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### **Fairfield County Commission Contracts for Strategic Plan to Support Agriculture – *Fairfield Growing!***

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**Lancaster, Ohio** – The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners announces a contract award to update the *Fairfield Growing* strategic plan for the county agricultural and growing industry.

Commission President, Dave Levacy, stated, "Now, more than ever, we want to be supportive to the agricultural and growing industry as they are facing new long-term challenges and are examining their business operations based on the effects of the pandemic and its economic disruptions."

The plan is called *Fairfield Growing*, the same name as a local food council spearheaded by the Regional Planning Commission. The community will benefit from this long-term *Fairfield Growing* plan as it establishes strategies and helps to build new collaborations.

Professional consulting services with Local Nexus will provide researched recommendations for improvements and stabilization. The report is due in February 2022, and the contract for services cost \$45,000.

Multiple stakeholders will be engaged to prepare the long-term plan. A previous plan was beneficial to the community in terms of creating networks and setting a foundation to support grants and projects.

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