



# 2023 State of the City

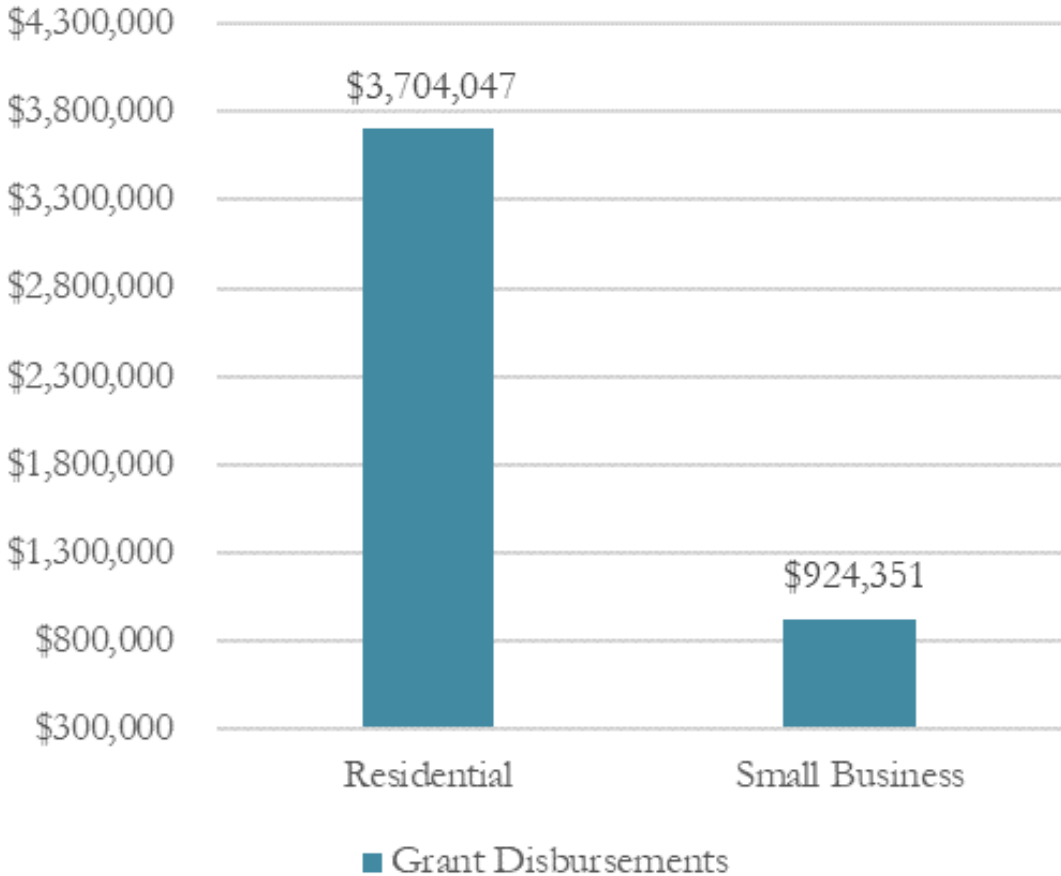
