



2006 State of the City Address

Loveland Area Chamber of Commerce

March 9, 2006

Executive Summary

- Strong Financial Condition
- Strategic Infrastructure Investments Up
- Public and Media Outreach Increased
- Greater Unity on City Council
- New City Manager Hired
- Strategic Goals for 2006 and Beyond

City Has a Strong Financial Condition

- Property tax cut in 2005
- All City Funds meeting 10% reserve levels except Fire and EMS Funds
- Utility rates held at 2004 Levels for 2005
- Margin analysis for General Fund
- \$3 million worth of capital projects in 2005

General Fund Margin Analysis

- Current Year Revenues to Current Year Expenditures
- Keeps Operating Costs in Line with Secure Revenue Sources
- Assists Capital Project Decision Making
- More Business-like Approach to Public Finance

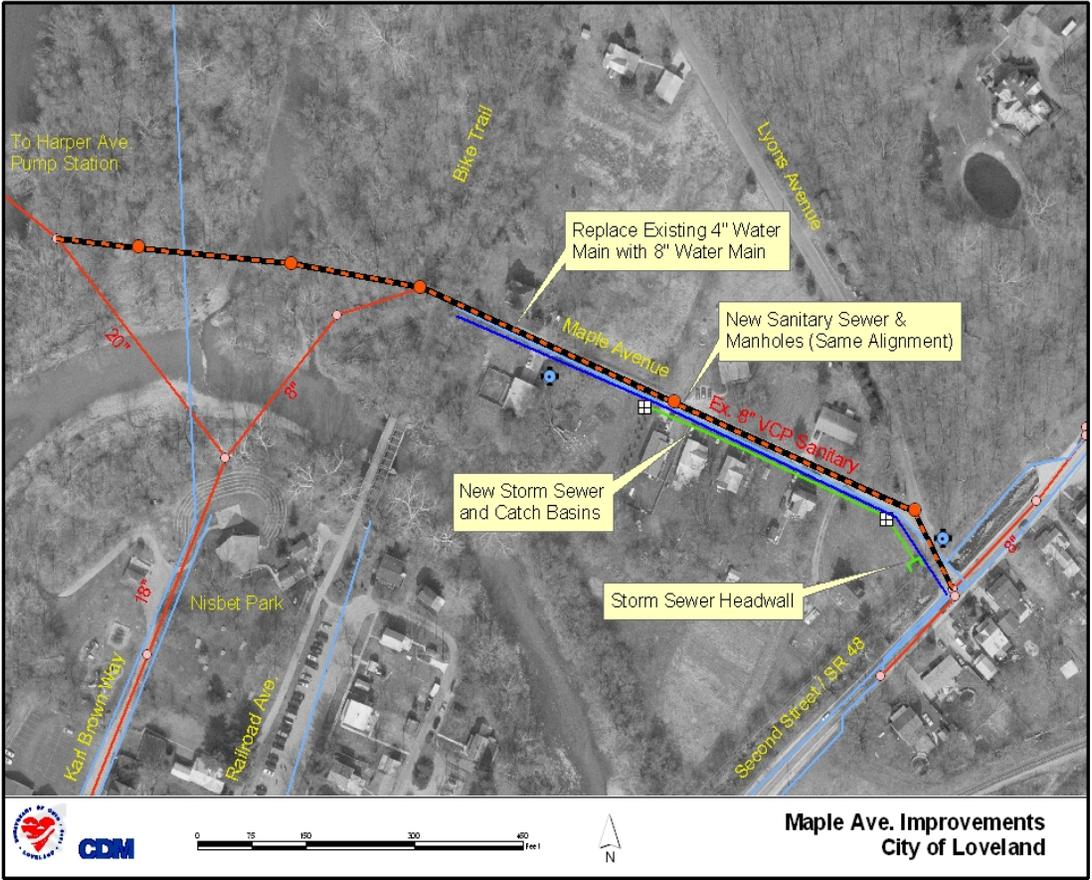
Major Threats to Financial Condition

- Rising costs, particularly fuel and health insurance
- State of Ohio changes to revenue share, tax structures
- Employment losses in City, region
- Becoming built-out as a community
- Unfunded mandates

