

# Clermont County, Ohio

2010 Annual Citizens' Report



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Board of Clermont County Commissioners

Dear Fellow Clermont County Citizens,

As your county commissioners, we are doing all that we can to ensure that this community of almost 200,000 people is a great place to live, work, and raise our families. This annual report highlights major county accomplishments in 2010, and outlines some of the challenges we face as we move forward into the future. We pledge to stretch county government resources, while continuing to provide you with the quality services you have come to expect.



Economic development has been and remains our top priority, as we actively work to grow local businesses and attract new ones to our county. In 2010, we welcomed the expansion of UC Clermont at the former Ford Transmission plant; UC East offers opportunities for local citizens to obtain a four-year degree without having to leave the county. We sincerely believe that this partnership with the University of Cincinnati will strengthen our local workforce, while creating new employment opportunities.



During 2010, we held a series of town meetings at schools across the county, inviting the community to come and learn about local and county programs and ask questions about issues important to you. Thank you for coming out and helping us strengthen the bonds between citizens and government. Together we can make Clermont County a shining example of what can happen when government, citizens, schools, and businesses work together for the greater good of a community.

We invite you to attend Board of Clermont County Commissioners meetings or watch them on Warner Cable access television channels across the county. Let us know what you think about the issues that are discussed and help us come up with creative solutions. Commissioner sessions are held in the third floor session room of the Clermont County Administration Building, located at 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. For specific meeting dates and times, along with a meeting agenda, contact our offices at 732-7300 or visit the website [www.bcc.ClermontCountyOhio.gov](http://www.bcc.ClermontCountyOhio.gov).



*Your Board of Clermont County Commissioners*

# 2010 Clermont County Accomplishments

The goal of the **Clermont County Office of Economic Development (OED)** is to provide an environment where businesses prosper, therefore creating jobs for Clermont residents, which ultimately improve their quality of life. In 2009, companies struggled trying to meet payroll, making the difficult decision of laying off staff, and trying to survive until the economy grew stronger. As the county entered a new decade in 2010, Clermont County companies emerged more focused and leaner. Companies are entering into new markets, exporting more product, and creating jobs. Two of Clermont County's largest industrial facilities are breathing new life; in April 2010, Industrial Realty Group purchased the former Ford transmission plant and Utility Trailer Manufacturing, Inc. purchased the former Georgia Pacific box manufacturing facility in September 2010, bringing 35 new jobs to Clermont County. Other new project announcements in 2010 included Cintas Corporation, creating 85 jobs at their Miami Township facility and Eagle Coach Company, a manufacturer of funeral coaches and limousines, creating an additional 30 jobs at their Pierce Township corporate headquarters and manufacturing plant. Also in 2010, UC East opened its doors at the former Ford transmission plant; UC East is Clermont County's first dedicated college campus where residents will be able to obtain a four-year degree. To read more about Clermont County economic development efforts in 2010, please visit [www.ClermontCountyOhio.biz](http://www.ClermontCountyOhio.biz) and click on the 2010 Annual Report.



The **Department of Community Planning and Development** continues to work with local communities in coordinating zoning, land use, and development activities throughout Clermont County. A total of eight zone changes, three zoning resolution text amendments, two revised residential subdivisions, one dedication plat, and one subdivision variance request were presented by the department to the Clermont County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission also updated the Clermont County Thoroughfare Plan (Access Clermont) to include the current Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID) projects. Under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Housing and Improvement Program (CHIP), and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), approximately \$1.35 million in federal grant monies were invested in local communities, resulting in improvements to fire protection, storm water drainage, home septic repair, home rehabilitation, home ownership, community centers, and emergency equipment. Contact the Department of Community Planning and Development at 732-7213 or visit the website [www.Planning.ClermontCountyOhio.gov](http://www.Planning.ClermontCountyOhio.gov).

During 2010, the **Clermont County Water Resources Department** continued to update and maintain critical infrastructure facilities. The Miami-Goshen-Stonelick (MGS) Water Treatment Plant received its first thorough rehabilitation since 1967. This 2.2 million gallon per day (MGD) facility



along the Little Miami River will benefit from new chemical storage and feed equipment, new softener media, piping improvements, and updated control systems. The Wards Corner and Newtonsville water storage tanks were rehabbed, bringing all water tanks back within the targeted 20 year painting frequency. Citizens in northern Goshen Township will benefit from the newly constructed O'Bannon "A" sanitary sewer assessment project, bringing central sewers to over 300 existing homes with failing onsite septic systems. Finally, the Shayler "C" trunk sewer replacement project is in the first of a three year schedule to construct 10,000 feet of 42" tunnel, eliminating a sewer line built partially in Shayler Creek during the late 1970's. This project

addresses a significant environmental risk and provides for future sewer capacity in the Shalyer Run basin. For more information, visit the website [www.wrd.ClermontCountyOhio.gov](http://www.wrd.ClermontCountyOhio.gov) or call 732-7970.

In 2010, the **Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality** established a recycling container loan program, held two electronics recycling events, implemented an educational program for county schools, and a household hazardous waste voucher program. The county teamed with various agencies and organizations to host a Great Outdoor Weekend event and several neighborhood clean-ups, including the East Fork River Sweep and the Ohio River Sweep. Over 76 tons of litter were removed from over 1,285 miles of county roadways utilizing the Municipal Court alternative sentencing program. With the help of Clermont Clean and Green, 2,554 bags of litter were removed from public properties and 3.6 tons of computer equipment were diverted from landfills. The Office of Environmental Quality also monitored water quality at 20 sites in the East Fork of the Little Miami River. For more information, visit [www.oeq.net](http://www.oeq.net) or contact the Clermont Office of Environmental Quality at 732-7894.



During 2010, the **Clermont County Storm Water Department** collaborated with local storm water management programs throughout Greater Cincinnati on a variety of programs, including Project Earth, a program which educates citizens about environmental issues through regular segments on WLWT's local news programs and website. The Storm Water Department also worked with Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties to hold an Erosion and Sediment Control Field Day at the Clermont Fairgrounds in Owensville. Considerable progress was made in the effort to map all storm sewers in Clermont County. The department also continued its work to identify and eliminate sources of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system, which helps reduce operational and maintenance costs, resulting in affordable rates for the county's sewer customers. Visit the Storm Water website at [www.ClermontStorm.net](http://www.ClermontStorm.net) or call 732-7880 for more information.