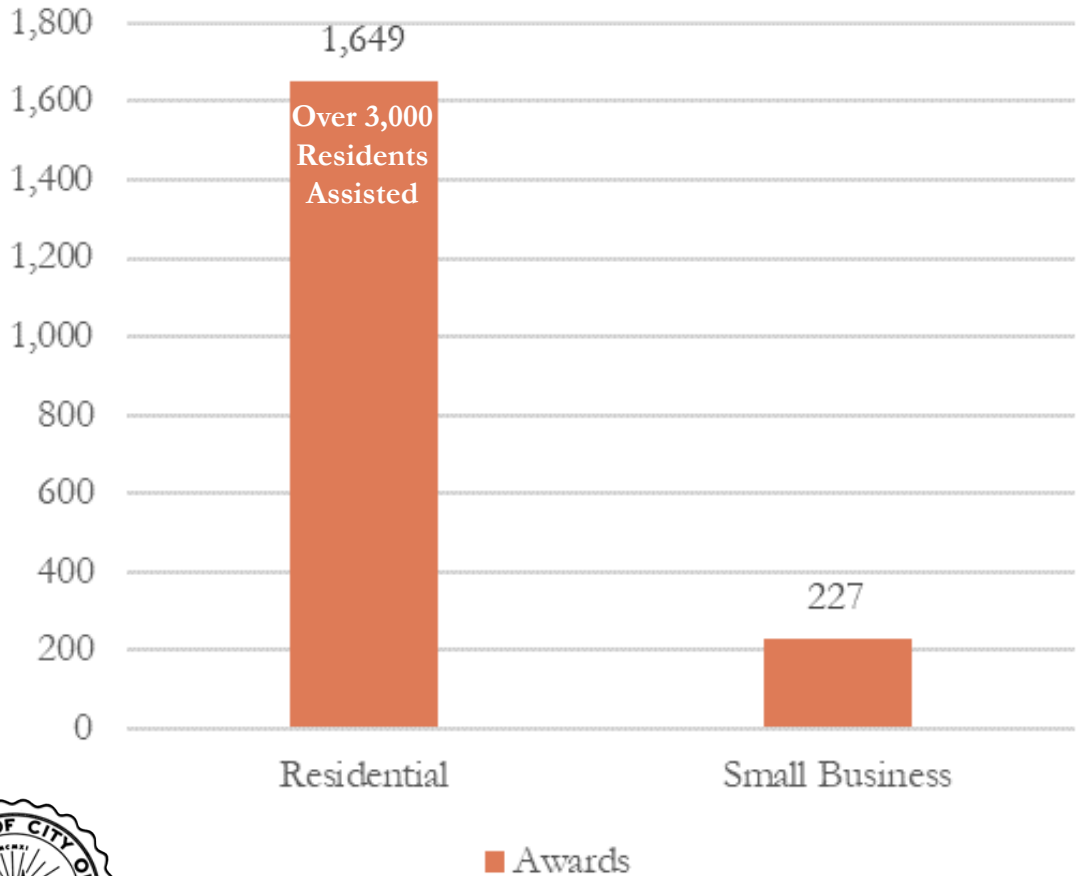
Meghan F. George, Mayor

