

# ANNUAL REPORT

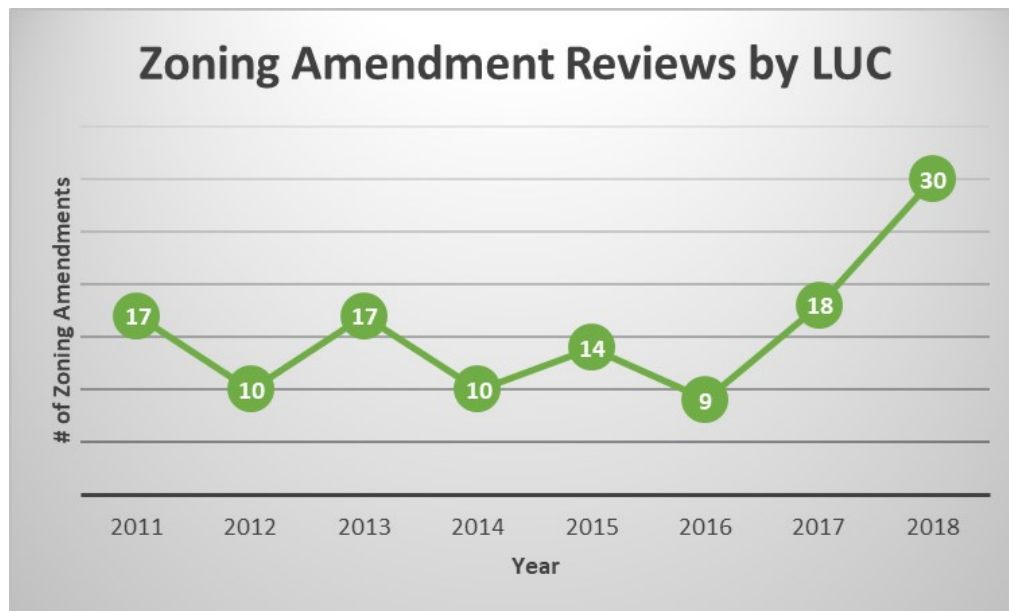
Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission

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## A Big Year for Zoning Amendments

LUC advises local communities on zoning changes. This year was a busy year at LUC for zoning amendment reviews. The high volume was the result of an increased number of text amendments. Zoning amendments are not an annual event for most of our member communities; the process may be unfamiliar to planning commissions, zoning commissions, trustees, or councils. Because of this, LUC is sometimes involved from the beginning and assists with laying-out the process. In other instances, LUC helps with preparation of documents or attends public hearings. This year, LUC attended 39 zoning commission meetings across member communities in all three LUC counties.

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### 2018 Plat and Zoning Activity at a glance:

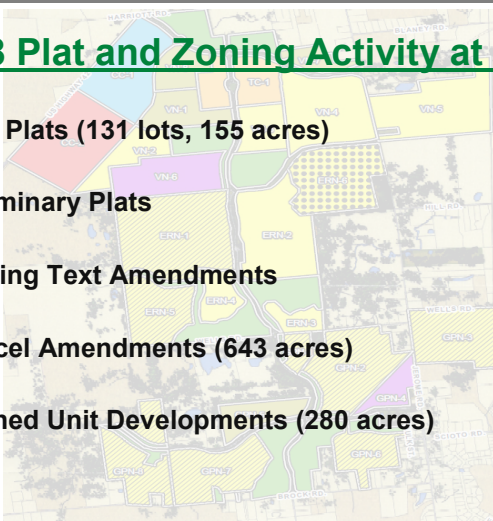
**5 Final Plats (131 lots, 155 acres)**

**9 Preliminary Plats**

**20 Zoning Text Amendments**

**10 Parcel Amendments (643 acres)**

**3 Planned Unit Developments (280 acres)**



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# A Big Year for Zoning Amendments cont.

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Once an amendment is officially submitted to LUC for review, our staff analyzes the submittal, contacts other agencies for input, and generates a staff report. The staff analysis and amendment are reviewed by LUC's Zoning & Subdivision Committee before the Executive Committee creates an official recommendation for the member community. Folks involved in these reviews at LUC include city and county engineers, county commissioners, township trustees, planners, zoning inspectors, and ODOT and electric utility representatives. The idea being, the different perspectives and experiences will generate a thoughtful recommendation.