The **Permit Central/Building Inspection Department** performs inspections and issues building permits for commercial and residential sites in Clermont County and commercial sites in Brown County. In 2010, the Building Inspection Department issued 4,619 permits with a valuation of \$133.1 million. Permit Central is located at 2275 Bauer Road, Batavia, and can be reached by calling 732-7213 or by visiting the website [www.permit.ClermontCountyOhio.gov](http://www.permit.ClermontCountyOhio.gov).



The **Clermont County Office of Public Information (OPI)** promoted the 2010 Census by planning and executing a large *Pep Rally for the Census* at Eastgate Mall; the goal was to help citizens understand the importance of filling out the census form and to promote census jobs. OPI also presented Clermont County's involvement strategy at a statewide census planning meeting in Columbus. OPI wrote and distributed over 350 news releases for various county departments and agencies, published 24 employee/citizen newsletters, produced 21 episodes of the

*Clermont County Today* news program, and produced the Clermont Park District's 40th anniversary video. Located at 177 E. Main Street in Batavia, OPI can be reached at 732-7597; watch Clermont County Government Television (CCG-TV) programming on Time Warner access cable channels throughout the county. Become a fan of Clermont County on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ClermontCounty](http://www.facebook.com/ClermontCounty), and watch CCG-TV programs at [www.youtube.com/clermontcounty](http://www.youtube.com/clermontcounty).



### **Clermont County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime**

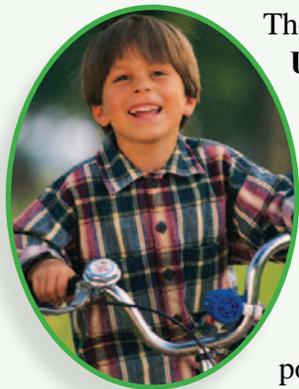
(TASC) is located at 179 East Main Street in Batavia. In 2010, the TASC program provided assessment and case management services to 180 court referred individuals for drug and alcohol related problems. TASC's role in the diversion process contributed to the reduction of approximately 19,754 days of jail or prison time that would have been served by these clients, saving thousands of tax dollars for other critical county services. TASC is available at 732-8070.

## **Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS)**

Over the past three years, the **Clermont County Adult, Child and Family Stability Department (ACFS)**, experienced the deepest recession since the 1930's and Ohio has been affected more than most states. In the past 10 years, job losses nationwide were 1.7 percent while Ohio's was 10.9 percent; this has had a major impact on safety net programs for vulnerable citizens in Ohio. The Food Assistance caseload has increased by 58 percent over the past three years statewide. A total of 1.8 million Ohioans (1 in 6 people) are now receiving Food Assistance. The Ohio Works First cash assistance caseload has increased by 34 percent during that same time period. Medicaid has grown by 30 percent, serving 2.2 million Ohioans. It should be noted that it is projected that another 79,000 children will be added to Medicaid roles during the next 18 months.



An increased demand for assistance has not resulted in increased service dollars. In fact, during this period of caseload growth, DJFS agencies have experienced unprecedented cuts. Food Assistance and Medicaid access funds have been cut 45 percent since 2007 and counties have experienced a \$128 million annual loss in TANF funds. Local county departments have lost a total of 40 percent in safety net access funding since the start of the recession; there are fewer staff members to handle the growing need for assistance. ACFS has made internal adjustments, which has changed the way public assistance benefits are managed. Born out of necessity, we are moving away from the "case management" approach of service delivery to a more "case processing/transactional" approach. For more information visit the website [www.ACFS.ClermontCountyOhio.gov](http://www.ACFS.ClermontCountyOhio.gov) or call 732-7111.



The **Clermont County Adult, Child and Family Stability Department, Benefit Recovery Unit**, collected \$341,860 in 2010, a 24 percent increase over 2006. The total funds collected in 2010, including incentives and early detection program savings was \$410,273. The year 2006 is used as the comparison year, because starting in November 2006, the unit had personnel and management changes that have resulted in greater efficiencies. Total funds returned (minus salaries) has dramatically increased from \$7,016 in 2008, to \$42,935 in 2009, to \$76,683 in 2010. The projected number for 2011 is \$169,937.

**Child Support Enforcement (CSE)** is responsible for establishing and enforcing child support and medical insurance orders for children. CSE also establishes paternity for children born out of wedlock and modifies existing orders that qualify. As of 2010, CSE was administering 15,404 open cases serving 46,177 individuals. During 2010, CSE collected \$36,070,588 in support payments. Of that amount, the tax offset program garnered \$1,974,905, collections on criminal nonsupport cases totaled \$946,658, financial institution freeze-and-seize collections amounted to \$111,059, and collections on driver's license suspensions totaled \$413,538. Additionally, 397 lump sum orders resulted in \$112,687 intercepted for past due child support. Lump sum collections are derived primarily from employee bonuses and employee benefit plans such as worker's compensation and social security. CSE has local contracts for services with Juvenile Court, Domestic Relations Court, Common Pleas Adult Probation, the Clerk of Courts, the Prosecutor's Office, and the Sheriff's Office. These contracts provide 66 percent reimbursement in federal funding. Clermont County CSE was recognized by the Ohio CSE Directors' Association as a 2010 Best Practices Recipient for the agency's Access and Visitation program, which focuses on strengthening families. For more information visit the website [www.ClermontSupportsKids.org](http://www.ClermontSupportsKids.org) or call 732-7248.

**Children's Protective Services (CPS)** investigated twice the number of physical abuse allegations in 2010 compared to just two years ago. Likewise in 2010, CPS was given custody of 235 children due to abuse and/or neglect. This was 80 more children removed than one year ago. CPS continues to raise awareness to our community of the increasing need of new foster homes. CPS is proud to have found adoptive homes for 53 children this year. This means for these 53 children they are no longer "foster kids" but rather a son, daughter, sister, or brother to loving forever families. For more information about CPS, visit the website [www.ClermontForKids.org](http://www.ClermontForKids.org) or call 732-7173.