April 13, 2023

Cove Community Center

# COVID-19 Pandemic Assistance

Residential / Small Business CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, ARPA, ERA-1, & Local Funds (3/31/23)



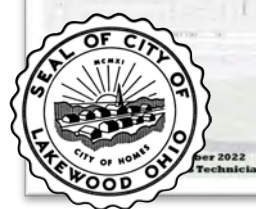
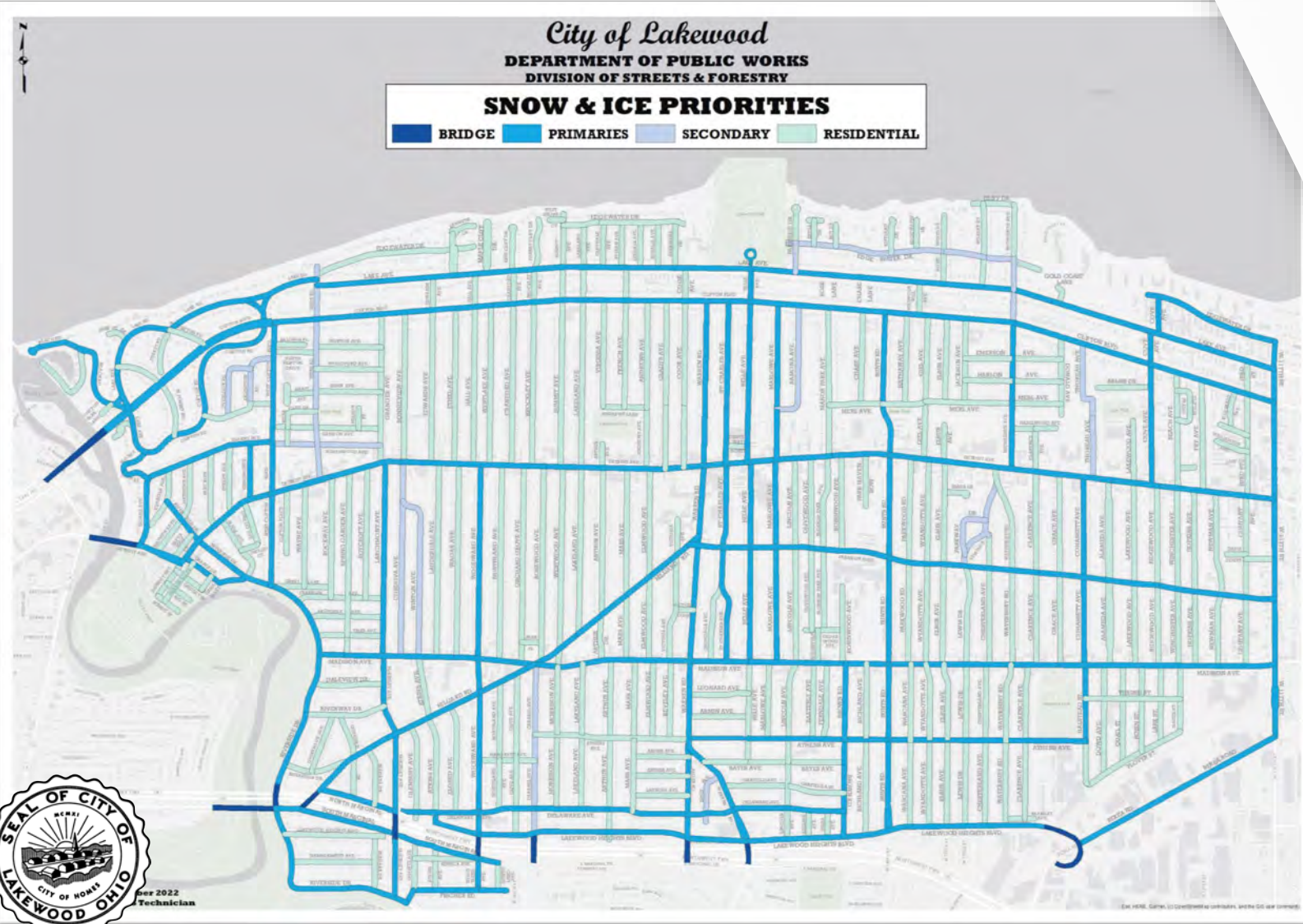


# Public Works

Parks, Facilities, Refuse & Recycling, Streets, Water, Sewer, and Fleet

# Snow & Ice Control Plan

First Comprehensive Strategy for Winter Weather



Nov 2022  
Technician



# Planning & Development

Over 600 New Housing Units in Various Stages of Planning, Permitting, or Construction

## OHIO BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS

*Presents this day, the 18th of November 2022,  
the*

*David A. Smith, Jr. Award  
Honorable Mention*

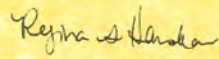
*to the*

**City of Lakewood**

*In recognition of contributions made to improving governance and services in the public sector and to encourage innovators to improve public service, governance, and the quality of life of their citizens and communities, for exemplifying the mission and goals of the Board of Building Standards, and the implementation of innovative programs which support Ohio's construction communities and further public safety. In witness thereof, we have affixed our hand and seal.*



Chairman



Executive Secretary



# Building & Housing

- Following Surfside Florida building collapse, updated building codes for large buildings and parking structures to require regular assessment by structural engineer
- Initiated the first ever comprehensive property maintenance assessment of 1,500 commercial and mixed-use structures in the City
- Received a 2022 Honorable Mention for Building Department Excellence from Ohio Board of Building Standards

# Fiscal Responsibility & Transparency

- Government Finance Officers Association
  - Four decades of achievement in financial reporting with the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Report
  - Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for both the 2021 and 2022 Budget
  - Budget process featured in *Government Finance Review* magazine
- Ohio Auditor of State
  - Audit Award with Distinction 3 years running (top 4% of all Ohio governments)
  - 4 “STarS” Transparency Rating (highest rating award)
  - Recognized by the Ohio Senate for financial reporting

