



City of Kent
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Regular City Council Meeting
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

AGENDA

7:30 P.M. Regular Council Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance- Ms. Wallach
3. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.1. March 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
4. Communications
 - 4.1. Public Comment- Anyone wishing to address Council must submit their written comments to the Clerk of Council at councilclerk@kentohio.gov by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. If also requesting to speak at the meeting, comments are limited to three (3) minutes.
 - 4.2. Written Communication (All placed on file in the Clerk of Council's office)
 1. An email from Mr. Kuhar was received and forwarded to Council on March 16, 2023, in regards to the letter of intent received for the property located for sale on N. Water. Street.
 2. An email from Mr. Peter Paino was received on March 17, 2023, in regard to the time deadlines to appear before the Planning Commission.
 3. A letter from Rodney Wright was forwarded to Council on March 17, 2023.
 4. The Architecture Review Board Agenda for the April 4, 2023 meeting was received on March 28, 2023.
 5. The Portage County Draft Comprehensive Plan was received and forwarded to Council on March 28, 2023.
 6. A letter from the Board of Elections was received on March 17, 2023, notifying the City of Kent that the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.
 7. Board of Health Meeting Agenda and Statistical Report for April 10, 2023, was received on April 6, 2023.
 8. Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda and Staff Report for April 17, 2023 was received on April 10, 2023.
 9. The Planning Commission Meeting agenda and Staff Report for April 18, 2023 was received on April 11. 2023.

10. Liquor License Transfer request was received on April 4, 2023, for Haasz Moonbase LLC DBA Dome Night Club, 166 Currie Hall Pkwy, Kent.

4.3. City Manager's Report

5. Standing Committees & Legislation

5.1. **Committee of the Whole** Chair Mayor Fiala

5.1.1. April 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.1.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize the adoption of the City's Climate Action Plan.

5.1.3. **DRAFT 2023- 018** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ADOPT A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND INCREASING RESILIENCY TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE KENT COMMUNITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.1.4. **DRAFT 2023-019** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE CITY OF AKRON AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OPERATING IN THE AKRON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Unauthorized)

5.2. **Community Development** Chair Kuhar/ Vice-Chair Rosenberg

5.2.1. April 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.2.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the Tax Increment Review Council (TIRC) recommendation to renew the terms of the Davey Tree Enterprise Zone Agreement, with the emergency clause.

5.2.3. **DRAFT 2023- 020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO CONTINUE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY PROVIDING FOR A PROJECT AND REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE OHIO ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM (EZ), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.3. **Health & Safety Committee** Chair Amrhein/ Vice-Chair Sidoti

5.3.1. April 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.3.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Authorize issuance of a final trash service request for proposals for competitive bids.

5.4. **Finance Committee** Chair DeLeone/ Vice-Chair Wallach

5.4.1. April 5, 2023 Committee Meeting Minute Approval

5.4.2. Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the 2023 budget appropriations amendments with the emergency clause
2. Approve the submission, execution, and allocation of funds if approved of the East Main Street Transportation Improvement Grant in the amount of \$500,000 with the emergency clause.
3. Approve the submission and allocation of funds if approved for the COPS grant in the amount of \$125, 000 with the emergency clause.

5.4.3. **DRAFT 2023-021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-138, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 21, 2022; SO AS TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, AND ADVANCES FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF KENT TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (AUTHORIZED)

5.4.4. **DRAFT 2023-022** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION FOR A TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TID) GRANT TOTALING \$0.5 MILLION, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE EAST MAIN STREET AREA IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

5.4.5. **DRAFT 2023-023** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO APPLY FOR A COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) GRANT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES TO FUND ONE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Authorized)

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

8. Councilmembers' Comments

9. Mayor's Report

Adjourn

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MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

At 07:30 PM, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the Regular City Council Meeting to order.

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner (exited meeting at 7:52 p.m.), and Ms. Tracy Wallach

Also Present: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Hope Jones, Law Director; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Mr. Bill Myers, Fire Chief; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Absent: Mr. John Kuhar

MOTION TO EXCUSE MR. KUCHAR was MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish said she was happy to see a crowded council chamber and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introducing New Police Officers

Mayor Fiala invited Chief Nick Shearer to introduce new police officers recently hired. Chief Shearer thanked Council for the time to introduce three of the four recent hires into the police department. Chief Shearer said they were selective in the hiring process and took a little extra time to make quality hires. He introduced David Walker, who came from North Carolina, Steven Kern, who previously served as a detective for the federal government, and Derek Knapp, from Kent, Ohio. All four officers have bachelor's degrees. Mary Balwin was the fourth hire and was absent due to being on duty.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 15, 2023, SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES MADE BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 15, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MADE

BY Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone and CARRIED by a voice vote of 8-0-0.

Public Comment

Mayor Fiala asked if there were any members of the public signed in to speak to Council. Ms. Wilkens said there were and called Matt Morrison to speak first.

Mayor Fiala read the following statement:

"While the law does not require Council to provide time for public comment, we have historically invited the public to make comments and we appreciate their input. This is when residents and others can comment on matters that concern them. However, we will not engage in debate, and as President of the Council, I reserve the right to end any public communication that is disruptive, embarrassing, harassing, or otherwise objectionable. We ask you to give your name and address and limit comments to three (3) minutes."

Matt Morrison, who resides on Sunnybrook Road in Kent, asked for the City's continued support of his neighborhoods dealing with low-frequency noises. He gave Council a 59-page document that contained a petition signed by residents, notes, and complaints. **(Attachment #1)** He thanked Mr. Sidoti for visiting his home and speaking with him and his wife regarding the matter. After the last town hall meeting, they were hopeful but have not received any further updates since. He thanked Law Director, Hope Jones, Joan Seidel, and Robin Turner for the help they have provided so far. He said the sounds still continued and they continue to have sleepless nights. He asked city officials to please help them.

Ms. Dianne Hadaway, who resides on Shaw Drive in Kent, described the effects the machine noise is having on her residence and her health. She works full-time from home and said they have recorded evidence. She said this is noise pollution and is adversely affecting the health of the residents. The noise ordinance does not have a special provision for industry and should be enforced. She would like to see more aggressive action by city officials. She said Land O'Lakes needs to act like a good neighbor and resolve the issue.

Ms. Candra Morrison, who resides on Sunnybrook Road, said the issue of noise from Land O'Lakes has been going on for almost a year. She said the constant disruption at night has disturbed her sleep. She added that it is suspicious that the City has not heard back from Land O'Lakes and asked the city to encourage them to mitigate the noise.

Ms. Nancy Wachsmuth, who resides on Shaw Dr. in Kent, said she has lived in Kent for two years and the sound coming from Land O'Lakes has increased dramatically over the past six months. She said she received information that the design of their roofing has changed and something they are doing has increased the sound. She said it didn't seem that they were being good neighbors. She would hate to see the value of their homes decline and ask to be heard and for some kind of compromise to occur.

Mr. Robert Shaffer, who resides on Shaw Dr. in Kent, said they love where they live and have been lifelong residents of Kent. They retired four years ago and moved into their

current home. The noise from the factory is louder than the planes, trains, and traffic on Rt. 261. The machine noise is constant and is very loud at times. He added this is noise pollution and asked the Council to put itself into their positions.

Mr. Jere Sitko, of Shaw Dr. in Kent, said he heard the noise in his condo and wondered where it was coming from. Now he knows it is from Land O'Lakes and thinks it should be a simple solution.

Ms. Lizbeth Justice of Brady Street introduced herself to Council as the Executive Director of Lovelight Inc., a local grass-roots non-profit. They are proposing a purchase of property on S. Water St. to create an intergenerational center for learning and development. She passed out a packet to Council (**Attachment #2**). She reviewed the services they would be providing and asked all for their support and how it is tied into the City's strategic initiatives.

Mayor Fiala said Council takes it seriously that residents come and voice their concerns to them. He said the administration is trying to work with Land O'Lakes in setting up a meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Robin Turner exited the City Council Meeting at 7:52 pm and did not return.

Written Communication

1. Letter from Mary Kenneley to Mr. Jim Bowling, copying City Council in reference to the Street Signage Study that was done in 2018-2019, thanking him for his work and thanking Council for erecting solar signage on Middlebury Road and State Rt. 261 was received and forwarded to Council on February 20, 2023.
2. Letter from Mary Kenneley to Mr. Klaben, copying City Council, thanking him for replacing the torn and tattered American flag flying at his business, was received and shared with Council on February 20, 2023.
3. An email from Oliver Wuensch from the Parks and Rec Department was received on February 16, 2023, announcing a Job Fair being hosted at the Kent Recreation Center on Sunday, March 19, 2023.
4. The Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report for the March 7, 2023 meeting was received on February 28, 2023.
5. The Kent City Board of Health Agenda and Statistical Report for the March 6, 2023 meeting was received on March 1, 2023.
6. The Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees Agenda for the March 9, 2023 meeting was received on March 1, 2023.
7. Notice from the Board of Elections regarding galley proofs of all ballots to be used at the Primary Election on May 2, 2023, which will be on display from February 28th through March 2, 2023, was received on February 28, 2023.

City Manager's Report

1. Request for Council's authorization to accept and allocate a \$1,000 donation to Kent Parks and Recreation from Ray's Place in support of the Adult Easter Egg event.
2. Request for Council's authorization to accept and allocate a \$410 donation to be used for a new bottle-filling drinking station at the Kent Parks and Recreation Kidz Club Before and After School Child Care facility.
3. Request for the Committee of the Whole-time for Council's final review and approval of the Climate Action Plan.
4. Request for Committee of the Whole-time for Council to receive a staff report outlining the strategic focus areas for the period 2023-27.

5. Request for a "detachment" (removing a parcel from inside the city limits to outside the city limits) of land on Johnson Road.
6. Request for Finance Committee time to present a proposed 2023 Budget Appropriations Amendment.

MOTION TO APPROVE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

Ms. Gwen Rosenberg thanked the donors for the monies received on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department and stated it is very much appreciated.

Standing Committees & Legislation

Committee of the Whole

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 1, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION(S) RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended:

1. Authorize the proposed update to the City Ordinance book.

DRAFT 2023-013 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CITY OF KENT CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2023-013 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2023-013 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

Ms. Wilkens stated that Ordinance 2023-013 had passed.

Community Development Chair Kuhar/ Vice-Chair Rosenberg

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 1, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended- NONE

Health & Safety Committee Chair Amrhein/ Vice-Chair Sidoti

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 1, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, **SECONDED** by Mr. Garret Ferrara, and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTIONS RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Jack Amrhein, **SECONDED** by Mr. Garret Ferrara, and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the acceptance and allocation of \$159,062 in VISTA grant funds to the Kent Health Department, with the emergency clause.
2. Approve the acceptance and allocation of \$25,000 in EPA grant funds to the Kent Health Department.

DRAFT 2023- 014 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A VISTA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159,062.00 FOR THE CITY OF KENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023- 014 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, **SECONDED** by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 014 MADE by Mr. Roger Sidoti, **SECONDED** by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 8-0-0.

Ms. Wilkens stated that Ordinance 2023-014 had passed.

DRAFT 2023- 015 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE OHIO EPA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 TO BE USED TO FUND THE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM THROUGH APRIL 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023- 015 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, **SECONDED** by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 015 MADE by Ms. Tracy Wallach, **SECONDED** by Mr. Garret Ferrara. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

Ms. Wilkens stated that Ordinance 2023-015 had passed.

Streets, Sidewalks, and Utilities Chair Sidoti/ Vice-Chair Wallach

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 1, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, **SECONDED** by Mr. Michael DeLeone, and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the Vision Zero Resolution, with the emergency clause.

DRAFT 2023-016 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR A VISION ZERO PLAN TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES AND SEVERE INJURIES WHILE INCREASING SAFE, HEALTHY, AND EQUITABLE MOBILITY FOR ALL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF DRAFT 2023-016 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT DRAFT 2023-016 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

Ms. Wilkens stated that Ordinance 2023-016 had passed.

Finance Committee Chair DeLeone/ Vice-Chair Wallach

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 1, 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION RECOMMENDED MADE BY Mr. Michael DeLeone, SECONDED by Mr. Roger Sidoti, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

Action(s) Recommended

1. Approve the acceptance of the NOPEC Energized Grant funds in the amount of \$54,794 and allocate funds for City energy efficiency projects.

DRAFT 2023- 017 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,794.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read by title only by Clerk Wilkens per Mayor Fiala's request.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE THREE READINGS OF Draft 2023- 017 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT Draft 2023- 017 MADE by Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Michael DeLeone. On Roll Call Voting "Yes" Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr.

Garret Ferrara, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Ms. Tracy Wallach. The motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

Ms. Wilkens stated that Ordinance 2023-017 had passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

Ms. Wallach reminded Council she had brought up the issue of low-frequency noises in the past and had to fight to keep it on the pending list. She said they need to deal with this issue.

MOTION TO SEND TO COMMITTEE A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON LOW-FREQUENCY NOISE MADE BY Ms. Tracy Wallach, **SECONDED** by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, and **CARRIED** by a voice vote of 7-0-0.

Ms. Wallach added that they could put baffles around the business and there could be abatements that could be used.

Ms. Shaffer Bish said discussing policy is very important, so revisiting the topic is appropriate to put into Committee. She added that moving on to the topic the residents brought forward this evening is very important, as these residents are suffering every day from noise pollution. She hopes city staff will continue to put pressure on management for this particular issue.

Ms. Rosenberg asked if the motion was in a general discussion about low-frequency noise. Mayor Fiala said the motion needed to be a general discussion, as he did not want it to delay the discussion the city is having with Land O'Lakes.

Councilmembers' Comments

Ms. Gwen Rosenberg thanked Chief Shearer for allowing Council to meet the new police officers. She said hearing the new officer's credentials is a great way to enable council members to share this information with residents and for them to be able to attend council meetings and say hello. She asked him to pass along her congratulations to them in their new positions.

Ms. Shaffer Bish thanked LoveLight for making a presentation and keeping Council informed on their progress in searching for a home for their organization. She said they are doing fundraising and asked everyone to invest, as she is intending to donate.

Mr. Sidoti reiterated what Ms. Rosenberg talked about the new police officers and added that they all looked quite young. He likes the idea that they all have degrees and thinks good training is important, as it is very valuable.

Mr. Amrhein thanked Betsy Justice from LoveLight for coming to speak to Council and said he also would be donating. He added it is a great cause and encouraged everyone to read the literature distributed, as it is extremely important.

Mr. Ferrara echoed the comments about the introduction of police officers and it says a lot about the community that people who grew up here want to stay here and serve. He reminded everyone about the upcoming KSU Women's basketball game, playing Syracuse in the NIT and the Men's Basketball team playing in the NCAA tournament.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Fiala commented on the hiring of four police officers, stating it had been a while since four officers were hired at once. He said there are three females in the Police Department named Sam, and the new hire is named Mary. They joked that they are trying to get her to change her name to Sam as well. He wished Kent State the best of luck in the basketball tournament and said a group of community leaders and members cheered the team as they exited town on the bus.

Ms. Wallach asked what was going on with the liaison position. Mr. Ruller said an email had been sent out that the position is posted and they are currently reviewing applications.

At 8:15 p.m., after hearing no further business, Council adjourned.

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor & President of Council

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Land O'Lakes Kent Ohio Facility Noise Complaint

**NOISE ABATEMENT CAMPAIGN
SHAW DR & SUNNYBROOK RD NEIGHBORS OF KENT OHIO**

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Press Release:

For Release: Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Contact: Delores Tocco Tekieli 216-338-3330

Subject: **Land O'Lakes Factory Torments Senior Neighborhood in Kent**

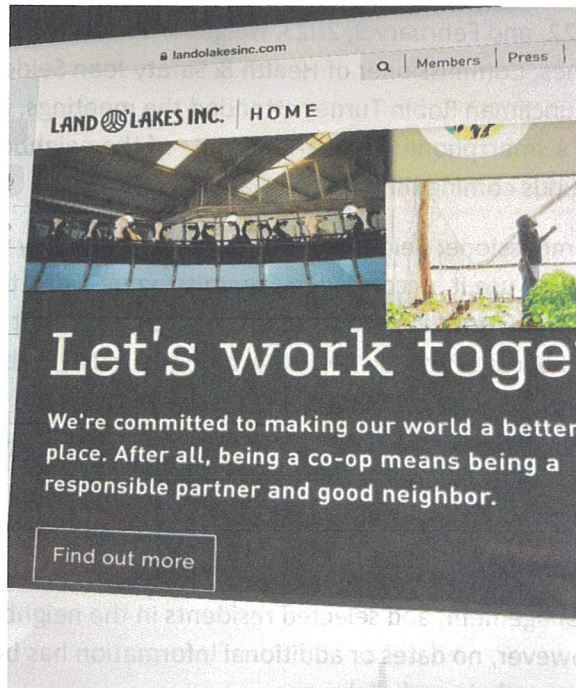
Residents of a senior community in Kent are frustrated and fatigued after months of complaining about the constant noise from a plant located just 1,200 feet away.

The Land O'Lakes factory management has long known that the loud noises from the plant torment and disrupt the sleep of neighbors in the Crossings on Golden Pond, located at Shaw Drive and Sunnybrook Road. But the management has failed to address the problem and has cut off communication with the residents.

Residents have complained of the disturbing noises running all day and night, except for occasional, much anticipated breaks during weekends. The banging and clanking, along with ongoing slow droning and quick pulsating hums, wakes the residents at all hours of the night. The droning continues throughout the day with little to no reprieve. The sounds can be heard through the walls of the homes in this neighborhood. Making trying to fall asleep or even stay asleep a daunting task. Many residents report hearing it above the audio of their TVs and can feel vibrations through their walls. One neighbor has said he can physically feel the vibrations.

Land O'Lakes has been operating in Kent since 1982, but the noise problem is more recent. Both residents and city officials have reached out to the plant management. At first, Land O'Lakes operations management was willing to work with the neighbors directly. The plant management acknowledged that there was a problem and was willing to help find the cause. Then all communications shut down, presumably on orders from the corporate office.

A petition signed by 59 residents asked Land O'Lakes management to install sound abatement material around their refrigeration units and HVAC Systems to silence and contain the problem sounds. Statements from residents said they did not want to take sleeping medication but found it to be the only way to sleep. Several women discussed crying during the night when they couldn't fall asleep. Others described the frustration of having to wear earplugs every night in their own homes.



The headline of a US News article by HealthDay News, dated February 1, 2023, reads "Sleeping Pills Linked to High Risk for Dementia." The article says that seniors who frequently take sleeping medication may be raising their risk for developing Alzheimer's Disease. The article also states that researchers had found that older adults who often took sleep aids had a 79% chance of developing dementia compared to those who never or rarely used them. That makes up most of the demographics of this neighborhood.

City officials met with residents of Shaw Drive and neighbors on Sunnybrook Road on December 29, 2022, and February 9, 2023. Neighborhood attendance was 25 and 35, respectively. Law Director Hope Jones, Commissioner of Health & Safety Joan Seidel, Councilmember-at-Large Roger Sidoti and Ward 3 Councilman Robin Turner attended the meetings. In one of the meetings, a resident played videos taken on a smartphone from various parts of the neighborhood and even of their bedroom to show the sounds coming through the wall.

Commissioner Seidel tracked complaints on a city website, but many of the senior residents were not able to use it. According to Commissioner Seidel, the website received 98 reports of loud, disturbing sounds from the Land O'Lakes plant. One resident tracked the nightly noises on a steno pad next to her bed because she did not know how to use the website. Health Commissioner Seidel also had her employees test for sound decibels. Many of those sounds coincided with website complaints by the residents. However, most of the neighbors' complaints referred to loud noises during the middle of the night when there was no tracking done by the city. Noises were so loud that they were awakened from a sound sleep, night after night.

City officials reached out to Land O'Lakes to request a meeting between Plant Management, City Management, and selected residents in the neighborhood to discuss the issue and come to a resolution. However, no dates or additional information has been communicated to the residents since that request was made in early February.

The residents of Shaw Drive and Sunnybrook Road want Land O'Lakes to be the good neighbor they so proudly claim to be by installing sound-abatement material as soon as possible.

Synopsis

September 2022

- Calls to Land O'Lakes management from Sunnybrook Rd resident on behalf of neighborhood. Discussions with plant management and neighbors about the disturbing noises coming from their facility continue throughout October. Conversations clearly conveyed noises louder than times past, disrupting sleep nightly, noises are heard inside homes coming through the walls.
- The ask from the neighborhood is Land O'Lakes fix the machines that are making the noises or contain the noises with sound abatement materials that are readily and easily available for industrial roof top HVAC units, Refrigeration Units, Generators, or other continuously running industrial machinery.

October 2022

- Call to EPA, advised that the sound is a violation however no decibel levels defined in Ohio and City Council would need to enforce local ordinances.
- Discussion with Kent Police, advised not a criminal act and City Council would need to enforce the sound ordinance.

November 2022

- Call to Community Development of Kent (Paul Bauer), the department reached out to Land O'Lakes about the noises.
- Community Development advises Land O'Lakes told Community Development that their facility doesn't make the noises the neighborhood is hearing, Paul Bauer suggested neighbors call Law Director for more explanation on how to get a resolution.
- Call to Robin Turner Ward 3 representative. Mr. Turner advised that the neighborhood should work together to gather signatures and arrange a time for city officials to discuss the issue in a town hall setting

December 2022

- Neighbors gather signatures on petition and schedule a town hall meeting
- 12/29/2022 Residents hold first town hall meeting with Hope Jones Law Director of Kent, Joan Seidel Health Commissioner, Roger Sidoti Councilman at Large, Robin Turner Ward 3 Councilman, and 25 neighbors

January 2023

- City does investigation to determine source and severity of noise issue

February 2023

- 2/9/2023 Residents hold second town hall with Hope Jones Law Director of Kent, Joan Seidel Health Commissioner, Robin Turner Ward 3 Councilman, and 35 neighbors discuss results of investigation
- City officials promise to foster a meeting between Land O'Lakes, members of Shaw Dr and Sunnybrook Rd, City Management, Board of Health, and Community Development of Kent
- The week of February 13th City of Kent Official reach out to Land O'Lakes to request meeting, no updates provided to residents since request

March 2023

- Residents go to council formally to present petitions and statements and request additional and further support to aggressively resolve this noise issue and health concern as soon as possible

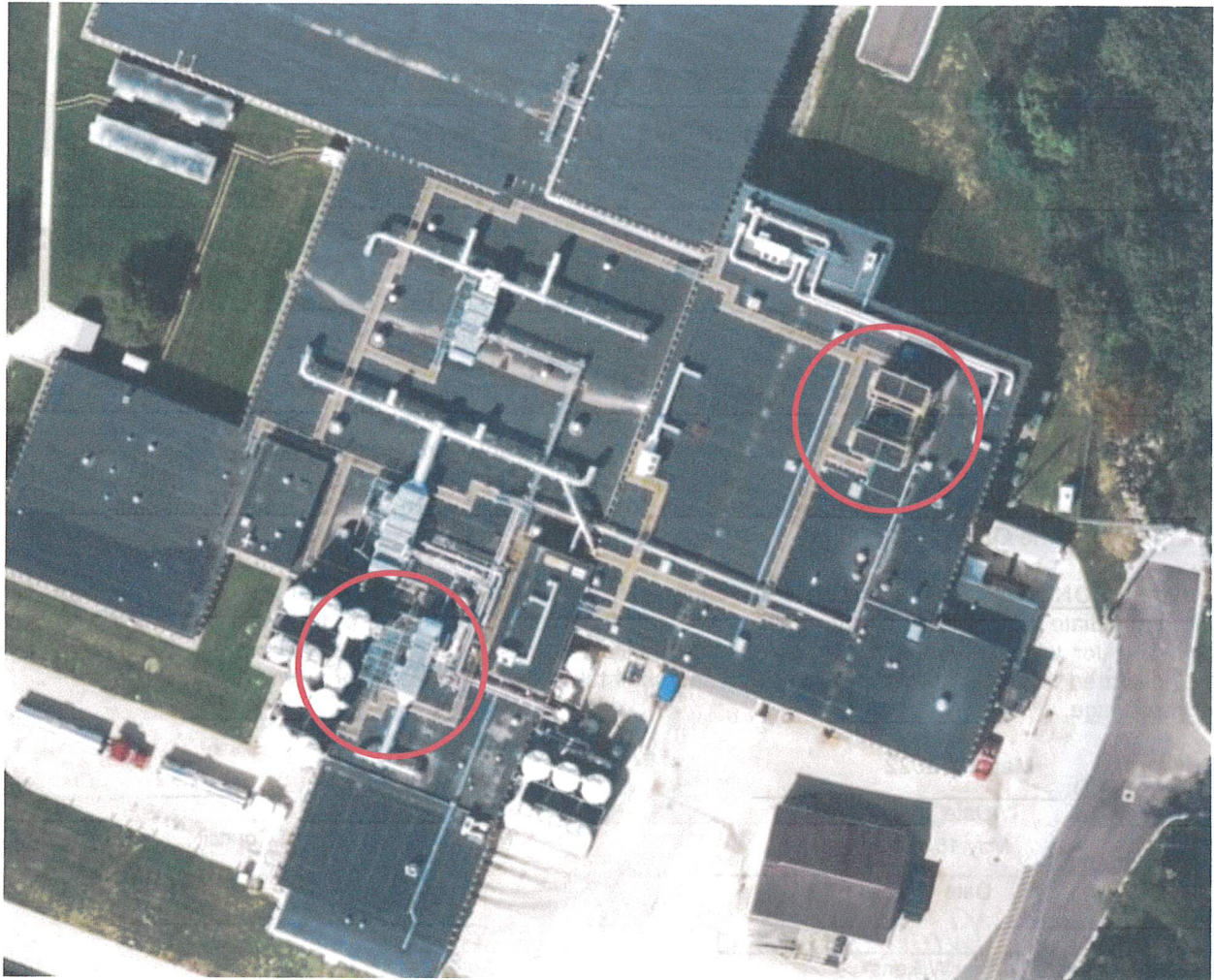
Sound Map

The following is visual representation of the where the sounds from Land O'Lakes have been observed:



Facility Aerial View

Suspected machines producing the noises are indicated below:



Kent OH Sound Ordinance

<https://www.kentohio.org/DocumentCenter/View/11244/2022-053-SECTION-50912---UNLAWFUL-NOISE--AMENDING>

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-053

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 509.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT TITLED "UNLAWFUL NOISE", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Kent City Council does hereby amend Section 509.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent titled "Unlawful Noise" per the Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: May 18, 2022
Date

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Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: May 18, 2022
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2022-053 ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON May 18, 2022.

Amy Wilkens
AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL
(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

509.12 UNLAWFUL NOISE

(a) Unlawful Noise - Prohibited. It is unlawful for any owner, occupant, agent or persons in possession or control of any structure, lot, thing or building, premises or vehicle to make, continue or cause to be made or continued, or permit to be made, any excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noise or any noise which disturbs, annoys, injures or endangers the comfort, repose or health, peace or safety of persons of ordinary sensibilities within the City.

(b) Unlawful Noise - Enumerated. The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing, injurious and unnecessary and unlawful noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(1) Horns and Signal Devices. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or train, or any other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal or to give warning of intent to get into motion, or, if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and decelerating of the vehicle has begun; the creation by means of such signal devices of any unreasonably loud or harsh sounds; and the sounding of any signal device for any unreasonable or unnecessary period of time.

(2) Radio, Stereo, Musical Instruments. The playing of any radio, stereo, television set, amplified or unamplified musical instruments, loudspeaker, tape recorder, or other electronic sound-producing devices, in such a manner or with such volume at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office or in any dwelling, hotel, hospital or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity. ~~The operation of any such set, instrument, phonograph, machine or device in such a manner as to be plainly audible on a property or in a dwelling unit other than that in which it is located, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.~~

(3) Loud Noises or Disturbances. Yelling, shouting, hooting or the making of any other loud noises on the public streets, or the making of any such noise at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel, hospital or other type of residence, or in any office or of any persons in the vicinity.

(4) Animal Noises. The keeping of any animal, which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person.

(5) Whistle or Siren. The blowing of any whistles or sirens, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger.

(6) Engine Exhaust. The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any engine, or internal combustion engine, except through a muffler or other device which effectively prevents loud or explosive noises therefrom.

(7) Noisy Advertising. No person shall, by ringing a bell or gong, or by using a phonograph or other instrument for producing or reproducing sounds, or by using loud or boisterous language or by any unusual noise or means whatever, advertise goods, wares, or merchandise for sale, or advertise any show, theater, exhibition, or entertainment.

(8) **Noisy Machinery.** No person shall maintain, run, or operate any steam, gas, gasoline, or other engine, boiler, press, machine, or other apparatus so constructed or operated as to make any unnecessary noise, to the annoyance and discomfort of the people of the City, except in the course of making an emergency repair and for weather necessitated activities.

(9) **Noise-producing Instruments.** The use of any device, apparatus, radio, ticker or other noise-making and noise-emitting device for general advertising purposes, or for the purpose of soliciting trade or attracting attention to any wares, good, merchandise, instrument or device offered for sale is prohibited.

(c) **Sound Generated by Devices or Instruments.** It is prima facie unlawful for a person to generate or permit to be generated sound by the above described devices or instruments in the following circumstances:

(1) On private property between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day in a residential area where the sound is **unreasonably** audible past the property line of the property on which the source of the sound is located; or

(2) On a street, highway or in the public right-of-way where the sound is audible thirty (30) feet from the device generating the sound. Persons in possession of a current parade permit, assemblage permit, or a current loud-speaker permit are exempt from the provisions of this sub-paragraph.

(3) By conducting an unduly large gathering at a private residence or in a private residential area which generates excessive noise at any time.

(d) No person being the owner, or person in possession of a premises for person in control of the premises by reason of employment, agency, or otherwise, whether such ownership, possession or control is exclusive or joint, shall permit a violation of this section.

(e) **Warning and Alarm Devices** Warning and alarm devices which have the purpose of signaling unsafe or dangerous situations or calling for police are exempted from the prohibitions of this section when used for such purposes and are in proper working order.

(f) **Agricultural Activities.** Agricultural activities conducted within an agricultural district as authorized in Chapter 929 of the Ohio Revised Code, shall be exempted from the prohibitions of this section when the activities are not in conflict with federal, state or local laws or are conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices.

(g) **Outdoor Performances** The use, production or presentation outdoors in a residential neighborhood, by a live band of any make-up, or the use of outdoor amplification or amplification intended directly or indirectly to be heard outside of the structure where the event is being held.

(h) **Exemptions** Events officially sponsored and/or approved by the City of Kent, such as festivals, fireworks, parades, etc., activities that are essential to the proper performance work-related duties of the officers and employees of the City, and events official sponsored by governmental educational institutions and the Kent Board of Education such as sporting events, marching bands, etc., shall be exempt from the prohibitions of this section.

(i) **Retaliation.** No person shall direct a verbal, physical or electronic act against the person, family or property of any individual who complains of or witnesses a violation of

the Unlawful Noise regulations for the purpose of intimidating or retaliating against that person for the exercise of the right to complain or testify to a violation of this Code.

(j) Penalty

(1) Whoever violates this section except subsection (i) is guilty of generating unreasonable noise an unclassified misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and up to thirty (30) days in jail. If the offender persists in generating, or permitting to be generated, unreasonable noise after reasonable warning or request to desist, the penalty shall include a minimum fine of \$500.00.

(2) Whoever violates subsection (i) herein, is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of at least \$500.00 and not exceeding \$1,000 and up to thirty (30) days in jail.

Petition

The following are the signatures collected from the residents of Shaw Dr & Sunnybrook Rd at the request of council member Robin Turner Ward 3 Representative:

PETITION TO ELIMINATE MACHINERY NOISE FROM LAND O'LAKES

The noise from the Land O'Lakes refrigeration units, HVAC system, or another type of continuous running machine is produced throughout the day and night heard 2,000+ feet from their property located at 2001 Mogadore Rd Kent OH 44240.