**Workforce One** is comprised of numerous county partnerships and is proud of the on-site agencies that provide services through Workforce One. The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Clermont County Probation, Veteran's Services, Mature Services, Child Focus, Clermont Counseling, Malachi, Legal Aid, Adult Basis Literacy and Education, the Literacy Council of Clermont and Brown Counties, and Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services all have a vibrant presence at Workforce One and contribute to the array of services offered at the facility. Workforce One of Clermont remains active in helping Clermont citizens secure employment or receive additional training that will enable them to obtain a new or better job. In 2010, Workforce One logged over 21,000 visits from citizens. Throughout the year, Workforce One facilitated career training for 130 citizens and provided over \$480,000 in training and related supplies. In order to serve the growing industries in Clermont County, training was provided for careers in health services, transportation, advanced manufacturing, and information technology as well as other fields that show potential for growth. Workforce One also helped 1,500 local businesses in 2010; over 1,200 jobs were posted at Workforce One and 61 hiring events were held with 244 citizens finding employment through these efforts. Workforce One is located at 756 Old SR 74. For more information, visit the website [www.WorkforceOneClermont.com](http://www.WorkforceOneClermont.com) or call 943-3000.



**Clermont Transportation Connection (CTC)** transported a record high 105,268 passengers in 2010; this was an eight percent increase over 2009. CTC transports people to jobs, medical appointments, schools, shopping, and entertainment destinations throughout Clermont County and downtown Cincinnati. CTC is open to the public and it operates from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For ride information, call 732-7433 or visit the website [www.ctc.ClermontCountyOhio.gov](http://www.ctc.ClermontCountyOhio.gov).



The **Clermont County Engineer's Office** completed over \$2 million in construction projects in 2010. Over \$1.5 million in federal and state grants were used for these projects. One of our highlighted projects was the extension of Old SR 74 to College Drive. This new roadway connection provides improved access to the surrounding communities, including the village of Batavia, Batavia Township, and UC Clermont. We also completed a safety study of all county roadways to better determine where safety improvements should be made; as part of this study, we have secured \$1.3 million for guardrail improvements and \$50,000 in traffic sign upgrades. These improvements will be put in place in 2011. The Clermont County Engineer is

Patrick J. Manger, P.E., P.S. The Engineer's Office is located at 2381 Clermont Center Drive. For more information, contact the Engineer's Office at 732-8857 or visit the website [www.ClermontEngineer.org](http://www.ClermontEngineer.org).



The **Clermont County Treasurer's Office** continued its aggressive efforts pertaining to the collection of taxes. In 2010 the office collected \$233 million in real estate taxes, \$815,000 in manufactured home taxes, and \$438,000 in personal property taxes. A total of 45 real estate tax foreclosures were filed in 2010 and the county's real estate delinquency rate was 4.03 percent as of December 30, 2010. The Clermont County Treasurer is J. Robert True. The Treasurer's Office is in the Clermont County Administration Building, located at 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office at 732-7254 or visit the website [www.ClermontTreasurer.org](http://www.ClermontTreasurer.org).

The **Clermont County Recorder's Office** processed 33,310 documents in 2010, collecting a total of \$1,775,368. The funds collected are distributed according to state law - \$869,718 went to the Ohio Housing Trust Fund, and the remaining \$905,650 deposited into the county's general fund. With tighter budgets and a smaller staff, 2010 proved to be a challenge. The Recorder's Office and Auditor's Office worked together to combine our public work areas, allowing for a more efficient and economical operation. In June 2010, the Recorder's Office began taking electronically filed documents. A program called Archive Viewer was also added to our computer-based record system, adding deed and mortgage indexes and images back to 1978. The Clermont County Recorder is Deborah Clepper. The Recorder's Office is located in the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. For more information, visit the website [www.Recorder.ClermontCountyOhio.gov](http://www.Recorder.ClermontCountyOhio.gov) or call 732-7236.



In 2010, the **Clermont County Auditor's Office** made improvements to both the real estate website and the internal real estate system. The Auditor's real estate website continues to be a comprehensive source of property data, tax, and land information. In 2010, the online services were enhanced with the addition of the Property Recap Report; this report allows the user to access data that has been consolidated from internal and external websites, including a direct link to the Recorder's electronic documents. This information can be accessed at [www.ClermontAuditorRealEstate.org](http://www.ClermontAuditorRealEstate.org). Internally, we have upgraded our real estate system to iasWorld; this system helps staff efficiently help customers by electronically storing documents that pertain to specific parcels and also provides a workflow system that allows us to track progress on current changes to the property. The Clermont County Auditor is Linda L. Fraley. The Auditor's Office is located in the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. For more information, visit the website [www.ClermontAuditor.org](http://www.ClermontAuditor.org) or call 732-7150.

The **Clermont County Coroner's Office** has noticed a disturbing trend over the past few years. "I thought I was seeing more and more accidental drug overdose cases come across my desk, so we took a look at the actual data," said Clermont County Coroner Dr. Brian Treon, "The numbers confirmed my suspicions. There has been a dramatic rise in deaths related to recreational drugs. These individuals are not attempting to harm themselves, but rather are ingesting the drugs as a recreational activity. They're trying to get high." In 2002, accidental drug overdose deaths increased to seven; the next year there were 31 deaths. After a small decline in 2004 and 2005, the numbers have steadily increased to a peak of 41 in 2008. In 2010, there were 46 deaths from accidental drug overdoses. "Unfortunately, the final number of deaths related to accidental drug overdose in 2010 is up," reported Dr. Treon. "Any unexpected death is devastating. The tragedy in the overdoses is two-fold. These people are typically otherwise young and healthy individuals; their average age is 37. Further, these deaths are completely preventable." Visit the Coroner's website at [www.ClermontCoroner.org](http://www.ClermontCoroner.org).