Major 2005 Capital Projects

- The Maple Avenue Sewer Upgrade
- The Oak, Cedar, Ruth and Robin Project
- Waterline replacements
- The White Pillars Homestead Renovation
- An expanded Road Rehabilitation Program
- The Loveland Gateway
- Safety Center Reconstruction

Investing in our Future: Maple Avenue Sewer Upgrade from an 8-inch to 24-inch line



Oak, Cedar, Ruth & Robin



Safety Center Roof Collapse

December 23, 2004



Loveland Madeira Road Gateway



National and International Community Awards



2005 Neighborhood Meetings



Thanks for the Memories: 2005 Controversies



Women settle tax disputes with Loveland

Agree to pay what they owe –
\$1.16 and 50 cents – plus \$25

By Jennifer Edwards
Enquirer staff writer

LOVELAND – Officials here said Monday that they intend to ask a judge this week to dismiss criminal charges against two women who have failed to pay miniscule city income taxes.

In exchange, the women, Deborah Combs, 51, and Lisa Mason, 36, will pay the taxes they owe and reduced penalties of \$25 each.

Combs, who faced three counts of failure to pay taxes and one count of failure to file an income tax return, owed \$1.16. Mason, who was charged with three counts of failure to pay taxes, owed 50 cents.

The women faced a maximum of 18 months in jail and about \$4,000 apiece in penalties, court costs and other fees, one of their lawyers said.

Combs also has agreed to file her 2000 tax return – and the city will assist her with that requirement, Loveland officials said.

When completed, Combs'



2000 tax return will be the last of five late tax returns she will have submitted to the city.

Combs
Loveland Mayor Rob Weisgerber said Monday in a statement that he was pleased with the outcome.

"This is a victory for Loveland taxpayers," he said.

"The city will receive what it has wanted all along: for these two residents to file their tax return and pay any taxes owed. It has never been the city's desire to convict these taxpayers of criminal charges."

The city's former mayor, Brad Greenberg, had said last fall that Loveland should drop the charges – but City Council balked.

Council members said they wanted to wait until a newly created, council-appointed citizen tax review panel weighed in on the situation.

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New and Expanded Commerce Park Businesses



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2006 City Council Goals

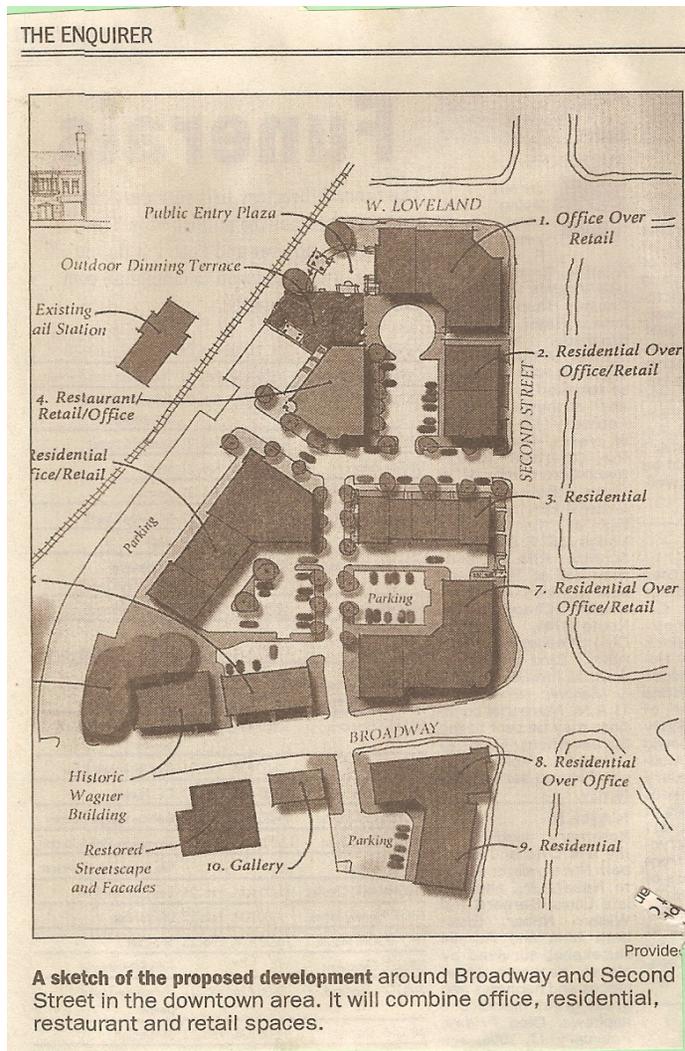
1. Efficiently manage growth
2. Enhance livability by improving recreation
3. Negotiate with the Metropolitan Sewer District
4. Enhance the City's image internally and externally
5. Maintain and improve the City's infrastructure
6. Improve customer service and ease internal and external business through technology

