County Commissioner	547-7370	mrhoades@co.darke.oh.us
Justin Petrosino	County Extension Office	548-5215	petrosino.3@cfaes.osu.edu
Krista Fourman	Solid Waste	547-0827	kfourman@co.darke.oh.us
Joy Rodenburgh	Greenville City Engineer	548-4930	jrodenburgh@cityofgreenville.org
Jim Surber	Darke County Engineer	547-7375	dce@earthlink.net
Dave Keiser	Littman-Thomas Ins	548-2131	dkeiser@littmanthomas.com
Curtis Yount	Building/Flood	547-7381	cyount@co.darke.oh.us
Tony MacKenzie	Daily Advocate	548-3151 ext. 136	tmackenzie@dailyadvocate.com
Ted Holsapple	Darke Rural Electric	417-5718	tholsapple-darkerec@woh.rr.com
Jerry Koverman	Ansonia Mayor	423-8196/337-3464	jerryruth33@gmail.com
Lynne Gump	Darke County Red Cross	548-1002	gumpl@darkecounty.redcross.org
Dennis Wein	Darke County Health Dept.	548-4196 ext. 202	dennis.wein@odh.ohio.gov
Dane Nagel	Village of Versailles	526-3294	danenagel@versaillesohio.cc
Nathan Epperly	Darke County Parks	548-0165	nepperly@darkecountyparks.org
Beth Davenport	Darke Rural Electric	548-4114	bethd-darkerec@woh.rr.com

1.4 Plan Adoption

Adoption by the Board of Commissioners

“Formal adoption of the local and governing bodies has not been provided as a part of this draft plan. It is intended that formal adoption for all participating communities will be completed within 1 year after FEMA’s approval pending adoption”.

Resolution

In the Matter of Resolution of Adopting the August 2011 Darke County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation 5-Year Plan Update

WHEREAS, the Darke County Emergency Management Agency desires to be compliant with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K) and 44CFR Section 201.6(d)(3). Said Act requires that a Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting program criteria be developed in order that the participating Darke County communities and townships will be eligible for future pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation program funds (i.e. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, etc.)

FURTHER, the mitigation planning regulation at 44CFR Section 201.6(d)(3) states:

A local jurisdiction must review and revise its Hazard Mitigation Plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit it for approval within five (5) years in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding.

WHEREAS, the Darke County Emergency Management Agency established the Darke County Hazard Mitigation Committee and they have, through an organized planning process, identified local problems and mitigation activities to help reduce hazards, damages, and loss of life during a natural hazard event. Public meetings were held and a Countywide Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation updated Plan was prepared and submitted to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for review and comments in August 2010. Said Plan has been completed per the Ohio Emergency Management Agency recommendations. Said Plan is on file at the office of the Darke County Emergency Management Agency and is hereby formally adopted.

WHEREAS, by adopted Resolution R-47-99, the Darke County Emergency Management Agency has entered into an agreement, in the manner provided by law, under the Ohio Revised Code, as amended, and has the power to coordinate and unify the comprehensive Emergency Management activities of the participants, thereof, including the various municipal corporations and townships of Darke County, Ohio.

For the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this Resolution (or Ordinance) is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage by the Commissioners of Darke County,

and its adoption by the respective legislative bodies of the majority of the other Political Subdivisions of Darke County.

Diane L. Delaplane, Chairman

Michael W. Rhoades, Vice Chairman

Signed:_____

Effective:_____

Michael E. Stegall, Member

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1.5 Plan Adoption

Adoption by Multi-Jurisdictional

It is anticipated the following public entities will adopt the final FEMA approved plan for the Darke County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Multi-Jurisdictional Plan Participation Darke County, Ohio

Participating Jurisdiction	2006 Plan		2011 Plan		Date of Adoption
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Incorporated Areas					
Ansonia	X		X		
Arcanum	X		X		
Bradford	X		X		
Burkettsville	X		X		
Castine	X		X		
Gettysburg	X		X		
Gordon	X		X		
Greenville (City)	X		X		
Hollansburg	X		X		
Ithaca	X		X		
New Madison	X		X		
New Weston	X		X		
North Star	X		X		
Osgood	X		X		
Palestine	X		X		
Pitsburg	X		X		
Rosburg	X		X		
Union City	X		X		
Versailles	X		X		
Wayne Lakes	X		X		
Yorkshire	X		X		
Unincorporated areas of Darke County including all townships	X		X		
Darke County Board of Commissioners	X		X		