The low frequency humming and droning noises pass through exterior walls and the sound is heard in our homes, disrupting sleep and is an annoyance that impacts our quality of life. In addition, periodic loud booming startling noises are also heard during the night.

We the residents of Sunnybrook Rd and Shaw Dr are bothered by these noises and ask the City of Kent to assist with influencing Land O'Lakes to contain or eliminate the sounds made by their machinery, so they are no longer heard in our neighborhood as soon as possible.

Name	Street Address/Kent OH	Phone or Email	Signature
Sandra August	121 Shaw Dr	(440) 668-6779	Sandra August
Delores Leake	237 Shaw Dr	216-338-5330	Delores Leake
Jerry Ennis	238 Shaw Dr	330-552-3213	Jerry Ennis
Margaret Stefank	292 Shaw Dr	(330) 606-9702	Margaret Stefank
Ingrid Duwe	252 Shaw Dr	330 522-3082	Ingrid Duwe
Michael Metock	252 Shaw	330-552-3082	Michael Metock
JUDITH FILIPPONE	186 Shaw Dr	330 673 6382	Judith Filippone
ROCKY MCCARTHY	236 Shaw	330-958-7401	Rocky McCarthy
LEE KERBER	164 Shaw	330-777-9803	Lee Kerber
NANCY WATKINS	234 Shaw Dr	269-290-4149	Nancy Watkins
BARBARA GRUBZINSKI	132 Shaw Dr	330-990-2759	Barbara Grubzinski
LARRY SCHMERER	254 Shaw Dr	310-247-8462	Larry Schmeer
Sue Schmeer	254 Shaw Dr	330-247-8461	Sue Schmeer
Carol Lotzgesell	263 Shaw Dr	330-552-3911	Carol Lotzgesell
John C. Sutto	267 Shaw Dr	415-297-5124	John C. Sutto
Karla Schaffer	278 Shaw Dr	330-673-1395	Karla Schaffer
Robert Schaffer	278 Shaw Dr	(330) 673-1395	Robert Schaffer
John C Lotzgesell	263 Shaw Dr	330 552 3911	John C Lotzgesell
ANN M. METZNER	221 Shaw Dr	440-339-6562	Ann M Metzner
DIANA KENTNER	279 Shaw Dr	330-730-4512	Diana Kentner

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Name	Street Address/Kent OH	Phone or Email	Signature
Edward Kentac	274 Shaw Dr	330-987-7723	Edward Kentac
Edward Tekieli	232 Shaw Dr	216 261-0261	Edward Tekieli
DEBBIE DAVIS	241 SHAW DR	330 677 3389	Debbie Davis
Jane Hinson	184 Shaw Dr	(330) 678-2239	Jane Hinson
John Hinson	184 Shaw Dr	"	John Hinson
DIANNE HADAWAY	225 SHAW DR	440-823-1653	Dianne Hadaway
Rick Dennis	243 Shaw Dr	330 673 3022	Rick Dennis
Rick Dennis	243 Shaw Dr	330 673 3022	Rick Dennis
SHAWN HADAWAY	225 SHAW DR	440-371-4389	Shawn Hadaway
Dorothy Williams	2655 Shaw Dr	330-673-2567	Dorothy Williams
Barkley	184 Shaw Dr	330-697-5932	Barkley
Sharon Schup	134 Shaw	440-537-3128	Sharon Schup
Betty G. Honeck	192 Shaw Dr	330-207-3091	Betty G. Honeck
Charles Honeck	192 Shaw Dr	330-207-3094	Charles Honeck
Mary Jo Moss	223 Shaw Dr	330-968-6377	Mary Jo Moss
Kathy Miller	216 Shaw Dr	330-921-9960	Kathy Miller
Mary Rieck	247 Shaw Dr	330-678-5736	Mary J. Rieck
Patty Jitko	218 Shaw Dr	330 283 8334	Patty Jitko
Don Titko	218 Shaw Dr	330 256 0378	Don Titko
Frank	188 Shaw Dr	330 714 2987	Frank

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Name	Street Address/Kent OH	Phone or Email	Signature
Matthew Morrison	5185 Sunnybrook	330 687 0011	Matthew Morrison
Candra Morrison	5185 Sunnybrook	330-208-3381	Candra Morrison
Steve Williams	111 Shaw Dr	330-233-1635	Steve Williams
Susan Kane	5170 Sunnybrook	330-673-1368	Susan Kane
ADAM MARSH	5140 Sunnybrook Rd	(330) 931-9705	Adam Marsh
Diana DeBolt	5140 Sunnybrook Rd	330-389-3905	Diana DeBolt
GORDON MARSH	5140 Sunnybrook	330-322-3267	Gordon Marsh
Cindy Marsh	5140 Sunnybrook	330 801 9512	Cindy Marsh
Eugene	5131 Sunnybrook Rd	330-348-3458	Eugene
Betty Roberts	5131 Sunnybrook	330-348-3959	Betty Roberts
Linda Williams	113 Shaw	330-474-7060	Linda Williams
Kevin Williams	113 Shaw	330 388 9711	Kevin Williams
MARY L. KENNELLY	1123 ELNO AVE	330 554 7576	Mary L. Kennelly
Haidar Sha Fei	5153 Sunnybrook	216-421-6183	Haidar Sha Fei
NANCY PAULS	168 SHAW DR	330-673-7076	Nancy Pauls
Robert Heim	162 SHAW DR	441 506 3192	Robert Heim
SANDRA SPEARE	136 SHAW DR	330-701-2393	Sandra Speare

** Signed as witness when visiting area on 11/12/22 and 11/22/22

Email in lieu of Signature

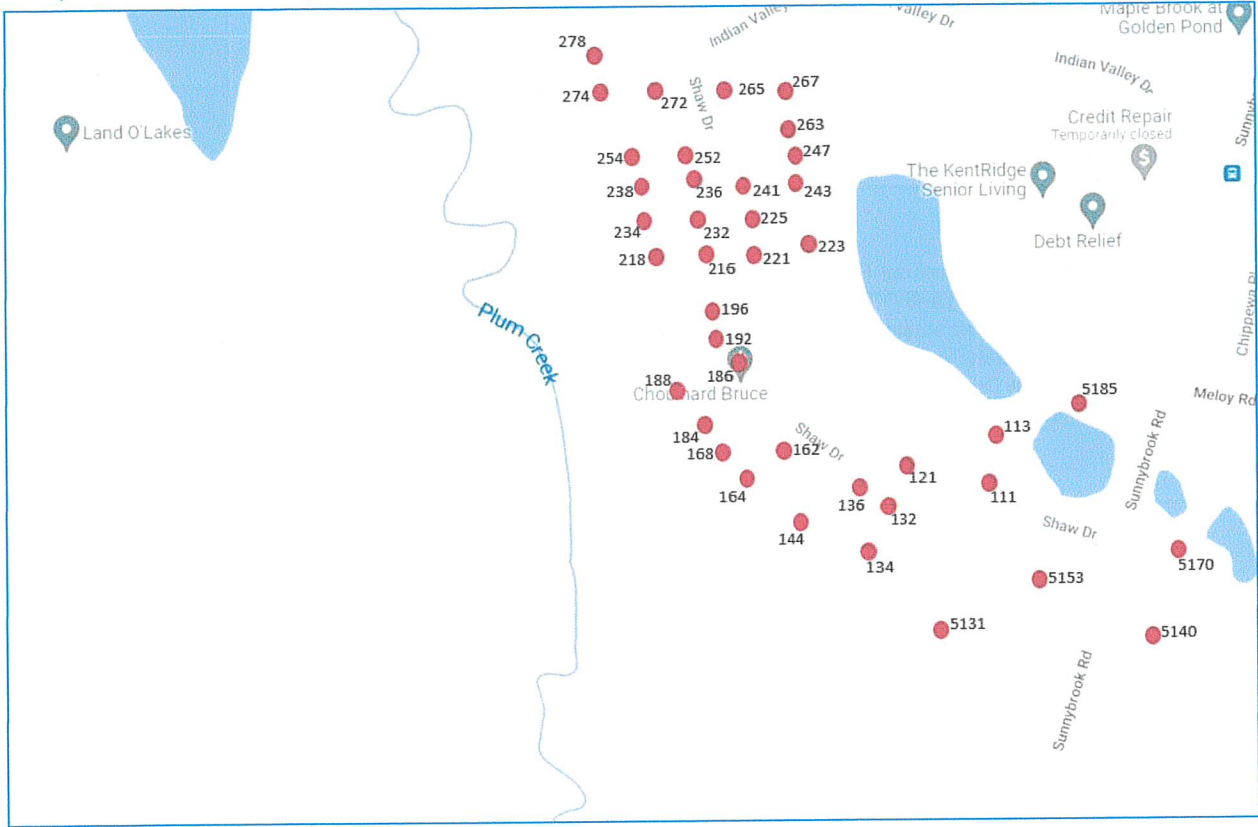
From: kendianajones1984@gmail.com
To: dtmadre@aol.com
Sent: 12/19/2022 6:33:48 PM Eastern Standard Time
Subject: Land O' Lakes Noise Concerns:

To Whom it May Concern:

Due to Diana and I being at our Florida home in the winter months, consider this e-mail as our signatures on the petition to request that the Land O' Lakes facility/company take steps to install sound abatement materials at their facility to help eliminate the sounds made by their machinery. Sincerely,

Ken and Diana Jones
196 Shaw Drive
Kent, Ohio 44240

Map of Petition Signatures



Statements from Shaw Dr and Sunnybrook Rd Residents

Shawn & Dianne Hadaway:

February 5, 2023

STATEMENT REGARDING LAND O' LAKES

To Whom It May Concern,

The persistent machinery noise emanating from the Kent Land O' Lakes facility is disturbing, unhealthy and unacceptable.

For us, the noise is most noticeable in our home office, guest bedroom and sunroom. These rooms are at the front of our home, facing the direction of the Land O' Lakes plant. We have filed numerous electronic complaints via the City of Kent website. The noise can be heard both during the day and at night, usually Monday through Friday. It is almost continuous, stopping for 5-10 minutes before resuming. In January 2023, our overnight guest was unable to sleep without earplugs due to the loud droning, whirring noise. We can only imagine what our neighbors who live closest to the Land O' Lakes facility are forced to endure.

Land O' Lakes must recognize the noise pollution they are creating, accept responsibility and take the necessary actions to mitigate the noise. We expect Land O' Lakes to honor their professed commitment to be a good neighbor.

Sincerely,

Shawn & Dianne Hadaway

225 Shaw Drive

Kent, OH

Carol and Jack Lotzgeselle:

The noise from LO'L Plant has been here since I moved here in April of 2021. The noise has gotten worse as far as being loud. The first night we moved here, I was in bed and heard the noise for the first time and got out of bed because I thought my husband left the car running in the garage. He said he did not do any such thing. I went in the garage and it was not the car running, it was the noise coming from the LOL Plant. The loudness of the noise just keeps getting worse. It is enough to drive a person crazy especially at night when you are trying to sleep. Even in the summer trying to relax on the patio, the noise is so annoying. Recently one night when my 13 year old granddaughter stayed over night, the next morning she told me she heard the noise all night. She thought the noise was coming from my refrigerator. She did not realize the noise she heard was coming from outside. The noise is non stop day and night. If it stops it is only for 5 minutes and then it starts back up again. I am in tears a lot of nights because I have no place to go to escape from the noise so I can fall asleep. My bedrooms are the worse rooms for the noise. On Saturday and Sundays I do not hear the noise. The plant must not be in operation on the weekends. Wednesday, January 25 I sent a form in at 3:30 AM. The noise was exceptionally loud that night. We could not sleep. I finally went back to bed at 5:10 AM and fell asleep. Not because the noise stopped, but because I was totally exhausted from being up all night because of the noise. There are a lot of elderly people living in this condo neighborhood. A lot of them probably do not know how to fill out the form and to submit it. I was one of them at first. I still am wondering if I am filling it out and submitting it correctly. I know my husband would never fill it out because he does not use the computer. So I am sure you would probably have a lot more forms being turned in if some of the elderly knew how to do it. I pray there is something that can be done to help us with the noise that we are living with. Thank you for trying to help us. Carol and Jack Lotzgeselle

Carol and Jack Lotzgeselle Additional:

12/29/22, 3:51 PM

Upsetting noise!!

Subject: **Upsetting noise!!**

Date: 12/29/2022 3:11:37 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: clotz44240@yahoo.com

To: dtmadre@aol.com

Hi Del. Jack and I have another commitment for this evening. I am also very upset about the noise. I also heard it last night when I was trying to fall asleep at 12:30 AM. My granddaughter spent the night here last night and she thought there was something wrong with our refrigerator. She did not realize the noise was coming in from outside. Please add us to the list of unhappy people about the noise. So sorry we will not be able to attend the meeting. Make sure they know there are two other people who are not at the meeting who are bothered by the noise. Thanks , Del. Carol and Jack.

> On Dec 28, 2022, at 9:11 AM,

wrote:

On Friday, January 13, 2023, 7:35 PM, Carol Lotzgeselle <clotz44240@yahoo.com> wrote:

Del I cannot figure out how to get on the website. I do not know anything about computers. That noise is almost nonstop day and night. At night it might stop for 5 minutes and then starts back up again. I am in tears at night because I have no place to go to get away from the noise so I can sleep. On Saturday and Sundays I noticed I do not hear the noise. They must not operate on those days.

Delores Tocco Tekieli & Edward Tekieli:

Statement regarding the Land O'Lakes Plant

When we downsized six years ago from our home on the shores of Lake Erie, we never thought that we could move to a place that would compare. To our delight, we moved into wonderful community where we are happy even without the sunsets on the lake. The neighbors are wonderful, great activities, pool, workout room and close proximity to Family and downtown Kent. Plus, our new home is just beautiful. What could be better!

For the past couple years, I have been experiencing low-grade headaches almost daily, although if we were gone all day, I had no headache. I thought it was my allergies. We spend the Winters in Florida, and I don't get the headaches there. This summer, we were aware that the noise from the Land O'Lakes plant seemed louder. We can't even open our windows to let in Spring breezes. When we are in bed at night, we could hear the loud droning of machinery. I buy the Land O'Lakes whipped butter at least 3 or 4 times per month and I tell my husband that they are churning my butter. For so many nights the noise is so loud that I must take a sleeping pill to fall asleep. Taking sleeping pills are not good for anyone. Often, there is loud banging that wakes us up, usually around 3 to 4 am, it sounds like machinery starting up. The loud noise sometimes goes in cycles of stopping and starting. When I'm in my sunroom, I'm aware of the loud sounds coming from the LO'L that can be heard over my TV.

Before we left for Florida on January 7th, I wrote on the website several times whenever I heard the disturbing noise. I realized that If I was home all winter, I would only go to the website occasionally, not daily or several times weekly. And that would be a problem. I truly appreciate our community having the ability to report the disturbances on the website although many of our neighbors do not use the computer.

We live in a beautiful senior community with condos selling in the \$300K. When we purchased our property, we were not even aware that there were railroad tracks behind our home, let alone a factory. We have been told that the sounds are from the trains. NO, the train whistle announces the train, and the train is gone after a few minutes.

In this highly technical age, there are many choices of sound abatement materials available. Land O'Lakes is not a poor company, but a very successful one with quality products. Their balance sheet indicates that they are more than capable of doing something to ensure our quality of life without their disturbing sounds. City Officials are trying to measure the sound with meeting decimal sound levels. Unless you come into our bedroom at 11:30 at night or in my sunroom, you are not getting the full picture. Our lives and health are affected by disruptions to our sleep by these disturbing sounds.

What are the remedies? If the noise continues, we are not going to accept this intrusion into our lives. It is time for City Officials to look for money in the Governor's office in COVID relief money to assist Land O'Lakes. But if not, what are our next choices??? We can't live like this.

This situation is fixable.

Delores Tocco Tekieli & Edward Tekieli

Kent, OH 44240 232 Shaw Drive

Del Tekieli:

February 9th Statement

First of all, I want to thank the City Officials for the time and effort they have committed to helping our community. I'm so sorry that I cannot be here because my husband just had a surgical procedure here in Florida to find out if the cancer treatments work.

For months our neighborhood has been tormented by a variety of sounds, including grinding, banking, roaring, humming, droning, whirling and churning. The sounds are not the trains which have a loud warning whistle and are gone in a couple minutes. It is not road noise from Rt 261 since there is not high traffic 24/7. There is proof that it is the Land O'Lakes plant.

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The article went on to say that "Seniors who frequently take sleeping medications may be raising their risk for developing Alzheimer's Disease.

The article also stated that "researchers found that older white adults who often took sleep aids had a 79% chance of developing dementia compared to those who never or rarely used them." That is me and many of my friends and neighbors.

I would have never suspected that the company that makes my favorite whipped butter, would affect not only my quality of life in the most special of neighborhoods, but also my physical and mental health. I believe that the City of Kent Officials will do what is right in protecting its most vulnerable residents who deserve a good quality of life.

Lastly, I want to thank my wonderful neighbors who have signed the petition, visited the website to register their complaints and who took the time to write a statement and come to these meetings.

And especially, Matt & Candra Morrison who had lead our mission. We are all in this together.

Del Tekieli

Judy Filippone:

I am presenting this statement in addition to the comments I submitted via a website from City of Kent Health & Safety. I have no way of knowing if those comments were successfully received.

The noise was first noticeable to me in Sept or Oct of this year. I have lived at this location since 2013. While I may recall hearing a humming noise outside, I was never bothered by it. Now the 'hum' is constant 24/7 Mon-Fri. It sounds like the equipment is now shut down early Sat morning and started up again early Mon morning.

My bedroom is on the driveway facing East towards the woods and Land O Lakes factory. The head of my bed is on the garage side South and East. Noise on m wall is loud and pulsating, fading in and out and sometimes not audible for 30 seconds before starting up again. Almost vibrating... nighttime is when it bothers me the most. To move the location of the bed would not make appreciable difference.

Most nights I can 'self-talk' thru bedtime with difficulty sometimes reverting to moving to the living room couch or guest room. Sleep aids are a last resort.

Trains and 'dumps' from Shelly Co. Don't bother me. This noise is constant. Interrupted with variables of intensity and decibels. It's annoying and sometimes debilitating.

I am hoping for a company 'fix' to correct an obvious problem that has fallen on our community.

Judy Filippone

Unit 186 Shaw Drive, Kent

Robert & Karla Schaffer:

STATEMENT REGARDING LAND O LAKES PLANT

We have enjoyed living at the Crossing at Golden Pond for the past 4 years. It is a beautiful community with great neighbors!

Unfortunately we constantly hear the loud humming and moaning noises coming from the Land O Lakes Plant which seems to have worsened recently.

The noise is so loud we can hear it through our closed windows over our TV and at times will cause the windows to vibrate. There are also nights that it has effected our sleeping.

We are very concerned that if this problem continues we will not be able to fully enjoy our patio when the weather breaks or be able to open our windows to enjoy the fresh air.

We appreciate the efforts of all to resolve this issue as we know it is fixable!!

Robert & Karla Schaffer

278 Shaw Dr.

Kent, OH 44240

Matthew Morrison:

Noises from Land O'Lakes

We moved into 5185 Sunnybrook Rd in June of 2021. The first year of living in this neighborhood we learned how lucky we were to find this property. The neighborhood is quiet and has a small community of friendly folks that surrounds us. One of the many perks that my wife and I noticed that first year was when we had the windows open in the back of our house, we could hear the fountains in the pond behind our property. We took advantage of this several nights in 2021 and the first half of 2022.

In the middle of the summer of 2022, we were woken up around 3:30am to the sound of this pulsating droning hum that we never heard since we moved in. It was unnerving and since we both were awake, we were listening outside trying to figure out if it was a plane in the distance or an idling vehicle parked somewhere, but we couldn't determine. We closed the windows and annoyingly to our surprise the humming noise could be heard coming right through the walls, keeping us awake. The noise stopped around midmorning, and we don't recall hearing it the rest of that week with this first experience. As time went on over the summer and into the fall the noise would return and we would hear it overnight once a week, then sometimes twice a week, then it would continue throughout the day, to the point that it was pulsating and droning, or producing a constant hum 3-4 days and nights a week, every week.

On one of our evening walks through the neighborhood in early September 2022 we realized while we were near the cul-de-sac on Shaw Drive, that it was the Land O'Lakes facility on the other side of the woods behind the condos. I called Land O'Lakes directly and spoke with Eric Love (plant manager) about the noises. We had steady dialogue weekly, around fixing this issue until mid-October. Our interactions stopped in November, that's when I asked the City of Kent to help with the problem noises.

These noises have been steadily disrupting our sleep since September of 2022. The sound cannot be ignored when trying to sleep, due to the constant hum or pulsating and constant droning rhythm it produces. In a desperate attempt at soundproofing our home I had the exterior walls reinsulated on 11/29/2022. The low frequency sounds still penetrate through our walls and keep us awake.

For months I have been taking 3 over-the-counter sleeping pills(Diphenhydramine HCl 25mg, more than the 2-pill recommended dose) to force myself to fall asleep through the sound, however I find that it will help me fall asleep while the noise is going, the noise will still wake me up after a couple hours. My wife and I each purchased white noise machines to help mask the sound, however the tone is still heard when the white noise devices are both going. I have lost track of how many weeks I have been kept awake 2-3 days in a row with no actual sleep. Outside of the many health issues that sleep deprivation presents, I notice myself getting anxiety when I hear anything that remotely resembles the tone. On nights when the sound is not being made, I find myself not being able to sleep due to the anxiety of worrying about it starting up again. It is wearing on my physical and mental wellbeing. The lack of sleep is impacting my production at work, my memory, I look physically different from the constant sleep deprivation, anytime I am not at home I find myself easily dozing off (such as when driving) because of how little sleep I get during the week. City officials have described this as being a disruption of "my quality of life". It is beyond that; **this is sound torture**. The noise is an intrusive sound that I am having to deal with inside the walls of my own home. I cannot escape the sounds and it robs me of sleep weekly.

Land O'Lakes boasts about making the world a better place, being responsible partners and good neighbors. Even stating they are a force for good in our communities – and for our planet – and it is a role they take seriously. I am begging Land O'Lakes to please work with our city officials and immediately abate these noises produced at the facility located in Kent, OH for the health and safety of the impacted nearby residents.

Matthew Morrison
5185 Sunnybrook Rd Kent OH 44240

Candra Morrison:

Land O' Lakes Statement

The first 5 months of 2021, my husband & I looked at 3 to 4 houses a week during the hottest housing market we have seen in decades. But the moment we saw the home on Sunnybrook Rd, we knew it was the one for us. This was our dream home. We even said that if the offer we made on it wasn't accepted, we were going to stop house hunting & wait. Thankfully, our offer was accepted & we were able to move in June 2021.

That first summer, it was so nice to be able to have our windows open or sit out on our newly built patio & enjoy how incredibly quiet the neighborhood was. There was no noise from neighbors & we could hear the fountains in the pond behind us. So serene! We frequently slept with the windows open, the sounds of the fountains lulling us to sleep.

This past summer, we started hearing a rhythmic humming noise randomly at night & sometimes during the day. Throughout the summer the noise became more & more frequent, day or night, to the point of being consistent every week by the end of August. It was around this time we realized on one of our walks down Shaw Dr, that the noise was coming from the Land O' Lakes factory. We knew this because we can see it through the trees behind the condos & it was the loudest right there. By early September, we were being kept awake or woken up by this pulsating humming noise multiple nights per week, as well as hearing throughout our work day(we both work from home).

We have been doing what we can to block out the noise. We've reinsulated the walls of the house, we sleep with sound machines on either side of our bed, we take sleeping pills & melatonin. Nothing helps us to sleep through the night because the noise comes through our walls keeping us awake or waking us if we do fall asleep. As the months have gone on, we are having chronic headaches, our anxiety is higher, & our exhaustion is showing in our production at work. Throughout this process & talking with the senior citizens in our neighborhood, it is heartbreaking to hear how much pain they are in being so close to this noise & how much it is affecting their health. I know how much pain we are in & it is worse for them. It's awful.

I can't express enough gratitude to the city for helping us with our request. I hope Land O' Lakes will listen to us & be the "good neighbor" they claim to be on the mission statement that they have on their website.

Candra Morrison
5185 Sunnybrook Rd.
Kent, OH

Jane Gwinn

On Thursday, March 2, 2023, 6:25 PM, Jane Gwinn <janeagwinn@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Del,

I've been meaning to tell you this for a while, and on my thought, I'd let you know now. You asked some people to contact you about the noise level and what's going on. Well, here's my statement. The noise is constant all day every day there are some breaks when it seems quieter but at night when I get ready to go to bed it's just a hum constantly humming all the time it's doing it now as we have dinner. We can hear it all through dinner and all through the house I could write you every day but that's what's going on it's every day.

Jane Gwinn

184 Shaw Dr

Sent from my iPhone

Nancy Wachsmuth:

I'm not able to attend, but I live across from LoL and can hear the manufacturing sounds all day, even when I don't have my hearing aids on. It isn't as noisy in the summer with the leaves on the trees. I feel the company can make an adjustment to curb the noise.
Nancy Wachsmuth, 234 Shaw Dr, tree side

1st Townhall Notes from December 29th, 2022 - 6:30pm

Following are notes of the Town Hall Meeting on December 29, 2022 with City of Kent officials regarding the disturbing sounds coming from the Land O'Lakes plant.

In attendance: 18 Crossings residents (7 representing couples) 7 Sunnybrook residents and City Officials: Robin Turner, our Ward 3 Councilman; Roger Sidoti, At-Large Councilman; Hope Jones, Law Director; Joan Seidel, Commissioner of Health & Safety.

Matt Morrison (Sunnybrook Rd) introduced the City Officials and gave his background of contacting the management of Land O'Lakes, beginning in September, regarding the disturbing sounds emanating from the plant. Matt Morrison was able to record the sounds on his phone and play through his home sound system. The noise is heard throughout his home.

Councilman Robin Turner had talked to City Departments regarding the disturbing sounds emanating from the plant. The Operations Manager, Eric Love was not willing to discuss the problem with him or attend our meeting due to legal ramifications. They stated the noise is not from their plant.

Del Tekieli (232) read two statements from neighbors regarding the sounds - Nancy Wachsmuth (234) & Caroline Lotzgeselle (263). Del mentioned the petition (for Land O'Lakes management to abate the sounds) with 58 signatures.

Karen Dobrilovic (111) said she called the Police at 3:45 am one morning because of the loud sounds coming through her home. She said that she doesn't get returned calls from plant and hasn't slept well in 6 or 8 months.

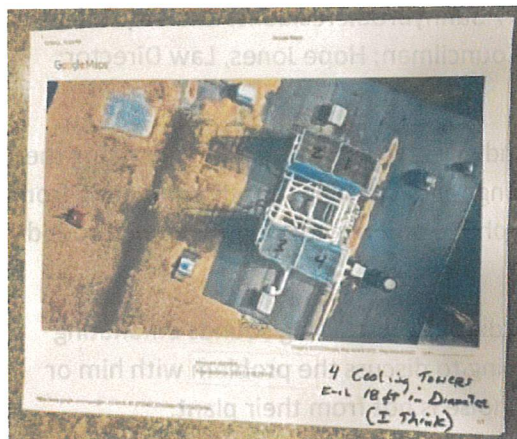
Councilman Sidoti asked about shift changes -two or three possibly causing sounds or product changes (has three shifts). Councilman Sidoti said that he has driven to our street numerous times and hasn't heard anything. Health Commissioner Joan Seidel said she has sent staff to check on sounds, but they haven't heard anything. (We know they must get out of their cars.)

Robert Shaffer (278) suggested that the sounds mimic dumping metal, blowers and at time, someone is also playing a loud boom box (possibly someone on break).

Jere Sitko (267) stated that when he walks his dog to the top of the street, the sounds are very loud.

Larry Schmersal (254) flies his drone over the plant and says the sounds are coming from the four cooling towers.

See below



Councilman Sidoti questioned if the sounds could be from the other plant. Nancy Paulus (168) stated that the other plant is closed on Sunday, and she could still hear the noise from L'OL plant.

Matt Morrison had several conversations with Eric Love, Plant Manager, who first admitted there was a problem and was willing to work with him, then refused to take or answer his calls. Matt researched specific sound barriers for industrial continuous-running rooftop equipment that he shared with Eric Love.

Our own Larry Schmersal (254) has had extensive experience with sound abatement.

Councilman Robin Turner heard the sounds when he visited Matt's home when Matt played it through his sound system. He stated that the City Officials must determine if there is anything in City Law that covers this situation. It could fit under Nuisance law, but it was designed for students' parties. He also mentioned zoning laws.

Ms. Jones said our properties are 1,700 ft. from the plant. Nancy Paulus (168) said that this is the loudest in three years.

Sue Schmersal (254) asked about environmental issues. This is a major consideration.

Del Tekieli (232) asked what steps the City would take next. The Law Director Hope Jones, said they would talk with the Operations Manager, Eric Love.

Judy Filippone (186), who lives directly across from the Clubhouse, said that noise was louder in September and Fall (when the leaves were still on). Others agreed.

Ed Tekieli (232) asked if City Inspectors have checked plant. Cindy Marsh (Sunnybrook) asked if residents on Mogadore Road heard the noise.

Councilman Turner mentioned that the topography of area makes a difference. He asked that we give the City Officials a little time to work with the plant management. The City Officials will meet as a group to decide how to proceed. Then meet with plant management. Law Director Jones said they would send a letter as a start.

Councilman Turner said that we won't do this as adversarial, but diplomatically.

Kevin Williams (113) asked who will do what next? Get them to admit the problem.

Law Director Jones said that we may have to institute a civil lawsuit if LOL won't make any changes.

Karen Dobrilovic (111) suggested that we should call Chanel 19 News. Law Director Jones discouraged that action. Del Tekieli (232) said to let's try to do this diplomatically to give them a chance to be good neighbors. Del thanked the City Officials for attending and the meeting ended.

After the meeting concluded, Crossings' Board member, Bob Heim, told Councilman Sidoti about hearing the sound recently. It sounds like equipment rotating with a bad bearing or that is out of round.

Bob and Mr. Sidoti also discussed the likelihood of vibrations from the plant equipment being transmitted via the ground and bedrock underlying the area. (Bedrock is 1,500 to 2,500 ft below ground.)

-Del Tekieli (232)

2nd Townhall Notes from February 9th, 2023 - 6:30pm

Following are minutes of the City of Kent officials meeting with residents of the Crossings at Golden Pond Condominium (Crossings) and nearby residents from Sunnybrook Road, regarding the disturbing sounds coming from the Land O'Lakes (LOL) Plant on Mogadore Road.

Attendees from the City of Kent included: Hope Jones – Law Director, Joan Seidel – Commissioner of Health & Safety, Robin Turner - Ward 3 Councilman, and a student (Joe) from Kent State who was involved in the recent test recordings made by the city.

Approximately 36-40 residents of the Crossings and nearby neighborhood were in attendance.

Matt Morrison, nearby Sunnybrook resident, opened the meeting with introductory remarks and highlights of his meetings and discussions with Roger Sidoti – At-Large Councilman, associated with their observations and recordings of the sounds coming from the LOL Plant. The sounds were heard by Matt and Roger at various points on Shaw Drive and the neighborhood, at Matt's home on Sunnybrook, as well as over at the LOL Plant.

Matt also brought sound equipment to the meeting and used it to demonstrate for the attendees, his recordings at a variety of different times and locations. His recordings included both normal sounds at the various locations and from times when the disturbing sounds were observed and recorded. Most attendees concurred that Matt had captured the disturbing sounds accurately.