Council Goal 1: Growth Management

Loveland will efficiently manage its growth to provide a mixture of housing, create jobs to enhance its tax base, revitalize its existing commercial areas, while protecting its existing neighborhoods.



Goal #1 Action Plan



- Downtown Revitalization & Job Creation
- Loveland Madeira Road Redevelopment
- Zoning Code Revisions

A New Public Private Partnership: Great Traditions and the City of Loveland



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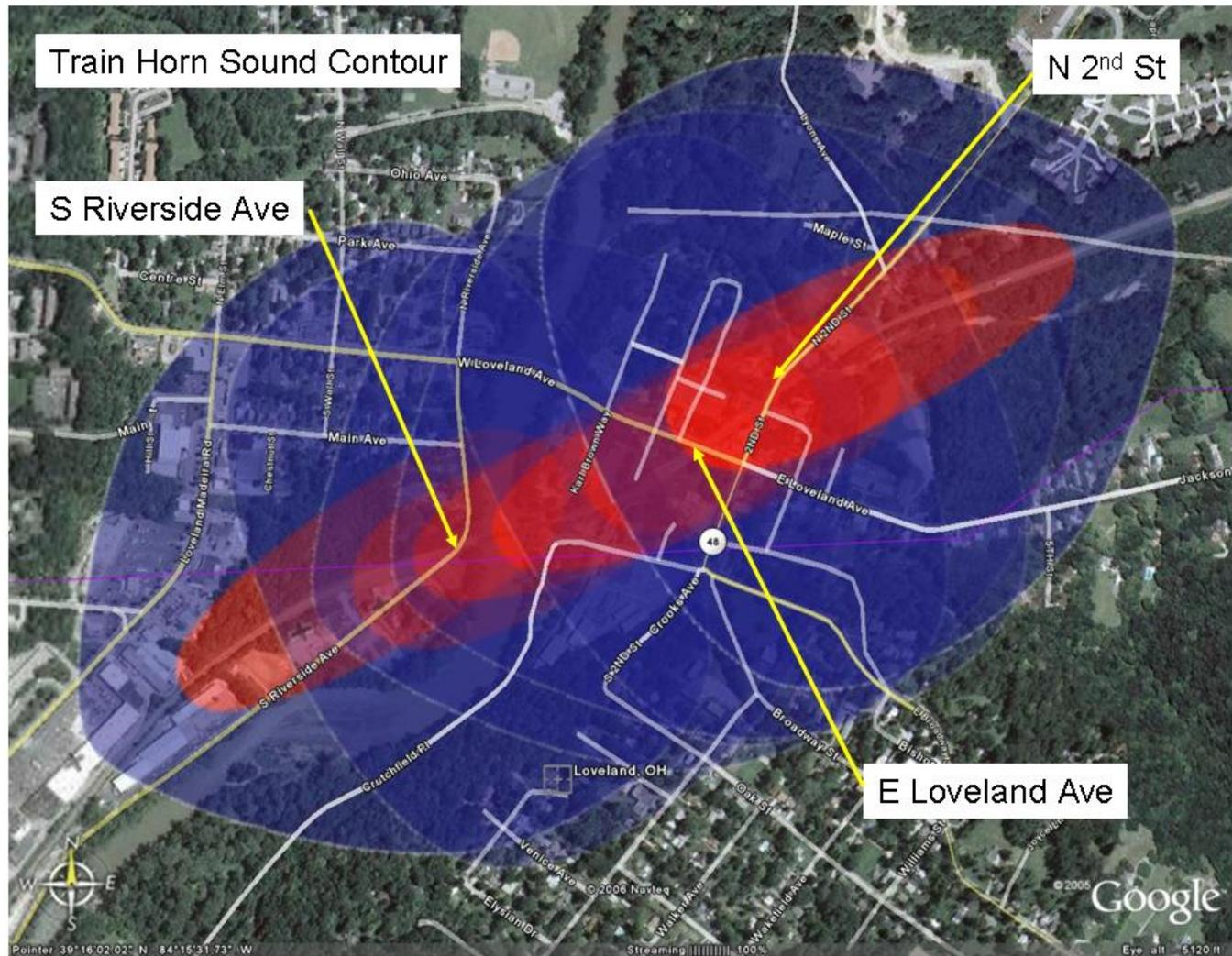


