



# REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANS FOR RICHLAND CO. & MANSFIELD

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## LATEST ON ARPA RULES

- Interim Final Rules released 5/17/21
- Final rules are still TBD. ETA: ??  
(expectation was Aug or Sept. 2021)
- Funds can only be used for costs from 3/3/21 through 12/31/24. Costs must be *obligated* by 12/31/24.
  - **All money must be out the door by 12/31/2026**



# ARPA TIMELINES AROUND THE STATE FOR 1<sup>st</sup> Tranche

Some local gov'ts have started disbursing

(Columbus & Franklin Co on rent assistance & social services)

Some local gov'ts have fairly firm plans for distribution and are preparing to act in the next 30-60 days

(Lorain, most of 1<sup>st</sup> tranche)

Some local gov'ts intend to do more community engagement and expect to make decisions in December/January

(Sandusky)

Some local gov'ts plan to wait to making final decisions or announcements until the \*FINAL\* ARPA rules are released

(Dayton)

**NOW**

**Q4'21/Q1'22**



# SUMMARY OF RICHLAND CO. COMMUNITY PLANS

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# REVIEWED 12 COUNTY-FOCUSED PLANS; COLLABORATION EVIDENT

**We were struck by the commitment to collaboration between the County and Municipalities**



- Area Agency on Aging countywide priorities (email communication, June 2021)
- Richland County Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Improvement Plan for FY21-FY24
- Local Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Plan for 2021-2025
- Active Transportation Plan for 2021
- Long-Range Transportation Planning through the Direction Looking Forward report (2020)
- 2020 Richland County State of African American Community Report
- Richland Area Chamber of Commerce and Richland County Development Group's 2018-2020 Strategic Plan
- Needs Assessment: Third Street Family Health Services (federal qualified health center) (2018)
- Shelby Economic Development Action Plan (2017)
- Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Five-Year Strategic Plan for 2017-2022
- Richland County Economic Development Strategic Plan (2014)
- 2035 Comprehensive Plan for Richland County (2006)



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## 3 MOST COMMON/HIGHEST PRIORITIES-COUNTY

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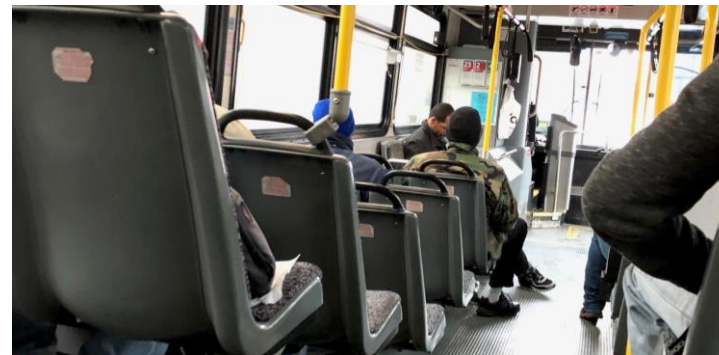
- I. Advance sustainable economic development to create a robust and thriving economy
- II. Increase housing options to retain and attract new talent
- III. Create multi-modal transportation options to move people (and goods) around the county and beyond



## SELECTION OF NOTABLE GOALS IN SERVICE OF PRIORITIES

These are a selection of the goals named in the reviewed plans. These selections are, or are likely to be, eligible for ARPA funds

- Small Business stabilization Grants (especially those for minority owned businesses)
- Infrastructure improvements. Bellville has 2 specific projects identified; there are likely others
- Increase affordable housing options across the county
- Investments in transit, especially services that connect workers to jobs or residents to health care



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# SUMMARY OF MANSFIELD COMMUNITY PLANS