Nancy Wachsmuth, Unit 234 Crossings resident, stated she had a hearing test earlier today and has 30% loss of hearing and still hears noise inside her home. She then paraphrased a statement from Del Tekieli, Unit 232, who was unable to attend the meeting, regarding the disturbing sounds that may contribute to health issues and the need for a solution. Nancy also asked a question about whether LOL Plant employees are required to wear ear protection, which could not be answered by the attendees.

Various other residents of the Crossings made comments about their written statements and the disturbing sounds, including: Karen Dobrilovic, Unit 111 on Shaw Dr and Diane Hadaway, Unit 225 on Shaw Dr. Karen noted that the sounds from her perspective are at their worst between the hours of 2 and 5 AM in the morning. This time period was also consistent with the comments made earlier by Matt about the disturbing sounds keeping him awake during the night. Diane noted the case when her daughter was staying overnight and trying to sleep in their guest room which faces Shaw Dr. Her daughter was unable to sleep because of the noise, she stated sounded like a helicopter outside her window all night and Diane had to get her earplugs.

Another resident noted that there were also banging noises coming from the plant in the early hours of the morning. Others agreed and noted that the banging could be coming from Republic's waste collections. Matt talked about the trash removal scenario with Roger and Roger advised that the collection was not supposed to happen until after 7am, Roger mentioned to Matt that he had a part in that city ordinance. Hope Jones commented about other problems with collections by Republic in the city and noted that she could deal with that situation. Matt agreed that the banging noise was an easy fix if it was the trash removal however the main concern is the humming.

Hope said she had talked to City Manager and wanted to bring in Land O'Lakes to talk and ask them to be good neighbors and to investigate sound barriers. She also stated that Kent had gotten rid of any decibel laws, she is doing research on other cities and states for their sound and decibel laws. Someone on council (Tracy Wallach) asked for Low Frequency Noises to be on the year's council agenda. Officials reached out to Kent State for a sound engineer and have not gotten a response (university may not be comfortable with the project)

Law Director Hope Jones and Health Commissioner Joan Seidel then presented a package of materials (Attached) including charts and graphs related to the recordings of sound levels made by various individuals on behalf of the city at four points around the area and a control point in the city. Joan also noted that in total 98 separate entries, from 15 different addresses, had been made to the website that she had created to capture the specific dates, times, and locations of the disturbing sound events recorded by residents.

Joan spoke of the equipment used, explaining they were using smart phones with apps, not professional devices also acknowledged that no recording were taken in the evening or from inside anyone's homes.

It should also be noted that a number of statements from residents were collected by Del Tekieli and are available to further document their experiences with the disturbing sounds and related impacts upon their lives.

In summary, Hope Jones and the other City officials were concurring with the group of residents that there is a problem/situation with the disturbing sounds, and that they are coming from the LOL Plant.

Further discussion centered around Regulations regarding sound levels. Matt noted his inquiries with the EPA and searches into city and state regulations on sound levels. However, the general conclusion from this discussion was that there are no specific regulations on low frequency sounds that apply in this situation. Hope agreed and also noted that the city does not have the expertise or equipment for measuring low frequency sounds at this point.

At about this point in the discussions, the emphasis shifted to the next steps.

Matt asked what the next steps were and when can we expect updates, stated that the neighborhood is holding their breath and being as patient as possible but meanwhile this noise continues weekly disrupting everyone's sleep and wellbeing. Robin mentioned several times the neighborhood could do whatever we felt was necessary and asked for ideas. Matt mentioned that at the beginning of the meeting he complimented the neighborhood on being patient and not making this public, but we aren't being given any solid commitments. Matt stated that this is a health concern and when this meeting is over everyone goes home, the neighborhood would still hear the noise at 2:30am, so the frustration will continue.

The conversation shifted to avoiding going public, Robin said if we do go public we would cut off our nose to spite our face because of property value concerns.

Matt noted for Robin and the attendees that Roger Sidoti had suggested to him that he attend an upcoming meeting of City Council on 2/15/2023 and present his observations and recordings about the disturbing sounds, and it's personal impact on him and other area residents. Matt asked, "wouldn't doing this next week make this matter become public?" Matt also emphasized his desired actions were for a quick resolution to the disturbing noises.

In response to that suggestion from Roger as presented by Matt, the city officials and attendees generally agreed that he should hold off on attending a City Council meeting. The thinking and discussion was that such a presentation could expand the scope of the situation and get others involved, and possibly including the press. Robin and others again suggested that the non-confrontational approach would be better.

Matt agreed and even stated in his initial conversation with Roger they discussed that maybe next week would be too aggressive and perhaps the March meeting would be better.

Robin stated that the issue is not a council issue. Matt responded to this stating that the EPA said to call council, the police captain said to call council, community development said to call council and now we are being told it isn't for council. Robin said people will have different opinions about who should be handling this we need to figure who that would be. Law Director Hope stepped in and stated that council needs to help and she was going work with her boss to set up a meeting with LOL in the next couple of weeks.

Both Hope and Joan suggested that the city officials arrange a meeting with LOL Plant management, including Matt and several other representatives of the group present at the meeting. Hope said Land O'Lakes is normally receptive to city requests. Hope noted that her boss was out of town the next day, so she would talk to him early next week.

Robin Turner at this time concurred with the idea of a sit-down meeting with city officials, LOL management and some of the residents affected by the disturbing sounds. One of Robin's main points was emphasizing the importance of a low-key meeting with the LOL personnel in a non-confrontational manner, and just asking to discuss the situation and what can be done for a resolution.

The conclusion to the above discussion and the meeting was that Hope Jones would proceed early next week with setting up the meeting with top level city officials, Land O'Lakes officials, Matt and some additional residents from Shaw Drive who are impacted by the disturbing sounds

City's Findings

The following points of information were presented by Joan Seidel at the 2nd Townhall meeting held on 2/9/2023.

Land O'Lakes Sound 10 Sec Readings_CD

Address	Shaw Dr rear	Indian Valley Dr (KntRdg)	Shaw Dr entrance	Amer. Legion rear	Marvin and Lake (control)
Date/Time 1/11/23	10:27 AM	10:16 AM	10:24 AM	10:10 AM	
db low	46.8	44.4	46.2	45	
db high	61.3	71.8	59	58	
db avg	53.2	52.3	51.7	52	
notes	air plane	air plane	traffic	truck	
Date/Time 1/12/23	3:00 PM	2:55 PM	2:58 PM	2:49 PM	
db low	34.9	31.3	41.7	45.1	
db high	59.7	61.1	53.3	69.3	
db avg	47.3	46.2	47.5	57.2	
notes				idling truck	
Date/Time 1/12/23	8:38 AM	8:33 AM	8:35 AM	8:46 AM	
db low	40.3	33.3	34.5	40.3	
db high	61.3	65.3	47.5	67.9	
db avg	49.8	44.3	41.6	54.1	
notes					
Date/Time 1/13/2023	8:08 AM	8:00 AM	8:05 AM	8:14 AM	8:25 AM
db low	42.9	42.3	46.6	49.7	45.5
db high	63.6	63.3	79.7	77.4	65.7
db avg	49.3	49.8	60.6	61.9	52.6
notes	faint hum	traffic	traffic	idling truck	traffic
Date/Time 1/13/23	11:36 AM	11:36 AM	11:30 AM	11:25 AM	11:13 AM
db low	39.9	44.2	42.2	55.1	39.4
db high	67.4	58.9	79	68.1	54.8
db avg	49.5	50.1	61.7	58.9	44.7
notes			traffic	idling truck	traffic
Date/Time 1/13/23	2:29 PM	2:22 PM	2:27 PM	2:18 PM	2:42 PM
db low	45.6	47.7	43.7	48.3	46.3
db high	67.4	78.7	73.4	76.5	78.1
db avg	51.9	61.1	52.2	55.6	60.9
notes		traffic			
Date/Time 1/17/23	8:04 AM	7:57 AM	8:00 AM	7:52 AM	8:17 AM
db low	48.3	48.2	38	48.1	53.9
db high	66.8	76.5	49.7	55.8	63.2

db avg	54.2	60	43.9	51.7	58.5
notes	traffic	traffic	low hum	idling truck	traffic
Date/Time 1/17/23	1:44 PM	1:36 PM	1:39 PM	1:30 PM	1:20 PM
db low	43.2	44.6	45.7	53.9	60.1
db high	82.3	73.7	76	73	79.9
db avg	66.7	55.7	59.4	60.4	64
notes	motor	traffic	traffic	idling truck	st'sweeper, truck
Date/Time 1/18/23	8:39 AM	8:34 AM	8:37 AM	8:09 AM	8:21 AM
db low	47.7	43.9	45.7	20.1	38.6
db high	66.3	66.7	73.1	76.1	49.1
db avg	54	48.9	62.2	57.9	42.6
notes	traffic	traffic	trash truck	idling truck	
Date/Time	1:40 PM	1:38 PM	1:41 PM	1:32 PM	1:16 PM
db low	43.4	43.7	51.5	46.9	44.2
db high	63.2	72.2	62	80.3	51.6
db avg	50.1	52.8	55.8	62.9	50.3
notes	machine hum/birds	traffic	idling mail truck	idling truck	traffic
Date/Time 1/18/23	2:28 PM	2:22 PM	2:26 PM	2:34 PM	2:12 PM
db low	41.9	43.9	44.5	46.34	43.6
db high (10 sec)	75.2	67.3	74.6	62.7	54.4
db avg	54.2	48.6	54.6	53.9	47.8
notes			traffic		
Date/Time 1/19/23	8:29 AM	8:25 AM	8:27 AM	8:34 AM	8:11 AM
db low (10 sec)	49.6	45.3	48.2	50.3	47.4
db high (10 sec)	56.8	78.2	56	66.4	62.6
db avg	53.5	59.4	52	57.7	50.7
notes		traffic			traffic
Date/Time 1/20/23	8:16 AM	8:10 AM	8:12 AM	8:04 AM	7:50 AM
db low (10 sec)	43.6	46.4	44.7	46.7	46.9
db high (10 sec)	55.7	80.6	55.7	56	64.8
db avg	49.6	58.6	50.2	51.7	55.1
notes		traffic/rain		machine hum	
Date/Time 1/20/23	11:33 AM	11:31 AM	11:28 AM	11:39 AM	11:14 AM
db low (10 sec)	48.9	42.3	48.9	52.1	42.5
db high (10 sec)	82.9	71.7	67	71.4	60.2
db avg	64.4	48.5	53.2	58	50

notes	flock of geese	traffic/rain		diesel truck	
Date/Time 1/23/23	9:49 AM	9:44 AM	9:47 AM	8:37 AM	9:19 AM
db low (10 sec)	43	35.6	34.5	43.1	40.9
db high (10 sec)	70.3	65.9	43.9	66.2	68.7
db avg	53.4	46.9	38.3	52.1	55.8
notes	birds and traffic	faint hum	traffic		traffic
Date/Time 1/23/23	2:36 PM	1:40 PM	2:34 PM	2:27 PM	2:13 PM
db low (10 sec)	45.2	54.4	44.3	67.7	46.7
db high (10 sec)	74.7	79.7	75.2	78.1	76.3
db avg	58	63.2	56.8	73.6	58.1
notes		traffic		diesel trucks	traffic
Date/Time 1/23/23	3:31 PM	3:25 PM	3:28 PM	2:58 PM	3:14 PM
db low (10 sec)	41.2	41.1	46.1	49.2	35.8
db high (10 sec)	59	49.7	75.8	72.1	56.2
db avg	45.7	45.3	60.9	58.1	41.1
notes	hum/drone	hum/drone	traffic	idling truck	
Date/Time 1/24/23	8:15 AM	8:07 AM	8:10 AM	8:01 AM	8:26
db low (10 sec)	41	38.6	35.2	42.4	44.8
db high (10 sec)	77.3	47.1	60.3	53.1	68.3
db avg	51.7	42.4	44.1	47.6	54.5
notes	SR 261 traffic	machinery	machinery	machinery	traffic
Date/Time 1/24/23	3:01 PM	2:59 PM	2:56 PM	2:52 PM	2:41 PM
db low (10 sec)	53.9	54.6	48.2	44.5	52.7
db high (10 sec)	70.1	72.8	63	64.3	65
db avg	60.6	61.4	57.1	57	56.3
notes		traffic/airplane			
Date/Time 1/25/23	8:08 AM	8:00 AM	8:05 AM	7:54 AM	8:30
db low (10 sec)	40.9	49.5	37.7	46.2	40.4
db high (10 sec)	61.9	80.9	50.1	71.9	72
db avg	46.6	67.8	42.7	62.3	51.9

notes	traffic w/ background hum	wind	traffic	traffic on SR 261	traffic
Date/Time 1/25/23	2:51 PM	2:47 PM	2:49 PM	2:43 PM	2:33 PM
db low (10 sec)	47.3	45.4	46.7	49	45.8
db high (10 sec)	53.8	69	56.9	59	80.3
db avg	50.3	50.5	50.1	55	54.2
notes		traffic/airplane			
2 WEEK AVERAGE					
db low (10 sec)	44.3	43.8	43.6	47.1	42.9
db high (10 sec)	66.5	69.1	63.4	67.8	61.6
db avg	53.0	53.0	52.2	57.1	50.0

DECIBEL KEY	
10db	Breathing, Almost quiet
20db	Mosquito, Rustling leaves
30db	Whisper, Quiet room
40db	Quiet library, Park
50db	Quiet office, Quiet street
60db	Normal conversation at 3ft
70db	Busy traffic, Vacuum cleaner
80db	Busy street, Alarm clocks
90db	Diesel truck, Power tools
100db	Blow dryer, Motorcycle
110db	Rock music, Car horns
120db	Threshold of pain, Thunder

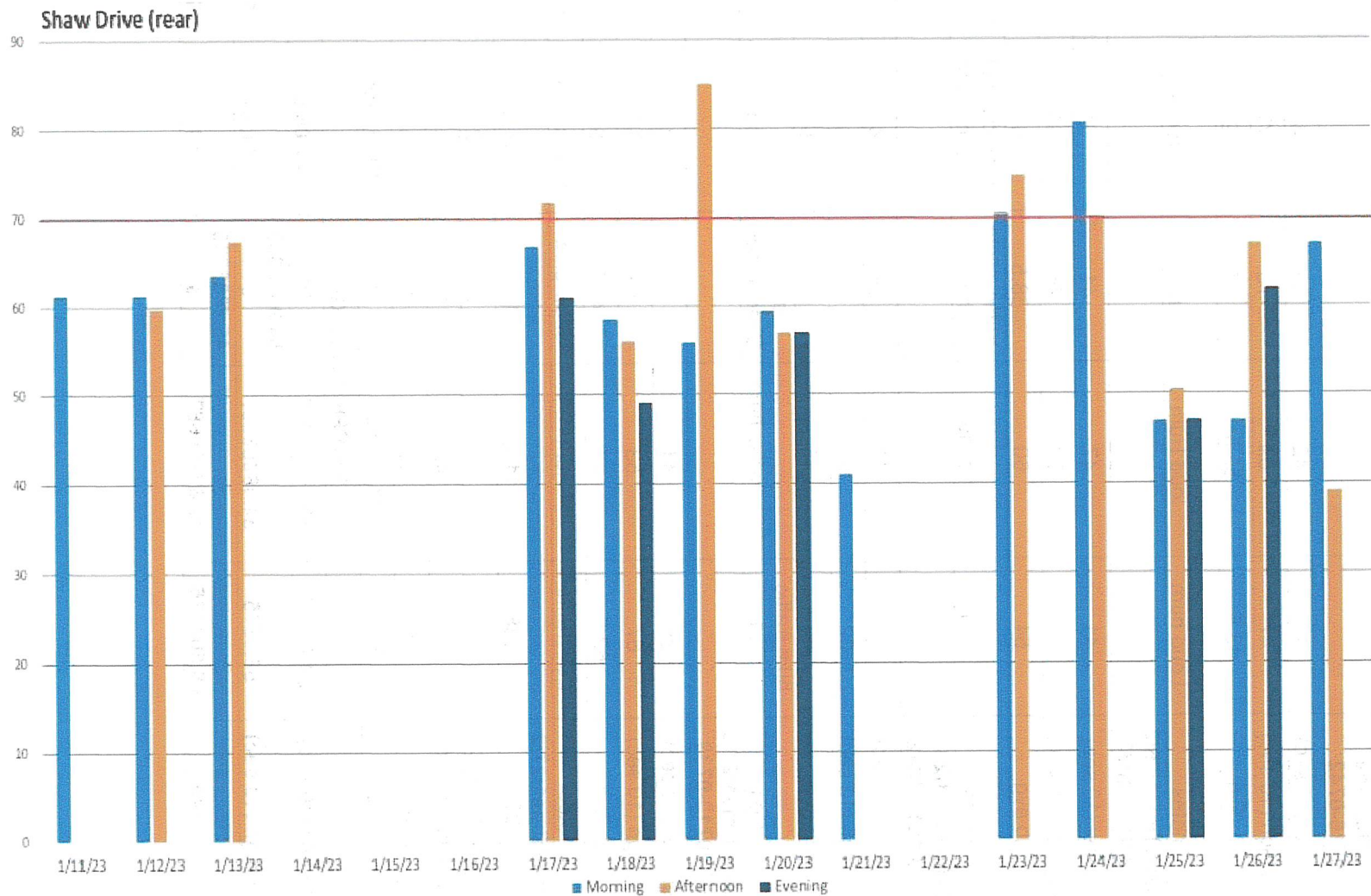
Shaw Dr_KCHD Readings

Address	Shaw Dr rear	Indian Valley Dr (KntRdg)	Shaw Dr entrance	Amer. Legion rear	Marvin and Lake (control)
Date/Time 01/17/23 2055					
db low	31	31	31	48	36
db high	61	58	79	79	65
db avg	51.8	49	50	52	44
notes	mild breeze, traffic, hum	mild breeze, traffic			windy
Date/Time 1/18/23 0715					
db low	35	43	31	60	49
db high	51	48	36	75	53
db avg	46.7	46.9	47	47.1	51
notes	hum			delivery truck exiting drive	
Date/Time 1/18/23 2106					
db low	37	38	39	45	53
db high	49	46	65	51	73
db avg	43	42	49.8	48	50.7
notes	hum		loud car	idling trucks workers talking	truck idling
Date/Time 1/10/2023 0716					
db low	45	44	46	49	60.9
db high	55	78	64	56	65.2
db avg	50	61	47.7	46.4	63.05
notes	261 traffic, hum, rain	261 traffic, rain gutter, wind	rain, cars at intersection	trucks idling, rain	idling trucks, drizzle
Date/Time 1/19/23 1020 to 1100					
db low	56		57		
db high	85		68		
db avg	65		64		
notes	hum, 261 traffic, airplane		hum, Sunny brook Traffic		
Date/Time 1/19/23 1400to1442					
db low				62	
db high				91	
db avg				68	

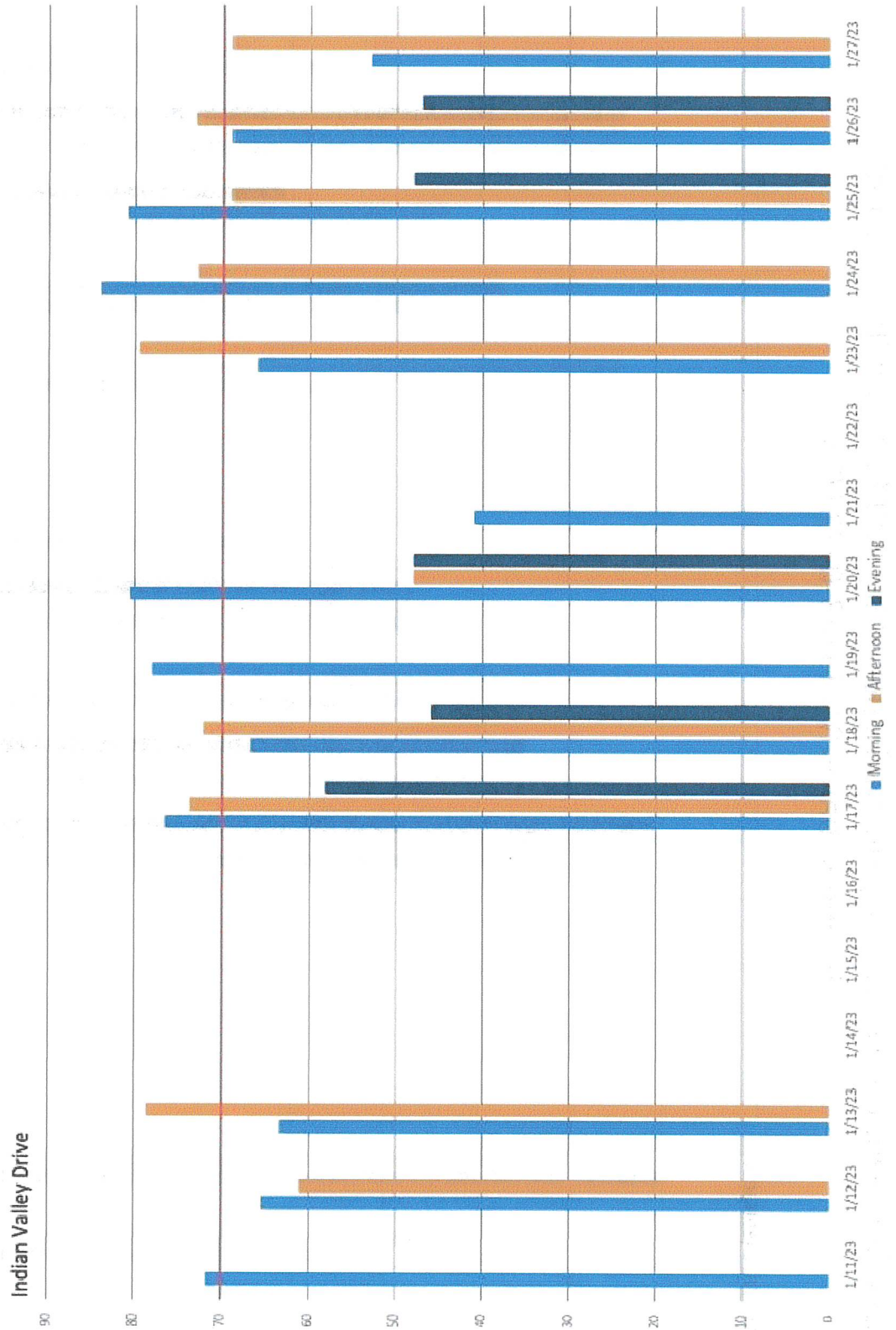
notes				hum, 261 traffic	
Date/Time 1/20/23 0722-0746					
db low	49	42	37	52	45
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notes	261 truck, hum, snow	wind, 261 traffic, snow	geese, hum, traffic	traffic, trucks idling	snow traffic on Lake
Date/Time 1/20/23 1835-1900					
db low	45	45	38	53	49
db high	57	48	53	59	72
db avg	51	46.5	45.5	56	60.5
notes	261 traffic, hum	261 traffic, hum	lt. hum	trucks idling, rain	Lake st traffic
Date/Time 01/21/23 0805-0835					
db low	33.7	35	31	37	35
db high	41	41	36	47	50
db avg	37.35	38	33.5	42	42.5
notes	hawk, 261 traffic, hum	crows, 261 traffic	geese, hum, traffic	trucks idling	traffic, birds
Date/Time 1/24/2023 1000 - 1030					
db low	52	56		64	
db high	84	84		80	
db avg	68	70		72	
notes	261 traffic, birds, humm	261 traffic, reverse alarm, humm		261 traffic, no humm	
Date/Time 1/25/23 0715-0735					
db low	24	23	20	26	38
db high (10 sec)	32	29	29	31	47
db avg	28	26	24.5	28.5	42.5
notes	hum, window up	sl hum, windows up	hum, windows up	sl hum, cars, windows up	truck, windows up
Date/Time 1/25/23 1712-1740					
db low (10 sec)	41	40	31	40	35
db high (10 sec)	47	48	39	51	46
db avg	44	44	35	45.5	40.5