The **Clermont County Board of Elections** held two major elections in 2010, including the fall race for Ohio governor. No special elections were held. In the May 4 Primary, 20,670 people voted, a turnout of about 15 percent of the 138,603 registered voters. The Board of Elections trained 800 poll workers before the primary at a cost of about \$20,000. Additionally, it costs approximately \$100,000 to employ the required 800 poll workers for a full county-wide election. In the November 2 general election, 65,412 people voted for an overall turnout of 49 percent. The number of registered voters dropped to 132,696 because some 6,000 voters failed to vote in two consecutive federal elections, moved, or were deceased. The board obtained an \$8,000 Americans with Disabilities Act Grant through the Ohio Secretary of State's Office to upgrade and make all polling places for the 200 precincts handicap-accessible. Located at 76 S. Riverside Drive in Batavia, contact the office at 732-7275 or visit the website [www.ClermontElections.org](http://www.ClermontElections.org) for more information.



The **Clermont County Sheriff's Office** had a busy 2010. The office reported an increase in investigative criminal arrests, from 373 in 2009 to 405 in 2010. Included in the arrest totals were two, 25-count indictments for burglaries against a husband and wife that were responsible for over 14 burglaries in Clermont County. Also included was an indictment against a man that was involved in 21 thefts and burglaries in Batavia Township. Multiple drug investigations in 2010 resulted in the indictment of dozens of people involved in the sale and manufacturing of illegal drugs. The Sheriff's Office continues to pursue such investigations throughout Clermont County. The Sheriff encourages citizens to report suspicious activities around homes and businesses by calling 732-2231. Tips to avoid becoming a victim of crime are available on the website [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).



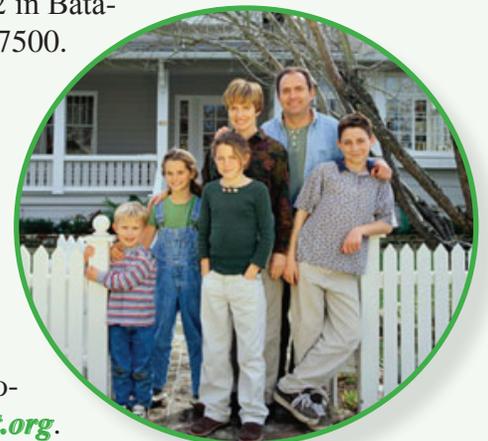
**Investigation Recognition:** In 2010, the Clermont County Citizens Law Enforcement Association presented members of the Investigative Unit with the 2009 Award for Criminal Investigation of the Year by a Large Department. The case involved a murder for hire scheme arranged to eliminate a witness and a seven-year-old victim of a sexual assault that took place in Clermont County. All investigative resources were employed to put the case together in a matter of several days, preventing a tragic ending.

**Junior Police Academies:** During the summer, deputies of the Clermont County Sheriff's Office again partnered with local police agencies to present the Junior Police Academy Summer Camps to over 50 youth. The academies were hosted at Live Oaks, a campus of Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development. Students from Amelia and Goshen were presented a program that provided a unique experience for youth and law enforcement personnel; students were taught basic law enforcement skills and techniques. Junior cadets learned about law enforcement, teamwork, respect, and positive behavior through hands-on interaction with local, state, and federal police and fire/emergency agencies.



**Corrections:** The Clermont County Jail can currently house 246 inmates; the jail is consistently at capacity. The jail employs 89 officers and support staff under the direction of Chief Deputy Chris Willis, who is marking his 30 year anniversary with the department. The Sheriff's Trustee Program had another successful year providing financial savings to the county. In 2010, a grant has been received to assist in the operation of a pilot intervention program for inmates; this program is designed to reduce recidivism through cognitive behavioral programming that addresses criminal thinking. Through an agreement with Montgomery County, Ohio, the Sheriff is now able to provide a live online database of persons currently housed in the Clermont County Jail. The website, updated twice hourly, is available at [www.clermont.miamivalleyjails.org](http://www.clermont.miamivalleyjails.org). Call 732-7540 for inmate information. The Clermont County Sheriff is A.J. "Tim" Rodenberg. The Sheriff's Office is located at 4470 SR 222 in Batavia. Visit the Sheriff's Office website at [www.ClermontSheriff.org](http://www.ClermontSheriff.org) or call 732-7500.

On December 31, 2010, Michael J. Voris retired after 24 years on the bench of **Clermont County Domestic Relations Court**. Kathleen M. Rodenberg was sworn in as the new Domestic Relations Court Judge on January 2, 2011. On that same date, Suzie Malloni began as the new court administrator and Barb Antell began serving as the new legal administrator. Judge Rodenberg intends to continue to build on initiatives established under Judge Voris' tenure, including the Helping Children Cope with Divorce, Families in Conflict, and Back on Track programs. Located at 2340 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia, contact Domestic Relations Court at 732-7327 or visit the website at [www.DomesticCourt.org](http://www.DomesticCourt.org).



The **Clermont County Common Pleas Court** experienced a 50 percent change in judges through retirement and elections in 2010. Judge William Walker retired in December after 24 years on the bench; Judge Walker's seat was filled through election by Judge Thomas Herman. Judge Herman served 19 years at Municipal Court prior to being sworn in as a Common Pleas Court Judge in December; Judge Herman took the bench on January 3, 2011. Judge Richard Ferenc was elected to the court in November and was sworn-in as a new judge in December; Judge Ferenc replaced Judge W. Kenneth Zuk, who later received an appointment by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland to fill the vacant seat left by Judge Herman in Municipal Court. Judge Walker served as the Presiding Judge for all Common Pleas Court divisions and Judge McBride served as the Administrative Judge for the General Division. In 2010, courthouses throughout Clermont County once again hosted the district and regional Ohio State High School Mock Trial competitions under the direction of the Clermont County District Coordinator, Judge Jerry McBride. The program engages students from area high schools in developing critical thinking skills by analyzing a hypothetical legal action and developing and presenting arguments for each side of the case. The following judges served Clermont Common Pleas Court in 2010: Judge William Walker, Judge Jerry McBride, Judge Victor Haddad, Judge W. Kenneth Zuk, and Judge Richard Ferenc. Clermont Common Pleas Court is located at 270 E. Main Street in Batavia. Visit the website [www.ClermontCommonPleas.com](http://www.ClermontCommonPleas.com) or call 732-8188 for more information.