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# REVIEWED 7 CITY-FOCUSED PLANS; PRIDE IN PLACE EVIDENT

**We were struck by how many plans focus on quality of life and community development concerns**



- State Route 13 Corridor Study (April 2021)
- Park System Master Plan-City of Mansfield (2020)
- Mansfield Community Development Action Plan (2020)
- Mansfield Rising Downtown Investment Plan (2019)
- City of Mansfield Consolidated Plan for 2019-2023 (June 2018)
- Update to Touby Run Flood Hazard Mitigation Study (2017)
- City of Mansfield Historic Preservation Plan (2015)



# MANSFIELD'S QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACTS

Leaders have more flexibility with ARPA funds in Qualified Census Tracts

- **Grey/dark blue:** areas that the city has noted as high priority (in HUD documentation) **AND** are Qualified Census tracts
- **Medium blue:** city designated redevelopment area
- **Light blue:** Qualified Census Tract, not a high priority area for city

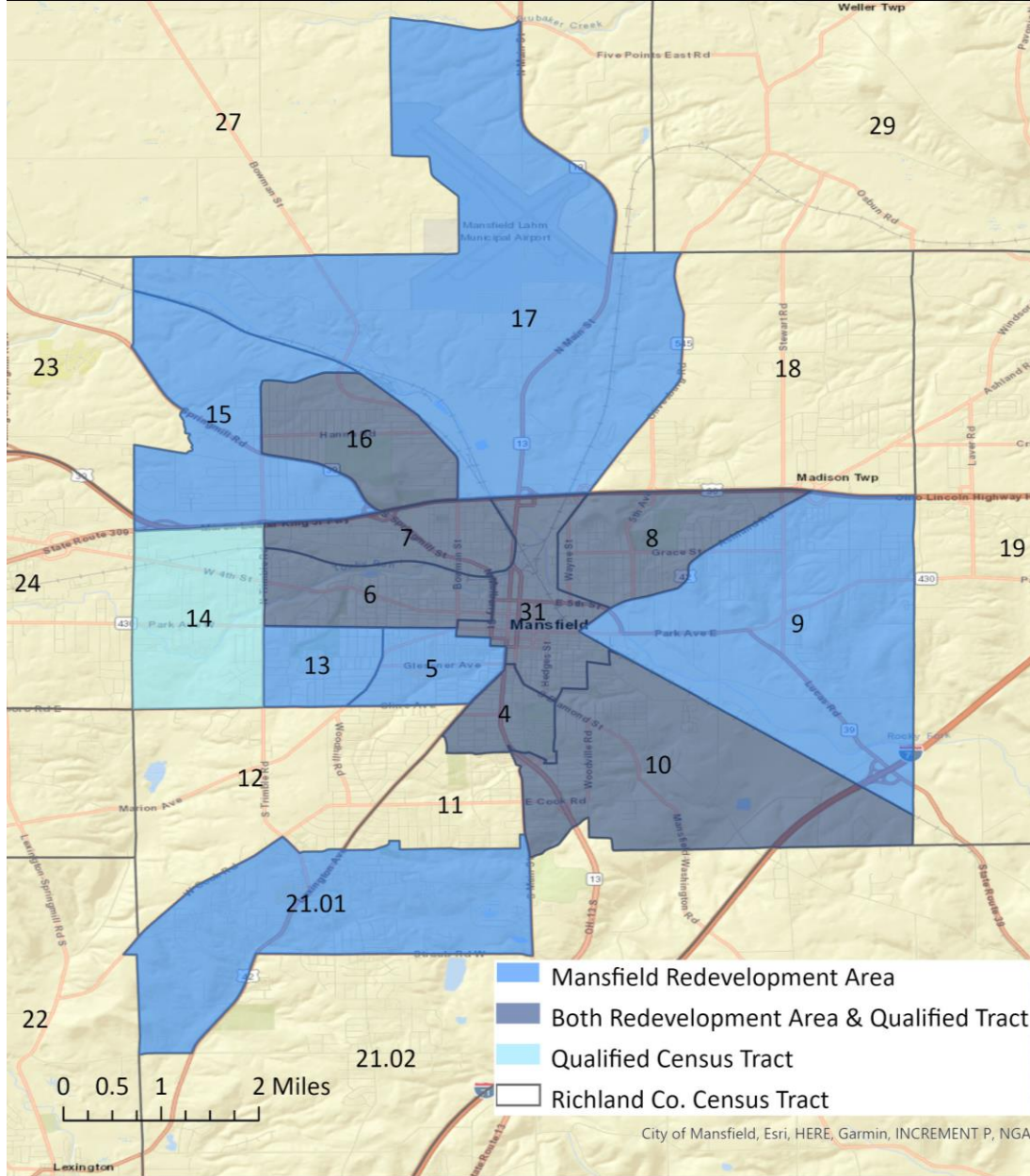




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## 4 MOST COMMON/HIGHEST PRIORITIES-CITY

- I. Expand affordable housing options
- II. Protect and strengthen existing housing, and create opportunities for all types of new housing
- III. Increase community-oriented spaces through greenspace and recreational space
- IV. Make Downtown Mansfield an inclusive live, work, play destination

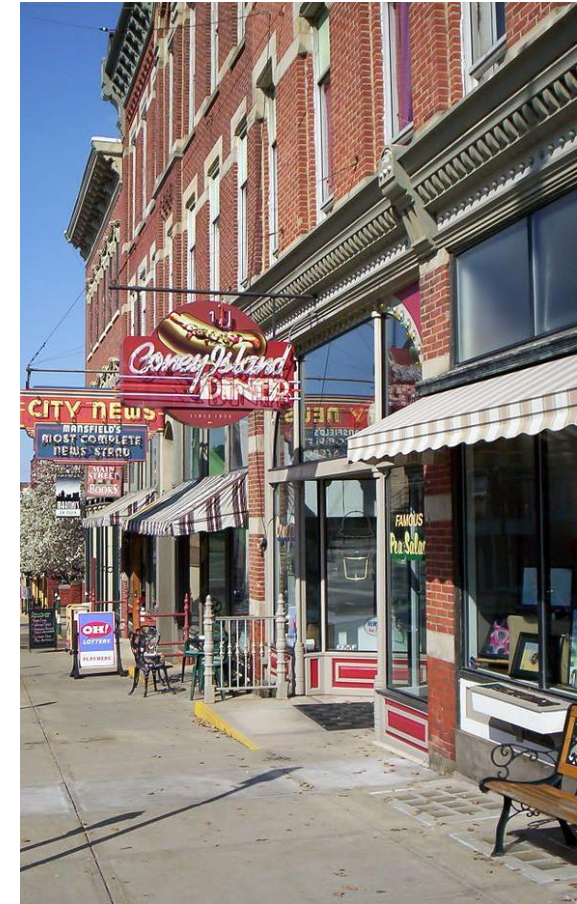




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- Protect and expand affordable housing in Mansfield
  - Direct assistance to vulnerable owners/renters
  - Increase housing options for vulnerable residents by lowering development barriers
- Increase community-oriented space (greenspace, recreation space, downtown)
  - Touby Run project
- Enhance Downtown Mansfield
  - Assistance to businesses negatively impacted by pandemic
  - Increase Wi-Fi in downtown
  - Enhance multimodal transportation in downtown, beyond



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## SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS

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1. After today's conversation, review the memos prepared by GOPC to take a deeper dive
  - Each memo identifies shared priorities, and provides an overview for how Richland County and Mansfield may integrate ARPA dollars, as well as other local, state, and federal dollars to achieve the goals
2. Consider establishing a multi-sector policy/steering committee(s) to help establish concrete priorities and projects/programs for allocating dollars
  - Enhance collaboration among the City and County in ARPA conversations; inevitably overlap will occur
3. Encourage public participation by inviting residents into the conversation; share the priorities established through the Steering Committee, and gather input from the community



# QUESTIONS?

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