notes	loud car, Hum, traffic	hum, 261 traffic	Hum	261 traffic cars	traffic. Dog
Date/Time 0716-0742					
db low (10 sec)	40	42	39	42	42
db high (10 sec)	47	69	75	77	79
db avg	43.5	55.5	57	59.5	60.5
notes	Loud hum	loud Hum	loud Hum	trucks	loud whirring, car
Date/Time1/26/2 023 1112-1233					
db low (10 sec)	41	47	41	51	49
db high (10 sec)	67	73	76	63	74
db avg	54	60	58.5	57	61.5
notes	hum	traffic, hum	traffic, slight hum	semi idling at LOL, no hum	traffic, hum from west
Date/Time1/26/2 023 1817-1842					
db low (10 sec)	42	41	38	46	
db high (10 sec)	62	47	76	58	
db avg	52	44	57	52	
notes	hum traffic 261	261 traffic, hum	cars on Sunnybrook	Whirring, truck	
Date/Time1/27/2 023 0713-0739					
db low (10 sec)	38	41	38	49	35
db high (10 sec)	67	53	49	55	41
db avg	52.5	47	43.5	52	38
notes	261 traffic	hum	snow plow	trucks idling	cars on Lake st
Date/Time1/27/2 023	1138	1133	1141	1126	1114
db low (10 sec)	26	30	23	29	26
db high (10 sec)	39	40	35	41	76
db avg	31	36	28	38	36
notes	KK	KK, Traffic	KK	KK, traffic	KK, Traffic
2 WEEK AVERAGE					
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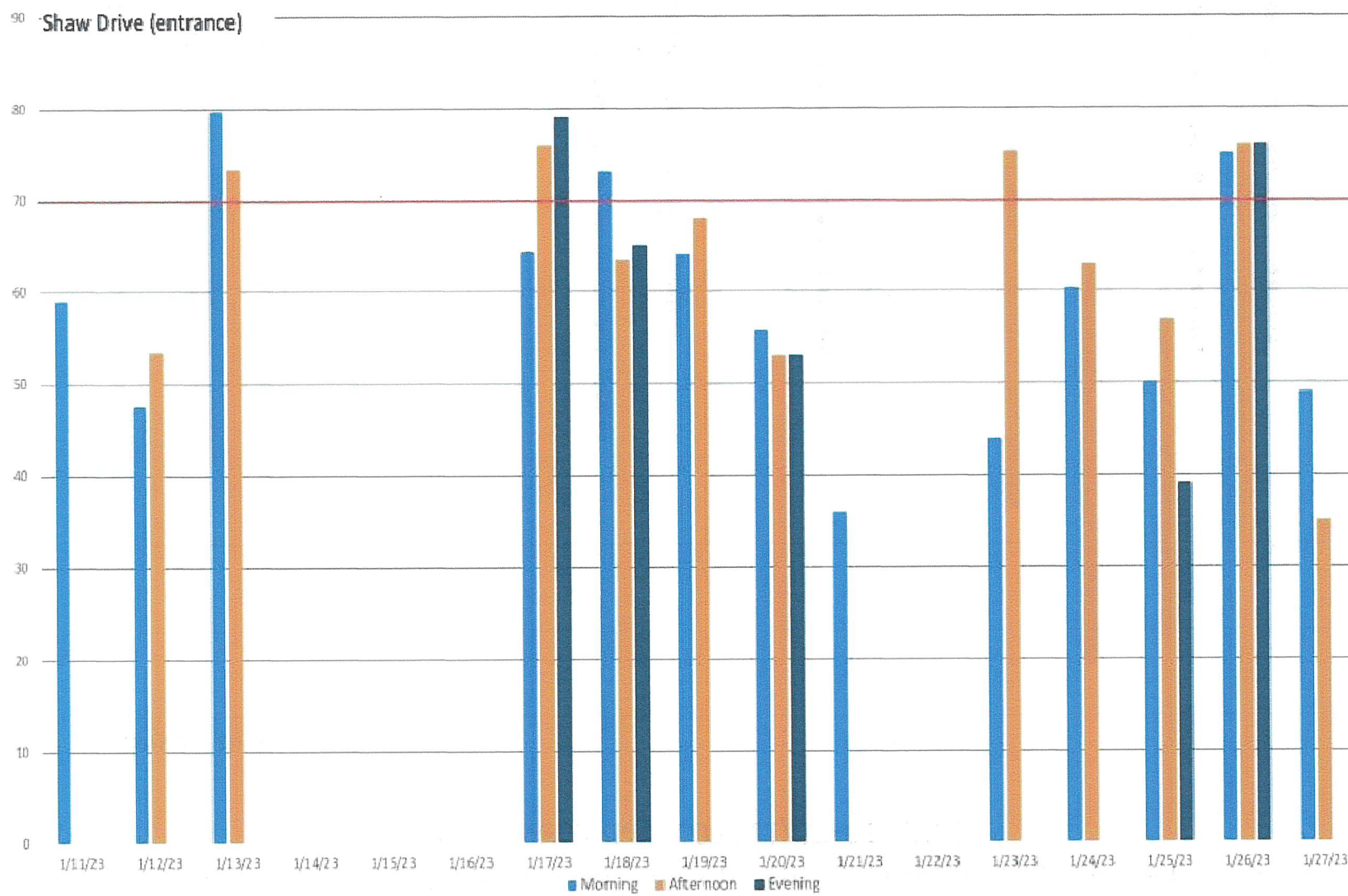
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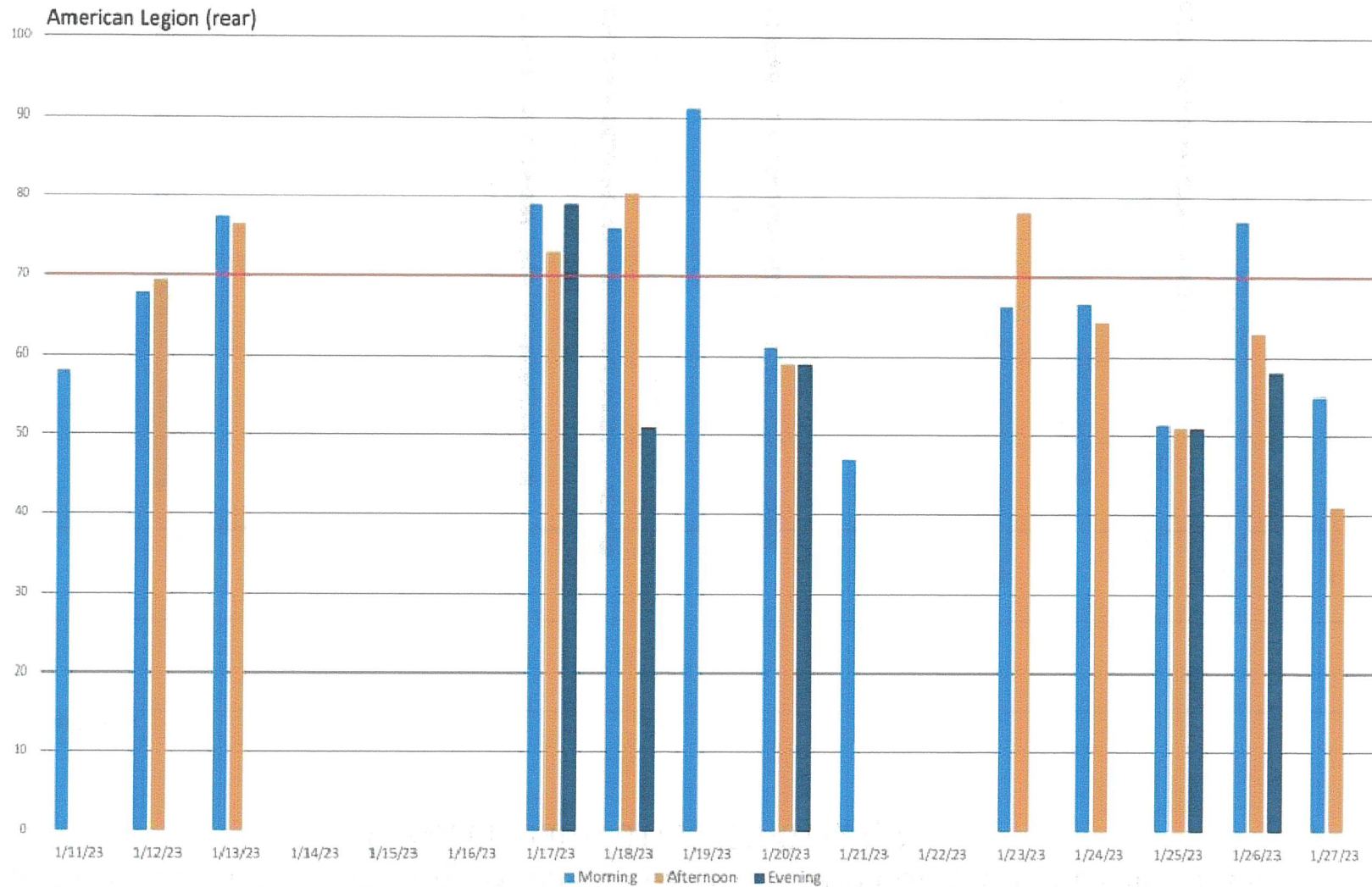
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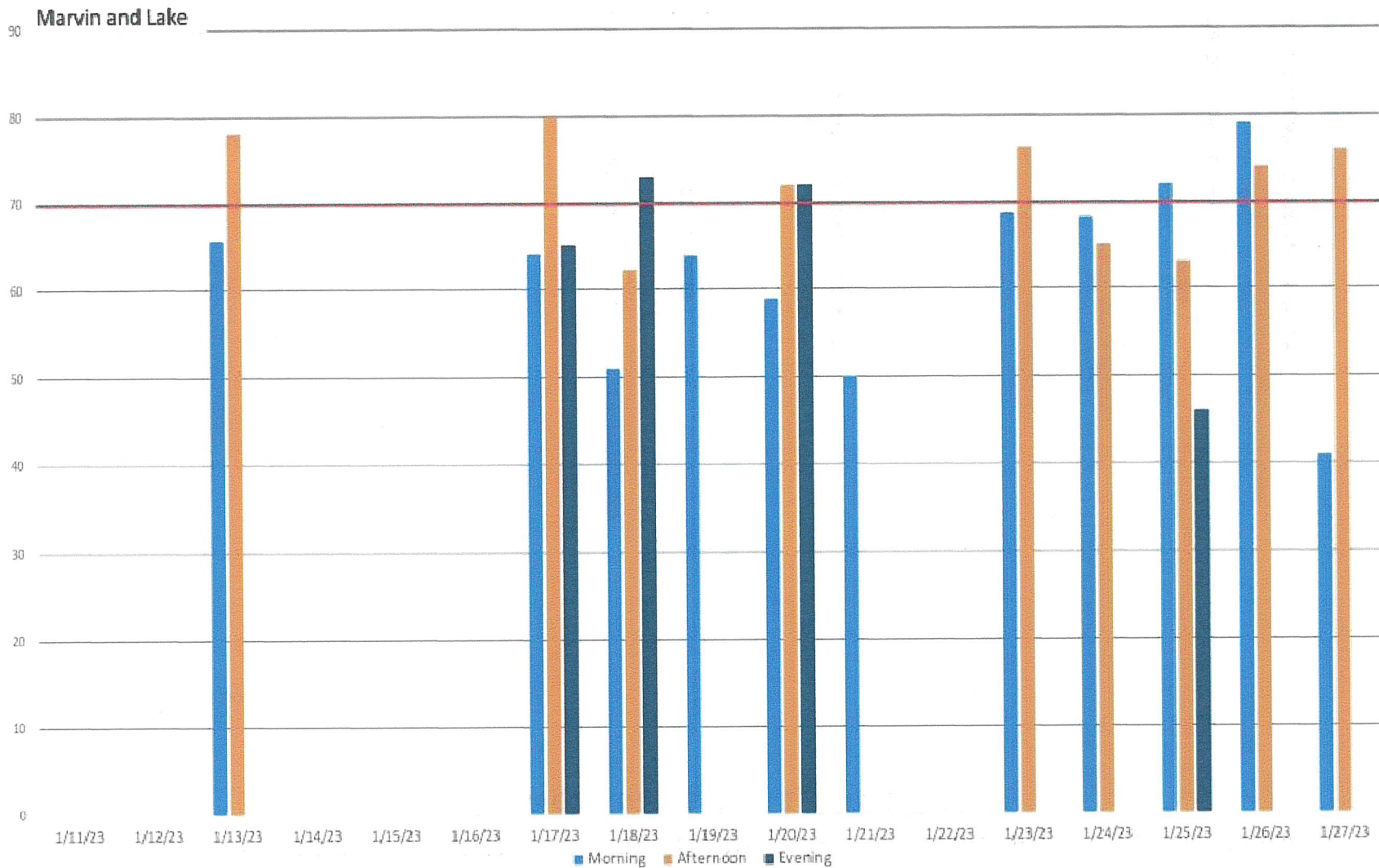
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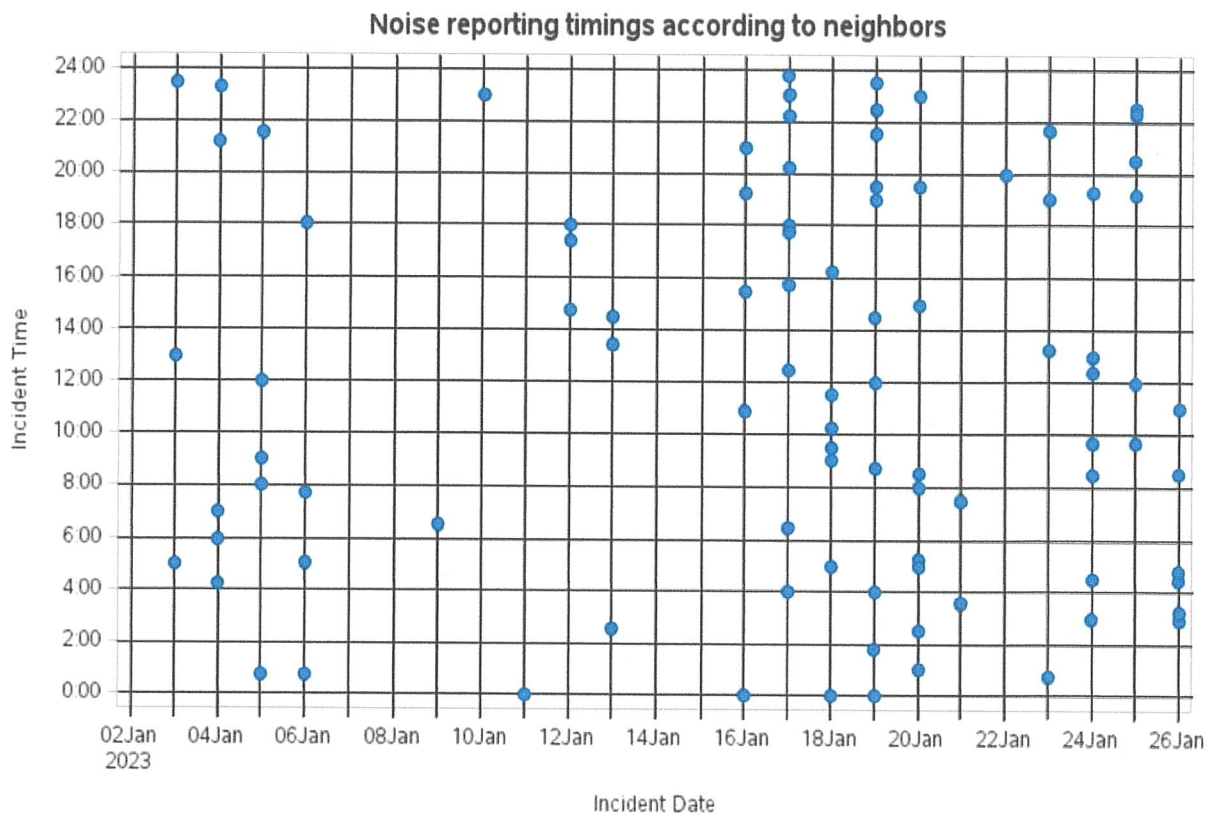
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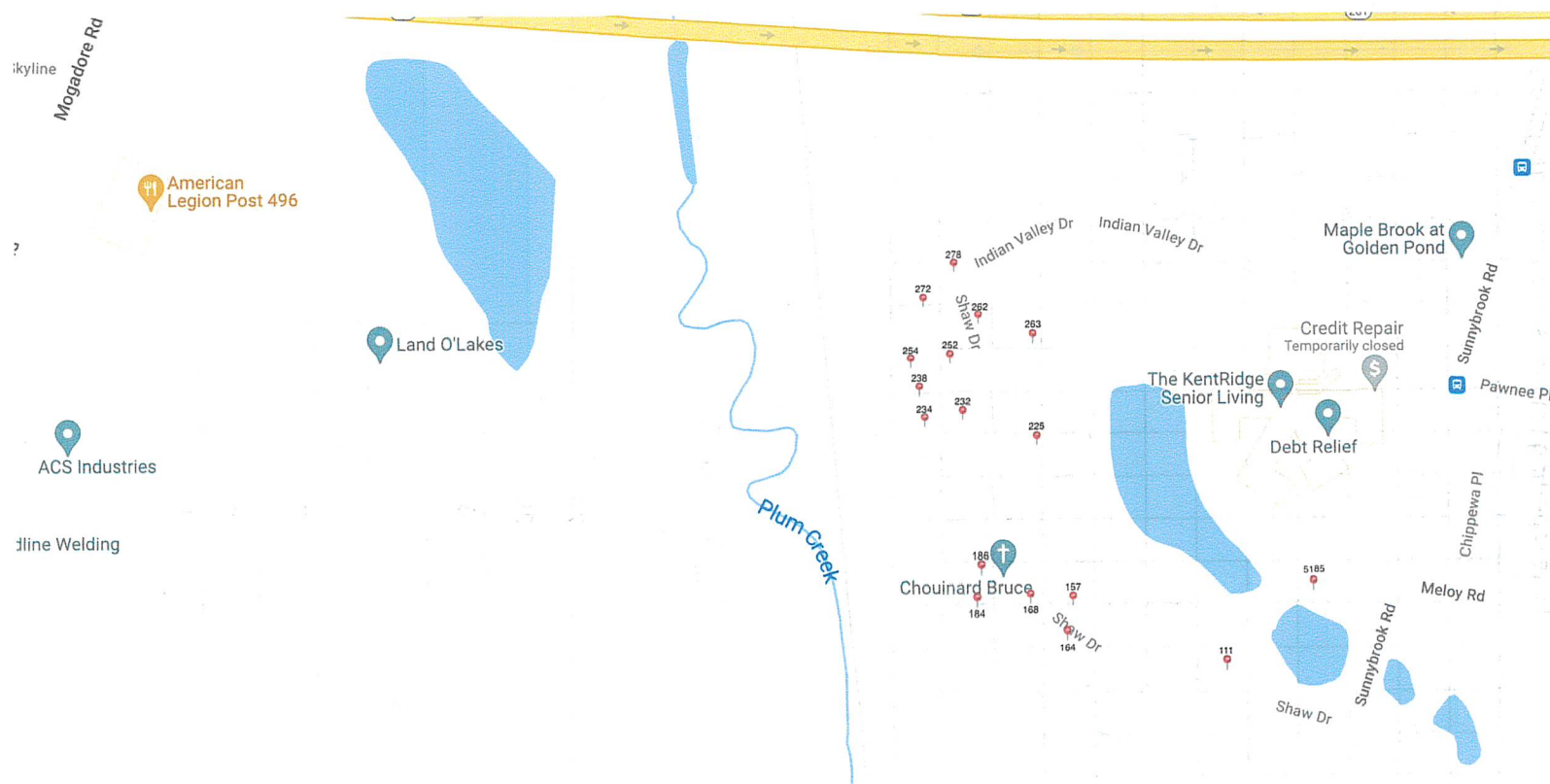
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Scatter Plot



Type of noise	No. of complains
Grinding	5
Humming	20
Droning	29
Motor	8
Pulsating	18
Turbine	1
Rumbling	7
Whirring	3
Fan	1



Overlapping Times

Table noting the overlapping times as reported by the Land O'Lakes neighbors and as recorded by Kent City Health Department and Community Development.

Date	Address	Complain	Time noises heard	KCHD/CD reporting	Reporting time
01/12/23	234 Shaw Drive	Grinding/ More over the past 3 months	2:45 pm	CD recorded slight noise	3:00 pm
01/13/23	5185 Sunnybrook	Humming from Land O'Lakes going nonstop since last evening	2:30 pm	Loud noises Recorded by CD	2:29 pm
01/18/23	254 & 225 Shaw Drive	Droning noises all morning	9:00-9:30 am	Noises recorded by CD	8:37 am
01/19/23	278 Shaw Drive	Loud constant humming/ from blowers/motors	8:45 am	Moderate noises	8:29 am
01/20/23	5185 Sunnybrook & 263 Shaw Drive	Loud droning/humming	8:00-8:30 am	Moderate noises by CD and KCHD	8:16 & 7:46 am
01/20/23	254 Shaw Drive	The fan noise was present all day and very loud	7:30 pm	Noises reported by KCHD	7:00 pm
01/24/23	263 Shaw Drive	Loud humming	8:30 am	CD reported load noises	8:15 am
01/24/23	234 Shaw Drive	Pulsating Grinding	9:45 am	Very loud sounds recorded by the KCHD	10:00 am
01/26/23	5185 Sunnybrook Rd	Loud humming since previous evening	11:00 am	Loud noises recorded by the KCHD	11:12 am

Number of Complaints

Address	No. of complaints
5185 Sunnybrook Rd	23
278 Shaw Dr	13
168 Shaw Dr	10
263 Shaw Dr	10
225 Shaw Dr	9
254 Shaw Dr	6
234 Shaw Dr	4
232 Shaw Dr	3
238 Shaw Dr	3
157 Shaw Dr	3
252 Shaw Dr	1
272 Shaw Dr	1
164 Shaw Dr	1
184 Shaw Dr	1
262 Shaw Dr	1

Registered Complaints

The following items are details captured on Kent's Board of Health website, names and addresses available from Board of Health:

Incident Date	Incident Time	Other/Details
01/03/23	5:00 AM	Reported in her complaint that the sounds also occurred even louder on this day at 07:00 AM and 12:45 PM
01/03/23	1:00 PM	Laying in bed, listening to loud humming, droning noise coming from plant. Has been on & off since a little before 1pm today. Has been consistently running since at least 9:30 when I came to bed.
01/03/23	11:30 PM	When I went to bed at 11:30 pm last night, the grinding sounds were loud & clear. My wife took a sleeping pill at 12:45 since it was still so loud that we couldn't sleep. I finally fell asleep, but when I got up during the night, the sound was still there. This morning at 7:15, the sounds continued.
01/04/23	7:00 AM	Constant motor / blower running all day and night since Tuesday morning Jan 3rd. The sound seems to be coming from Land O Lakes Factory. We have lived here 4 years with the noise but has intensified recently.
01/04/23	6:00 AM	I noticed the Land o Lakes mechanical sound starting at 6:00 this morning, it is still making the noise at 10:00 am. It's a constant grinding sound.
01/04/23	4:15 AM	Every night between 2:30 and 4am the pulsating or loud wonging sounds begin and wake me up. My sleep patterns have been disturbed after years of this. I Fall asleep 9pm and up and awake at 2:30 or 4am each night and stay awake. Drive by and you will see my lights on at this early hour as it has trained me to be wake up between 2:30-4am This does not happen when I am away from home. I hear it through earplugs and a clean air machine for white noise...it is still distinguishable. The pulsating roaring noise seems to taper off a bit around 8am. It gets less obvious around 11:30 to about 1pm. The louder pulsating roaring reaches a peak in the early evening around 6pm to 11pm or so. Then the process begins again at 2:30 am. Wednesdays and Thursdays seem worse, but it is always making some noise. We moved here over 4 yrs. ago and noticed there are hardly any birds around the complex and believe the factory noise keeps them away. Could Land O'Lakes be offered a tax break for some environmental reason if they mitigate the noise? Eric Love Land O'Lakes operations mgr. first responded to Matt Morrison that there was a problem, then silence. They seem to be gaslighting nearly 60 residents telling us there is no noise.
01/04/23	9:15 PM	Pulsating humming noise coming from machines at Land O'Lakes. Started up around 5:30pm still going at 9:20.
01/04/23	11:15 PM	Noticed turbine like droning sound when turning off TV, etc. to go to bed. Probably started earlier, but did not notice until it was quieter in the condo.

01/05/23	12:45 AM	The noises from the plant woke me up from a sound sleep at 12:45 am and again at 6:00 am. I can hear it now at 8:30 am over my TV. The droning sounds go on most of the day.
01/05/23	8:00 AM	Consistent noise seeming to be coming from the Land O Lakes factory due to motors / blowers running constantly. Four years that we have lived here but noise is getting worse
01/05/23	9:00 AM	Pulsating whine off and on over night and next morning upon waking and removing earplugs.
01/05/23	12:00 PM	Reported noise last night. Pulsating sounded continued all night until about 7:30am this morning then stopped. Now it has been doing a constant roaring hum since about 9:30am that will gradually get louder to a point and then gradually lower every few minutes.
01/05/23	9:30 PM	Laying in bed I can hear a loud, droning humming noise coming from Land O Lakes plant. It goes for a few minutes then stops for a few minutes then starts back up again. It has been doing this the last few hours.
01/06/23	12:45 AM	Droning pulsating hum been going on and off. Laying in bed hearing since 9:00pm still going on, it's almost 1am. 3rd night of hearing this. Not able to sleep again 3 nights in a row. Pulsating has been stopping for a few minutes and as soon as I'm about to fall asleep it starts up again and goes for another 15-20 minutes. I feel like I'm being sound tortured in my own home night after night.
01/06/23	5:00 AM	Loud droning noise can be heard from inside my home. It began earlier. Wish that a Kent representative would come down some of the driveways of Shaw Dr. early mornings and get out of their cars to hear what we deal with every night and day. Plant can be easily seen lit up.
01/06/23	7:45 AM	Friday was particularly loud ...I noticed it from when I went to bed the night before right thru the following Friday. However, Saturday, Jan. 7th there was virtually no sounds that I could hear from my condo....very quiet.
01/06/23	6:00 PM	(missing)
01/09/23	6:30 AM	Awakened at 3:40am by loud booming coming from Land Olakes went on for about 10 minutes. Woke up again at 6:30am and the droning hum was already going and has been going steady for an hour. Reporting this a little after 7:40am. The plant has been silent since late Friday night nothing heard Saturday or Sunday.
01/09/23	6:30 AM	Loud, droning, humming noise coming from Land O Lakes plant. Was going when I woke up at 6:30am this morning then went on continuously until around 3:30pm. It has been quiet the last hour.
01/10/23	11:00 PM	It's 11pm and the blowers/motors from Land O Lakes are blaring through the windows and walls of our condo. This has been going on all day and night. 4 years that we have been here but has intensified recently.
01/12/23	5:30 PM	Constant rumble and vibration at our front door which faces west towards the Land O Lakes Company

01/12/23	6:00 PM	Loud, droning humming noise coming from Land O Lakes plant. We haven't heard it since Monday afternoon & it started back up around 6pm. It's still going right now at 9pm
01/13/23	2:30 AM	It is mostly always making some sort of noise or other but noise escalates at night. The only time we get a decent night's sleep is to go to a hotel. We pay taxes in Kent and a high property tax, yet sadly Kent does not seem to care about it's homeowning residents, only larger entities that pay more tax. Soon there will be few homeowners in Kent, only renters. We already see it's decline with all the litter strewn along Kent's streets. Can't something be done for the taxpayers on Shaw Dr. to dampen that noise from Land O' Lakes so we can get a normal night's sleep??
01/13/23	1:30 PM	Continuous rumbling noise & vibration at our front door which faces west toward the back of the Land O Lakes Plant. Motors continue to be heard through the windows and walls of our condo.
01/13/23	2:30 PM	Humming from Land O'Lakes has evening going nonstop since 6pm 1/12. It's now 2:30pm 1/13 and the droning hum is constant. Almost a full 24 hours.
01/11/23	12:00 AM	Very loud all night long ...noticed most of course when shutting down TV, etc and going to bed. There appear to be short intervals (10 minutes) when it is not heard. for instance off at 11:56 PM and back on at 12:11 AM but I do not wake up to chart. all the breaks . I try to wear ear plugs but the pulsing sound can cut through even the plugs
01/12/23	2:45 PM	My friend was visiting and asked me what the grinding noise was from, I replied, Land o Lakes. This has been more prevalent in the last 3 months. I have been home all day on the 13th, and the noise has been constant.
01/16/23	12:00 AM	Quiet all weekend, but upon waking this morning at 8:30 AM, Removed my earplugs and there it was. The usual droning sound. It could have started earlier, but can't say because of my earplugs
01/16/23	10:55 AM	A low-level hum is emitted by the plant 24 hour a day, seven days a week. However, today between approximately 10:55 am and 11:05 am, a roaring/rumbling noise MUCH louder than "normal" was heard.
01/16/23	7:15 PM	After a not so noisy afternoon the droning has returned this evening. I was aware in the middle of the afternoon that I could not hear anything...AHH.
01/16/23	9:00 PM	Loud blower / motor noise coming from the Land O Lakes Company. 4 years that we have lived here but has worsened in the last year. Rear of building where the blower / motor fans are running
01/17/23	6:25 AM	Awakened at 6:25 AM to the pulsating drone sound ...seemed to be "in and out" for a few minutes, but running solid now at 7:40 AM. pulsating droning sound which can be heard inside with windows closed. Is more of an issue at night when all daily living sounds have been shut down for the night.
01/17/23	12:30 PM	Loud noise all through the night. Monday evening(1-16-23) throughout the night, still going on.....1:00 pm Tuesday. Coming from the Land O Lakes plant very close to the community I live in.

01/17/23	3:45 PM	Constant rumbling noise from blower / motors running from the Land O Lakes Company. 4 years but noise has increased severely over the past year
01/16/23	3:30 PM	Horrible droning noise in our guest room which faces west. Occurring for appox 30 minutes then turns off for 10 minutes or so. Occurred all afternoon and evening.
01/17/23	3:45 PM	Same as stated yesterday. Droning loud noise coming to our front rooms which face west. Noted around 2:30pm. Off and on 30 minutes on then off for 10 minutes. Occurred all afternoon and evening. Noise is very obnoxious and disturbing in our front rooms.
01/17/23	5:45 PM	Loud, droning humming noise coming from Land O Lakes plant. Has been going for at least 3 hours. I can hear it in my house, in my office as I'm trying to work. 3-4 hours.
01/17/23	6:00 PM	Droning sounds louder than earlier today. Can hear it in all rooms of the house. Very loud and disturbing. Months
01/17/23	8:15 PM	
01/17/23	10:15 PM	Loud, droning humming noise coming from Land O Lakes plant. I reported it earlier around 5:45 & it is still going.
01/17/23	11:00 PM	Heading to bed and the noise is droning /pulsating as reported previously. As I finish this report, it is 11:10 PM and the noise has stopped. It may just start again, as that happens as well.
01/17/23	11:00 PM	The droning noise from the plant is horrible tonight. We can hear it in the rear bedroom as well its so loud. Our front guest bedroom which faces the west is extremely loud. It is impossible for my daughter to sleep in there. Same routine as before. Droning lasts for about a half hour then off for 10 minutes, then back on for 40 minutes. This is ridiculous and unbelievable.
01/17/23	4:00 AM	Whirring sounds coming from Land O Lakes. I was awoken this morning by this load noise that continued til 6 AM when I finally drifted back off to sleep. Then periodically on and off I continued to hear it when I'd wake before I had to be up at 8 AM to get ready for Dr. appts out of town today. I'm the sole caregiver of my husband who is 90% disabled and US Army retiree. Uninterrupted sleep is vital for me to be able to have the energy to do for him what is needed. We bought into the condos here at The Crossings at Golden Pond because it seemed like a nice quiet community and it is except for this annoying noise that seems most prevalent through the night hours. This is the first time we are posting for this problem, but we have heard it numerous times over many months. I do hope the City of Kent is able to work with Land O Lakes to reach a solution and soon. We have not personally notified LOL and/or City of Kent of this but I know a group from our community is working with them hoping to find a solution

01/17/23	11:45 PM	Listening to pulsating droning hum going constantly since this afternoon. Took 3 sleep-aid pills at 9:30 to try to be able to sleep through it. It's too loud tonight I can't fall asleep and I have these pills in my system. It's now after midnight and the noise continues. Probably will go all night. Week after week of nights with little or literally no sleep. Noticed around 3pm 1/17, still going 9 hours later
01/18/23	5:00 AM	The pulsating noise can be heard throughout the inside of our home. It is a daily and nightly noise especially during the week. Sometimes it makes a "woowoowoowoowo" sound like a flying saucer from a 1950s science fiction film, but the worst sound is the "WONGWONGWONGWONG" pulsating that goes on for many hours at a time day and night for years now very loud in our bedroom. The city of Kent seems powerless to do anything for it's citizens that suffer this daily and nightly .We aren't a "bunch of old people that are going to die soon anyway" over here. We understand Land O Lakes could mitigate this sound but they refuse to talk to anyone concerned anymore. This should NEVER have been zoned for these homes here. Mitigating the sound, which Land O Lakes can do, would solve this problem.
01/18/23	10:15 AM	This is in regards to the noise coming from the LOL Plant. We were told to let you know every time we here the noise. It is everyday and every night except Saturday and Sundays. If it stops it is generally for five minutes. Some nights I am in tears because it is keeping me awake and I have no place to go to escape the noise to lay my head down. Lately the noise has been louder than ever. It has gotten worse than it use to be. My granddaughter spent the night here one night and it kept her awake also. She thought the noise was coming from my refrigerator and that the refrigerator was going bad. She did not realize the noise was coming from outside. She is 13 years old and I was surprised the noise was also bothering her. Like I said, it is everyday and evening. The noise might stop for a very short period of time and then it starts back up again. I don't think it is necessary for me to continually be sending you this form. As soon as you step in my bedrooms, the noise can be heard loud and clear. If you have any questions for me, please contact me. I would appreciate any concern that you can give to this matter. I don't know how to answer the date and time of the incident because it is almost continuously Monday through Fridays. So I only put todays date down, but it is almost continuously.
01/18/23	11:30 AM	Reported noise last night that started up yesterday afternoon. Noise continued all night, got no sleep. The noise stopped around 11:15, submitting this with 20 minutes so far of not hearing it. Will report when sounds start again.

01/18/23	4:15 PM	Noise is still going strong from this morning when I sent in a form about the noise coming from LOL Plant. Being this noise is almost constant, how often do I need to send in this form. Saturday and Sundays are the only days we get relief from it. The last couple of months the noise seems to have gotten worse. Sitting outside on my patio is almost impossible to do in the summer because the noise will drive you crazy. I live in the last condo on the left so I may be getting the noise worse than the others that live further up the road. I don't know for sure though. Thank you for reading this and I hope you can consider having something done about it.
01/18/23	9:00 AM	Loud noise all morning (I was gone part of the morning.)Noise this afternoon until 4:45, when it was either stopped or turned way down.The noise has been considerably louder and quite anno
01/18/23	9:30 AM	Droning noise tonight however can be heard only in the front of the house which faces west. Noise is not as bad as last night but it is still disturbing.
01/18/23	12:00 AM	Loud whirring noise coming from Land O Lakes plant noticed about midnight as I was retiring for the night. Noise kept me awake for several hours before I was able to fall asleep. Heard it again when I awoke for a bathroom call and then again when I awoke for the day at about 8 am. This is a serious matter that I implore the City of Kent to take seriously and work with L O L to resolve the problem.
01/19/23	1:45 AM	Noise from LOL is keeping us awake. Friends were here visiting us here this evening. I took them in our bedrooms and they could not believe how loud the noise was.
01/19/23	8:45 AM	Loud and constant humming noise coming from the blowers / motors from the Land O Lakes Company. 4 years since we have lived here and has worsened over the past year. Back rear side of the Land O Lakes building
01/19/23	12:00 PM	7:00 am. Moderate noise present when I got up. Continued until I left home at 8:30 12:00 noon. Returned home. Noise louder.
01/19/23	12:00 AM	The pulsating factory sounds were evident this morning as I awoke. They continued throughout the morning and they are present now (12:45 PM). Interesting enough, the sound stopped at 10:48 AM but resumed about a minute later at 10:49 AM, I have heard short breaks in the cycle before. outside but filtering indoors , even with winter conditions of closed windows.

		I saw city employee Eric taking recordings at mailbox for several minutes. I walked over and introduced myself and asked if he was helping Joan's team. I explained the slight hum going at the moment is not the problem noise that I report it is more of the louder droning noise. I offered to have him come into my home to listen to several recordings that I have on my phone that I bluetoothed on to my home theater system for him to hear. I showed him the droning noise from videos I took of the walls in my room when the sound was going last Friday morning at 4am, he acknowledged that noises were coming right through the walls. I explained that these frequencies need to be contained at the source nothing we do as residents will block this. I showed him how I had the house reinsulated as a desperate attempt to help. I also showed him on a frequency analyzer that the hum bounces between 140-150hz. Those are the tones of the pulsating that are easier to hear indoors because the walls block out the higher frequencies, but the low tones pass through, I demonstrated this effect for him by cutting out the high tones. I also showed him recordings of the constant hum that doesn't pulsate that were captured on my outdoor cameras. He asked about a banging and stated it was the trains. I showed him recordings of the bangs to prove it's not the trains because you can clearly hear the backing beeps of the trucks used to slam the dumpsters at the facility. He knew it was Republic immediately after hearing this because he heard it himself when he was doing water tests near the plant. I asked that he share this visit with Joan.
01/19/23	2:30 PM	
01/19/23	9:30 PM	Very loud humming / rumbling noise coming from the blowers/motors at the Land O Lakes Plant. 4 years but definitely has worsened over the last year. Land O Lakes Plant in the rear of the building
01/19/23	4:00 AM	Loud "whirring" sound (medium to low pitch) coming from the L O L plant. It was loud enough to keep me awake for several hours. When I got up this morning about 8 am it was still going. We were away all afternoon so don't know if it continued or not. Haven't heard it yet tonight, but wind has been blowing and raining. Same last report
01/19/23	7:30 PM	Same droning as usual. Began to hear it in my back bedroom around 7:00pm. Same routine as before, on for 30-40 minutes then off for 10 minutes or less. Loud even in back bedroom and extremely loud in front of my house facing west to the plant. If this continues tonight we won't be able to get any sleep. I can't even imagine how bad it is across the street whose houses face that plant.
01/19/23	10:25 PM	Droning pulsating hum going on and off every few minutes. Low constant hum going most of the day but the louder droning hum started up a little before 8pm. Reporting it at 10:19pm.
01/19/23	11:30 PM	Just to let you know, the noise from LOL Plant is still going on. Has been all day.