Downtown Revitalization Process

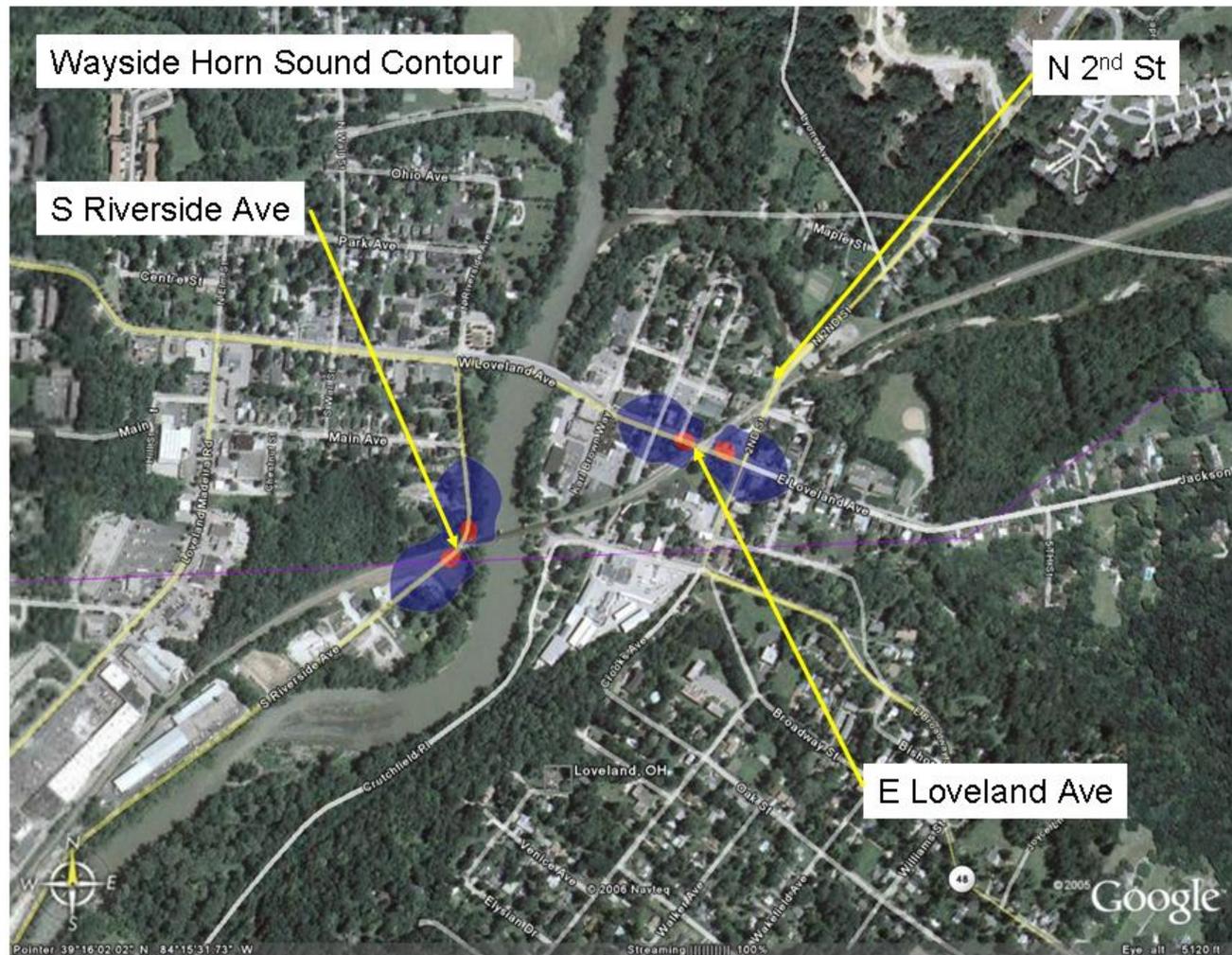
- Selected Great Traditions
- Appointed a Downtown Development Resource Committee
- Negotiate a Development Agreement
- Implement Public-Private Partnership
- Develop Projects to Facilitate Revitalization