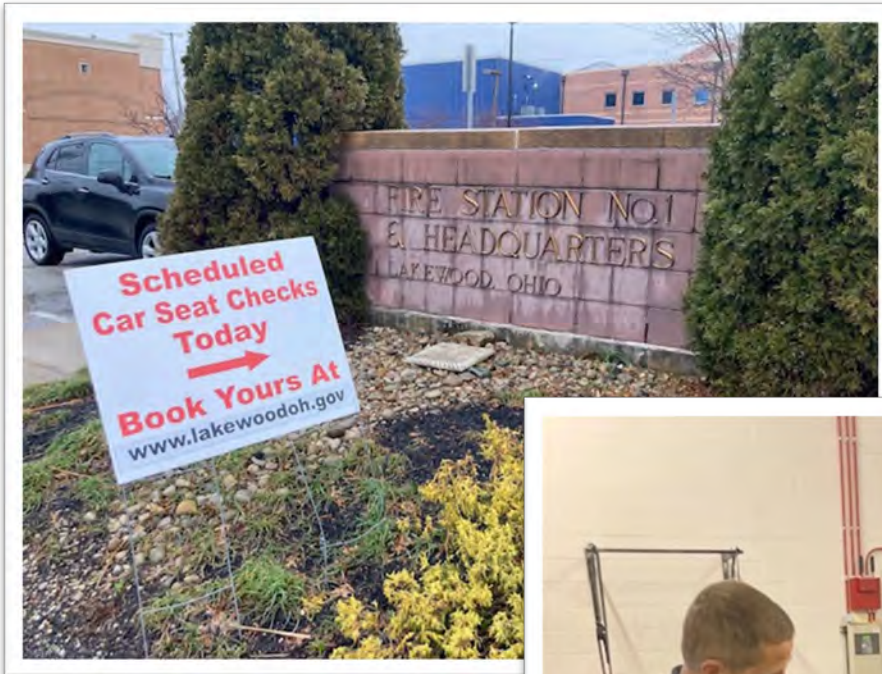




# Neighborhood Paramedic

- Meet Mike Sanders our new Neighborhood Paramedic
- When he is not out about the community his office is in Cove Community Center
- Provides proactive health and wellness initiative designed to prevent illness and injuries to vulnerable populations and reduce need for emergency hospital visits
- Thank you to Healthy Lakewood Foundation for \$70,000 in start-up support





# Car Seat Fit Stop

- 2022 saw the return of this popular and critically important safety program
- Provide FREE installation of child safety seats by trained professionals
- Program is offered in collaboration with University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospitals
- For more information visit the City website at [www.lakewoodoh.gov/car-seat-fit-stop/](http://www.lakewoodoh.gov/car-seat-fit-stop/)