01/19/23	7:00 PM	The "normal" rumble increased significantly at 7:00 pm and continued until approximately 7:40 pm. I say "approximately" 7:40 because wind and rain started around 7:30 pm and created some noise, too. Off & on, for several years
01/20/23	1:00 AM	Loud obnoxious droning noise from the plant. Its permeating the whole house including our back bedroom. Now 330 am and we can't sleep.. Same deal as before, 45 minutes on and then shuts off for 10 minutes. This is getting very annoying very fast. How they can claim that it's not them is amazing. Can no one Working over there hear this noise coming from their plant? Impossible.
01/20/23	2:30 AM	Weekly every Thursday night, (and most other nights), pulsating noise coming from the Land O' Lakes plant behind our condo. It wakes us every night it happens, which is probably 4-6 nights a week and continues until after daylight. Can't get back to sleep, so up at 2;30-3:00 am every night. Ear plugs and sound machines don't help, it can be heard through them. Who can live like this? Please imagine what this would be like if it occurred in your home for years! The noise was very loud at about 3pm yesterday as well. This condo complex never should have been zoned and built right next to a factory. If Land O'Lakes would mitigate this noise it would solve this nightmare.
01/20/23	5:15 AM	The pulsating hum has been going nonstop all night. Tried ear plugs but I cannot sleep with them been up all night again because of this noise. It has non let up the whole night. Since around 8pm 1/19 still going after 5am 1/20
01/20/23	5:00 AM	Constant noise and pulsating, roaring, droning whirring sounds from this factory. Seriously...it would be easier to document when this place is NOT making noise, usually at lunch hour between 11-1pm and some rare relieving weekends about 3x a year. Sometimes the loud hollow pulsating comes and goes, but guaranteed to start at any time, many times during each night and day keeping residents on edge. There is almost 98% of the time some sort of droning or high pitched noise coming from there.
01/20/23	8:00 AM	Loud, droning humming noise coming from Land O Lakes plant. Has been going since yesterday evening & is still going.
01/20/23	8:30 AM	Noise from LOL Plant is still going strong. I live at the end of Shaw Drive, maybe that is why I hear it non stop. Tomorrow and Sunday hopefully it will be shut down for the weekend . That is the only time we get relief from the noise.
01/19/23	12:00 AM	The noise was moderately loud when I got up at 7:30 am. I was gone for a couple of hours, when I returned at 12:00 noon the noise was very loud. The noise continued all day and was still annoyingly present when I went to bed at midnight.
01/20/23	3:00 PM	The noise from Land O' Lakes facility has been around the clock all week! Please do something about the noise.

01/20/23	7:30 PM	The fan noise was present all day and is still loud at present. This morning it was moderate and became louder about noon and has been loud since.
01/20/23	11:00 PM	Headed to bed with the sound of the pulsating drone evident as it usually is. It was heard all day as usual with a couple of short minutes of silence here and there. I hope that the weekend will be quieter as it has been the last two.
01/21/23	7:30 AM	AY!! No noise. Saturday and Sunday are the days they must be shut down at LOL Plant. Today and tomorrow we will be without the constant noise. Thanks for reading all of the forms that I have been sending in.
01/21/23	3:30 AM	The noise from Land o Lakes building sounds like a washing machine, I hear it before I go to bed and it wakes me up at 3 ,5 & 7 a.m. I've heard it everyday this week. It's constant. Mostly in the middle of the night
01/23/23	1:15 PM	Loud humming noise coming from the blowers / motors at the Land O Lakes Plant
01/23/23	7:00 PM	Just want to let you know the LOL Plant has been up and running with its usual loud humming noise. Started this morning after being quiet on Saturday and Sunday. I just walked in my bedroom and the noise is just soooo loud. I know it will be keeping me from falling asleep tonight. It is non stop. If the noise stops, it only stops for 5 minutes. If it stops for a longer period of time than that, I have never heard it experienced that. Thank you for reading my note. I am sorry if I keep ranting about this issue, but no one knows what it is like to have to try to sleep with this noise. Thanks, again. Jack and Carol Lotzgeselle Since we moved in April of 2021. Seems like the noise has gotten worse since then for some reason unless the wind is blowing it towards our condo. Don't know for sur
01/23/23	9:45 PM	Woke up this morning at 6:45am and could hear the hum. It's been a constant hum pretty much all day. However about 8:30 pm the pulsating droning louder hum has started, reporting this at 9:45pm.
01/23/23	12:45 AM	The noise from the plant was present all day and evening. I am writing this at 1245 Am on the24th. It was especially loud between from 11:00 pm to now .
01/24/23	4:30 AM	Pulsating hum still going at 4:28am not able to stay asleep. Took 3 sleeping pills at 9pm woken up at 2am from noise not able to fall back asleep because it won't stop. Since early 1/23

01/22/23	8:00 PM	Very loud pulsating coming from Land O'Lakes can be heard over the TV. This starts up EVERY Sunday night and goes on nightly, getting louder at about 2-3am. Thursday mornings at 3am and Friday mornings at about 3am seem the loudest, though it can be heard in the home evenings around 6pm on. It seems to quiet down between 11am or so and 1pm during the lunch hour. The last 3 driveways on the left side of Shaw Dr. where the factory lights are very visible at night seem to get it the worst. Listeners have come to the Cul de Sac to listen and not get out of their cars. You need to come up the sets of driveways to gage just how bad this is for the homes there during the worst times. I have seen people come to listen during their lunch hour...that is one of the only times the place quiets down some. Manufacturing varies and changes production depending upon their orders. The one thing that has been consistent is the evening and early morning pulsating, usually from 6pm or so to 7 am the next morning when it ramps down a little bit. There is always some noise coming out of the place but the loud pulsating is the worst. It this is mitigated the problem would be solved.
01/24/23	8:30 AM	Still going strong
01/24/23	9:45 AM	Pulsating, grinding noise. It was doing the same yesterday afternoon.
01/24/23	12:59 PM	After a quiet weekend and not really noticing any manufacturing noise Monday, I have heard the return of the sounds. I believe of course, that the weather, humidity, etc affect how the sound carries. I noticed today when we turned off the TV after lunch. It was the usual pulsing sound...it actually stopped around 12:56 PM but resumed a couple of minutes later at approx. 12:59 PM
01/24/23	7:17 PM	Loud rumbling noise from the blowers / motors coming from the Land O Lakes Plant. Noise protruding through our walls and windows. Daily for the 4 years we have lived here but has worsened over the past year. Rear side of building at the Land O Lakes Plant.
01/24/23	3:00 AM	Droning noise in my back bedroom keeping me and my wife awake. Still going at 0400 and can't sleep. Very loud in the front of the house. We face Shaw and the plant.
01/24/23	12:24 PM	Same as above
01/25/23	9:45 AM	Loud humming noise coming from the blowers / motors at the Land O Lakes Plant. Noise is constant all day and night and seems to be louder in the evening hours.
01/25/23	12:00 PM	Noise sound from LOL Plant is going non stop as usual. This morning the sound is not as loud as normal. Was wondering if the snow is absorbing some of the sound? We seem to think so being the snow is all over the trees and ground. Don't get me wrong, it is still very annoying. Thanks for listening to me rant these past couple of weeks.
01/25/23	7:15 PM	Very loud humming noise coming from the blowers / motors at the Land O Lakes Plant. This is the 2nd time reporting noise today. This evening noise is much louder!!

01/25/23	8:30 PM	I have entered a date & time only because the form demands it. The fact of the matter is that the Land-o-Lakes plant emits a (usually) low, rumbling noise almost 24-hours a day, seven days a week. I have head the noise stop entirely from time to time for 15 to 30 minutes. Sometimes the rumble is louder than other times, but rarely absent. From my personal knowledge, this almost constant industrial noise has been going on for, at least, five years. Is it what I find to be a disturbance? Absolutely. Has it damaged my health? Not as far as I know. In answer to the question "Have you notified the owner?" I, personally have not contacted the plant.
01/25/23	10:15 PM	Droning pulsating hum coming from land olakes started back up this evening. First noticed it around 8:30pm. Now 10:20pm and going loudly. I have a white noise machine on my nightstand and my wife has the same model on her side of the bed night stand. Can still hear the pulsating hum come through the walls over 2 white noise machines.
01/25/23	10:30 PM	The noise from the fans was so loud this evening that we had to turn up the TV volume.
01/26/23	3:00 AM	That noise this night is soooooo loud. It is keeping us awake. I don't know how anyone else is able to sleep this night with how loud the noise is coming from the LOL Plant. It is just a steady non stop noise. I hope someone can please help us. I am in tears right now.
01/26/23	3:15 AM	The noise coming from LOL Plant is extremely loud tonight. It is keeping us awake. We cannot fall asleep. I hope someone can please help us. I am in tears right now. No one should have to live with this noise. Thanks.
01/26/23	4:30 AM	Loud pulsating coming through our walls. This is the case every Thursday and Friday very early mornings and often on other days and nights. Ear plugs, loud fans, pillows and blankets jammed against the wall and behind bed, heavy curtains.... nothing keeps it away.. At times slept on a hard lawn chair in an inner bathroom in the condo for a "normal" night's sleep. No one should have to live this way let alone people who have worked hard all their lives and want a peaceful retirement. This housing should never have been zoned for this area up against such loud industry.
01/26/23	4:45 AM	Noise from land olakes still going. Not able to sleep again tonight. Noticed droning around 8:30pm and still going at almost 5am. Alarm to wake up goes off at 6:45am if I'm lucky I'll get almost 2 hours of sleep before I have to work today.
01/26/23	8:30 AM	The droning manufacturing sounds carried quite well in the damp air yesterday, overnight, and this morning. I could hear the pulsing as I awakened as at various times in the middle of the night.
01/26/23	11:00 AM	Loud humming noise coming from Land O Lakes plant has been consistently going since 8:30pm last night. It woke me up several times throughout the night & my husband didn't get any sleep. It has been over 14 hours of this noise.

Remarks to Kent City Council

March 15, 2023

Good evening,

For those who may not know me, my name is Betsy Justice and I am the executive director of LoveLight, Inc., a local grassroots non-profit, now in its 28th year of service to the community. Thank you for the opportunity to share our exciting vision with you, The STAR Institute, an umbrella concept which includes the proposed purchase and renovation of the property at 1541 South Water Street in Kent. In your packet is "The LoveLight Story", for you to read at your leisure to provide some background on our organization. You may be aware that for some time, LoveLight has been pursuing the goal of acquiring a property in order to create an innovative, model intergenerational child development and lifelong learning center, STARCHILD, which is an acronym for Service, Teaching, Advocacy, and Research Center for Human Integration, Learning, and Development. When the Center is not in session, we plan to use the facility and grounds for other programs and services for the community. On the back of the "Show Love, Share Love, Spread Love: Invest in Our Children" paper in your packet is a list of anticipated benefits:

- Truly make a difference in the lives of the children and their families, including those who are low-income, during the time they are directly served at STARCHILD as well as putting them on a trajectory toward future success and well-being, not only impacting the quality of their lives, but also contributing to a healthy community and society.
- Enhance the learning of high school and college students who will gain valuable experience working with the children.
- Support the mental, emotional, and physical health of the senior citizens ("Golden Treasures") who will be interacting with the children, students, and community members as they share their time, knowledge, experiences, and love.
- Support the local economy via job creation and purchase of goods and services.
- Enhance the Kent community and beyond through the creation of an attractive campus which provides quality child care as well as maintaining green space so important for the environment and the mental and physical health of people in the area.
- Expand services and programs for the local community, especially ensuring equitable participation of all its members, with special attention given for low-income & minorities.
- Demonstrate innovative approaches to removing barriers to effective learning and promoting healthful growth, development, and functioning; and sharing these approaches with parents and practitioners in northeast Ohio and beyond.
- House and financially support the Lovelight organization so that we can continue to serve the community for years to come.

This project supports several of the City's Strategic Goals, in particular "Communities Within the City- to strengthen social bonds and enhance the value of people & City neighborhoods"; "City and University Synergy- to expand collaborative opportunities that enrich the university community experience"; "Support for Natural Resources- to protect and promote the City's natural resources"; and Superior Quality of Life- to enhance lifestyle choices through the physical and social environment", as well as helping to meet some economic development and community safety objectives.

I am here tonight to invite you collectively and individually to partner with LoveLight in bringing this vision to fruition, and to officially support this project:

- financially (in your packet are some ways to do this)
- through a resolution of support, or
- whatever other ways you may choose.

Thank you!

*“Show Love, Share Love,
Spread Love:
Invest in Our Children”*

LoveLight, Inc. is inviting you to be a shareholder in a child’s future as we create an innovative model intergenerational child development and lifelong learning center



Donations made be made via check to LoveLight, Inc. at P.O. Box 123 Kent, Ohio, deposit to a LoveLight savings account at Hometown Bank, Huntington Bank, Portage Community Bank, or Key Bank, or use the QR code below, which will enable you to donate through PayPal.





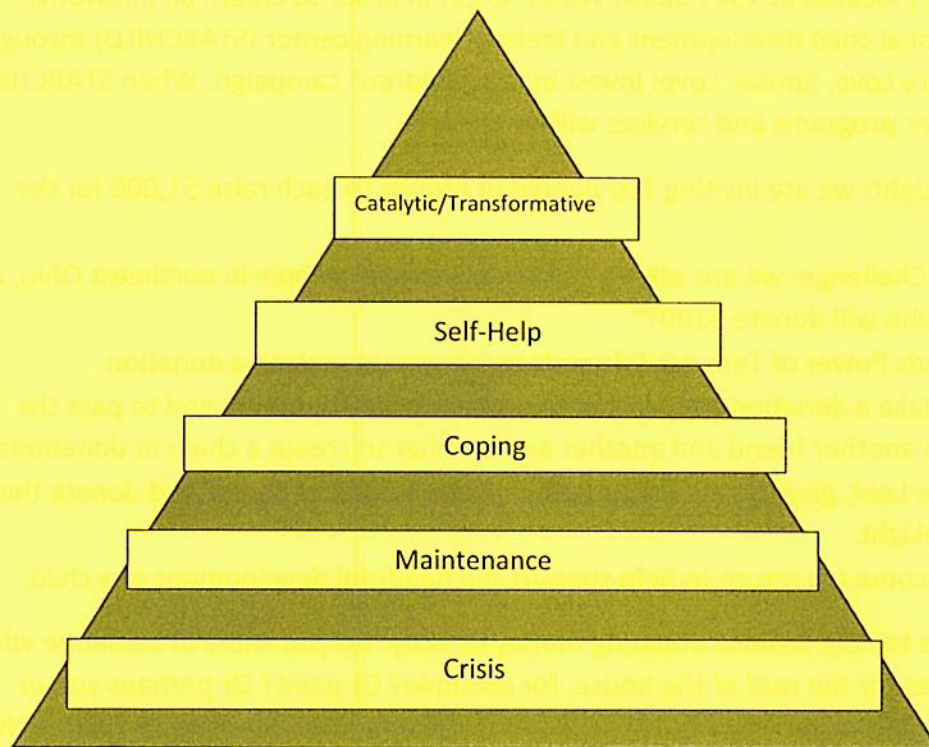
Benefits of the STAR Institute

The creation and ongoing implementation of The STAR* Institute and its key program, STARCHILD**, will provide the opportunity to:

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Justice Hierarchy of Social Service © 1995

Our main emphasis since LoveLight's incorporation in 1995 has been on children and youth, within the context of family, neighborhood, and community. The perspective of our agency is an interdisciplinary, pro-active one. Thus, we work to bring together the fields/sectors of education, health, social service, recreation, criminal justice, government, and communities of worship in a cooperative effort to optimize the development and empowerment of young people, particularly lower-income children, teens, and families. Our focus is on the upper end of the Justice Hierarchy of Social Service, i.e. directed toward "coping", "self-help", and "catalytic (transformative)" efforts

LoveLight is asking for support from the community and its leaders to help us acquire and renovate the property located at 1541 South Water Street in order to create an innovative, model intergenerational child development and lifelong learning center (STARCHILD) through our "Show Love, Share Love, Spread Love: Invest in Our Children" campaign. When STARCHILD is not in session, other programs and services will be offered.

- \$1,000 Love Light: we are inviting 100 people or groups to each raise \$1,000 for the project.
- 2500-person Challenge: we are asking, "Of the 6.5 million people in northeast Ohio, are there 2,500 who will donate \$100?"
- Circle of friends Power of Ten: Ask 9 friends to join you in making a donation.
- Love Links: Make a donation and ask one friend to make a donation and to pass the request on to another friend and another and another to create a chain of donations.
- If you observe Lent, give up one Frappuccino or other drink of choice and donate the \$3.75 to LoveLight.
- Share your income tax return to help support the healthful development of a child.

There are many ways to help besides donating money directly. Do you know of someone who would donate shingles for the roof of the house, for example? Or paint? Or perhaps you or someone you know has a talent you would like to share. Do you have expertise in an area that may be helpful? Are you willing to spread the word and encourage people to get involved?

Thank You!



LoveLight, Inc.



The LoveLight Story

In November of 1995, a small group of people with a big vision created LoveLight, Inc. to help people, especially those considered economically or otherwise disadvantaged, to move toward reaching their potential and to promote positive, healthful lifestyles. Non-profit status was granted in 1996 and LoveLight began providing free summer lunches and activities for children in lower-income neighborhoods in Kent, Ohio and other local communities. These lunches helped fill the gap when school lunches were not available, promoted healthful lifestyles, and built a sense of community among program participants.

In addition, during the nine weeks of LoveLight's 2019 summer program, 5,820 shelf-stable weekend meals were distributed to children in lower-income families living in eight neighborhoods in Kent and Ravenna.

Due to the COVID pandemic, during our summer 2020 program, a total of 14, 838 meals were picked up and taken home from four Kent neighborhood sites as well as the Brimfield Community Cupboard, i.e. LoveLight provided 7,419 non-congregate breakfasts and 7,419 non-congregate lunches. At the Kent sites, activities were also sent home for the children. The federal government extended the program, and between October 2020 and mid- August 2021, we distributed 35,722 non-congregate suppers and 31,588 non-congregate snacks in partnership with the Brimfield Community Cupboard and Renaissance Family Center for children in Kent, Brimfield, and Windham, and 4,153 non-congregate breakfasts for Kent children, for a total of 118,702 meals, over 31,588 snacks, and 5,820 shelf stable weekend meals for children since the summer of 1996.

A CARES grant through Portage County also financially supported the extended program and enabled the purchase of freezers and a refrigerator. In Kent, with the help of a grant from the City, activities were also sent home including magazine subscriptions, art lessons and supplies, books, and cooking tools as well as chef hats and aprons which were purchased and continued to enrich the lives of the children in the subsequent months.



When school resumed for the 2021-2022 year, LoveLight sent home a weekly activity and snack for children in four Kent neighborhoods as well as providing magazine subscriptions to The Week Junior and arranging for five youth to attend Kent State's art experiences program for children in first through sixth grade.

Since our first summer, with the help of many individuals and organizations including local churches and Kent State University as well as some funding from grants, LoveLight has undertaken a number of projects focused on the healthful development and well-being of youth, particularly those who are low income. Besides the summer lunch and ABC's of Fun summer program, other initiatives have included:

- Traveling Playground involving university students (mostly future teachers) who planned and carried out educational and enrichment activities with youngsters in low-income neighborhoods; LoveLight's Executive Director gave a presentation on the Traveling Playground at the 2003 UNESCO Conference on International Education in Finland;
- StudyBuddies, which consisted of pairs of college students assisting pairs of public school children with their academics;
- LoveLight Learning Center and neighborhood tutoring;
- Licensed afterschool program for children ages 5 through 14;
- In conjunction with Kent City Schools and community partners, PEAKS mentoring program for lower-income eighth-grade "at-promise" youth;
- Building Community, Building Futures activities for youth in local low-income neighborhoods;
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Academy which over three school years, provided professional development for teams of P-12 educators (270 individuals) in order to create Professional Learning Communities in their respective schools to increase student learning and teacher retention as well as improving school climate; the academies were held at Kent State and participants had the option to receive workshop credit from KSU if they engaged in further work under the direction of LoveLight's executive director.
- Initiating Rhythmic Movement Training Symposia held at Kent State University and presented by Swedish psychiatrist Dr. Harald Blomberg. BRMT exercises, which mimic natural baby movement patterns, have been found to improve attention, cognitive, emotional and motor functioning, vision, reading, speech, and handwriting;
- Tutoring PLUS, one-on-one sessions for youth and adults experiencing difficulties with academic and/or overall functioning; these sessions are focused on addressing underlying causes of these difficulties.



In 2022, through a grant from the City of Kent, LoveLight provided summer activities for children in three Kent neighborhoods, resumed Tutoring PLUS, which had been interrupted by the pandemic, and initiated a program, Exploring the Black Experience, in collaboration with the Department of Africana Studies at Kent State. This day- and-a-half program for Kent middle and high school students included sessions on nutrition, a luncheon, “Breaking Bread with the Elders” with people active in community service, “Celebrating Black Hair”, “Creating Your Future”, and time spent with members of the community discussing their stories and sharing their experiences in various careers. In addition, the youth received a set of Black history cards as well as books- *Who Owns the Ice House: Eight Life Lessons from an Unlikely Entrepreneur*, *Live Your Dreams*, *Glory: Magical Visions of Black Beauty*, *How to Turn \$100 into \$1,000,000*, and *The Higher You Climb, the Broader the View: From the Jim Crow South to a Thriving Northern Community, A Memoir (autographed)*.

LoveLight’s first Multicultural Holiday Festival was held in November, featuring a Christmas tree auction, vendor tables offering a variety of quality craft and artisan products, a raffle of donated items, children’s activity table, and an outdoor display of art created from tires. Our hope is to make this festival an annual event, celebrating community, supporting local entrepreneurship, and raising funds to support LoveLight programs.

LoveLight’s goals for the future include the creation of a model, intergenerational child development and lifelong learning center/community. STARCHILD is an acronym for Service, Teaching, Advocacy, and Research Center for Human Integration, Learning and Development, reflecting a broad vision extending beyond the immediate benefits of a nurturing, stimulating, and health-promoting environment for the low-income and other children enrolled in the program.



This facility will not only help us to “feed children for a day”, but also “feed children for a lifetime.”

Imagine...

... Highly qualified staff, early childhood pre-service teachers, and senior citizens interacting with preschool children from families of various income levels to create a wonderful nurturing, engaging, developmentally

appropriate and aesthetically pleasing environment, which will include natural sunlight, indoor plants, and mirrors to encourage body image and awareness;

... Babies, toddlers, and pre-school children enjoying gross motor activities designed to develop their cognitive, movement, and social skills.

... In the infant/baby area, painted in rainbow colors, cribs, rocking chairs, and a carpet area to provide “belly time” for healthful sensorimotor experiences;

... Youth of all ages playing outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine so important to their healthy growth and development.

... Mini-hikes on uneven terrain, communing with nature while building strong bones and healthy vestibular systems.

... Children, senior citizens, and community health faculty and students creating a bountiful garden of vegetables, a process beneficial in itself as well as yielding fresh produce to include in nutritious meals and snacks enjoyed by the children in companionship with each other.

... Delighted pre-school children gathering sun-ripened strawberries, grapes, and other fruit that they have planted.

... Children, teens, and adults spending quiet time in the peace garden surrounded by beautiful flowers.

... Pre-school and school-age children enjoying creative activities, science, and nature exploration.

... Storytelling and reading stories with “grandmas”, “grandpas”, and college students serving as honorary big brothers, sisters, and grandparents.

... Children riding tricycles in an outdoor pavilion which can also be used for community activities.

... Musical and dramatic performances on the stage in the renovated building on the property.

... STARCHILD children engaging in such activities as imaginative play, building with blocks, games, art, music, poetry, stories, drama, science, math, and social studies exploration using a developmentally appropriate approach.

... LoveLight programs such as Tutoring PLUS, youth entrepreneur club, community theater, and community events, for example, a health fair, senior socials, and chess tournaments.

...Fundraising events to generate money to support a variety of programs for low-income youth.

...A permanent home for LoveLight.

... Any many, many other possibilities...

We are currently looking at purchasing an 8.5 acre property in Kent which includes a former church and a house, to enable LoveLight to fulfill this mission. Beautiful acreage will provide many opportunities to engage in learning about and enhancing an appreciation for the natural environment. In addition, ample grounds offer many opportunities for the children to enjoy the fresh air and outdoor play so important for healthy development. Although childhood has been represented as a carefree time of life, the reality today is that many children suffer from stress and anxiety; in the peace garden they will learn relaxation techniques, coping skills that will continue to be useful on into adulthood.

The “Golden Treasures” component of STARCHILD will feature interaction between senior citizens and children, enriching the lives of both. Our strong focus on supporting healthful child development will include not only such elements as nutritious food; gross and fine motor activities; language, creative, and expressive arts including music activities; and science and math exploration, but also other developmentally appropriate activities designed to establish a strong foundation for future success. As with other LoveLight initiatives, STARCHILD will not only benefit the participating children and their families as well as the local economy, but will also provide a wealth of opportunities for university and high school students to gain valuable experience related to their coursework.

When STARCHILD is not in session, we anticipate offering community activities such as an entrepreneurial and empowerment program for teens and events for senior citizens. In addition, we will continue to offer such STAR Institute services as workshops and Tutoring PLUS, innovative one-on-one sessions involving the identification and addressing of the underlying causes of learning and functioning difficulties. For example, participants and their parents will experience and be taught stress reduction techniques and Blomberg Rhythmic Movement Training exercises to practice at home.

We anticipate that the work of The STAR Institute and its foundational program, STARCHILD, will provide benefits well beyond its immediate environment, eventually impacting quality of life and promoting future success for children and their families in communities throughout northeastern Ohio.

Our guiding principles will continue to be:

- Respect and care for yourself
- Respect and care for each other
- Respect and care for the world around you

LoveLight, Inc. is a small, grassroots non-profit with a big vision, but we believe there are many people with a heart for helping children and teens, especially those who need an extra hand to help them realize their potential and give them hope for the future. We are inviting you to share our vision and be a part of this transformational project by making a donation via a check to LoveLight, Inc. at P.O. Box 123 Kent, Ohio 44240 ATTN: Lisbeth K. Justice, Executive Director, or making a deposit to the LoveLight account at one of the following banks: Hometown Bank (Invest in Our Children account); Huntington Bank (LoveLight savings account); Key Bank; or Portage Community Bank. Also, please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lovelightcares

Another way to provide financial support is through the LoveLight Shop with Gift Cards Circle of Friends project to provide an ongoing source of revenue to support our efforts. Participants can use gift cards, or in many cases e-cards, to shop at grocery stores, restaurants, clothing stores, fast food establishments, and a host of other options- members receive the full value of their gift card while vendors donate a percentage of the card's value to LoveLight.

For more information on LoveLight, please visit our website, www.lovelightcares.org

Please feel free to contact us at (330) 673-5839 or lkjusti1@kent.edu

On behalf of our children, Thank You!



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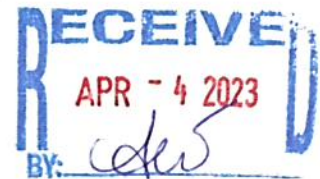
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CITY MANAGER MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
From: David Ruller, City Manager
Date: April 19, 2023
Item: 4.3. - City Manager's Report

Summary: Attached are three unauthorized items for you to review that will be included in the City Manager's Report.

Prepared by: Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Attachments:

1. Donation Memo 3-30-23 (Kent Jaycees)
2. Akron MSA CPRG Memo and Ltr of Support
3. CRA TIRC Rpt to Council 4-5-23

TO: Dave Ruller
FROM: Angela Manley, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: March 30, 2023
RE: Kent Parks and Recreation Donation

The Kent Parks & Recreation Department has received the following sponsorship donation to be used for the Kent Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt:

Kent Jaycees - \$250.00

The check has been forwarded to Budget and Finance and will be held until Council formally accepts the donation. Please request the necessary authorization from City Council to accept this donation and to allow Budget & Finance to appropriate the same amount to this account number (106-03-53-301-7420) in the Parks & Recreation Fund. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

CC:
Budget & Finance
Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council
Kent Parks & Recreation Board



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: April 3, 2023

TO: Dave Ruller, City Manager
Hope Jones, Law Director
Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

FROM: Julie Morris, Sustainability Coordinator

RE: Akron MSA Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grants

At a recent regional Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) planning meeting, it was brought to Jim Bowling's attention that there is an opportunity for our Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) to express its desire to accept up to \$1 million in federal planning dollars for our MSA to create a Climate Action Plan (CAP).

This CAP would be completed to the standards required by the Federal EPA which would allow us to submit for climate action implementation grants included in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The planning dollars are prescriptively assigned by the Federal EPA and our MSA is not guaranteed to receive funding, but we must express that we will accept the funding if the money becomes available.

The City of Akron is looking for potential partners in our MSA that want to be part of the CAP development and therefore have access to IRA Implementation Grants. They have requested the attached letter of support as a starting point for our inclusion in this process.

The letter of support asks for the City of Kent to be a key participant in this process. The city will not have a lead role in the overall process, but this is the terminology being used to ensure we express our intent to accept funds if available. The entire grant process will be overseen by the coordinating entities of the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), Akron Regional Air Quality Management District (ARAQMD) and Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization (NEFCO).

I am respectfully requesting that you present this unauthorized item at the April 19th, 2023 Council meeting for review and approval so that the City can potentially accept and utilize these funds for climate action planning initiatives should they be awarded.

If you need any additional information to forward this to Council, please let me know.

Thank you.

Attachment:
Akron MSA CPRG Letter of Support

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April 3, 2023

Michael S. Regan, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Akron MSA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Support

Dear Administrator Regan,

The City of Kent is pleased to show our support for the City of Akron's grant application as the lead organization for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program planning grant for the Akron metropolitan statistical area.

We commend the funding principles proposed by the Biden Administration and the USEPA to support the development and deployment of technologies and solutions that will reduce GHGs and harmful air pollution, as well as transition America to a clean energy economy that benefits all Americans. We understand that planning funds can be used to provide flexible support to local governments regardless of where they are in their climate planning and implementation process and we are committed to participating as a key participant.

As a noncompetitive grant awarded to 67 of the nation's largest MSAs that choose to participate, we look forward to our potential eligibility in this regional cooperative to develop our respective approach to a Priority Climate Action Plan and a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, especially as those plans can benefit our low-income and disadvantaged communities.

We believe that the time is now to prepare for the subsequent competitive grants and commend the Administration for its foresight in the need to fully fund a just transition to a clean energy future.

Your support and consideration for the Akron MSA application is important to the region and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dave Ruller, City Manager

Cc: Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council
Bridget Susel, Community Development Director



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: April 5, 2023

TO: Dave Ruller, City Manager

FROM: Bridget Susel, Community Development Director

RE: 2022 Summary Report: Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council Meeting and
Tax Incentive Review Council Meeting Summary Report

Businesses that receive real property tax exemptions through the City's Community Reinvestment Area II (CRA) program are subject to an annual review by the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council and the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) in order to evaluate if the capital investment, reported payroll, and number of active employees align with the commitment levels identified in the respective CRA agreements. The City's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreements and Enterprise Zone Agreements are also subject to an annual review by the TIRC.

The following is a summary of the CRA agreements that were active in 2022 and which were reviewed by the CRA Housing Council on March 2, 2023:

CRA I Agreements

BDG Kent, LLC, Formerly MOMs	\$388,215 project investment	Active
Genghis Properties LLC Acorn Corner	\$5,450,200 project investment	Active
Kent Summit LLC dba 345 Flats	\$17,452,391 project investment	Active
315 RFK LLC, LN Gross Building	\$6,985,655 project investment	Active
Enterprise Plastics	\$575,000 project investment	Active
Kent Law & Commerce, LLC	\$1,275,000 project investment	Active
PARTA Retail Spaces	\$497,249 project investment	Active
E K Real Estate, LLC C & J Sports	\$156,000 project investment	Active
Kent Elastomers	\$729,786 project investment	Active
Random Ohio LLC N. Water Brewing Co.	\$1,0400,000 project investment	Active
B&M Noble Enterprises	\$146,325 Project Investment	Active

CRA II Agreements

Royal Cleaners	\$394,853 project investment	Completed
Mazda of Kent	\$3,900,000 project investment	Active

The CRA Housing Council recommended the continuation of the Mazda of Kent CRA II agreement and noted the Royal Cleaners CRA II agreement was completed. The CRA I agreements are not subject to CRA Housing Council action and are included in this summary for informational purposes only.

The Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) meeting was convened on March 8, 2023 and the following projects were reviewed:

Royal Cleaners - CRA 2 Project	\$394,853 project investment	Completed
Mazda of Kent - CRA 2 Project	\$3,900,000 project investment	Active
Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement	\$28,479,400 (PC Auditor 2022 improvement valuation)	Actual as of 12/31/22
Davey Tree Expert Co. Headquarters Expansion - EZ Project	\$13,814,270 project investment	Active

The TIRC recommendation was for continuation of the four (4) projects without any modification.

The 2022 information for all of the agreements reviewed by the CRA Housing Advisory Council and the TIRC was submitted to the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) on March 28, 2023.

Council action is required on the Dave Tree Expert Co. Enterprise Zone (EZ) Agreement as the ORC requires that the local legislative body vote on the TIRC recommendation regarding an EZ agreement. A separate communication regarding this action was provided to Council for the April 5 Council Committee Meeting.

No Council action is required on the other above listed projects because they are CRA agreements and a TIF agreement. As the recommendations were for continuation of these agreements without any modifications, the ORC does not require local legislative action. If you or any members of Council have any questions concerning the annual review of the above listed agreements, please let me know.

Thank you.

Cc: Eric Helmstedter, Interim Economic Development Director
 Hope Jones, Law Director
 Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director
 Patti Long, Assistant to the City Manager
 Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council
 2022 CRA, TIRC and TIF Annual Report Files



City of Kent
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
City Council Committee Meetings
320 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, OH 44240

MINUTES

7:00 P.M. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

At 07:00 PM, Mayor Jerry T. Fiala called the City Council Committee Meetings to order.

Present: Mr. Jack Amrhein, Mr. Michael DeLeone, Mr. Garret Ferrara, Mr. John Kuhar, Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, Mr. Roger Sidoti, Mr. Robin Turner, Ms. Tracy Wallach

Also Present: Mr. Jerry T. Fiala, Mayor and President of Council; Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager; Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director; Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director; Mr. Jim Bowling, City Engineer; Ms. Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner; Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director; Mr. Nick Shearer, Chief of Police; Ms. Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

Committee of the Whole Chair Fiala/Vice-Chair Amrhein

Mayor Fiala called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Climate Action Plan

Ms. Bridget Susel introduced the new Sustainability Coordinator, Julie Morris. She started on March 1st and has hit the ground running. Ms. Morris served on the Sustainability Commission from 2016-2019 and is happy to return to this work now. She has a Master's in Sustainability and is excited about this position and what it allows. It will help streamline and support the implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Susel said KERAMIDA did a presentation at the March 1, 2023, Council Committee Meeting and identified five strategies that the Climate Action Plan was based on. No action was taken that evening to give Council ample time to review the plan. She said the plan was attached to the packet sent to Council and was placed on the City's website. Ms. Morris will be working with the university and the Administration to move this plan forward. Anything requiring appropriation of funds will come back to the council on an individual basis. She is requesting the Council's authorization of the plan to be used as the planning document to guide future emission reduction strategies and initiatives in the Kent Community.

Ms. Shaffer Bish said she was excited reading the plan and noticed the language in it and was looking forward to moving it forward. She asked if the Council would be taking the lead or if it would be staff. Ms. Susel said much of this will be driven by the administration. She discussed items such as NOPEC recently creating a revolving fund that the administration could explore and bring back to Council. Ms. Shaffer Bish asked about the role of the Sustainability Committee and Ms. Susel said they will be working closely with Ms. Morris. Ms. Susel said she would like to see them do ambassador visits and educate businesses on

energy efficiency and cost saving. She sees it guided by the administration and volunteers.

Ms. Wallach asked if the vehicle fleet, electric and solar, would be examined. Ms. Susel said, about the fleet, Ohio does not have many options for electric vehicles. About solar panels, she said at Kent State University, a private company came in and leased solar and gave University Fieldhouse solar panels. She said this plan is a guide and they have to look at everything.

Mr. Ruller added that 3-4 years ago they met concerning electric vehicles in Lordstown and said they were interested. Unfortunately, it went belly up. Today, the Mayor and Dave met with Congressional representative Dave Joyce and said the new group rolled out electric tractors. We have an interest but have not found places that support that. Ms. Susel said the devil is in the details.

Mr. Amrhein said the CAP is great, but as a city, we don't have solar panels and asked if there was any way we could find money to do this. Ms. Susel said there are grants and they have been aggressive in going after them. She said they have to sort through the details and have not found any that we meet the qualifications for. A lot of the money available is for larger cities.

Mr. Kuhar asked about the solar hot water panels. Ms. Susel said a block grant for \$600,000 was utilized for energy efficiency plans. He then asked about using hydrogen-powered trucks. She said nothing was listed for hydrogen in the plan. Ms. Susel said this was based on greenhouse gas emissions, and said we need to do another greenhouse gas inventory (which is typically done periodically).

Mr. Turner asked about education and building momentum with people in the community. Ms. Morris said as information and data change, it changes how we think about things. We have to adapt and need a good foundation of the basic tenants of sustainability. We will hone in on where community experts are. Her goal is to bring everyone to the table and work together. Ms. Susel added it will be a huge component of this position and the Sustainability Commission.

Mr. Sidoti said it was fascinating the technology that is out there. He asked if Ms. Morris could create a list of the new technologies. She said she is going to work on a database that follows the plan. It will give us a place to house ideas and technologies and utilize them to keep Council and the community apprised. She added there is a lot of research going on at the university and will be keeping track of it all and coordinating discussions. She asked Council to feel free to let her know if they are aware of anything they think she should be aware of.

Mr. Sidoti said Kent keeps moving forward and thinks the community will be impressed.

Ms. Shaffer Bish said this has been such a tremendous effort and hopes someday we will be known as the green city.

There were no further questions from Council and no questions from the audience.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN MADE BY Mr. Roger Sidoti, SECONDED by Ms. Heidi Shaffer Bish, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Administration Strategic Work Focus Areas for 2023-2027

Mr. Dave Ruller, City Manager, addressed Council saying he normally updates the Goals and Objectives document every year and mails it to Council. Mr. Sidoti met with him to discuss this document and the pending list and asked him to come before Council to review

it.

Mr. Ruller began by reviewing the City's Strategic Goals- Financial Health, Support for Natural Resources, Superior Quality of life, Community Safety, Communities, City/University Synergy, and Government Performance. **(Attachment #1)**. He said in his review, it was suggested he cover a few years out. He said one of the top three areas to focus on attracting and retaining good talent has been challenging. They are looking at a staffing plan for each department and will be returning to Council in the future to discuss.

The other important goal is financial health. He said that income tax numbers are trending up, which he is glad to see. This may help out with the first goal of attracting talent.

The third goal is to focus on neighborhoods. When people can work from anywhere, why not here? The beauty and natural resources in NE Ohio are what will attract people to our area.

Mr. Sidoti has asked Dave to discuss the pending list and where it fits in Council.

Mr. Sidoti said the bylaws of the City Council were to create goals. He said the goals they move forward on are on issues that Council brings to the table, but there is no formality. He added there is a lot of information in the strategic goals. He thought it would be worth time every year to make sure Council looks at the goals and, if there is something lacking, bring it back to the administration to see where it fits. Pending means, we are going to take action. They need to go into committee and action taken. He suggested tying the Pending List to the Goals and Objectives.

There were no further updates and no action was needed.

New City Hall Construction Update

Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director, said the new building is progressing and began by showing current pictures of construction **(Attachment #2)**. She reviewed the Council Chambers and the installation of the graded flooring and the flooring on the second floor. The third floor will be poured this week. She reviewed the different views of each floor. Inspections are going well and everything is moving forward.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked about points of pride in the building. She said to have a list of what is so great about the building, what makes it LEED certified, a state-of-the-art building, and if future enhancements are flexible. Melanie reviewed the R factor and the possibility of updating the building in the future. She said she has the architect working on compiling a list and will get it to the Council.

There were no further questions or comments. The Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Action Recommended:

1. Authorize the adoption of the City's Climate Action Plan.

Community Development Committee Chair Kuhar/Vice-Chair Rosenberg

Mr. Kuhar opened the Community Development Committee Meeting at 8:00 p.m. and introduced the first speaker, Ms. Bridget Susel, Community Development Director.

Tax Increment Review Council Recommendation for Davey Tree EZA

Ms. Susel reported an Enterprise Zone Agreement was executed with Davey Tree Expert Company in January 2021 for the construction of a third wing at its corporate campus. That project was completed and the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) met on March 8th and voted unanimously to recommend to the Council that the EZ agreement be continued. She is requesting Council to authorize continuing the Davey Tree Expert Company Enterprise Zone agreement, with an emergency clause.

There were no questions from Council or the audience.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TRIC RECOMMENDATION FOR DAVEY TREE EZA MADE BY Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, SECONDED by Mr. Garret Ferrara, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action Recommended:

1. Approve the Tax Increment Review Council (TIRC) recommendation to renew the terms of the Davey Tree Enterprise Zone Agreement, with the emergency clause.

Health and Public Safety Committee Chair Amrhein/ Vice-Chair Sidoti

Chair Amrhein called the Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. and asked Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director, to speak on the first item on its agenda.

Citywide Trash Service Bid

Mr. Ruller introduced Ms. Melanie Baker to address Council on the bid process.

Ms. Melanie Baker, Service Director, said she wanted to discuss current trash and recycling contracts with the Council, which are due to expire on July 1, 2023. She met with three local refuse companies- Rumke, Republic, and Kimble (**Attachment #3**) She reviewed the city's current trash contracts, what types of services are offered, the cost, and the residents registered for each service. She reviewed what other communities are paying for services. She did the same for recycling services. She supplied a written review of items for the Council. She would like to bid on recyclables as part of this. She said, for the most part, companies offer to recycle every week. She referred Council to her second document of three plans. She recommends 5 levels of service and requests a weekly recycling rate and a biweekly recycling rate. Two alternate bids would be considered, which were 65 gallons to 95 gallons, which she is calling standard plus. She is looking at a five-year contract.

Ms. Shaffer Bish is confused about going out to bid, and if that leaves the County out of it. Melanie said Portage County can bid just for recycling.

Ms. Wallach asked about what residents would do with current bins and if they would then get new bins. She asked about extra items and if the driver would come. She asked if they would raise rates and Ms. Baker said it would be a five-year contract.

Mr. Turner asked about bags and the fact that some don't generate a lot of garbage. He said it is cheaper to utilize bags, as opposed to a fee system. Melanie said she heard these concerns, which is why she left them in the bidding process.

Mr. Kuhar asked if in the future we would be able to recycle Styrofoam and plastic bags. Ms. Baker said at this time it was not done. Mayor Fiala informed Council that the Lion's Club collects plastic bags and donates them to TREX to be made into benches, which are then placed around the city.

Ms. Rosenberg said the last time they did this a local trash hauler couldn't bid because they don't offer bags. She said if, by having the bag option, are we going to pay more. Ms. Baker said that is why they have three options, so Council will have all the options. She said she would get all of the bids and return them to Council. Ms. Rosenberg said if more people are bidding, it could bring the price down. She wants to make sure that our residents get the best bang for their buck.

Mr. Sidoti asked about only 4500 customers on the spreadsheet. Ms. Baker said the other residents are multi-family. He asked how many residents participate in spring cleanup. She estimated 40 to 50% of residents. Ms. Baker is hoping costs will go down and they can put out their large trash items whenever they want, not just during the spring.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked if it works to have an option for someone to have service every other week.

Mr. Ruller said we are debating what we are debating when we get the bids. He said the variable rate went away because it didn't work. That is why you haven't seen it today. He didn't want to get hung up on this topic.

Mr. Turner said the reality is he uses a bag and has been called by residents. He said low-income residents still want the bags.

Ms. Judy Nelson who resides on Whetstone St. came to the microphone and said the Styrophome is not recyclable. She added you can recycle bags through the Lions Club and Universalist Church.

MaryJane Stone of Brady Street says she uses the bag system and looks for items with less packaging. She said it would be a hardship for fixed-income households. She would like us to be more proactive and utilize bags. She said she has never gotten her bags destroyed by animals.

MOTION TO APPROVE BEGINNING THE CITYWIDE TRASH SERVICE BID PROCESS MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. John Kuhar, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Action Recommended:

1. Authorize issuance of a final trash service request for proposals for competitive bids, with the emergency clause.

Finance Committee (Chair DeLeone/Vice-Chair Wallach)

Chair DeLeone called the Finance Committee to order at 8:38 pm. and introduced the first speaker, Ms. Rhonda Hall, Budget and Finance Director.

Budget Appropriation

Ms. Rhonda Hall referenced her memo submitted to the City Manager requesting a budget

appropriation and respectfully asked for the Council's approval.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Mr. Jack Amrhein and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

East Main Street Improvements Grant Request

Mr. Jim Bowling said the Service Department is requesting approval to submit a funding application for a Transportation Improvement District (TID) Grant for the East Main Street Improvements Project. This grant will be requested at \$.50 million to help reduce the funding gap which recently increased due to inflation.

MOTION TO APPROVE E. MAIN ST. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Ms. Tracy Wallach, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

COPS Grant

Chief Shearer said the Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) offers communities the opportunity to apply for funding to hire new police officers to help fund one additional school resource officer. There is a 25% match with a cap of \$125,000 over three years. He spoke with the school superintendent, who agreed to help fund this position. There is a requirement to fund the position twelve months after the utilization of the grant.

Ms. Shaffer Bish asked what the school district said about the fourth year and what would happen during the nonschool months. Chief Shearer said he would have to revisit the conversation, but the school has agreed to help fund the fourth year. He is hopeful the State of Ohio will provide additional funding in its new budget proposal. He said the schools are excited about the possibility of getting an additional officer.

Ms. Wallach said she thinks it is a great project but asked if we could afford it. Mr. Ruller said this is a great way to add to our staff and is a small step in that effort.

Mr. Ferrara asked if he thought it was warranted to have a second officer. Chief Shearer said he did and has been asked if we could even put an officer in every school. Mr. Ruller said Chief Shearer is not naive to the fact that having officers in the schools can build rapport and recruit the next generation of future police officers. Chief Shearer also said changing perceptions and building relationships at a younger age was important.

Mr. Kuhar asked what would happen after four years. Chief Shearer's goal would be to hopefully keep the officer.

Mr. Sidoti asked what stops us from applying for another grant. Chief Shearer said this grant application has a short application period and does not want to wait for the state to approve its budget.

Mr. Turner said establishing relationships early should be a priority and he is less concerned about finding funding. We should find a way to maintain the position when the funding ends.

MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR COPS GRANT MADE BY Mr. Garret Ferrara, SECONDED by Ms. Gwen Rosenberg, and CARRIED by a voice vote of 9-0-0.

Actions Recommended:

1. Approve the 2023 budget appropriations amendments with the emergency clause.
2. Approve the submission, execution, and allocation of funds if approved of the East Main Street Transportation Improvement Grant for \$500,000 with the emergency clause.
3. Approve the submission and allocation of funds if approved for the COPS grant of \$125, 000 with the emergency clause.

Seeing no further business, the Council Committee Meetings adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

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Mayor and Members of City Council

Jerry Fiala, Mayor & President of Council

Ward Councilmembers

Ward 1 Garret Ferrara

Ward 2 Jack Amrhein

Ward 3 Robin G. Turner

Ward 4 John M. Kuhar

Ward 5 Heidi L. Shaffer Bish

Ward 6 Tracy Wallach

Council At Large

Michael DeLeone

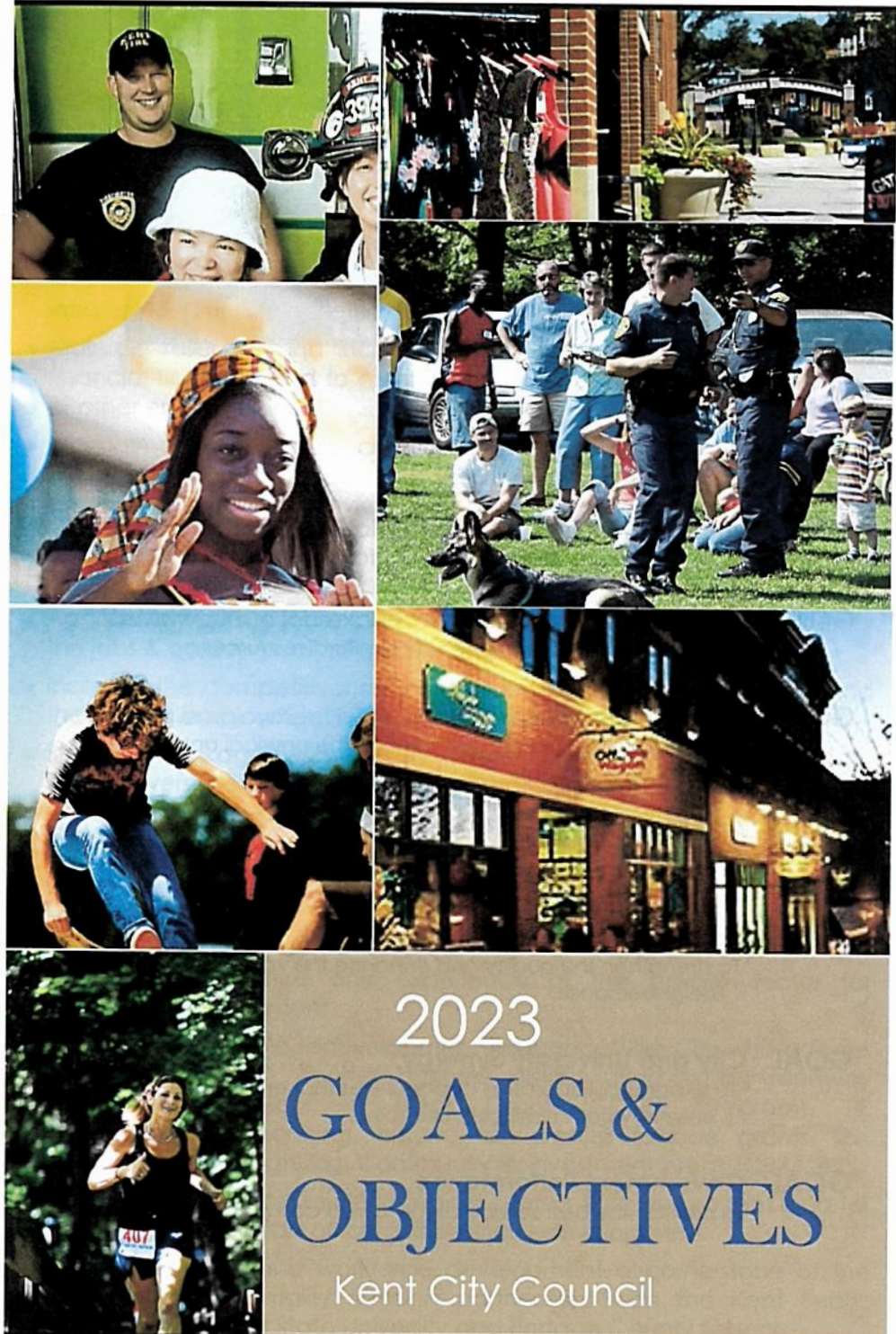
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2023
**GOALS &
OBJECTIVES**
Kent City Council

Kent's Mission Statement

To make Kent the city of choice in northeast Ohio for residents, businesses, visitors and students seeking to connect to their community in a personally meaningful and enriching way.



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Strategic Goal

Financial Health & Economic Development

"to be a prosperous and livable city for all citizens"

Financial Health Objectives:

- Ensure that Kent is a fiscally strong and financially well-managed City.
- Maintain superior financial reporting, financial controls, budgeting, financial management, and transparency, and invest in capital infrastructure to support efficient long-term provision of services.
- Maintain reserves, and increase them when appropriate, to ensure financial flexibility, and to assist with difficult economic times, disasters or other emergencies.
- Maintain a high financial credit (bond) rating, maintain debt policies and debt practices that allow the assessment of appropriate debt levels, and periodically review debt and debt service to minimize costs.

Economic Development Objectives:

- Aggressively pursue job expansion, retention and attraction to diversify the jobs & careers available to Kent residents across all skill levels.
- Increase the competitiveness of the Kent business climate to expand the existing employment base and create more jobs.
- Strengthen linkages with the City's largest employers and support Kent State University's goal to expand its research mission.
- Engage Kent's economic resources including the Kent Regional Business Alliance (KRBA), Kent State University, the Joint Economic Development Districts (JEDD), Main Street Kent, Downtown Kent Corporation, Portage County and the Chamber of Commerce to foster small business development and entrepreneurship.
- Involve the expertise and experience of the private sector for economic development.
- Facilitate sustainable redevelopment throughout the City with a focus on the downtown central business district using urban renewal, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs, TIF redevelopment financing, historic tax credits, façade grants, tax abatement, land banking, Community Reinvestment Areas (CRA), etc.
- Develop projects that revitalize aging centers or re-use vacant land for context sensitive retail, office or industrial redevelopment.
- Make education and workforce development a cornerstone of the City's economic vitality through partnerships with the Kent Public School District, Kent State University and Portage County Schools.

Strategic Goal

Support for Natural Resources

"to protect and promote the City's natural resources"

Objectives:

- Expand the opportunities for Kent residents and visitors to experience & enjoy Kent's natural resources, e.g., hike and bike trails, parks, etc.
- Serve as a model for conservation and environmental practices, e.g., green building codes, energy conservation, solar power, etc.
- Develop and promote eco-tourism, eco-recreation and green based business prospects in Kent.
- Support events that showcase the City's natural resources as a quality of life amenity.
- Reduce energy and fuel dependency; have a smaller carbon footprint as a City.
- Preserve local wildlife, birds, insects, fish, and native plants and trees.
- Reduce adverse impacts from water, soil, light and noise pollution.



Strategic Goal

Superior Quality of Life

"to enhance lifestyle choices through the physical and social environment"

Objectives:

- Achieve the goals of the City's Sustainability Plan.
- Improve the City's transit, transportation and pedestrian networks to ensure safe and convenient access for people of all capabilities.
- Promote projects that diversify the retail base, providing greater shopping, dining and entertainment options in Kent.
- Expand awareness & access to arts, sports and cultural opportunities.
- Offer programs to rehabilitate aging housing stock, preserve property values, and promote a mix of affordable housing options.
- Support beautification programs, e.g., Adopt-a-Spot, hanging flower pots, street banners, public art, etc.
- Where affordable upgrade City crosswalks, medians, and sidewalks utilizing more landscaping, attractive pavers, bricks, etc.
- Maintain and improve public infrastructure to enhance quality of life.
- Continue to financially assist health and social service programs.

Strategic Goal

Community Safety

"to be an exceptionally safe city"

Objectives:

- Provide state-of-the-art 911 services for fire, police, and emergency medical and management services.
- Aid individuals who are in danger of harm and assist those who are unable to care for themselves.
- Use prevention and suppression programs to deter and reduce incidents of crime, fires and hazards.
- Continue to develop neighborhood relationships to proactively address public safety issues.
- Minimize death, injury and property losses while maintaining City governmental operations in the event of fire, hazardous material, severe weather, terrorism, and other disasters.
- Provide the best available emergency medical response, pre-hospital support and transport system to the residents and visitors in the greater Kent service area.
- Explore collaborative and regional approaches to addressing shared public safety needs.
- Assist in the resolution of conflict in a safe and peaceful manner.
- Create and maintain a feeling of security in the community.
- Provide quality customer service and responsiveness to citizens seeking public safety services.
- Ensure the physical safety of neighborhoods, business and shopping districts, schools and transportation corridors.
- Strive to hire and promote employees that reflect the diversity of the community.
- Protect constitutional guarantees.



Strategic Goal

Communities Within the City

"to strengthen social bonds and enhance the value of people & City neighborhoods"

Objectives:

- Strengthen and build effective partnerships with the City's diverse community; celebrate and capitalize on Kent's diversity.
- Provide services and programs for a multi-cultural audience.
- Enhance neighborhood identity and neighborhood pride.
- Develop programs that encourage neighborhood based initiatives and planning.
- Increase awareness, participation and compliance with neighborhood code issues.
- Promote rehabilitation and sustainable infill development.
- Partner with Kent State University to revitalize campus border neighborhoods.
- Pursue more senior housing options and expand senior living resources in Kent.
- Strive to improve the rate of home ownership in Kent.



Strategic Goal

City and University Synergy

"to expand collaborative opportunities that enrich the university community experience"

Objectives:

- Showcase the abundant assets of the City's university community that make Kent a great place to live, work, play and learn.
- Embrace the university-city brand and leverage the social and cultural opportunities for community enrichment and personal growth.
- Promote life long learning opportunities and the value of education at every phase in a person's life.
- Create public spaces that attract diverse populations for engagement and interaction.
- Communicate Kent's town/gown vision to current and potential residents, visitors and members of the media.



Strategic Goal

Government Performance

"to provide the best services at the lowest possible cost"

Objectives:

- Deliver exceptional public services with a high level of customer service.
- Commit the entire organization to achieve customer satisfaction.
- Utilize the latest technology improvements to improve customer information, communication and interaction, e.g., online payment of bills, credit card payments, meter reading, web site, etc.
- Make sound business decisions using data and customer input.
- Develop and institute performance metrics to measure progress towards objectives.
- Create a culture of continuous improvement; provide training in quality improvement techniques.
- Strive to leverage technology to improve productivity and do more with less operational resources.
- Be strategic and market driven in planning and managing public services.
- Work towards full cost accounting of utility services and enterprise funds with rate based user fees.
- Create an atmosphere of innovation, risk taking and tolerance for failure as an occasional price for improvement.
- Benchmark City operations against best practices to ensure the delivery of the best services at the lowest possible cost.
- Create a culture where things are done right the first time, every time.
- Develop innovative ways to make participation in local government activities possible for all residents and foster a sense of engagement among the citizenry by communicating a common identity, actively seeking insight into the needs of the community and aligning City services with customer expectations.



Exhibit A

Base Bid

Trash						2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT		UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE
	1	Minimum Generator Service (limited)	410	Bag						
	2	30 Gallon Generator Service (Limited)	430	Mo.						
	3	65 Gallon Generator Service (Limited)	430	Mo.						
	4	95 Gallon Generator Service (Limited)	180	Mo.						
	5	95 Gallon Standard / Plus	2950	Mo.						
Recycling		weekly								
	1	95 Gallon Recycling Tote	4400	Mo.						
Recycling		bi-weekly								
	2	95 Gallon Recycling Tote	4400	Mo.						

Exhibit A-1

Alt 1 bags, 65gal, 95 gal. standard / plus						2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Trash	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT		UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE
	1	Minimum Generator Service	410	Bag						
	2	65 Gallon Generator Service (Limited)	860	Mo.						
	3	95 Gallon Standard /Plus	3130	Mo.						
Recycling										
	1	95 Gallon Recycling Tote	4400	Mo.						
Recycling		bi-weekly								
	2	95 Gallon Recycling Tote	4400	Mo.						

Exhibit A-2

Alt. 2 30, 65, 95 standard / plus						2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
Trash	ITEM	ESCRPTION	QTY.	UNIT		UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE
	1	30 Gallon Generator Service Standard / Plus	840	Mo.						
	2	65 Gallon Recycling Tote Stndard / Plus	520	Mo						
	3	95 Gallon Standard /Plus	3040	Mo.						
Recycling										
	1	95 Gallon Recycling Tote	4400	Mo.						
Recycling		bi-weekly								
	2	95 Gallon Recycling Tote	4400	Mo.						

Trash Service Contracts Review

								2022 - 2023
Trash	Avg. over last 2 years					Republic	Portage Co Recycling	City of Ken
			No. of	% of	UNIT			Trash weekly Recycling ever ot
	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	CUSTOMERS			UNIT PRICE	UNIT PRICE	
	1	Minimum Generator Service	404	9%	Bag	\$3.00 / bag	5.50	*8.50 to 1
	2	30 Gallon Generator Service	423	10%	Mo.	12.50	5.50	1
	3	65 Gallon Generator Service	421	10%	Mo.	12.75	5.50	1
	4	95 Gallon Generator Service	178	4%	Mo.	14.75	5.50	2
	5	95 gallon UnlimitedService	2944	67%	Mo.	16.75	5.50	2

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* The bags are 30 gallon bags. You buy 10 at a time for a cost of \$30.00.

If customer uses 1 bag a month	cost is	\$8.50 / month
If customer uses 2 bags a month	cost is	\$11.50 / month
If customer uses 3 bags a month	cost is	\$14.50 / month
If customer uses 4 bags a month	cost is	\$17.50 / month

Estimated savings could be from as little as \$0.97 to as much as \$4.59.

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Other local communities rates

Trash Weekly Recycling weekly	Trash Weekly Recycling weekly	Trash Weekly Recycling weekly	Trash Weekly Recycling weekly	Trash Weekly Recycling weekly
n/a	n/a	\$7.49 to \$14.99	\$9.00 to \$18.00	n/a
n/a	14.30	n/a	n/a	n/a
18.21	n/a	19.46	n/a	n/a
18.21	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
20.28	17.66	19.96	19.55	23.01

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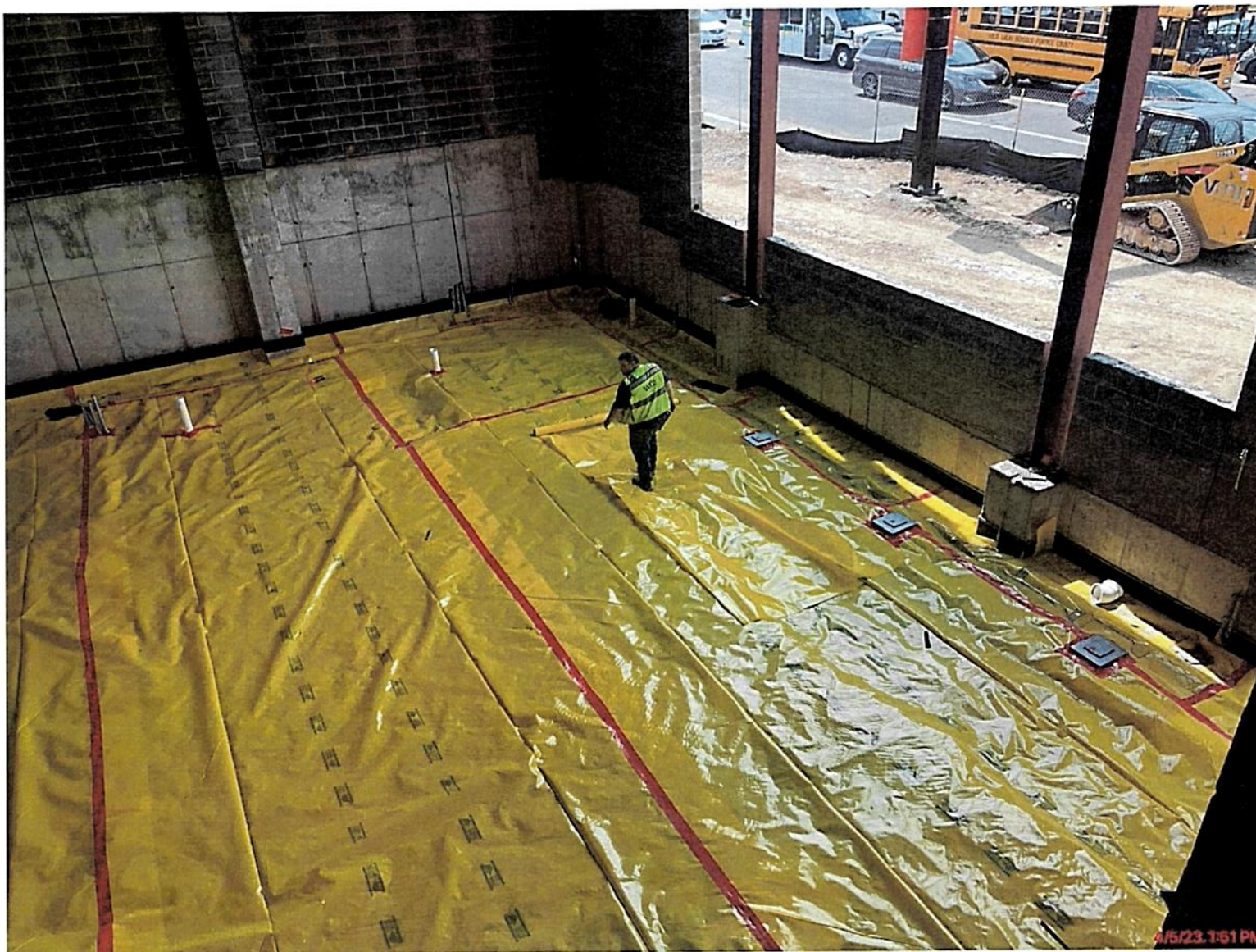
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DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ADOPT A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND INCREASING RESILIENCY TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE KENT COMMUNITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2017, Kent City Council passed RESOLUTION NO. 2017-83 in support of the international treaty on climate change known as the Paris Climate Agreement (PCA); and

WHEREAS, RESOLUTION NO. 2017-83 committed the City of Kent to develop and adopt a community-based climate action plan in response to the City's support of the Paris Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City completed a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory that documented the City of Kent's greenhouse gas emissions and the Kent City Council accepted the GHG Inventory for the Kent community through an action voice vote on December 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent hired a consultant in 2022 to develop a Climate Action Plan (CAP) to identify strategies for reducing the greenhouse gas emission levels, which were documented in the City's December 15, 2021, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Commission, its associated Ad Hoc Committee, and the public participated in community engagement opportunities with the consultant on the development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP) that will identify strategies and best practices to consider for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the Kent community's resiliency; and

WHEREAS the City has completed its draft of the City of Kent Ohio Climate Action Plan, dated March 22, 2023, that identifies five strategic areas for reducing the City of Kent's greenhouse gas footprint.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to adopt the Climate Action Plan (CAP), attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN
WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS
OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *RESOLUTION No.*
_____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

City of Kent Ohio Climate Action Plan

March 22, 2023

Acknowledgments

This plan would not be possible without the numerous individuals and organizations that contributed to the creation of this Climate Action Plan and advocated for climate action for many years leading to the release of this plan.