Some of this year's amendments were minor, tweaking of existing sections and adding medical marijuana provisions. Others, such as Stokes Township, were zoning resolution rewrites. To be a consistent partner to member communities, LUC has met on the second Thursday of the month for many years. This allows for predictable timelines that, when followed correctly, result in legally compliant and defensible zoning amendments. Special thanks to all our Zoning & Subdivision Committee members for your advice and review this year.

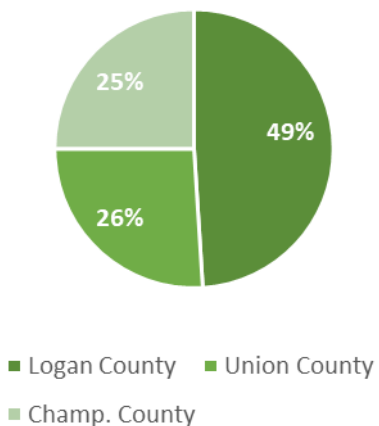
## Technical Support and Training

Two components of LUC's mission are to foster cooperation and interaction among government entities, and provide guidance, support, education, and training to local governments. In part, LUC hopes to achieve this mission by answering technical questions from zoning inspectors and hosting training sessions for our region's zoning officials.

This year, the top zoning calls made to LUC were about zoning text amendments, lot splits and frontage requirements, agriculture, and questions about principal/accessory uses. The highest volume of calls were questions about zoning text amendments. Questions were sometimes about process, but zoning officials mostly sought advice on potential changes.

We heard from member communities, zoning inspectors, and our prosecutor's offices about the need for a board of zoning appeals training. LUC worked with the Champaign County Prosecutor's Office to build a joint-training. The training was put on by both LUC and the Prosecutor's Office, and all board of zoning appeals members were invited. The training was done in Champaign and Logan Counties, and Union County is next to be scheduled.

**INCOMING ZONING CALLS**  
By County



## CDBG

LUC administers the State of Ohio's Community Development Program for Champaign County which provides flexible housing and community development resources that can be used to locally identify needs.

Eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities qualify under the national objective of Low- and Moderate-Income Benefit or Elimination of Slum and Blight. Projects include public facilities, public services, housing, economic development and fair housing activities.

Based on the recommendation of Champaign County's Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) Committee and the Champaign County Board of Commissioners, LUC applies for and assists with the administration of the projects.

In 2018 the Village of Christiansburg, Wayne Township, and the Village of Woodstock were awarded funds for local improvements. Wayne Township and Woodstock are upgrading restrooms at a park and a community center, while Christiansburg is repainting the Village's water tower.

The City of Urbana was awarded \$300,000 in CDBG funds for North Oakland Street curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. The City had been relying on the much smaller CDBG allocations to complete the North Oakland Street project in phases. This year, however, Urbana and Champaign County worked with LUC to craft the Critical Infrastructure application, but limited funds statewide and competing projects elsewhere kept the North Oakland St. project unfunded in two previous funding rounds. Urbana's efforts resulted in the Ohio Development Services Agency, the CDBG decision makers, to visit Urbana and see North Oakland Street firsthand resulting in the grant award.



## LUC Mission Statement

The mission of the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission is to promote planned growth, encourage sustainable development, preserve our land resources, and to improve the quality of life in the region by providing guidance, support, information, planning and education services to the citizen's and all government member agencies.



# LUC President History

Year	President	Jurisdiction
1967	Eugene Amrine	Marysville
1968	Oliver Liggett	Bellefontaine
1969	William Bauer	Urbana
1970	Ezra Stocksdales	Marysville
1971	James Stout	West Liberty
1972	Harris Tate	Urbana
1973	Lowell Wilson	Marysville
1974	Lewis Ratleff	Bellefontaine
1975	Marvin Stevens	Urbana
1976	Max Robinson	Marysville
1977	Mel Nettleingham	Russells Point
1978	William McCullough	Urbana
1979	Jack Scott	Marysville
1980	Warren Smith	Bellefontaine
1981	Max Evans	Champaign County
1982	D.B. Robinson	Marysville
1983	Gene Dragonette	Huntsville
1984	Marvin Humphrey	Urbana
1985	Ernest Bumgarner	Union County
1986	Michael Bow	Bellefontaine
1987	Jack Engle	Champaign County
1988	Kenneth Koltenbah	Marysville
1989	Edward Core	Rushsylvania
1990	Patricia Hoefer	Urbana
1991	Charles Petty	Marysville
1992	Chester Kurtz	Logan County
1993	Claude Nickerson	Urbana
1994	Steve Stolte	Union County
1995	Timothy Notestine	Bellefontaine
1996	Dan Rooney	Champaign County
1997	Ken Kraus	Marysville
1998	George Clayton	Logan County
1999	Phil McCullough	Champaign County
2000	Joel Allen	Marysville
2001	James K. Cox	Logan County
2002	William G. Edwards	Urbana
2003	James Mitchell	Union County

