

Highlights of 1998

The 1998 Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 18, at the Brushwood Shelter in Furnace Run Metro Park in Richfield Township. The program was devoted to a review of the history of the Council since its organization in 1975. There was distributed and reviewed a booklet entitled Memories of the Council which summarized the activities of the Council since its organization and listed all of the members and their years of service; the Executive Director gave a slide presentation entitled Family Album consisting of pictures taken at numerous Council meetings and activities; and several former members of the Board of Trustees were introduced and commented on their memories of Council activities. During the business meeting, the Executive Director presented Highlights of 1997; the Council amended its Code of Regulations with respect to the composition of task forces; the annual election was held; and certificates of recognition were awarded to Peter C. Allison and Barbara L. Pollarine for their service on the Board of Trustees.

On Wednesday, March 18, at the Bath Township Center, the planning team from NEFCO and the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization (CRCPO) presented a progress report on the Yellow Creek Comprehensive Watershed Plan for an area which includes portions of the City of Akron, Bath Township, the City of Cuyahoga Falls, the City of Fairlawn, Richfield Township, and the Village of Richfield.

On Wednesday, April 15, at the Walton Hills Village Community Building, Professor Thomas Bier from the Housing Policy Research Center, College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, gave a presentation on the subject Cleveland Regional Development Pattern and Tax Base Disparity.

On Wednesday, May 20, at the Barlow Community Center in the City of Hudson, Council member Stephen Coles, Chief of Park Planning, Cleveland Metroparks, gave a slide presentation of their plans for the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation currently under development just north of the CVNRA.

On Wednesday, September 16, at the Boston Township Hall in Peninsula Village, Kirby Date, Coordinator of The Countryside Program, gave a slide presentation on the subject Balancing Conservation and Development. Also, Chair Michael Kaplan gave a progress report of the Heritage Corridor Task Force and invited meetings with local officials to elicit their interest in the National Heritage Corridor and Scenic Byway programs as input to the management plans being developed for these two programs.

On Wednesday, November 18, at the Canal Visitor Center in Valley View Village, Chair Michael Kaplan gave the final report of the Heritage Corridor Task Force; and Council Member Annette Miller reported on the "mega-mall" being considered in Boston Heights Village.