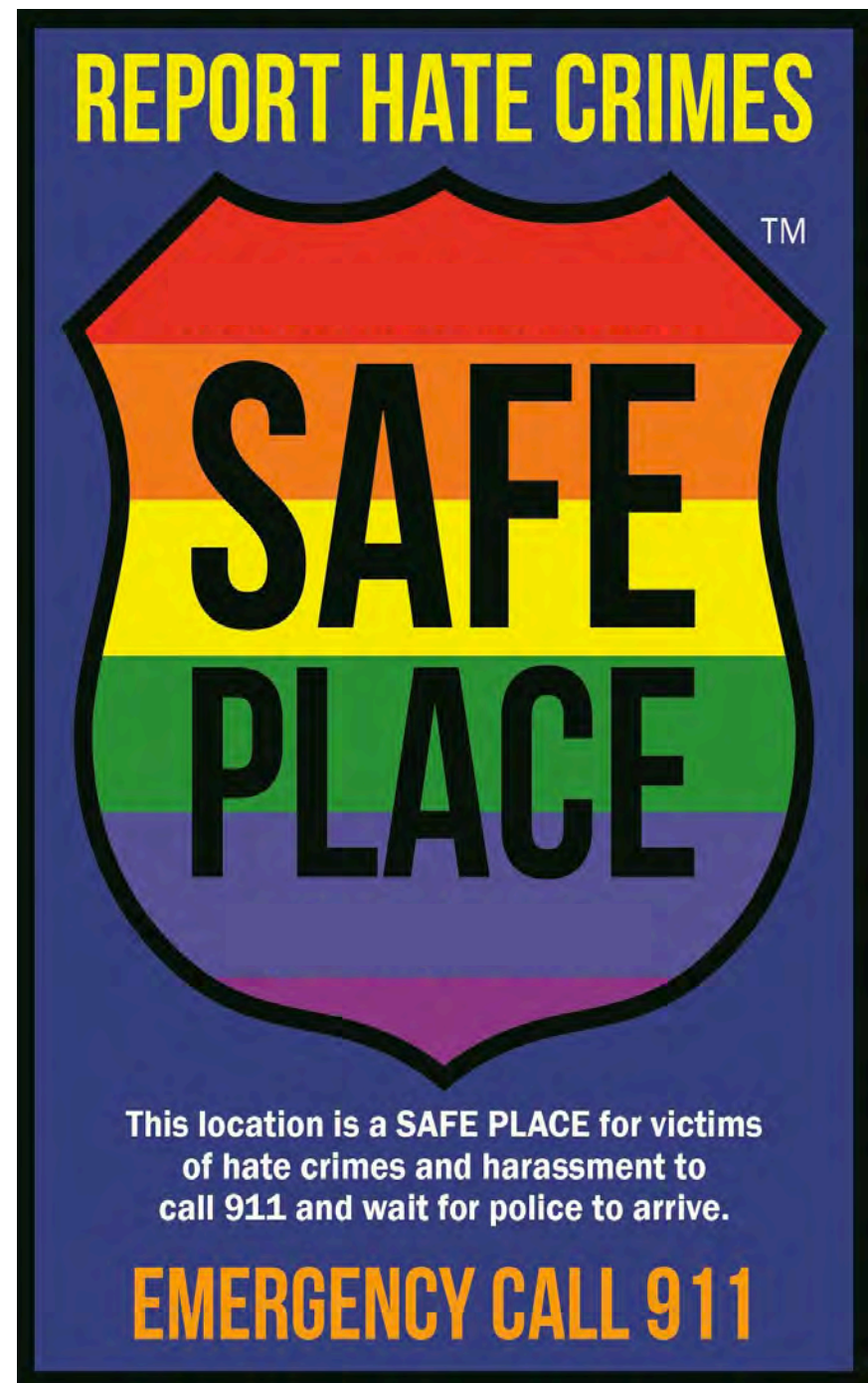
# Police Department

- To avoid any lapse in staffing levels while the Department navigates a high volume of retirements, utilized Federal ARPA funding to increase the number of police officers
- Continued focus on Crisis Intervention Training
- Continuing to enhance and expand our city-wide camera system
- Beginning the process to modernize and equalize our aging facilities as we welcome more female officers to our team



# Safe Place Initiative

- Designed to assist the victims of hate crimes and student bullying to make Lakewood a safer place to live
- In Lakewood this includes race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, mental, physical, or sensory disabilities, homelessness, marital status, political ideology, age, or parental status
- Lakewood is in the process of adopting a similar program with a launch in June coinciding with Pride Month



# Park Ambassadors

- Neighborhood Safety Specialists that will patrol (5) Lakewood Parks on foot and bike to provide a stable, friendly, and non-hostile presence. Part of their duties will involve being on the lookout for and serving as a deterrent to unwanted behavior and activity to identify and report potential issues before they arise or escalate.
- Seasonal March through October
- Available in the following parks:
  - Lakewood Park
  - Madison Park
  - Cove Park
  - Kauffman Park
  - Wagar Park





# Foster Pool Renovations

First Splash Coming This Swim Season



Photo Credit: [www.clevelandmemory.org](http://www.clevelandmemory.org)