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Acronyms

AFOLU	Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use
CAP	Climate Action Plan
CAC	Community Action Council of Portage County
ESPC	Energy Savings Performance Contract
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GPC	Global Protocol for Community-Scale GHG Inventories
ICLEI	International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives <i>now</i> ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
IECC	International Energy Conservation Code
IPPU	Industrial Process and Product Use
IRA	Inflation Reduction Act
MEMP	Municipal Energy Management Plan
NOPEC	The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council
PCA	Paris Climate Agreement
RFP	Request for Proposal
SME	Subject Matter Expert

The Kent community has a long history of environmental and social activism. Time and time again, local and regional community members, groups, and institutions have stepped forward to give of their time, talent, and energy in truly amazing and immeasurable ways.

Their stories and achievements, though too long to list specifically in this introduction, are worthy of our acknowledgment and gratitude, as the Climate Action Plan presented today stands on the foundation of this deep, local history, actions past and present, and hopes for a resilient future that so many have worked tirelessly to build.

Into this very fertile soil, we are now introducing Kent's Climate Action Plan, a guide containing initiatives focused on reducing our Greenhouse Gas Emissions. By adopting this plan, Kent City Council is taking bold action to address the environmental crisis of our time so that we may remain resilient in the face of the unique challenges a changing climate poses to our beautiful landscapes and our vital economic and social systems.

Implementing the Climate Action Plan initiatives will provide economic and financial benefits to our City, and a healthier environment, with improved quality of life for those living, working and playing in Kent. I have great faith that the Kent community will once again step forward to meet the challenge.

- Judy Nelson -

Establishing a Climate Strategy

Kent, Ohio, known as the Tree City, has a rich history of progressive environmental action, from the restoration of the Cuyahoga River to the development of energy-efficient municipal buildings. Over the years, the community has addressed climate action and sustainability in multiple meaningful ways. This report presents the first formal Climate Action Plan, which aims to lead Kent in its commitment to align with the Paris Climate Agreement.

In 2017 the Kent City Council passed a resolution to support the Paris Climate Agreement (PCA). The complete resolution can be found in Appendix A. The PCA is the first ever legally binding international treaty on climate change. It is binding to the 195 parties (194 countries and the European Union) that signed it. The PCA aims to combat global warming by keeping the mean global temperature below 2° C above pre-industrial levels and preferably limiting the increase to 1.5° C.

For the PCA to achieve this goal, climate neutrality must be achieved worldwide by 2050, which requires GHG emissions to be reduced as soon as possible. Many cities in the USA and worldwide have pledged to comply with PCA requirements, recognizing that addressing climate change is paramount to their successful social and economic life and resiliency.

This Climate Action Plan (CAP) lays the foundation for Kent to fulfill its commitment to the PCA. The plan focuses on the following five strategic areas for reducing the city's GHG footprint:

- Stationery Energy
- Transportation
- Waste
- Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Uses
- Education and Outreach.

The collective purpose of the strategies is to build a foundation in Kent for continuous improvement in climate action.

Approach

Benchmarking & GHG Gap Analysis

KERAMIDA assessed five peer communities that have published Climate Action Plans. Peers were evaluated to establish best practices and provide a baseline for the climate action planning process. KERAMIDA also performed a gap analysis of the 2016 GHG inventory, compared to the Global Protocol for Community-Scale GHG Inventories

Community Engagement

The City of Kent and KERAMIDA hosted thirteen Subject Matter Experts (SME) interviews, one city council presentation, and one community engagement event to begin developing greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategies that resonate with and support the Kent community.

Feasibility Interviews

The proposed strategies were reviewed with SMEs to determine feasibility and troubleshoot potential roadblocks. The strategies will remain dynamic and additional feedback is encouraged.

Climate Scenario Summary

Five potential future climate change scenarios applicable to the Midwest region of the country were reviewed and summarized to inform strategy development. Increased temperatures, changes to precipitation patterns, and increased extreme weather events were identified as the three most significant future climate risks.

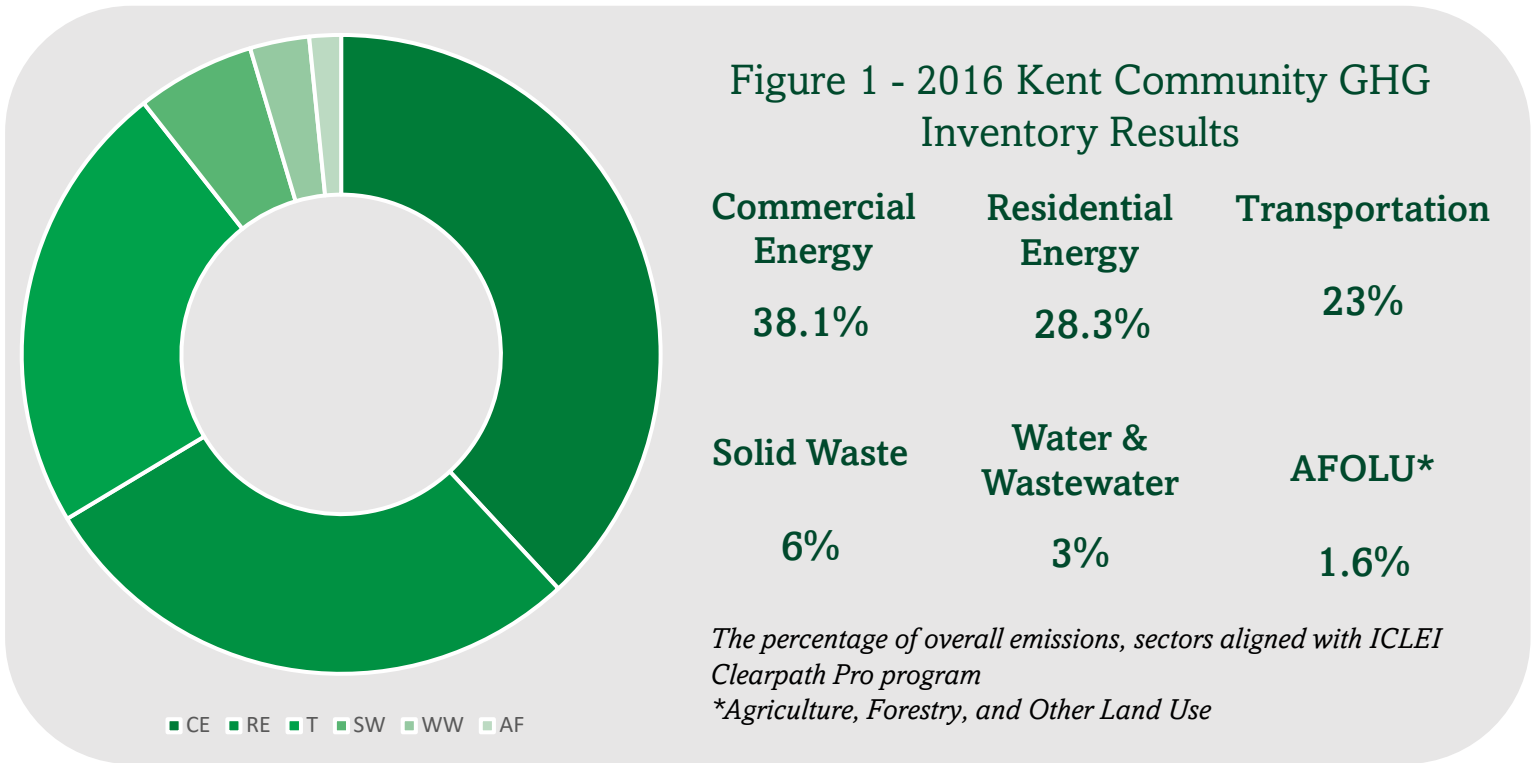
Strategy Road-Mapping

Over one hundred potential GHG mitigating strategies were considered for the Kent CAP. KERAMIDA worked with the City of Kent and used information from the benchmarking assessment, climate scenario summary, SME interviews, and community engagement sessions to distill the number of potential recommendations to fifteen final strategies for the CAP for the City of Kent, OH. The strategies presented in this CAP establish a foundation for aggressive and pragmatic climate action.

Details on the different steps of the approach are included in Appendix B

Greenhouse Gas Inventory

The City of Kent completed a community-wide GHG inventory using the ICLEI Clearpath Pro program based on data requested in 2016. The results of the inventory are summarized in figure 1 below. KERAMIDA completed a GHG inventory gap analysis comparing the 2016 City inventory with the Global Protocol for Community-Scale GHG Inventories. The analysis identified data gaps in the following categories: manufacturing, energy industries, non-specified sources, fugitive emissions, waterborne navigation, aviation, and incineration. Figure 2, on page 8, illustrates the gap analysis results.



Greenhouse gases are a family of gases that warm the Earth’s atmosphere by trapping heat. The most common GHGs are carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide. Anthropogenic GHGs, or GHGs originating from human activity, are the primary driver of climate change. For this reason, reducing anthropogenic GHG emissions is crucial to mitigating further climate change.

A GHG Inventory is a list of GHG emission sources and the resulting emissions. GHG emissions are organized into three scopes.

Scope 1: Direct emissions from sources owned or controlled by the City.

Scope 2: Indirect emissions associated with purchasing utilities.

Scope 3: Indirect GHG emissions emitted from assets not owned or controlled by the City.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update

The City will update the community GHG inventory in accordance with the BASIC level of the Global Protocol for Community-Scale GHG Inventories (GPC). More information on the GPC can be found in Appendix C. The GHG inventory update will be for data from 2022, creating a baseline for strategy benchmarking. Figure 2 below illustrates the results from the GHG gap analysis performed by KERAMIDA. Green highlighted cells represent data required for BASIC level accounting. Cells with white X's represent partial data collected for the 2016 Kent GHG inventory. Green cells without a white X represent a data gap; new GHG data must be collected for these sources. Data from the 2016 inventory will be reviewed for accuracy to determine if they can be used in the updated inventory.

Figure 2 - GHG Gap Analysis Results

GHG Emission Source	Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3
Stationary Energy			
Residential Buildings	x	x	
Commercial and Institutional Buildings and Facilities	x	x	
Manufacturing industries and construction			
Energy industries			
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing activities	x		
Non-specified sources			
Fugitive emissions from mining, processing, storage, and transportation of coal			
Fugitive emissions from oil and natural gas systems			
Transportation			
On-road transportation	x		
Railways	x		
Waterborne navigation			
Aviation			
Off-road transportation	x		
Waste			
Solid waste disposal	x		
Biological treatment of waste	x		
Incineration and open burning			
Wastewater treatment and discharge	x		
Industrial Process and Product Use (IPPU)			
Industrial processes			
Product Use			
Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU)			
Livestock			
Land			
Aggregate sources and non-Co2 emission sources on land			

Green cells indicate emission sources that must be reported to align with BASIC-level reporting for the Global Protocol for Community-Scale GHG Inventories. Cells with a white X indicate that at least partial data was collected for the associated emission source in the 2016 Kent GHG Inventory.

Stationary Energy

A two-story green house with white trim and a dark roof. Solar panels are installed on the roof. The house has a front porch with white railings and a wooden garage door on the right side. The address number 1069 is visible above the garage door. The house is set on a green lawn under a blue sky with clouds.

Stationary Energy Strategies include strategies to reduce GHG emissions from fuel combusted within the city boundary, GHG emissions from grid-supplied energy consumption within the city boundary, and GHG emissions associated with transportation and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption.

Municipal Energy Management Plan

Energy consumption (commercial and residential) represents Kent's largest source of emissions. Reducing energy consumption through efficiency measures is a pragmatic strategy to reduce community GHG emissions and save residents money. To help community members improve energy efficiency, Kent will pursue internal or external financing to create a Municipal Energy Management Plan (MEMP). The MEMP will build upon the strategies outlined in this CAP and should be considered a continuation of the CAP.

A MEMP will guide the City of Kent toward improving the community's economic vitality, health, and wellness while reducing community GHG emissions. The MEMP will need to be written by proven experts and should identify initiatives to reduce environmental impact and save taxpayer dollars. The MEMP should consider at least the following strategies and expand on the strategies outlined in this CAP.

- Large-scale energy savings performance contracts
- LED transitions for municipal lighting
- Energy efficiency revolving fund
- Energy efficiency procurement policies
- Local grid resiliency

Energy savings performance contracts are budget-neutral funding mechanisms that allow building owners to reduce energy and water use while increasing operational efficiency.

LED transitions for municipal lighting are a rapid return on an investment strategy already begun in Kent. LEDs use 1/3 of the electricity as typical municipal lights and last nearly 20 years.

Energy efficiency revolving funds are financial tools that increase the availability of debt financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects while minimizing borrowing costs.

Energy efficiency procurement policies encourage purchasing selected products to meet energy efficiency criteria. Energy-efficient products will reduce GHG emissions and save money.

Local grid resiliency will become increasingly vital as climatic impacts continue to disrupt power distribution networks. Resilient and stable grids are efficient, connected, smart, and flexible.



Subsidized Energy Audits

Energy audits help building owners identify energy-saving opportunities and therefore reduce greenhouse gas emissions from electricity and natural gas consumption. A combination of the following options offers Kent the best opportunity to provide no-cost or subsidized energy audits to more individuals and businesses in Kent.

Sliding Scale Energy Audits

Subsidize energy audits, on a sliding scale based on income, with funds from the NOPEC Energized Community Grant program. The average single-family home size in Kent is 1,558 square feet at an average of \$2.50 per square foot of energy costs. Using future aggregation of NOPEC grants, the City could assess funding opportunities for a subsidized sliding-scale energy audit for residential single-family homes. Energy audits will provide the foundation for building owners to identify the necessary retrofits and weatherization opportunities to address in the near future.

Energy Audit at Point of Sale

Develop a policy for legislative consideration that real property sellers will obtain a certified energy audit and provide this information to potential buyers before the sale. Legislation like this exists across the nation and is implemented in various ways. In other communities, some examples require homes that are ten years or older to disclose comprehensive home energy efficiency details to buyers, or home energy data is collected and used to create an Energy Disclosure Report.

Community Spotlight

The Community Action Council of Portage County (CAC) currently offers Kent residents whose income is within 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines no-cost home weatherization assistance, including:

- Weatherization review to determine the most cost-effective weatherization services
- Safety inspection on combustion appliances (e.g., heating units, gas stoves, etc.)

In addition to no-cost home weatherization assistance, CAC offers income-qualifying Kent community members summer utility payment relief, extended payment arrangements with utility companies based on a percentage of household incomes, in-home energy audits, energy efficiency installations, and summer food programs for children.

GHG Reduction Ordinance

A GHG Reduction Ordinance is a multi-phase strategy for building owners with facilities larger than a prescribed square footage (“owners”). In phase 1 (Benchmarking), owners will be encouraged to track building energy and water usage using the EPA's ENERGY STAR portfolio manager. In Phase 2 (Transparency), owners can submit benchmarked data to the City. In phase 3 (Reduction), owners will be encouraged to set energy reduction targets in accordance with the Paris Climate Accord. One year after reduction targets are set, owners will be prompted to update their ENERGY STAR portfolio manager annually to display progress that will be shared on a public dashboard.

Phase 1 - Benchmarking

Benchmarking is the process of establishing a baseline and tracking performance over time. In this case, the focus is on electricity consumption in large buildings.

Benchmarking can provide year-one savings of 1.5% due to increased attention to building energy performance.

Phase 2 – Transparency

Once building data is shared with the City, it can be made publicly accessible through a digital dashboard. Transparent building energy use data provides a more complete picture of the real estate market, leading to market evolution across segments and local geographies.

Phase 3 – Reduction

Encouraging large building owners to submit reduction goals and publish progress will reduce energy consumption and therefore reduce GHG emissions from the stationary energy sector without municipal capital input. Building owners will benefit from reduced utility expenses and improved facility value.

Figure 3 - Proposed Implementation Schedule

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Buildings > 10,000 SF	Voluntary benchmarking	Phase 1 - Benchmarking	Phase 2 - Transparency	Phase 3 - Reduction, goal setting	Phase 3 - Reduction, goal reporting
Buildings > 5,000 SF	Voluntary benchmarking	Voluntary benchmarking	Phase 1 - Benchmarking	Phase 2 - Transparency	Phase 3 - Reduction, goal setting

Building Codes

Updating energy codes on a regular cycle will reduce building energy usage and therefore reduce GHG emissions from stationary energy. Ohio is one of many states with mandatory statewide building codes, and therefore cities cannot adopt municipal-level building codes. Building codes for renovations and new construction follow the Ohio Board of Building Standards, and there is no structured review period for energy codes. Kent cannot adopt municipal-level energy codes that differ from Ohio state energy codes. Kent can advocate for state-level policy change and evaluate the capacity of municipal buildings to follow updated energy codes.

Community Spotlight - RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 202

In 2008, the Kent City Council passed a resolution requiring all new construction of city buildings larger than 5,000 square feet to meet LEED Silver standards. In 2018, the Kent Police Department moved into a new building built to LEED Silver standards, and a new LEED Silver City Hall will be completed soon (pictured on the right).



Advocacy

Kent will partner with communities across the state to advocate, via a City Council resolution, for state energy codes to be updated to the latest version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) (residential) and ASHRAE Standard 90.1 (commercial). Should resolutions not lead to state-level change, Kent and partner communities should strongly consider hiring a professional lobbying firm to work with state lawmakers to change building codes and building code revision cycles.

Municipal Code

LEED Silver is a strong foundation to build, but building codes must be updated to capture the latest best practices. Kent can develop legislation for all new construction and renovation of municipal buildings to meet the latest version of IECC or ASHRAE Standard 90.1, whichever best fits the building use case. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) has multiple sections providing funding for local governments to update and implement building code modifications (IRA Sec. 50131 & IRA Sec. 13304).

Expand Solar Energy

There are several options for procuring renewable energy, including on-site self-generation, community solar, utility supply options and community choice aggregation. Each option has pros and cons, but they should all be considered for residential and commercial electricity customers in Kent. Electricity produced via photovoltaic cells directly reduces GHG emissions from stationary energy. The City of Kent will gain more insight into the funding mechanisms for solar opportunities and investigate these projects further.

Partner with Solar United Neighbors Ohio

Solar United Neighbors is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that helps communities develop solar co-ops. A solar co-op is a group of property owners that combine their buying power to save money purchasing on-site solar systems (e.g., rooftop photovoltaic, photovoltaic canopies, ground-mounted photovoltaic, etc.) Members of solar co-ops (usually between 20-50 property owners) can issue an RFP on behalf of the co-op, which will result in more competitive bids than single property RFPs. Solar United Neighbors also helps co-ops apply for solar financing, understand local net-meters regulations, and project building solar potential.

Support House Bill 450

House Bill 450 (HB 450) is currently being considered by Ohio lawmakers. If passed, HB 450 will allow for the development of community solar projects under 50 megawatts (1 megawatt can power about 190 homes). Community solar projects are solar facilities that benefit multiple customers (individuals, businesses, nonprofits, etc.). Customers lease a portion of the larger project; HB 450 will allow customers to lease up to 100% of building energy demand. Community solar customers under HB 450 will be entitled to net metering. Kent will assess the feasibility of solar projects under 50 megawatts (5 to 10 acres are needed per megawatt).

Community Aggregation

Kent will work with NOPEC to sign customers up for NOPEC Preferred Pricing Green Energy Program. Kent will examine the opportunities for community aggregation within the community. In Ohio, local governments can aggregate the energy used by residents and arrange for the purchase of renewable energy for residents. To be eligible local governments must be certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and adopt an ordinance that approves either an opt-in or opt-out aggregation.

Green Leasing

Energy efficiency and renewable energy can significantly reduce emissions in buildings, but traditional leasing practices create obstacles to investing in green projects. Green leasing allows tenants and landlords to collaborate and save energy, reduce costs, and achieve organizational sustainability goals. [Green Lease Leaders](#) was developed by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Institute for Market Transformation and sets the standards for what constitutes a green lease. Kent will develop a plan to incentivize the adoption of green leasing.

Green Lease Leaders has developed a standard with three levels of achievement for green leasing. Kent will incentivize the Gold Level of Recognition which includes:

1. Completing at least five credits
2. Completing two of three prerequisites

Prerequisites

- Provide sustainability contact and/or information
- Implement a cost recovery clause for energy efficiency upgrades benefiting tenants
- Multifamily - Implement energy efficiency improvements during unit turns

Credits

- Track common area energy use
- Track common area water use
- Disclose whole-building ENERGY STAR score to the tenant annually
- Ensure brokers or leasing agent(s) have energy training
- Implement landlord energy management best practices
- Incentivize tenants to purchase on-site renewables if offered by the landlord and competitively priced
- Meter tenant spaces for electricity use
- Request annual tenant energy disclosure
- Minimum energy efficiency fit-out for tenants
- Establish a tenant energy efficiency engagement and training plan
- Establish a whole building performance reduction target in Carbon or Energy Use Intensity (EUI) units
- Establish social impact goals that positively contribute to the health and resiliency of the people and communities in and around buildings



Transportation

A yellow and green school bus is shown from a side-front perspective. The front door is open, revealing the interior steps and a person standing inside. The bus has a yellow upper body and a green lower body. The background shows a clear blue sky and some greenery.

Transportation Strategies include strategies to reduce GHG emissions from fuel combustion on-road transportation occurring within the city boundary, GHG emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary for on-road transportation, and GHG emissions from a portion of transboundary journeys occurring outside the city boundary, and transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

Electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure refers to the infrastructure necessary to support EV use, such as charging stations. When coupled with renewable electricity, EVs directly reduce GHG emissions from transportation. This includes both public and private charging stations. Public charging stations are available for use by any electric vehicle driver. Increasing access to EV charging stations will encourage community adoption of EVs by making charging more convenient, reducing “range anxiety,” and allowing access to cost savings. Kent will lay the groundwork for EV infrastructure development by creating a feasibility study before investing any resources into physical development. The study can be done internally or with external advisement. The following topics need to be addressed in the feasibility study of the current and future EV landscape; appraisal of charging options, appraisal of power options, operations/business models, funding opportunities, and municipal and school district fleet replacement.

Current and future EV landscape

The EV landscape refers to EV users and infrastructure. The current landscape represents how many residents currently own EVs and how the EVs are charged. Projecting a future landscape will inform Kent of the eventual needs of the community. Parking garages, on-street parking, retail stores, and Kent State University are all excellent options for expanding the EV landscape.

Appraisal of charging options

There are multiple ways for EV owners to charge their vehicles, and all options must be considered. The feasibility study needs to focus on public charging options, specifically expanding public options to be visible, evenly distributed, and high-capacity. Additional factors to consider are traffic patterns, housing density, and technical feasibility. For-profit charging companies need to be considered among the options. For-profit charging companies work with local businesses to deploy charging stations and develop business models to profit from customers.

Appraisal of power options

EV Charging stations pull a large amount of electricity from the grid, so the power landscape needs to be reviewed with Kent and local utility aggregators. This will ensure that the grid has the capacity to support the EV infrastructure before installation. Additionally, Kent will explore options for zero-emission charging through renewable energy procurement.

Operations and business models

The long-term sustainability of Kent's EV infrastructure will be dependent on the financial viability of EV charging stations. Topics to be considered include; available operating models, enforcement issues and regulatory considerations. Kent will need to ensure that the municipality is EV-compatible through ordinances and zoning. Even if city codes do not prohibit EV infrastructure development, they must be optimized to encourage EV ownership and equitable distribution of charging stations.

Funding Opportunities

Kent will seek funding opportunities while the EV infrastructure feasibility survey is completed. The cost of installing charging stations varies based on numerous factors, but on average, the capital cost for one station is between \$12,000 and \$15,000. There are many opportunities to fund the development of EV infrastructure, including IRA provisions for tax credits for individuals. Funding opportunities are also expected to continue to grow in the coming years. Kent needs to align funding opportunities with municipal feasibility. As of 2022, The City has already secured a dual station for the new administration building.

Electric Vehicle School Buses

Replacing diesel buses with clean electric school buses improves air quality for children, saves school districts money, improves the resilience of the electrical grid, and reduces the carbon emissions that drive climate change. The opportunities for school bus fleet managers to replace conventional, highly polluting diesel vehicles with clean electric models are rapidly increasing. Federal funding for school bus electrification is greater than ever, there is a growing awareness in communities of the urgent need to reduce vehicle emissions, and manufacturers are offering an increasing variety of electric models.



Bike and Walk Infrastructure

Walking and cycling are the cleanest ways to get around a city, and both can have enormous benefits for health, greenhouse gas emission reduction, air quality, road safety, and equity. To make walking and cycling more attractive options, Kent must focus on safety, convenience, culture, and comfort for people on bike and foot. These goals should be aligned with Kent's 2004 Bicentennial Sustainable Transportation Plan. Over the next five years, Kent will focus on the following goals:

Complete the rehabilitation of East Main Street

Starting in 2025, Kent will transform a five-lane road to make East Main Street a more bikeable road between Kent State, commercial, and residential properties.

Finalize agreement with Akron for Lake Rockwell Trail

Kent aims to develop the Lake Rockwell Trail over Akron's water mains that will connect to regional trails providing new access points and increasing walkability and bikeability to multiple schools.

Complete the connection between Portage Hike and Bike Trail

Kent aims to find funding for the Portage Hike and Bike Trail section that is walkable but not yet bikable. By 2025 the City aims to have started this project in phases.

Rehabilitate the Stow Street pedestrian bridge

The City will work with Portage County Engineer to rehabilitate the Stow Street pedestrian bridge to increase pedestrian accessibility in the City.

Add bike lanes to Hudson Road leading into Kent

By 2025, the City of Kent plans to have started construction of bike lanes on Hudson Road to increase bikeability leading into town.

Improve the safety of State Route 43 at the gateway coming into Kent

Kent will partner with Davey Tree to develop safety improvements to State Route 43 to slow vehicles at the gateway coming into town.

Waste



Waste Strategies include strategies to reduce GHG emissions from solid waste generated within the city boundary and disposed of in landfills or open dumps within the city boundary, GHG emissions from waste generated outside the city boundary and disposed of in landfills or open dumps within the city boundary, and emissions from solid waste generated within the city boundary but disposed of in landfills or open dumps outside the city boundary.

Food Waste Diversion

Kent State University (Kent State) utilizes an anaerobic digestion system at its largest dining facility to divert hundreds of pounds of food waste from the landfill daily. The anaerobic digestion process converts food waste to renewable energy, allowing Kent State to decrease its environmental impact while creating renewable energy. Kent State and the City of Kent can partner to pilot a community anaerobic composting process using the same technology currently in place.

Partnership Opportunity

The following steps are suggested to establish a partnership between Kent and Kent State to digest residential organic waste:

1. Perform a literature review to understand best practices from town-gown anaerobic digestion system partnerships.
2. Conduct a small-scale pilot program with residents. A pilot program will allow Kent State and Kent to work through logistic roadblocks, including waste contamination, drop-off, Kent State staffing, and capacity management.
3. Should the pilot go well, it can be expanded to accept additional waste from more residents. Supplementary steps beyond an expanded pilot will likely be more than five years out and, therefore, outside the scope of the CAP. Potential next steps could include:
 - Curbside collection
 - On-site anaerobic digestion
 - On-site use of natural gas to generate electricity or steam for the Kent State campus



Anaerobic Digestion Process

Pre- and post-consumer food waste from Kent State is ground on-site using a customized, industrial-strength food service grinder as part of the Grind2Energy system. Once ground, the food waste is stored in a large storage vessel as a dense slurry. Once the vessel is full, Kent State's composting partner, the Quasar Energy Group, transports the food waste to its facility in Cleveland for anaerobic digestion. Anaerobic digestion produces two byproducts, natural gas and nutrient-rich fertilizer. Natural gas is used to fuel vehicles or create electricity. The nutrient-rich fertilizer is used as a soil supplement.

Updated Waste Hauling RFP

Kent will release a request for proposal (RFP) for a waste hauling contract in the summer of 2023. This represents an opportunity to include language requiring the new waste hauler to use low-emission vehicles. A portion of GHG emissions associated with waste is from the fuel burned to transport that waste from Kent to the area landfill. Low-emission waste-hauling vehicles will reduce the amount of emissions from the hauling of waste.

RFP Language Examples

From the period [insert timeframe] through the end of this Contract (including extensions, if any), [insert percentage] collection vehicles regularly used by the Contractor shall be compressed natural gas-fueled collection vehicles (CNG) or meet regulations set in the EPAs Phase 2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles. Back-up vehicles used less than thirty (30) days per year shall not be subject to the age, mileage, and other requirements that apply to regularly-used vehicles but shall be presentable, in safe working order, and shall be subject to all other conditions of this section.

Any heavy-duty trade waste hauling vehicle shall use the best available retrofit technology, specifically, technology that has been verified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") for reducing the emission of pollutants that achieves reductions in particulate matter emissions at the highest classification level for diesel emission control strategies that are applicable to a particular engine and application that has been approved for use by the commissioner or is installed with an EPA certified engine year 2007 or later.



Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use

Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU)
Strategies include strategies to reduce GHG emissions from livestock within the city boundary, GHG emissions from land within the city boundary, and GHG emissions from aggregate sources and non-CO2 emission sources on land within the city boundary.

Urban Tree Credits

This initiative aims to create a carbon credit program for trees in Kent. A carbon credit represents one metric ton of carbon dioxide (CO₂). Companies, cities, or organizations that want to reduce their carbon footprint can purchase carbon credits to offset emissions they cannot reduce. An urban tree credit is the amount of carbon a single tree captures from the atmosphere and the financial value associated with that carbon removal. As a tree grows larger, it can capture increasing amounts of carbon, thus making it more valuable over time in terms of monetary credit value. Cities that plant trees can make this urban tree credit (or carbon credit) available for purchase to those who are interested in offsetting their emissions.