The **Clermont County Common Pleas Court Adult Probation Department** strives to uphold its mission to serve the Common Pleas Court Judges and the citizens of Clermont County by maintaining community safety through appropriate and meaningful supervision of felony level offenders, and by facilitating victim reparation through the collection of restitution from offenders for their victims. The Common Pleas Adult Probation Department currently oversees over 1,300 offenders who are assigned to various units for the most appropriate level of supervision, depending on the offender's risk and needs.

The Probation Department houses several units and specialist positions: a Pretrial Bond Supervision Unit, a Presentence Investigation Unit, an Intensive Supervision Unit, two Criminal Nonsupport Specialists, a mental health supervision specialist, two sex offender specialists, two Employment Specialists, an Interstate Compact Supervision specialist, and several probation officers assigned to the Basic Supervision Unit. Call 732-7265 for more information.

During calendar year 2010, **Clermont County Municipal Court** received 31,907 new cases (18,511 traffic, 7,056 criminal, and 6,340 civil). The court collected \$203,570 in restitution to victims of crime. The cumulative receipts for traffic, criminal, and civil cases total was \$7,377,956 (\$4,106,506 traffic/criminal and \$3,271,450 civil). Judge James A. Shriver served as the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the court. Judge Thomas R. Herman resigned at the end of 2010 pursuant to his election to the Common Pleas bench. He was replaced by Judge W. Kenneth Zuk, who was appointed in January 2011 by Ted Strickland. Judge Anthony W. Brock was elected Administrative and Presiding Judge for 2011. In 2010, the court continued to implement an electronically monitored house arrest program to address the lack of sufficient jail beds available in the county. This program resulted in 3,334 jail days being saved, while ensuring that offenders were monitored during house arrest to protect the public. Clermont Municipal Court is located at 4320 SR 222 in Batavia. Call 732-7292 for more information.



During 2010, the **Clermont County OVI Court** received 43 referrals to the program; 26 were participants accepted into the program; and 29 successfully completed the program. The Clermont County OVI Court is presided over by Judge Shriver. The OVI Court was awarded the Clermont 20/20 Safety and Justice Award on February 2010. The specialized docket was created as a combined effort between Municipal Court, Probation Department, Prosecutor's Office, Public Defender's Office, Treatment Specialists, and the Sheriff's Department as an innovative means of addressing impaired driving on Clermont County roadways.

The **Clermont County Municipal Court Adult Probation Department** supervised 1,025 misdemeanor offenders during 2010. Approximately 412 of the 1,025 offenders supervised were new referrals for reporting community control services sentenced by Judge Brock, Judge Herman, Judge Shriver, and Magistrate Lamb. Misdemeanor offenders are placed on reporting probation/community control to monitor court-ordered conditions of probation, and to assist in rehabilitating the offenders. The Adult Probation Department also received 124 cases referred for pre-sentence investigations. A total of 2,853 offenders completed 72,955 hours of community service during 2010. Community service hours are performed at local government and non-profit agencies and on the court's community service work crews. Community service work crews continued to operate seven days per week, assisting various governmental



agencies and performing multiple projects in the community. Over 9,300 bags of litter and over 500 tires were removed from 1,400 miles of state, county, and township roadways by the court's community service work crews.

The **Clermont County Municipal Court Adult Probation Department Intensive Supervision Probation CCA Jail Diversion Program** was awarded the 2010 Clifford Skeen Award; the award recognized the Municipal Court Intensive Supervision Probation Program for its excellence and innovation in providing community corrections in the state of Ohio. In November 2010, the Clermont County Municipal

Court Adult Probation Department began facilitating a new program at the Clermont County Jail created to help slow the revolving door by turning non-violent offenders away from criminal behavior. The program is based on a concept called cognitive-based intervention in which the inmates are taught to think differently about the decisions he makes. The county received a \$50,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety which covers a services contract with Talbert House of Cincinnati to help administer the program. One probation officer coordinates and runs this program at the jail. Call 732-8100 for more information.

The **Veterans' Service Commission (VSC)** is proud to serve Clermont County veterans and their family members. During 2010, VSC service officers filed 1,131 federal and state benefit applications and were instrumental in obtaining additional federal and state benefits in the amount of \$2,860,944 for Clermont County veterans and their families. Clermont County veterans receive federal VA compensation and pensions totaling over \$20 million each year. The VSC also provided emergency financial assistance to approximately 987 families in the amount of \$795,070. VSC transportation services provided 1,162 round trips to the VA hospital or the VA clinic at no cost to the veteran. In order to extend our services to reach the county's estimated 15,500 veterans, a full time service officer is now stationed at the Eastgate VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). The Clermont Veterans' Services Office is located at 76 S. Riverside Drive in Batavia. Contact Veterans' Services at 732-7363 or visit the website [www.ClermontCountyVeterans.com](http://www.ClermontCountyVeterans.com).



The **Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** conducted over 330 school presentations in 2010, reaching approximately 7,500 students with conservation education programs targeted at litter prevention, along with soil and water conservation. Approximately \$250,000 in cost share funds and technical assistance were provided to landowners for installing conservation practices on urban and rural private lands. The District, Clermont County Planning Department, and local private/public watershed partners are developing a Balanced Growth Land Use Plan for the Middle East Fork Watershed, which will help communities balance growth and development with water resources protection. The Clermont SWCD is located 1000 Locust Street in Owensville. Contact SWCD at 732-7075 or visit the website [www.ClermontSWCD.org](http://www.ClermontSWCD.org).