# Winterhurst Ice Rink

Updating the Operational Model



# Waterfront Access Feasibility Study

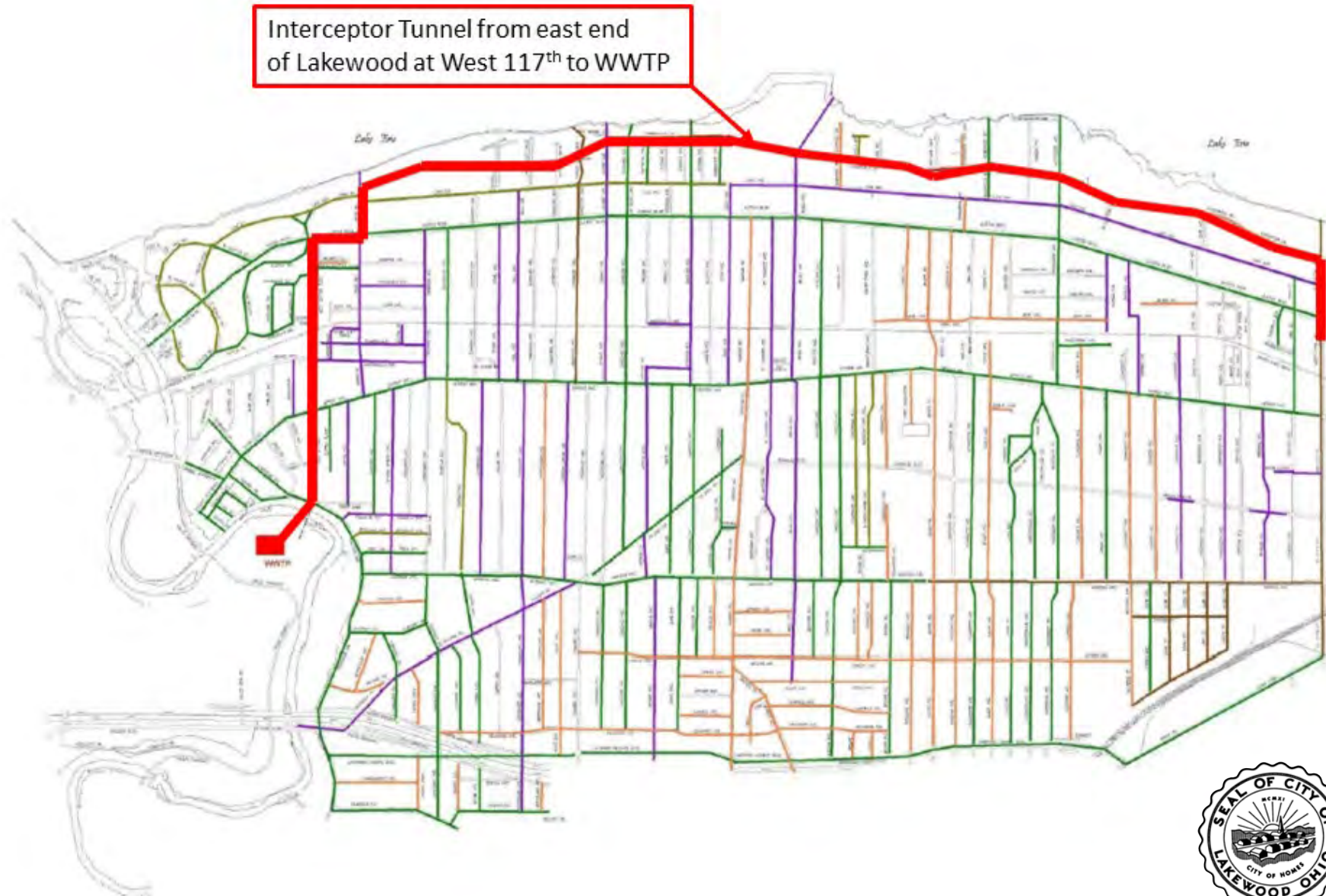
Exploring Opportunities for Expanded Access to Lake Erie

# Lakewood Interceptor Tunnel

## Rehabilitation Project

### Quick Facts

- 20,100 feet in length and was built between 1918 and 1940
- Interceptor collects 77% of the City's sanitary and combined sewer flows
- Tunnel is 90 feet deep at the west end (Riverside Drive) and only 20 feet deep at the east end (West 117<sup>th</sup>)
- There are 34 manholes along the interceptor.



# Refuse & Recycling Center

Future New Animal Shelter

New Recycling Center

Future Demolition and Construction of New Animal Shelter

Renovated Refuse Facility & Garage

Future Demolition and Construction of New Public Works Yard





# Cove Community Center

Celebrating the First Year of the Intergenerational Home for Human Services



Thank you!