Current Decibel Levels



Potential Decibel Levels of a Quiet Zone



Loveland Madeira Road Redevelopment Underway



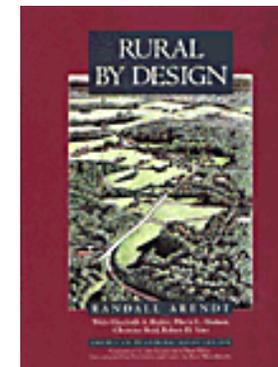
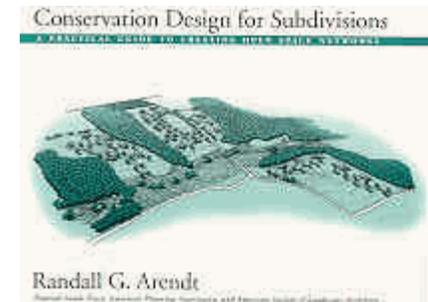
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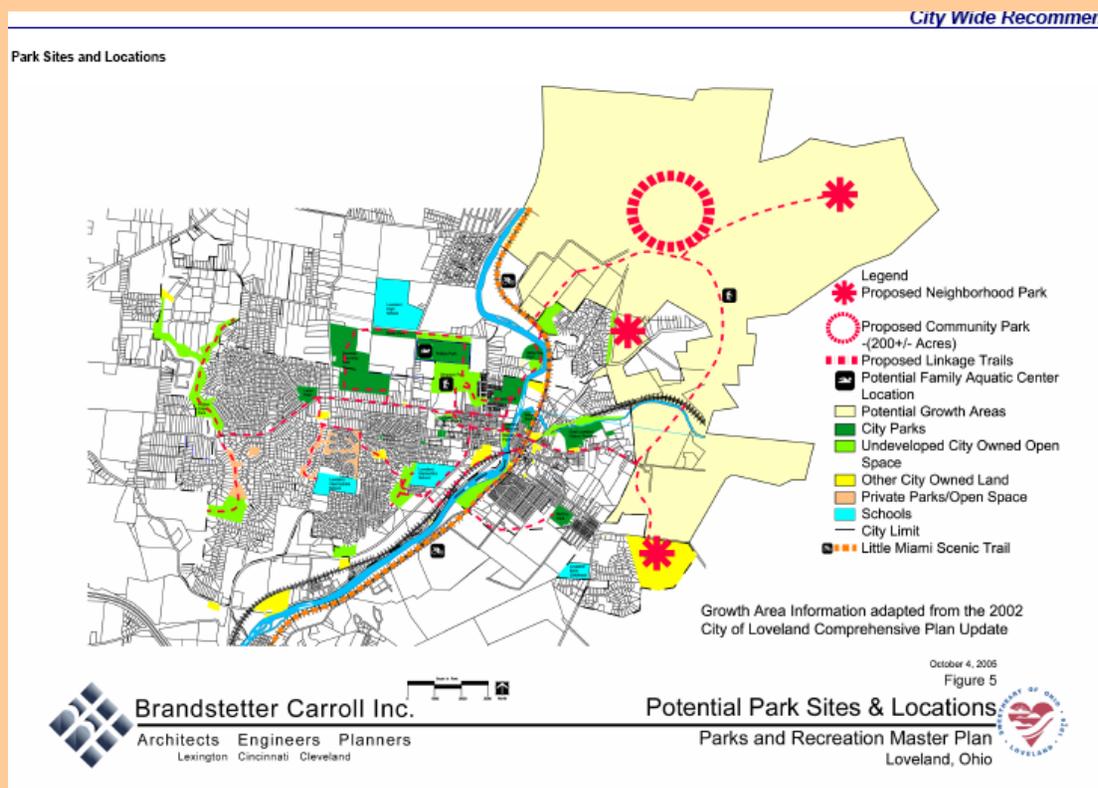
- Grailville Assistance
- Affordable Senior Housing
- Annexation