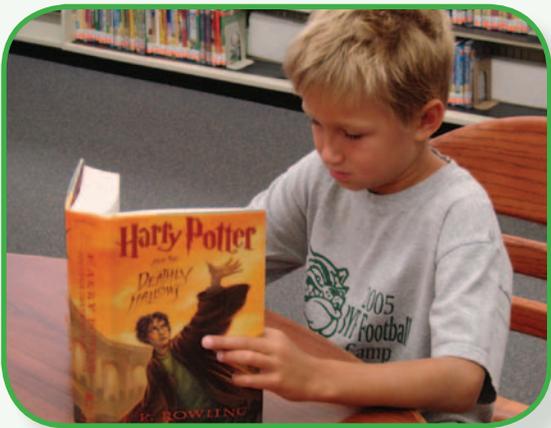


In 2010, **Clermont County Animal Control** conducted 3,735 investigations of animal complaints and made 21 arrests pertaining to animal cruelty and/or neglect. Of those arrested, there was a 100 percent conviction rate with appropriate penalties assessed by the county judicial system. The Clermont County Animal Shelter is located at 4025 Filager Road in Batavia. Visit the website [www.ClermontCountyAnimalShelter.com](http://www.ClermontCountyAnimalShelter.com) or call 732-8854 for more information.

The **General Health District** continued leading efforts with the Coalition for Activity and Nutrition, more commonly known as Clermont CAN. In 2010, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin published the County Health Rankings report comparing the health status of Clermont County residents with all other counties in the state of Ohio. Clermont County ranked 32 out of the 88 counties in measures evaluating length and quality of life, and thirty-third in measures combining the evaluation of health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment. Clermont CAN believes Clermont County is the number one county to live in and is working to improve these rankings by focusing on the health

behaviors of Clermont residents. Efforts to date, include identifying and increasing places for free physical activity in the county, offering smoking cessation classes to reduce the number of adults who smoke and improving nutrition and portion size knowledge and awareness in both youth and adults. For more information on Clermont CAN or other Health District programs, contact the Clermont County General Health District at 732-7499 or visit the website [www.ClermontHealthDistrict.org](http://www.ClermontHealthDistrict.org).

**Clermont County Public Library (CCPL)**. In early 2010, after years of scouting for locations to secure property for the new Union Township Branch Library, the Clermont County Public Library Board of Trustees authorized the acquisition of property located at 4450 Ryan's Way, which formerly housed a Ryan's Steakhouse, near the intersection of Route 32 and Glen Este-Withamsville Road. The grand opening is slated for late summer/fall 2011. Notable library events included summer reading and programs by award-winning, internationally recognized autobiographical cartoonist Carol Tyler and Grammy-nominated recording artist Zak Morgan. Library users utilized job-hunting materials and computer resources in record numbers, in addition to informational and recreational items. The community continues to support the library by volunteering their time and attending fundraising book fairs. For more information, visit the website [www.ClermontLibrary.org](http://www.ClermontLibrary.org), or contact the administrative offices at 732-2736.



After significant state funding cuts and reductions in services in 2009, the **Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board (MHRB)** was able to increase services in 2010, due to additional one-time state funding, two new grants, and efficiencies in operations. The MHRB received a Department of Justice grant to implement Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for police officers and a mobile crisis unit to supplement the Crisis Hotline. A three-year grant from the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati was awarded to the MHRB to implement a co-occurring treatment program for offenders with both mental health and addiction issues; this was the Board's

fourteenth grant from the Health Foundation over the past decade. County voters approved a renewal of the MHRB's .5 mil levy in November, providing funding to maintain prevention and treatment services, particularly those focused on suicide prevention and treatment of opiate addictions (prescription drugs and heroin). Year two of the federal System of Care grant, FAST TRAC, began in October, and new and expanded services are being provided to children and families. Visit the website [www.ccmhrb.org](http://www.ccmhrb.org) or call 732-5400 for more information.

In October 2010, the **Clermont County Park District** opened the nature trails at its new Shor Park. The land for the 56 acre park located on Tealtown Road was donated to the Park District in 2003 by Sylvia Shor in memory of her late husband S. David Shor. The parking lot and trails were constructed through a partnership with the Union Township Trustees. Boat ramp improvements were completed at Chilo Lock 34 Park. Boaters now have 200 feet of courtesy docks and boarding docks. The project was funded through a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft. During the boating season 10 bass tournaments were held at the facility for over 500 anglers throughout the region in addition to the recreational boaters who use the ramp. The Park District's picnic shelters were rented a record 190 times with over 13,000 people attending family reunions, company picnics, birthdays and other events. The yurts at Chilo Lock 34 Park were rented a record 89 times by youth groups bringing over 1,600 young people to the Ohio River park. Over 35,000 people attended events and programs in the parks during the year. Contact the Clermont Park District at 732-2977 or visit the website [www.parks.ClermontCountyOhio.gov](http://www.parks.ClermontCountyOhio.gov).



The **Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities** participated in many exciting projects in 2010. We hosted a *Dancing with the Stars* extravaganza on March 4, and many county employees headlined this event (Sheriff Tim Rodenberg, Auditor Linda Fraley, Clermont DD Superintendent Sharon Woodrow, to name a few). Kathy Lehr, Clermont Director of Communications, served as one of three judges; although she had LOTS of comments to make, she gave each couple a 10! Linda Fraley and her partner, Jeff Diesel, won the coveted first-annual Mirror Ball Trophy. Clermont DD was pleased to pass a replacement levy in May through community support and involvement, hosted several exhibits at local fairs, and enjoyed partnering with the community in many other ways. In October, Clermont DD joined the Clermont County Juvenile Probation Department for a *Fishing with a Friend* program; this event was held at the Southern Ohio Coonhunters Association and recognized the late Mark McIlrath for his years of dedication to helping people with disabilities enjoy fishing adventures in the outdoors. Visit [www.ClermontDD.org](http://www.ClermontDD.org) or call 732-7000 for more information.



