

**Euclid Beach Boulevard &
East 159th Street
Reconstruction Project**

**Development, Planning & Sustainability
Committee**

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AGENDA

- I. Background
- II. Assessment Process
- III. Questions



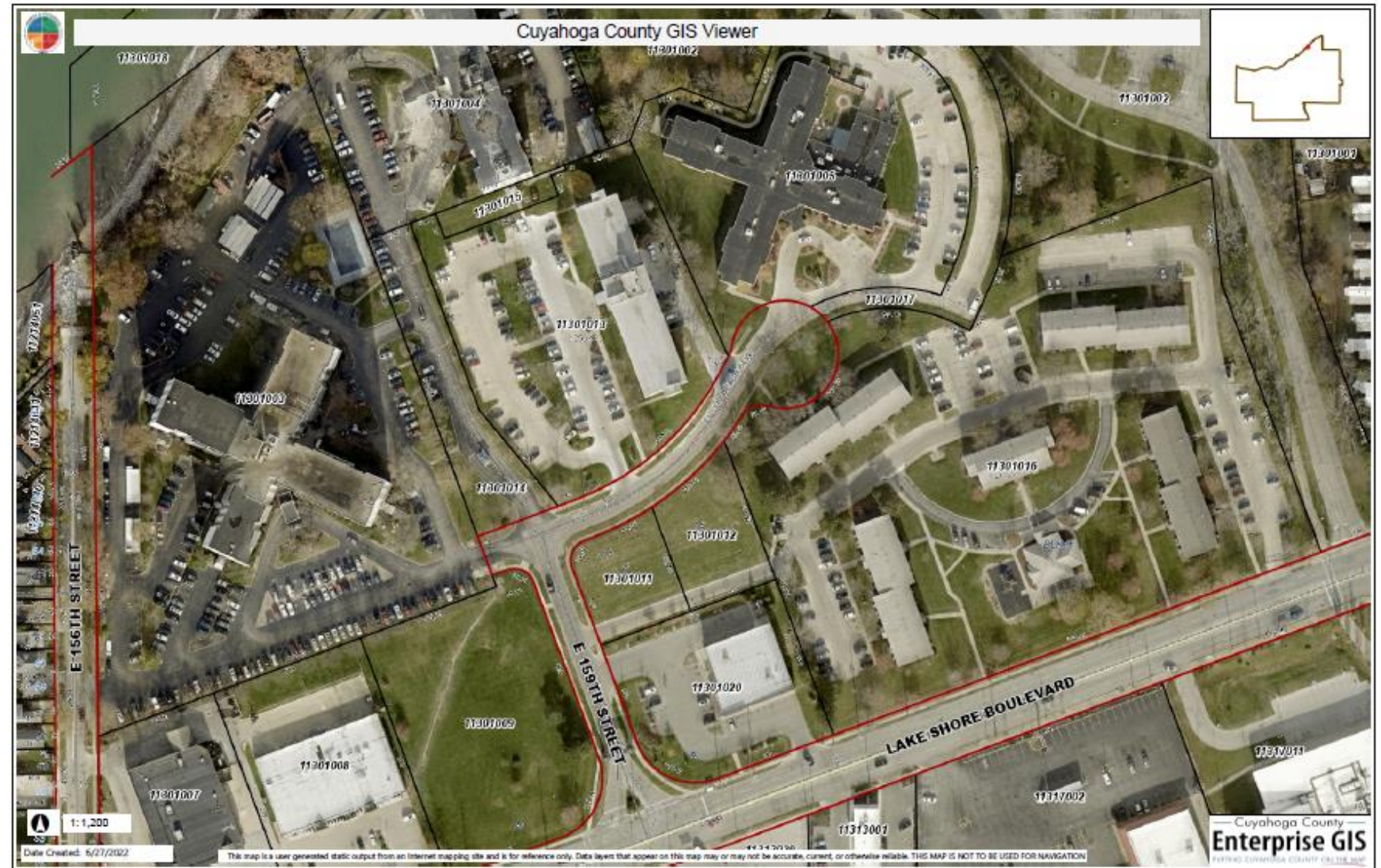
Background

- Streets were Dedicated, but not Accepted by the City in 1982
 - The roadways were not built to City standards
 - The roadways are not the City's responsibility to maintain because they were not accepted
- Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) is currently in low 60's = D
- Reconstructing the road to current standards would require:
 - New road
 - New curb and underdrain
 - Sidewalks and ADA ramps as needed
 - Utility relocation as needed; and
 - Other required improvements as needed



Background

- Present dedication



Assessment Process

The Assessment process is lengthy

- Includes:
 - Multiple pieces of legislation
 - Typically takes two years or so from the start of the assessment process to the start of construction.



Assessment Process

ORC 727

- Each municipal corporation shall have special power to levy and collect special assessments. The legislative authority of a municipal corporation may assess upon the abutting, adjacent, and contiguous, or other specially benefited, lots or lands in the municipal corporation, any part of the cost connected with the improvement of any street, alley, dock, wharf, pier, public road, place, boulevard, parkway, or park entrance or an easement of the municipal corporation available for the purpose of the improvement to be made in it.



Assessment Process

- Community meeting to present process and project (**Completed 6/29/22** at Collinwood Recreation Center)
- Submit legislation (**Legislation Action #1 - Res. No. 1301-2023**) to hire design consultant
 - Prepare plans and cost estimate
 - Determine property acquisition needs
 - Determine property estimates
 - 50/50 split based on front footage
 - 10 year assessment period



Assessment Process

- Prepare Resolution of Necessity (**Legislative Action #2 - Res. No. 1301-2023**)
 - Allow Property owner assessments to be sent via certified mail
 - Gives authority for construction to occur in the future
- Prepare resolution to establish Board of Equalization (**Legislative Action #3**)
 - Set time and place for hearing
 - Typically 15 day notification
- Board of Equalization is appointed
 - Find 3 disinterested people with no ties to project or work for City plus alternate(s)



Assessment Process

- Division of Licenses and Assessments prepares legal notice to property owners of assessment costs
 - Send by certified mail
- Board of Equalization hearing
 - Only determines if assessment is fair and equal
 - Cannot appeal need for project or total cost
- Report created by Board of Equalization
 - Outlines outcome and who appealed, if anyone
- Prepare ordinance accepting Board of Equalization report and authorizing construction (**Legislative Action #4**)



Assessment Process

- Start construction
- Determine actual overall costs
- Prepare final assessment costs for each property owner
- Prepare legislation (**Legislative Action #5**) to assess and allow costs to be placed on property tax duplicate
- Division of Assessments and Licenses sends out final costs to property owners
- Assessment certified by County



Questions?