Tree Inventory Updates

This initiative is centered around continuing to document Kent's existing tree canopy. A Tree inventory (of more than four years) will reveal the age, species, size, and condition of the trees the City manages. The inventory will be the foundation for a longer management plan for maintaining and expanding the City's tree canopy. It is important that throughout the process of creating a tree inventory, the City follows the City Forest Credit (CFC) inventory requirements (both for new plantings and preservation) to ensure the City will have the data available to create a carbon market if desired.

New Tree Plantings

Using the current tree inventory, a strategy can be developed to plan new tree plantings in areas with a low canopy density, increased risk of flooding, high energy burden, and high asphalt concentrations. While most of Kent's neighborhoods are fully planted, the tree inventory can be used to identify the areas with the greatest planting need. New tree plantings should be documented in line with the CFC requirements to ensure that the proper data is collected to create a carbon market if desired. CFC is a non-profit carbon registry for urban forestry projects.

Local Carbon Market

Developing a carbon market within Kent can create a new financing mechanism for climate initiatives. Kent should work with CFC, a nonprofit carbon registry that manages carbon protocols and impact standards for metropolitan areas in the United States. CFC works with cities and other urban forestry leaders around the nation to assign an urban tree credit to each tree planted in an urban tree canopy. CFC connects urban forest leaders with companies interested in purchasing carbon offsets or investing in certified planting projects with health, equity, and environmental impacts.

Education and Outreach



Education and Outreach Strategies include strategies to educate the Kent community about the CAP and the strategies presented within the CAP. Education and Outreach strategies synergize with the rest of the strategies in the CAP.

Energy Education

Energy represents the most significant portion of Kent's GHG inventory. Increasing energy literacy can build urban resilience through education. Energy literacy is an understanding of the nature and role of energy in our lives and the ability to apply this understanding to answer and solve problems. Social factors, including education, influence energy decisions. One way to manage energy resources is through conservation, including reducing wasteful energy use, using energy more efficiently, and reducing energy use altogether.

The table below provides a matrix of behavior change and non-behavior change activities that other cities have used to reduce energy reliance. Information, Promotion, Infrastructure, and Consulting organize the areas. The activity is then categorized by whether it can reduce dependence on energy (Stationary Energy) use or decouple mobility from energy consumption (Transportation).

Area	Energy-Saving Activity	Stationary Energy	Transportation	Partners
Promotions	Promote NOPECs Energy Efficiency Financing to commercial property owners (PACE) and Portage County's Community Action Council's weatherization program	X	X	NOPEC
	Promotion of using public transport for sports tournaments/ Kent State games		X	PARTA, Kent State
	Promotion of using public transport, car sharing, and bike sharing during the summer months		X	PARTA
	Bike station in the city center		X	Kent Cycle, Kent State
Consulting	Consulting on retrofitting strategies to increase the energy efficiency of buildings	X		Local energy utilities
	Large employers encouraged to elaborate on mobility strategy		X	Local businesses, New City-Business Climate Alliance

Area	Energy-Saving Activity	Stationary Energy	Transportation	Partners
Information	Information events on energy and campaigning (e.g., presentations). Table at Earth Day events, Heritage Festival, River Day, Music Festivals, Concerts in the Park, Saturday Haymaker Farmers Markets, etc.	X	X	Local energy utilities, nonprofits, HOAs, Kent State, cultural organizations
	Education programs for schools (energy & climate), engaging teachers already passionate about the subject.	X		Kent State, Kent City School District, NOPEC
	Articles in the regional newspaper and city website on sustainable energy consumption	X	X	Local news outlets
	Sustainable traveling/tourism		X	Central Portage VCB, Kent State Hotel and Conference Center
	Competition between households to save electricity	X		Local energy utilities
	Being present at local exhibitions and fairs	X	X	NOPEC
	Tenant engagement and education on energy efficiency	X		Local Rental Properties
	Sustainability signage around Kent	X	X	
	Host a community cleanup event through NOPEC's Event Scholarship Program	X	X	NOPEC
	Subsidies for energy-efficient buildings	X		Local energy utilities



Academic Partnerships

The City of Kent has unique access to an institute of higher education and a local school system with a thriving workforce development program. Both educational resources can be leveraged to assist Kent with designing and implementing strategies from the CAP and other climate-mitigating programs.

Kent State University Partnership

Kent State is set to release a sustainability plan. The City should leverage the shared sustainability goals by partnering with Kent State to offer students experiential learning opportunities. Experiential learning is a process where students learn through real-world action. Experiential learning benefits the students and the organization with which the student is partnering. To develop an experiential learning partnership, the City will partner with Kent State to develop a structure for receiving sustainability related projects, integrating projects into the current curriculum, and delivering agreed services

Potential student projects include:

- Community energy audits
- CAP marketing
- Urban tree inventory updates
- GHG inventory updates

Kent School District Partnership

Kent City School District (KCS) is actively taking measures to decrease its environmental impact. One strategy that KCS is using is experiential learning. KCS participates in the Six District Educational Compact, which provides students with relevant, engaging, hands-on programming. The compact contains 26 focus areas including: Community Agriculture for Local Impact, Construction Technologies, Engineering, Forestry and Landscape Management, and Marketing Management. All these focus areas can be leveraged to provide experiential learning opportunities for high school students. KCS also offers the Expedition Academy ("academy") program. The academy seeks to create an alternative learning experience by integrating subjects with outdoor skills and community service. The academy creates a learning experience that cultivates the academic and interpersonal skills needed in the workplace. The academy can be leveraged individually or in conjunction with Kent State and the Six District Compact to offer experiential learning opportunities for KCS students.

CAP Outreach

Public engagement is a critical part of every climate action plan. The outreach strategy focuses on making community members aware that this landmark plan is in place and how they can play a role in its progress. This could be through various outreach strategies, such as creating simple videos that explain the CAP, a kickoff celebration, tabling at local events, and/or creating a webpage for elements of the plan. Every community decides to engage its community differently based on what works best for its residents. Fortunately, Kent has many advocates throughout the community that are interested in partnering with the City to help spread the word about the CAP implementation.

CAP Webpage

Community interviews indicated a desire for access to the CAP and sustainability-related information via a webpage. This can effectively get the word out about various CAP-related initiatives, recruit volunteers, and keep the community in the loop on progress. Kent State students can be leveraged to help build a CAP webpage as a valuable experience for the students and an excellent resource for the City and community members.

Educational Videos

Educational videos are an engaging way for residents to have a visual and audio aid that explains the progress the City is making. This is one way to provide transparency around the CAP and what is involved. There are several potential strategies, including a short overview of the plan or a webinar presentation link on the City's website for residents to watch later and offer as an educational resource.

City-Business Climate Alliance

The City controls only a portion of Kent's GHG emissions - working with businesses is critical. Fortunately, Kent's Chamber of Commerce is interested in engaging businesses. A City-Business Climate Alliance is a local strategic collaboration between the City, Kent State, and the private sector to achieve Kent's climate goals, including meaningful reductions in GHGs, encouraging local shopping, designing and implementing adaptation measures, and building resilient systems.

Climate Action Plan Kickoff

The purpose is to generate excitement and engagement while sharing knowledge with residents and ensuring community members know the value of their input. All groups participating in the plan's development will be invited, along with any other businesses, civil society groups, nonprofit organizations, student groups, faith organizations, or residents interested in learning more about Kent's CAP work. This can be held at Kent State or a library.

Appendix A – Kent City Council Resolution No. 2017-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities, which has led to climate change, is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, global climate change has led to increased occurrences of extreme weather events and to adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and socio-economic activities; and

WHEREAS, responding to climate change provides communities an opportunity to be a leader in a green economy; developing products, services and knowledge that are required when transitioning to a climate-resilient future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent desires to protect and enhance the quality of life for all those who live, work, learn and play in our community, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; and

WHEREAS, actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions also have the potential to improve air and water quality, public health, energy security, social equity, our local economy and natural environment, and the quality of life in Kent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent has demonstrated its commitment to sustainability through a series of initiatives, including signing on to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement in 2007, the creation of a Sustainability Commission, energy efficiency improvements to existing city buildings, and a commitment to LEED certifications for new construction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent recognizes the important role that local communities will play in taking immediate action to significantly curb greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, protecting our planet is of the utmost importance and requires a comprehensive effort at all levels-including government policies, industry standards, and household practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. The City of Kent commits to consider for adoption a community-based climate action plan to be developed by the Sustainability Commission in response to the City's support of the Paris Climate Agreement and in accordance with this resolution.

SECTION 2. The City of Kent, with this Resolution, stands in solidarity with communities across the nation and the world in support of the Paris Climate Agreement.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest time permitted by law.

Appendix B – Detailed Approach

The City of Kent hired environmental and sustainability consultancy KERAMIDA Inc. to facilitate the creation of Kent's CAP. The City Council approved the project to establish three to five emission reduction strategies for each greenhouse gas emission sector. Below is a detailed summary of the approach used to construct the CAP. Special attention was paid to deeply understanding and integrating the rich culture of the Kent community.

Climate Scenario Summary

The Climate Scenario Summary (CSS) aims to assess the physical risks that climate change poses to the City of Kent across many future climate scenarios. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) describes possible climate futures, all considered possible depending on the amount of GHGs emitted in the future. These futures are referred to as Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs), which are used for making projections on the following factors: physical impacts of climate change, population size, economic activity, lifestyle, energy use, land use patterns, technology, climate policy, and more. KERAMIDA selected the following RCPs for the CSS analysis.

- RCP 2.6 - IPCC's most stringent scenario. The pathway is unlikely to exceed 2°C. The increase of average surface temperature across the globe by the end of the 21st century (2100) is expected to be 0.3-1.7°C.
- RCP 4.5 – Intermediate scenario. The pathway is likely to exceed 1.5°C, more likely than not to exceed 2°C, and unlikely to exceed 3°C. The increase of average surface temperature across the globe by 2100 is expected to be 1.1-2.6°C.
- RCP 6.0 – Intermediate scenario without additional efforts to constrain emissions. The pathway is likely to exceed 2°C. The increase of average surface temperature across the globe by 2100 is expected to be 1.4-3.1°C.
- RCP 8.5 – IPCC's least stringent scenario without additional efforts to constrain emissions. The pathway is likely to exceed 2°C. The increase of average surface temperature across the globe by 2100 is expected to be 2.6-4.8°C.

In exploring the potential impact of climate change on the community of Kent, both opportunities and risks need to be considered. Climate-related physical risks are risks from physical changes in the ecosystems and environments where companies operate. Physical risks can be acute (e.g., increasing frequency and intensity of storms, hurricanes, and floods) or chronic (changes in precipitation patterns, sea level rise, and changes in mean temperatures).

The National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) created a climate health analysis for the state of Ohio taking an in-depth look at changes in both extreme heat and extreme precipitation. Both ends of the RCP spectrum were analyzed. Implementing reduction methods and targets aligning with the stringent 2°C global warming results in zero change in heavy precipitation. However, an increase in precipitation can be seen drastically across the country. Ohio sees a substantial increase, 4x the volume of current precipitation values.

All the above considered, the Climate Scenario Summary will need to be continuously reviewed and edited as global warming changes occur and trends become apparent very shortly. In the most recent IPCC Sixth Assessment Report, societal factors have been studied and taken into consideration resulting in a change from RCPs to Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs). Societal and social factors for the City of Kent are guaranteed to affect greenhouse gas emissions, therefore, should be included in a formal Sustainability Plan in the next few years.

Benchmarking Analysis

KERAMIDA selected four cities and one county to benchmark. Both sustainability and climate action plans are included in the analysis. Sustainability plans are more holistic than climate action plans and include consideration for topics like natural preservation or increased employment rate. The five benchmarked peers were considered for one or more factors, including college towns, similar-sized cities, cities located in the Midwest, and proximity to Kent.

Each plan was reviewed for the following themes (including goals and actions) GHG goal(s), renewable energy, transportation, waste, water, university collaboration, education/outreach, and resilience. Below is a summary of the selected peers and the assessed themes.

Benchmarking Results

	Toledo-Lucas County, OH	Athens, OH	Oberlin, OH	Bloomington, IN	Lincoln, NE
Population	431,279	24,978	8,252	79,168	292,657
Size (Square Miles)	341	10.05	4.92	23.16	99.05
Plan Publish Year	2014	2018	2019	2018	2021
Plan Type	SAP	SAP	CAP	SAP	CAP
Transportation	x	x	x	x	x
Renewable Energy	x	x	x	x	x
Waste	x	x	x	x	x
Water	x	x	x	x	
University Collaboration		x	x		x
Education/Outreach	x		x	x	x
Resilience			x		x

Community Engagement

Community engagement is the foundation of KERAMIDA's approach to climate action planning. Each community has its own unique needs, challenges, and dynamics that must be accounted for within any plan or roadmap for change. A Climate Action Plan must be feasible for the community and work to benefit the community members and all its institutions. Therefore, community engagement was a top priority during the planning process to ensure that the voices and insights of the community were considered and included appropriately.

The KERAMIDA Livable Cities Team traveled to Kent the week of October 3rd, 2022, to conduct a thorough community engagement strategy, including a City Council presentation, a series of subject matter expert interviews, and a public engagement session.

City Council Presentation - KERAMIDA Senior Sustainability Manager presented to the Kent City Council on October 5th, 2022. KERAMIDA provided an overview of the approach for the Climate Action Plan and updated the council on the progress to date. The City Council was able to ask questions and provide helpful insight regarding expectations, priorities, and roadblocks to consider.

Subject Matter Expert Interviews – During KERAMIDA's six-day trip to Kent, the team met with over 13 different community members that could provide details and context critical for KERAMIDA's understanding of the community. These leaders may be called upon when it is time to implement these reduction initiatives; therefore, their insight into this climate action plan is of the utmost importance. These interviews covered topics such as existing sustainability initiatives, failed and successful efforts, details of operations, understanding of community expectations, available data and data collection, recommendations for initiatives, community culture, environmental justice, and more. Upon completing these conversations, KERAMIDA identified over 100 initiatives and actions to explore and research further.

Public Engagement Session – In addition to the subject matter expert interviews, it was important to hear community voices when developing the climate action plan. This plan has the potential to impact community members' daily lives, and their insight is invaluable to the planning process. A Climate Action Plan will only be successful if it works for the community and is, in large part, created by the community itself. On October 6th, 2022, a public engagement session was held at the Fire Department. Participants were educated on KERAMIDA's approach to climate action planning before breaking out into groups to discuss key questions, including:

- What social equity and environmental issues exist within the Kent community with the greatest need and/or attention from the CAP efforts?
- What roadblocks have historically prevented or slowed progress?

- What initiatives should KERAMIDA, and the City of Kent take into consideration for reducing GHG emissions?
- What climate-related mitigation strategies or actions have been successful and unsuccessful to date?

The community engagement portion of the climate action planning process informed KERAMIDA's final assessment of the reduction initiatives that can be undertaken considering Kent's capacity and culture.

Feasibility Interviews

Upon the evaluation and selection of the top 15-20 reduction strategies for the city, the KERAMIDA team reconnected with a group of subject matter experts that had been interviewed in October to confirm the feasibility of the proposed initiatives. They were asked to complete a survey that evaluated the initiatives that were most applicable to each person's expertise. This included questions related to project timelines, time and resources required, staffing needs, cost, community support and recommendations for improvements that could be made to the implementation roadmap. The results of this survey confirmed the feasibility of the selected initiatives and helped troubleshoot potential roadblocks. The strategies will remain dynamic and additional feedback is encouraged.

Strategy Road-Mapping

Over one hundred potential GHG mitigating strategies were considered for the Kent CAP. Strategies were originally developed during the community engagement process. The strategies pulled from the community engagement process were analyzed by experts at KERAMIDA. Strategies that did not have an associated GHG emission reduction were cut. The remaining strategies were analyzed for community feasibility. Strategies determined to be too cost-intensive or long-term were cut.

A reduced number of strategies were presented to an internal working group of City administrators. The strategies were reviewed for feasibility. Any strategies deemed unfeasible by the working group were cut. The remaining group of strategies were researched in-depth and presented to SMEs during the Feasibility interview process. Strategies were refined according to SME feedback. A final set of strategies were selected for the CAP and were reviewed by the Sustainability Ad Hoc committee and city administration before the final CAP was published.

Appendix C – GPC GHG Gas Index

Index	Scope	GHG Emission Source
Stationary Energy		
1.1	Residential Buildings	
1.1.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion within the city boundary
1.1.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary
1.1.3	3	Emissions from transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption
1.2	Commercial and Institutional Buildings and Facilities	
1.2.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion within the city boundary
1.2.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary
1.2.3	3	Emissions from transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption
1.3	Manufacturing industries and construction	
1.3.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion within the city boundary
1.3.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary
1.3.3	3	Emissions from transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption
1.4	Energy industries	
1.4.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion within the city boundary
1.4.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary
1.4.3	3	Emissions from transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption
1.5	Agriculture, forestry, and fishing activities	
1.5.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion within the city boundary
1.5.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary
1.5.3	3	Emissions from transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption
1.6	Non-specified sources	
1.6.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion within the city boundary
1.6.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary
1.6.3	3	Emissions from transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption
1.7	Fugitive emissions from mining, processing, storage, and transportation of coal	
1.7.1	1	Emissions from fugitive emissions within the city boundary
1.8	Fugitive emissions from oil and natural gas systems	
1.8.1	1	Emissions from fugitive emissions within the city boundary
Transportation		
2.1	On-road transportation	
2.1.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion on-road transportation occurring within the city boundary
2.1.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary for on-road transportation
2.1.3	3	Emissions from portion of transboundary journeys occurring outside the city boundary, and transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption
2.2	Railways	
2.2.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion for railway transportation occurring within the city boundary
2.2.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary for railways
2.2.3	3	Emissions from portion of transboundary journeys occurring outside the city boundary, and transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption
2.3	Waterborne navigation	
2.3.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion for waterborne navigation occurring within the city boundary
2.3.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary for waterborne navigation
2.3.3	3	Emissions from portion of transboundary journeys occurring outside the city boundary, and transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption

Index	Scope	GHG Emission Source
Transportation cont.		
2.4	Aviation	
2.4.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion for aviation occurring within the city boundary
2.4.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary for aviation
2.4.3	3	Emissions from portion of transboundary journeys occurring outside the city boundary, and transmission and distribution losses from grid-supplied energy consumption
2.5	Off-road transportation	
2.5.1	1	Emissions from fuel combustion for off-road transportation occurring within the city boundary
2.5.2	2	Emissions from grid-supplied energy consumed within the city boundary for off-road transportation
Waste		
3.1	Solid waste disposal	
3.1.1	1	Emissions from solid waste generated within the city boundary and disposed in landfills or open dumps within the city boundary
3.1.2	1	Emissions from waste generated outside the city boundary and disposed in landfills or open dumps within the city boundary
3.1.3	3	Emissions from solid waste generated within the city boundary but disposed in landfills or open dumps outside the city boundary
3.2	Biological treatment of waste	
3.2.1	1	Emissions from solid waste generated within the city boundary that is treated biologically within the city boundary
3.2.2	2	Emissions from waste generated outside the city boundary but treated biologically within the city boundary
3.2.3	3	Emissions from solid waste generated within the city boundary but treated biologically outside of the city boundary
3.3	Incineration and open burning	
3.3.1	1	Emissions from solid waste generated and treated within the city boundary
3.3.2	1	Emissions from waste generated outside the city boundary but treated within the city boundary
3.3.3	3	Emissions from solid waste generated within the city boundary but treated outside of the city boundary
3.4	Wastewater treatment and discharge	
3.4.1	1	Emissions from wastewater generated and treated within the city boundary
3.4.2	1	Emissions from wastewater generated outside the city boundary but treated within the city boundary
3.4.3	3	Emissions from wastewater generated within the city boundary but treated outside of the city boundary
Industrial Process and Product Use (IPPU)		
4.1	1	Emissions from industrial processes occurring within the city boundary
4.2	1	Emissions from product use occurring within the city boundary
Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU)		
5.1	1	Emissions from livestock within the city boundary
5.2	1	Emissions from land within the city boundary
5.3	1	Emissions from aggregate sources and non-CO2 emission sources on land within the city boundary

The GPC accounts for GHG emissions attributable to activities within the city's geographic boundary. The GPC outlines two reporting levels. The BASIC level covers emission sources that occur in almost all cities. Kent will be updating the community GHG inventory based on BASIC level requirements. The BASIC+ level is more comprehensive and covers emissions sources not found in every municipality. BASIC+ requires more vigorous data collection and GHG emission calculation.



DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE CITY OF AKRON AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OPERATING IN THE AKRON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) established the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program with funding made available through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) for the development and implementation of plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the CPRG Program is designated for specified metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) and the City of Akron and other government entities operating in the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (AMSA) anticipate the AMSA will have the opportunity to apply for CPRG funding for regional cooperative climate action plan implementation actions in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Akron and other government entities operating in the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (AMSA) are required to enter into a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the development of a regional cooperative climate action plan (CAP) so that a plan is already complete with identified implementation strategies when the USEPA has CPRG Program funding available for the AMSA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent desires to participate in the regional cooperative climate action plan process and enter into a Letter of Intent (LOI) with the City of Akron and other government entities operating in the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (AMSA) so work can begin on developing a regional cooperative climate action plan for the AMSA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into Letter of Intent with the City of Akron and other government entities located and operating in the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) on the development of a regional cooperative Climate Action Plan (CAP).

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN
WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS
OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *ORDINANCE No.*
_____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2023-020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO CONTINUE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY PROVIDING FOR A PROJECT AND REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE OHIO ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM (EZ), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City executed the Enterprise Zone Agreement in January, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the project is now complete and the agreement is considered active and the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) met on March 8, 2023 and voted unanimously to recommend to Council to continue the agreement as is.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to continue the Enterprise Zone Agreement with The Davey Tree Expert Company for a real property tax exemption.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Date

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Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL
(SEAL)

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-138, THE CURRENT APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, PASSED DECEMBER 21, 2022; SO AS TO ADJUST APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND ADVANCES FROM THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF KENT TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend current appropriations, transfers and advances for the expenses and other expenditures for the City of Kent, Ohio, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the current appropriations Ordinance No. 2022-138 passed December 21, 2022, as amended by Ordinance No. 2023-12, passed 2/15/23, be amended as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, so as to increase appropriations in Fund 001, General; Fund 102, S.C.M.R; Fund 106, Parks & Recreation; Fund 124, Income Tax Safety; Fund 128 Fire & EMS; Fund 201, Water; Fund 202, Sewer; Fund 205, Solid Waste; Fund 208, Storm Water; and Fund 301, Capital; and to decrease appropriations in Fund 201, Water and Fund 138, ARPA; and Declaring an Emergency.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formation action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Exhibit A

2023 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>General Fund (001)</u>						
City Council	\$ 179,905	\$ 40,505	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,410
Mayor	13,487	3,110				16,597
Community Support		106,000				106,000
City Manager	356,164	53,965				410,129
Community Engagement	51,325	5,100				56,425
Information Technology	103,987	478,915				582,902
Urban Renewal		37,700				37,700
Human Resources	111,798	16,787				128,585
Civil Service	41,730	31,476				73,206
Law	347,093	77,010				424,103
Budget & Finance	474,010	135,002				609,012
Community Development	735,990	181,737				917,727
Economic Development	147,197	33,850				181,047
Health	586,080	647,600				1,233,680
Public Parking		85,600				85,600
Main Street Program		70,000				70,000
Service Administration	259,665	371,087				630,752
Shade Tree		120,875	20,000			140,875
Sustainability		45,000				45,000
Building	381,605	56,120				437,725
Land banking		8,000				8,000
Engineering	218,488	86,189				304,677
Miscellaneous & Sundry		422,150				422,150
Contingency					100,000	100,000
Fund Total	4,008,524	3,113,778	20,000	-	100,000	7,242,302
<u>West Side Fire (101)</u>						
Fire	309,191	15,100				324,291
Fund Total	309,191	15,100	-	-	-	324,291
<u>Street Construction Maintenance & Repair (102)</u>						
Service	1,295,803	1,144,720	32,000			2,472,523
Contingency					25,000	25,000
Fund Total	1,295,803	1,144,720	32,000	-	25,000	2,497,523
<u>State Highway (103)</u>						
Service		67,200				67,200
Fund Total	-	67,200	-	-	-	67,200
<u>Recreation (106)</u>						
Parks & Recreation	1,438,973	646,855	249,000			2,334,828
Fund Total	1,438,973	646,855	249,000	-	-	2,334,828
<u>Food Service (107)</u>						
Health	116,231	24,340				140,571
Fund Total	116,231	24,340	-	-	-	140,571
<u>Income Tax (116)</u>						
Budget/Finance/IncTaxAdmin	136,370	505,890				642,260
Managed Reserve				25,540		25,540
Fund Total	136,370	505,890	-	25,540	-	667,800

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<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/ Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>Revolving Housing (120)</u>						
Health	162,111	21,270				183,381
Fund Total	162,111	21,270	-	-	-	183,381
<u>State & Local Forfeits (121)</u>						
Police						-
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Drug Law Enforcement (122)</u>						
Police		15,000				15,000
Fund Total	-	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
<u>Enforcement & Education (123)</u>						
Police		11,000				11,000
Fund Total	-	11,000	-	-	-	11,000
<u>Income Tax Safety (124)</u>						
Police	8,038,500	841,319	33,600			8,913,419
Fund Total	8,038,500	841,319	33,600	-	-	8,913,419
<u>Law Enforcement Trust (125)</u>						
Police						-
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Community Development Block Grant (126)</u>						
Community Development	4,100	202,900	175,200			382,200
Fund Total	4,100	202,900	175,200	-	-	382,200
<u>Fire & E.M.S. (128)</u>						
Fire	5,721,980	891,676	504,400			7,118,056
Fund Total	5,721,980	891,676	504,400	-	-	7,118,056
<u>Wireless 911 (129)</u>						
Safety						-
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Swimming Pool Inspections (130)</u>						
Health	9,545					9,545
Fund Total	9,545	-	-	-	-	9,545
<u>Police Pension (132)</u>						
Police	140,000					140,000
Fund Total	140,000	-	-	-	-	140,000
<u>Fire Pension (133)</u>						
Fire	140,000					140,000
Fund Total	140,000	-	-	-	-	140,000
<u>UDAG / EDA-RLF (134)</u>						
City Manager/C.D.		75,000				75,000
Fund Total	-	75,000	-	-	-	75,000
<u>CHIP Grant (136)</u>						
City Manager/C.D.		200,000				200,000
Fund Total	-	200,000	-	-	-	200,000

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<u>Local American Rescue Plan Act (138)</u>						
ARPA	329,950		5,784,400			6,114,350
Fund Total	329,950	-	5,784,400	-	-	6,114,350
<u>Water (201)</u>						
Service	1,924,171	1,021,396	1,639,298			4,584,865
Service (Capital Facilities)			796,900			796,900
Admin. Support	471,558	125,240	20,000			616,798
Budget & Finance (Debt)				100,921		100,921
Contingency					50,000	50,000
Fund Total	2,395,729	1,146,636	2,456,198	100,921	50,000	6,149,484
<u>Sewer (202)</u>						
Service	1,785,622	883,689	3,352,331			6,021,642
Service (Capital Facilities)			1,276,568			1,276,568
Admin. Support	410,314	122,440	18,000			550,754
Budget & Finance (Debt)				363,940		363,940
Contingency					50,000	50,000
Fund Total	2,195,936	1,006,129	4,646,899	363,940	50,000	8,262,904
<u>Utility Billing (204)</u>						
Budget & Finance		95,405				95,405
Fund Total	-	95,405	-	-	-	95,405
<u>Solid Waste (205)</u>						
Admin Support	241,108	243,025	6,000			490,133
Service	372,184	38,500	70,200			480,884
Fund Total	613,292	281,525	76,200	-	-	971,017
<u>Storm Water Utility (208)</u>						
Service	372,184	60,275	84,200			516,659
Service (Capital Facilities)			1,007,500			1,007,500
Admin. Support	131,056	50,150	6,000			187,206
Budget & Finance (Debt)				13,350		13,350
Fund Total	503,240	110,425	1,097,700	13,350	-	1,724,715
<u>Guaranteed Deposits (230)</u>						
Budget & Finance		1,000				1,000
Fund Total	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000

2023 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATIONS

<u>Fund - Department/Division</u>	<u>Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Other than Personnel & Benefits</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Reserve/ Debt Service</u>	<u>Contingency</u>	<u>Fund & Department Total</u>
<u>Capital Projects (301)</u>						
Safety			501,000			501,000
Service			349,300			349,300
Service (Capital Facilities)			6,460,516			6,460,516
Administrative	339,314		173,000			512,314
Budget & Finance (Debt)				62,290		62,290
New City Hall (Debt)				460,000		460,000
Contingency					25,000	25,000
Fund Total	339,314	-	7,483,816	522,290	25,000	8,370,420
<u>Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent (302)</u>						
Service (Capital Facilities)						-
Budget & Finance (Debt)				436,135		436,135
Fund Total	-	-	-	436,135	-	436,135
<u>Police Facility (303)</u>						
Safety (Capital Facilities)			701,000			701,000
Budget & Finance (Debt)				815,000		815,000
Fund Total	-	-	701,000	815,000	-	1,516,000
<u>Debt Service (402)</u>						
Budget & Finance (Debt)						-
Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Internal Service (807)</u>						
Health Insurance		4,000,000				4,000,000
Fund Total	-	4,000,000	-	-	-	4,000,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 27,898,789	\$ 14,417,168	\$ 23,260,413	\$ 2,277,176	\$ 250,000	\$ 68,103,546
Original Appropriations	\$ 27,626,691	\$ 13,874,613	\$ 17,231,600	\$ 2,277,176	\$ 250,000	\$ 61,260,080
Amendment #1	348,598	196,870	5,611,813			6,157,281
Amendment #2	(76,500)	345,685	417,000			686,185
Amendment #3						-
Amendment #4						-
Amendment #5						-
Amendment #6						-
Amendment #7						-
Amendment #8						-
	\$ 27,898,789	\$ 14,417,168	\$ 23,260,413	\$ 2,277,176	\$ 250,000	\$ 68,103,546

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION FOR A TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TID) GRANT TOTALING \$0.5 MILLION, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE EAST MAIN STREET AREA IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the East Main Street Area Improvement Project has currently received \$15.845 million in Federal/State funding from six different areas in need; and

WHEREAS, the current project budget has recently increased due primarily to inflation and has increased the project amount to \$24 million; and

WHEREAS, this grant request will reduce the funding gap caused by the recent spike in inflation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council approves submission of the City's pre-application request for the TID grant funding totaling \$0.5 million and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

SECTION 2. That Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grant, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

SECTION 3. That Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the TID grant program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: _____
Date

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: _____
Date

ATTEST: _____
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

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(SEAL)

AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KENT TO APPLY FOR A COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP) GRANT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES TO FUND ONE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH CORRESPONDING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Police Department has applied for a COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant through the United States Department of Justice Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services; and

WHEREAS, the CHP offers communities the ability to apply for funding to hire new police officers for the purpose of community policing initiatives including school resource officers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent Police Department would like to hire one additional school resource officer; and

WHEREAS, there is a 25% local match requirement with a cap of \$125,000 over a three (3) year period and the Kent City Schools agree to pay a portion of the remaining salary and benefits package.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Kent City Council approves submission of the application for the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant to hire an additional resource officer, execution of the subsequent agreement, and authorized that the Administration provide all information, funds, and documentation required in said applications for submission.

SECTION 2. That the Kent City Council hereby approves the City's acceptance of the grant, if awarded to the City, with corresponding appropriations for its use.

SECTION 3. That the Kent City Council hereby understands and agrees that participation in the program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

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