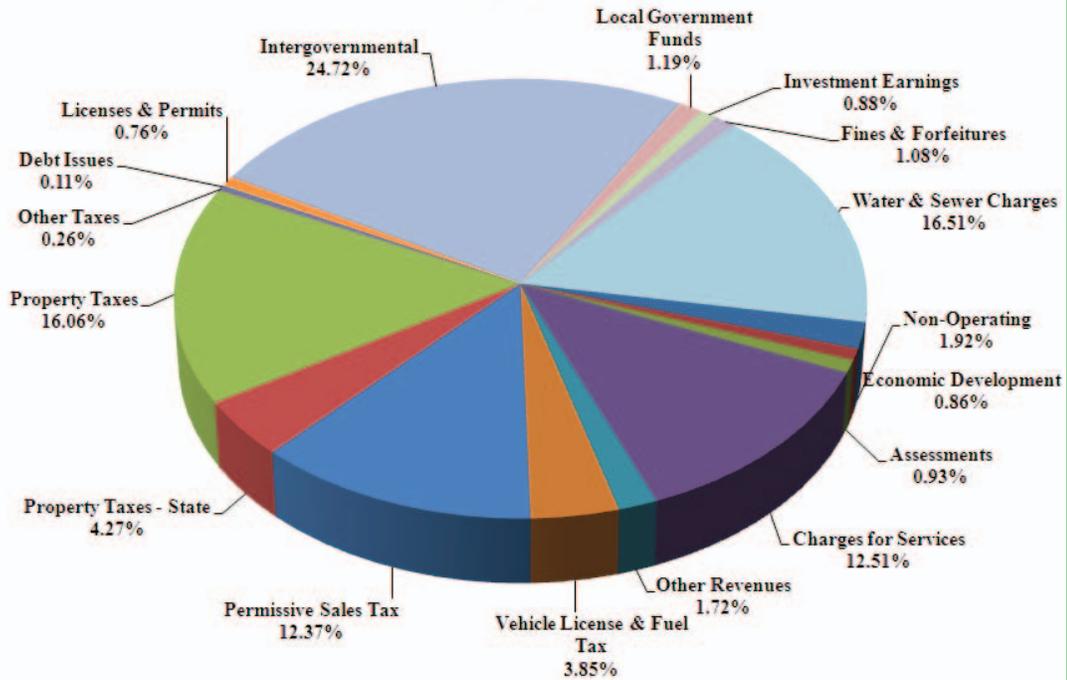
**Ohio State University Extension Clermont** strengthens families and communities.

The Family Nutrition Program (FNP) helped 1,580 *Families Eat Better for Less* through presentation of 208 classes, and partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to provide nutrition education and physical activity for 204 youth at summer food service sites in the effort to fight childhood obesity, and the *Homemade in the Heart of Clermont* television series provided low cost, healthy food choice resources by classes, electronic newsletters, and local cable television programming. The dollar value of the FNP grant funded by USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program was \$90,207. The 4-H Youth Development program prepared 1,473 youth for success through *Real Money Real World*, *CARTEENS* and individual projects. 4-H volunteers provided over 27,100 hours of service, a benefit worth over \$548,755. Enhancing agriculture and the environment, OSU Extension partnered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, certifying 30 pesticide applicators. The *Master Gardener* program grew to 38 members and provided training for 164 gardeners at the Spring Gardening Series, 16th annual *Perennial School* and the *Southwest Ohio Wildflower Workshop*; volunteers contributed over 944 hours, with a local benefit worth \$19,116. OSU Extension advanced employment and income opportunities for 55 farmers market producers that participated in direct marketing and food safety workshops. In June 2010, OSU Extension met the criteria to be identified as a HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agency. OSU-Extension Clermont is located at 1000 Locust Street in Owensville. Contact the office at 732-7070 or visit the website [www.clermont.osu.edu](http://www.clermont.osu.edu).