**Warren County
Community Services, Inc.**

570 North State Route 741, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Council Goal 2: Recreation



Loveland will enhance its livability by improving our existing recreation facilities while planning for growth, connecting our neighborhoods with bike/hike trails, and present a recreation center plan for consideration to the public as soon as possible.

Goal 2 Action Plan

- Aquatic Center & Recreation Center Plan
- Skate Park
- Grants
- Purchase new property in Warren County for growth area
- Sidewalk/Pathway Analysis
- Review Special Events
- Raise Funds for White Pillars Restoration



Council Goal 3: MSD



Loveland will begin negotiations with Metropolitan Sewer District after the Raftelis Report is done in March of 2006 to

- 1) Specify growth responsibilities and capacity
- 2) Clarify rates over 20 plus years
- 3) Determine responsibility for replacing existing sewers; and
- 4) Specify operating systems service levels

Goal 3 Action Plan

- Finish Raftelis Report
- Develop Negotiation Strategy
- Initiate Renegotiations with MSD



Council Goal Four: Image

Loveland will develop strategies to enhance the City's image internally and externally to present our City as an attractive destination and a viable location to raise a family, work, and operate a business.



Intergovernmental Cooperation

The Western Star | Thursday, February 16, 2006

Loveland extends olive branch to Hamilton Twp.

Communication vital for future development

By LINDA SCOTT
For The Western Star

An uneasy peace at best exists between two political subdivisions. But the city of Loveland is extending an olive branch to Hamilton Twp. in hopes of opening a communication channel toward a future that is beneficial to both.

During city council's two goal setting sessions, held Jan. 28 and Feb. 7, officials spent a considerable amount of time and attention discussing a need and a desire to improve relations with Hamilton Twp. and find ways the two can work together to manage growth in Loveland's growth area projected to extend into southern Hamilton Twp., said city manager Tom Carroll.

"We are putting together a list of our goals and this is a specific one. We've already had a meeting with a trustee that was set up by Dr. (Frank) Colon. So that was an initiative that he took," Carroll said. "Of course, last year, we had a number of discussions with several township officials, so our next step, I think, will be for a couple of our elected officials, probably our mayor and or vice mayor, to try and meet with the other two trustees, along with me and perhaps the township clerk, and open dialog with them and talk about a variety of options."

Carroll had made specific proposals to the township last year in an attempt to establish annexation agreements or compromises and revenue and cost sharing agreements. But trustees showed no interest, he said.

"We would probably revisit that discussion because it seems it didn't

get anywhere last year. Perhaps with a new trustee and a new desire on their part, we can begin to advance that discussion. Loveland intends to extend an olive branch to the township and look for ways to work together," he said.

Colon, who chaired the township's recent land-use committee to update a 2001 land-use plan and map now being considered, said open dialog is the only way to deal with the common issue of annexation.

"They have the right and the plan to annex portions of Hamilton Twp.," he said. "Is it to our advantage not to talk with them? I don't think so. I think it is a very important thing to be in communication with them. It would be a very positive move on the part of the folks in Loveland and our trustees."

Colon said because Ohio laws favor annexation, "We've got

no defense against annexation as a township. So if (Loveland) annexes, let's at least find out what they are willing to do. Let's see what can be worked out for everyone's mutual benefit."



