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## **Fairfield County Begins Community Strategic Planning**

Lancaster, Ohio - The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners will begin a Community Strategic Visioning and Planning Process in August.

Fairfield County will be working with RAMA Consulting to assist in the development of a realistic and actionoriented plan for short and mid-range priorities in alignment with the county's strategic vision, including evaluation for appropriate use of the American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds.

To ensure that this three-year plan is actionable and informed by organizational leaders, stakeholders, and best practices, a three phased approach that includes learning, planning, and documenting will be employed. During the learning phase, the current state and environment will be evaluated to fully understand the vision of the County along with the challenges and opportunities that exist. This will include multiple stakeholder engagement strategies such as interviews, surveys, focus groups and community summits. The community summits will bring key stakeholders together and will provide a structured and highly participative opportunity for stakeholders to share the future direction of the county. Surveys will be employed to reach out to County employees and Fairfield County residents.

"Having the community and stakeholders share their vision for Fairfield County's future is an important part of the process to develop a solid and comprehensive strategic plan," said Commissioner, Dave Levacy.

At the conclusion of the learning phase, the information and data obtained will be aggregated and synthesized for the framework of an actionable three-year strategic plan that County leadership will evaluate and finalize.

County Administrator, Dr. Carri Brown, added, "Fairfield County is excited to begin this very important work that will position the County to meet the critical needs of our community." As the process gets underway, more information will be made available regarding the various engagement opportunities.

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