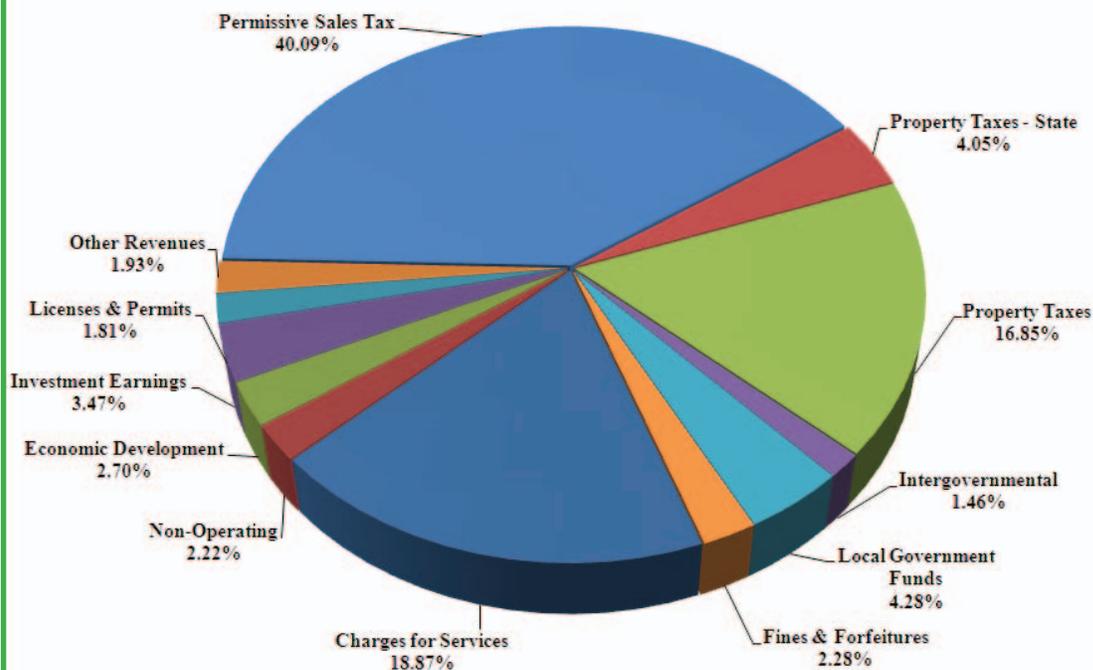


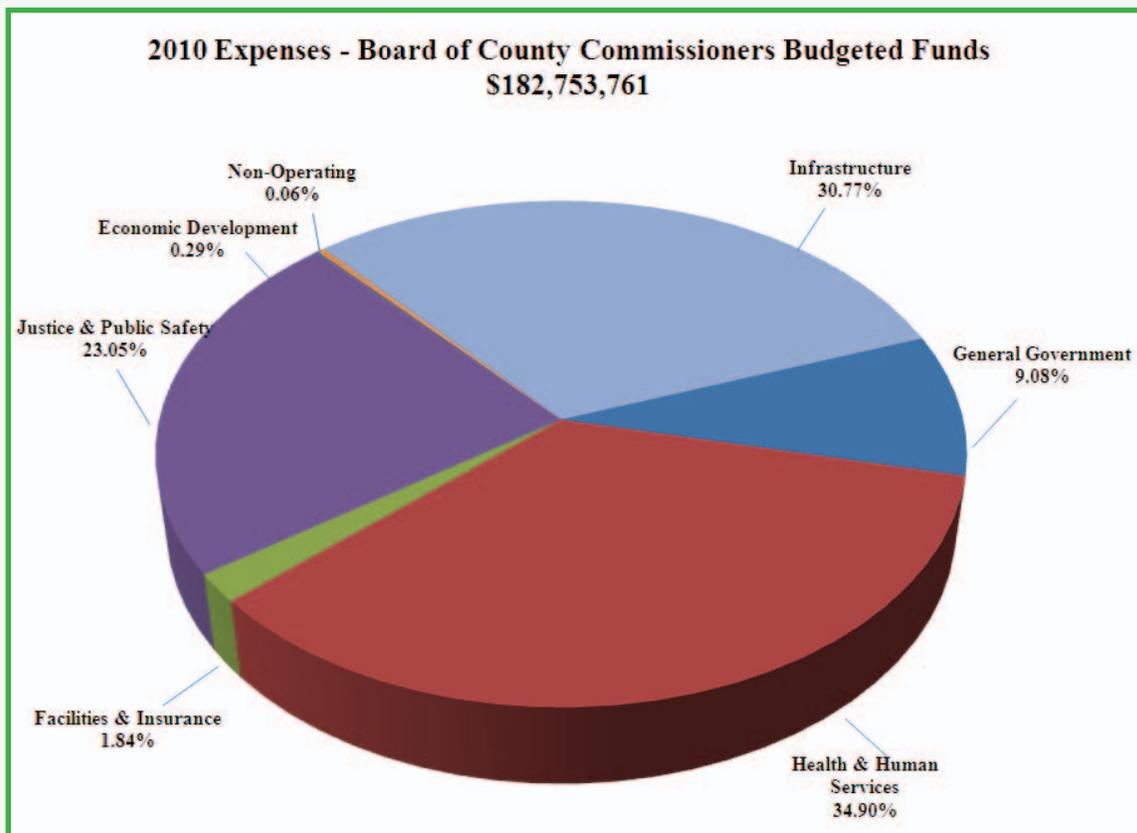
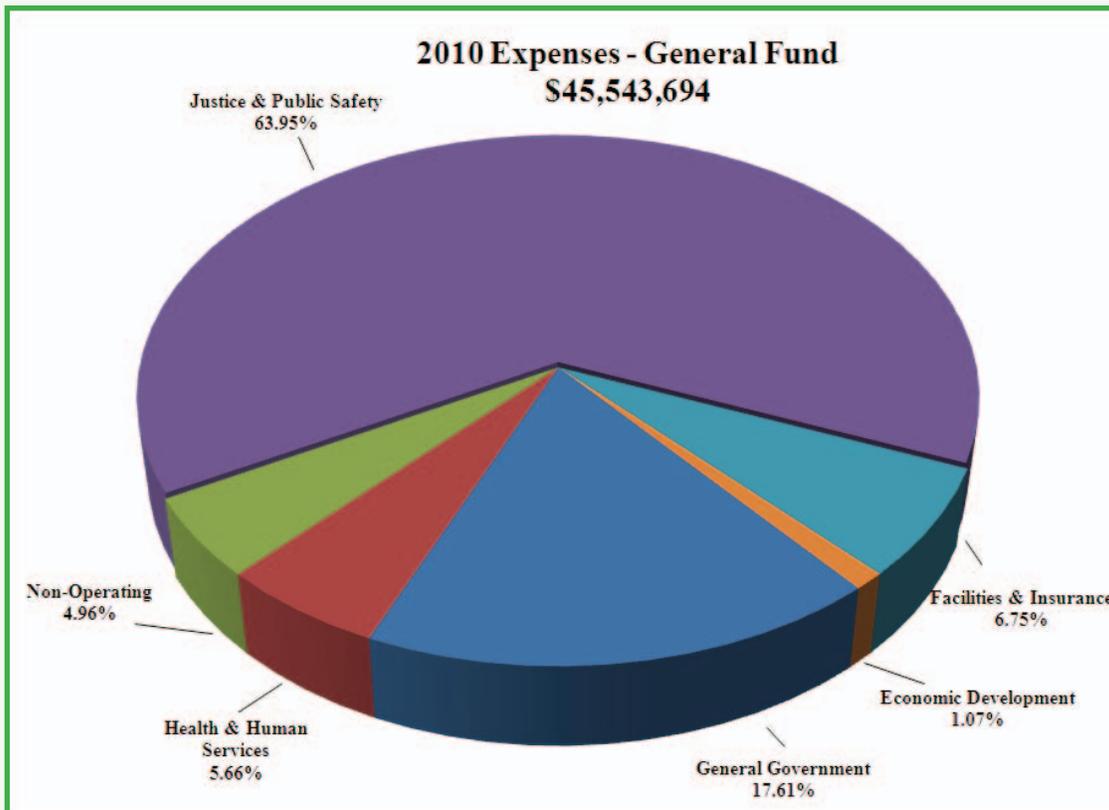
# Clermont County 2010 Financial Summary

**2010 Revenues - Board of County Commissioners Budgeted Funds**  
\$179,221,531



**2010 Revenues - General Fund**  
\$48,881,927





All charts exclude Internal Service Funds, Special Assessment Funds, and Interfund Transfers.

*The numbers presented in this report represent actual commissioners' budgeted funds, and include allocation of certain costs to the major service groups and departments. As such, these numbers will differ from those presented in the Clermont County Audited Financial Statements, which may be viewed on the website [www.ClermontAuditor.org](http://www.ClermontAuditor.org).*