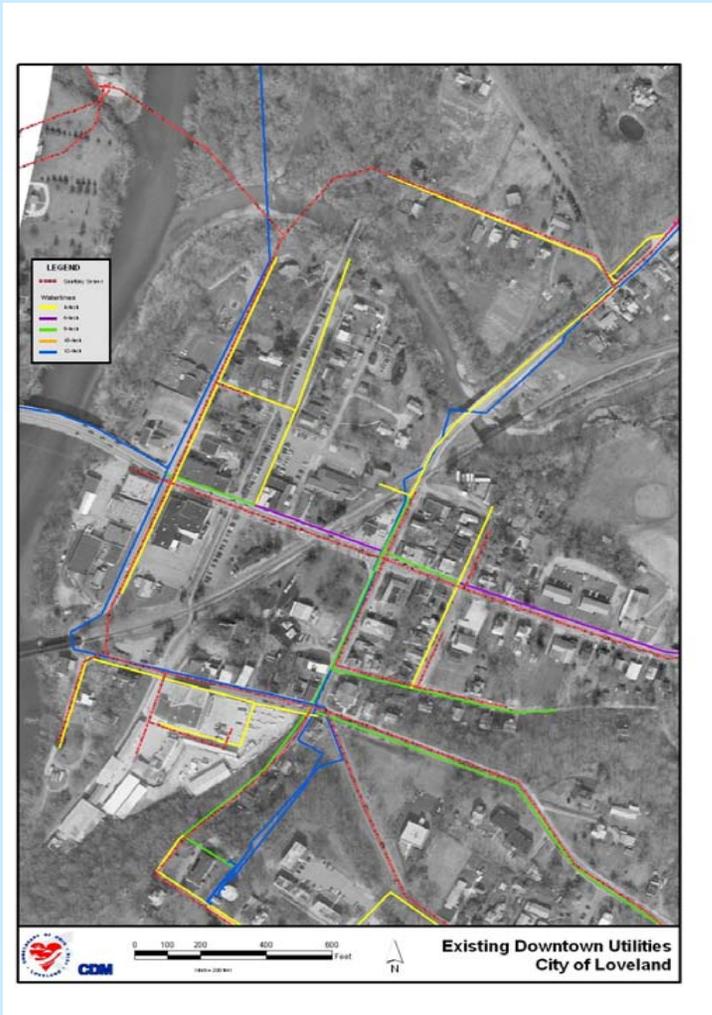
- Little Miami Schools TIF
- Loveland Schools TIF
- Loveland-Symmes Entrance Signs
- Meetings with Hamilton, Miami Township Trustees

Goal 4 Action Plan

- Remodel Council Chambers
- Improve Intergovernmental Relationships
- Work Pro-actively with the Media
- Improve Newsletters
- Continue Neighborhood Meetings
- Apply for Awards

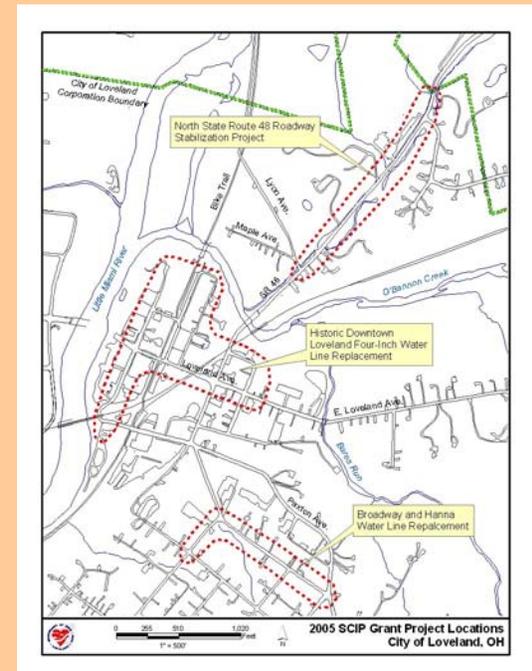
Council Goal Five: Infrastructure

Loveland will maintain and improve the City's infrastructure, with an efficient balance of technologies and staff, to allow economical growth with smart planning.

