



## Maple Valley 2020 Great Streets Accomplishments

- COVID 19 and ongoing business outreach and support to merchants
  - Assisted business owners in applying for SBA loans, PPP loan, Summit County grants, Akron Resiliency Fund, etc.
  - Shared information on other capital and grant opportunities
  - Assisted merchants and entrepreneurs in finding vacant storefront space
- Maple Valley Community Pride Cleanup
  - Cleaned and beautified the Copley Road Neighborhood Business District and Kerr Park, from I-77 to East Ave
    - 15 consecutive weeks from August through December 2020
    - Over 80 volunteers
    - Partnering organizations include Maple Valley Merchants Business Association, Dorchester Block Club, Delia Estates Block Club, Rubber City Gardens, Keep Akron Beautiful, and Gino's Pizza
  - Cleaned North Alley and vacant lots, mowed lawns, trimmed hedges, pulled weeds, cleared brush, and removed litter
    - Removed over 230 bags and 1600 pounds of litter
  - City crews trimmed trees and cleared overgrowth, and installed new soil, trees, and mulch behind the city parking lot in the North Alley
  - Added trash receptacles along the business plazas on the North Side of Copley Road
    - Working with local art teacher and students to paint the cans in 2021
  - Implemented regular street cleaning in the district
- Outreach and support to local CDCs, merchants association, and community organizations
- Acquired property at 1474 Copley Road, and vacant lots at corner of Copley and Cordova (south side)
  - Future site of Copley Road Resource Center
  - Worked with Kent State students on design options
- Harvest Festival at Buchtel CLC
- Tree planting project at former Erie Island School lot
- Working to beautify city-owned vacant lots throughout the Copley Road corridor
  - Initial renderings completed
  - Two locations finalized in East Copley district; implementation to begin in 2021
    - Corner of Copley and East Ave
    - Corner of Copley and Ritchie Ave
- Attended 8 Maple Valley Merchants Business Association meetings
- Designed new logo for Maple Valley Merchants Business Association
- Planters ordered for 2021 season
- Partnered with Lock 3 and Maple Valley MBA to install Holiday Lights throughout the district
- Artist Woodrow Nash phase 1 of gateway sculpture project complete
  - Completion and installation to conclude in 2021
- 5 new façade grants awarded
  - 2 façade grant projects completed
    - Boost Mobile/Splash 2 Carwash
    - Copley Road Express Liquor Store