Year	President	Jurisdiction
2004	Scott Coleman	Logan County
2005	Fereidoun Shokouhi	Champaign County
2006	Rick Shortell	Union County
2007	Max Coates	Champaign County
2008	Jack Reser	Logan County
2009	Charles Hall	Union County
2010	R. Andrew Yoder	North Lewisburg
2011	John Bayliss	Logan County
2012	Jeff Stauch	Union County
2013	Brad Bodenmiller	Urbana
2014	Doug Miller	Logan County
2015	Paul Hammersmith	Dublin
2016	Stephen McCall	Champaign County
2017	Jim Holycross	Bellefontaine
2018	Jeremy Hoyt	Marysville

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# Transportation Planning

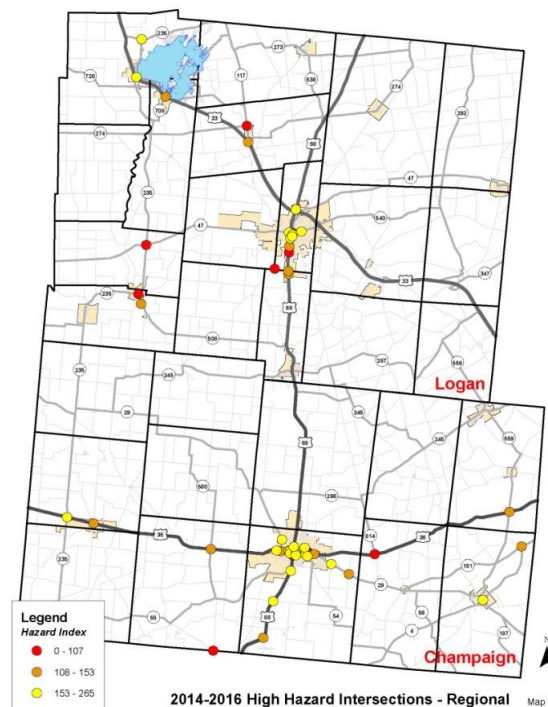
LUC is designated as an agency known as a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for Logan and Champaign Counties. This program allows LUC to participate in transportation planning, somewhat mirroring the process that currently happens in major metropolitan areas through the designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's). Union County is part of a different RTPO, which in 2018 adopted its transportation plan.

In July 2018, LUC wrapped up its first year of a transportation planning partnership with the Clark County-Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC). The TCC provides transportation planning services through its staff for the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) planning area consisting of Logan and Champaign Counties. The services are provided by an agreement between the agencies and documented in an annual work program and budget. Here is a summary of a few of the bigger activities from the past year.

## Local Roadway Safety Program

The 2018 Local Roadway Safety Program is a document that uses three complete years of crash data to identify high frequency and high severity crash locations in Logan and Champaign Counties. The document serves primarily as a planning tool to assist in roadway planning. Freeway data is not included in the report since all freeways in the planning area are maintained by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Location rankings are broken down into three categories: intersections, rural segments, and urban segments. Weighted values are assigned to the severity of crashes, the type of crashes, and the total number of crashes that occurred. These weighted totals are then assigned a Hazard Index number and mapped for quick viewing.





In Fall 2018, TCC Staff will be coordinating safety field reviews with local partners to address high hazard areas. The field review teams, which will include engineering, planning, and emergency services, will provide valuable input that will be used to develop potential safety countermeasures for the location. The document is planned to be updated every two years with the next update scheduled for early 2020.

## State Route 54 Curves Analysis

In August, an analysis of curves on State Route 54 near Oakdale Cemetery in southwest Urbana was finalized with several recommendations. The document includes a review of crash data and a field driving test to determine proper curve advisory speeds. Based upon the types of crashes and speed tests, recommendations included reducing the advisory speed from 30mph to 25mph and replacing all signs in the area for better visibility. Due to the relatively high number of crashes that occurred on wet pavements, the report also recommended installing a High Friction Surface Treatment to the roadway at the curve areas. This roadway treatment has been proven to dramatically and immediately reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities associated with friction issues.