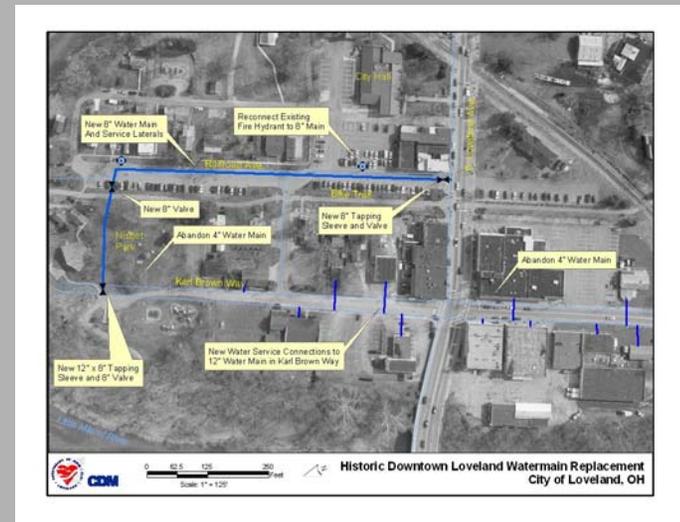


Goal 5 Action Plan

- Five Points Intersection
- Downtown Waterline Replacement
- Second Salt Storage Facility
- Water Meter Replacement Project
- Well-head Protection
- Water Tank and Tower Maintenance
- Stormwater Neighborhood Analysis



2006 Capital Project Highlights



Council Goal Six: Technology

Loveland will improve customer service and ease internal and external business through technology

The screenshot displays the City of Loveland website. At the top left is the City of Loveland logo, featuring a heart with a red ribbon and the text 'SWEETHEART OF OHIO' and 'LOVELAND'. To the right of the logo is the text 'City of Loveland'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: 'City of Loveland', 'Living in Loveland', 'Special Projects', 'Economic Dev.', and 'City Online Services'. A red box highlights the 'City Online Services' menu item with the text: 'City's has to find over the title buttons at the top to view the sub-menu of items to choose from.' Below the navigation menu is a 'CODE RED' logo with the text 'Click here for more information or to sign up for the CodeRED Service'. Below that is a 'REGISTER FOR THE PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER' button. At the bottom left is a red box with the text 'Don't Forget ... Loveland City Council Meeting: March 14, 2006 @ 8pm in Council Chambers at Loveland City Hall'. The main content area is titled 'The City of Loveland, the Sweetheart of Ohio' and 'Loveland News Headlines'. It contains several news items with dates and titles, each with a 'click here' link. On the right side, there is a 'Search Our Site' button and a 'City Hall' contact information box. The contact information includes the address 'City of Loveland, 120 West Loveland Avenue, Loveland, Ohio 45140', phone number '513-683-0150', fax number '513-583-3040', and hours of operation 'M-F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm'. Below the contact information is a 'Directions to City Hall' section with detailed instructions on how to reach the city hall.

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Loveland News Headlines

The date represents when the headline was posted.

3/6/06: Income Tax Forms are Available! Click here to view a listing of available income tax forms for filing.

3/3/06: The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District will once again be offering their Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Program this year beginning on March 18, 2006. For more details, please click here.

3/2/06: The City explores Quiet Zone: To review the press release, click here, to view the presentation made at Council's February 28th meeting, click here.

3/1/06: The 2005 Annual Report is available: Click here to view.

2/28/06: Addendum to Aquatic Center and/or Recreation Center Conceptual Plan and Budget Development RFP: Click here to view.

2/10/06: City of Loveland Seeks Request for Proposals for an Aquatic Center and/or Recreation Center Conceptual Plan and Budget Development. Click here to read more . . .

1/19/06: AARP Assistance Program: AARP representatives will again this year be available at Loveland City Hall to provide free tax assistance to individuals who cannot afford professional tax help. The AARP program focuses on basic returns for the elderly, handicapped and low-income individuals. Priority will be given to those 60 years of age and older. Their representatives will be available at Loveland City Hall on the following dates only:

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Goal 6 Action Plan

- Police Records Management System
- Police Mobile Data Consoles
- GIS
- On-Line Tax Tool
- Website Enhancements (www.Lovelandoh.com)
- Staff Training and Development
- IT Master Plan Implementation
- E-Gov Service Enhancements

E-Gov Services City of Loveland



City of Loveland

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Questions and Answers

