

# Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 PM



## **Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order, Mayor Johnson presiding  
Pledge of Allegiance



## **Minutes**

Approval of the minutes for the Village Council meeting held on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## **Bills**

## **Public Comment:**

## **Committee Reports**

Ordinance Committee – 8/14  
Parks & Recreation – 8/19  
Bluffton Park Forum – 8/22

## **Boards & Commissions**

## **LEGISLATION**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 07-2024**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE TWO (2) HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF BLUFFTON, OH.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-2024**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-2024**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-2024**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

RESOLUTION APPROVING OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION'S ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR APPORTIONMENT OF UNDIVIDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO BE CALLED "LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALTERNATIVE METHOD"

### **RESOLUTION NO. 23-2024**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

### **Emergency**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO POLICE OFFICERS PROVIDING CONTRACTED SECURITY DETAIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

## **Village Administration Report:**

**Mayor:**

**Safety Services Reports:**

-EMS-

-Fire Dept.-

-Police Dept.-

**Meeting Dates** (meetings held at the Town Hall unless otherwise noted\*)

- Council Meeting – Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Tree Commission – Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting with Creating Healthy Communities  
- Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at noon
- Airport Commission Meeting – Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at Bluffton Airport
- Bluffton In Bloom Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Pedestrian Pathway Board – Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at noon
- Council Meeting – Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Public Comment**

**Adjournment** – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting August 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson presiding. Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia present.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on July 22, 2024. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Stahl, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

The Fiscal Officer gave the following readings:

2nd Reading:

Ordinance 07-2024 – An Ordinance to provide two (2) handicap accessible parking spaces in the downtown area of Bluffton, OH. Sehlhorst motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

1st Reading:

Resolution 19-2024 – A Resolution adopting an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio. Sehlhorst motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 20-2024 – A Resolution authorizing the advertisement for public bid on installation of storm water infrastructure to serve the Bluffton Soccer Complex and declaring an emergency. Talavinia motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Kingsley motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Stahl. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Stahl motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to approve the special event request for the English Lutheran Church Olympic Church Picnic on September 8, 2024. The alley behind the church will be closed from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Sehlhorst motioned, seconded by Stahl, to approve the special event request for the Bluffton University Homecoming events. Bentley Rd. across from Salzman Stadium will be closed from 10:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to approve the special event request for the Sr. Football Street Painting to be held on Sunday, August 18 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. College Ave. bridge will be closed during that time. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The following meetings/events were included on the agenda and/or scheduled during the meeting.

Bluffton Safety Services – Income Tax Increase Informational Mtg. on Wednesday, August 14 at 2:00 p.m. @ Bluffton Sr. Citizens Center

Ordinance Committee on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Committee on Monday, August 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Bluffton Park Forum on Thurs., Aug. 22 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. @ Buckeye Park Council Meeting on Monday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Tree Commission on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Airport Commission on Wednesday, August 28 at 3:00 p.m. @ Bluffton Airport

Bluffton in Bloom Committee on Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR

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FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON  
VOUCHER REPORT 8/26/2024

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
ALLOWAY TESTING	75.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	25.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	50.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	75.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	2,175.00	Multiple	TESTING
ALLOWAY TESTING	2,491.00	Multiple	TESTING
AMANDA SCHNECK	150.00	Pool	LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION REIMBURSEMENT - LYLA SCHNE
AMERICAN ROADWAY LOGISTICS, LLC	1,418.00	Street	BENTLEY ROAD STRIPING
ARMOR FIRE PROTECTION INC.	2,830.00	Land & Buildings	2024 SPRINKLER INSPECTIONS
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	374.00	Sewer	AC REPAIR
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	654.75	Land & Buildings	SERVICE CALL - TOWN HALL TOILET
BURNHAM & FLOWER	475.00	Administrative	ADDITIONAL INSURANCE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	39.99	Multiple	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	174.98	Multiple	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	183.93	Multiple	CABLE
CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC	175.00	Administrative	RETAINER
ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	666.86	Multiple	NATURAL GAS
EVERETT J PRESCOTT INC	373.52	Water	SUPPLIES
FAMILY HARDWARE DO IT BEST	454.13	Multiple	SUPPLIES
GLOBAL ELECTRIC, INC	510.00	Street	TRAFFIC SIGNAL REPAIR
GLOBAL ELECTRIC, INC	7,518.45	Land & Buildings	FUEL TANK WIRING
GLOBAL ELECTRIC, INC	1,018.30	Sewer	UV CABINET SERVICE
GRAINGER INC	442.94	Multiple	MISC. SUPPLIES
HACKENBERG, FEIGHNER, BISHOP & WERTH, LLC	1,000.00	Administrative	SOLICITOR FEES
HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC CO-OP	62.00	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC CO-OP	169.98	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
HELMS & SONS EXCAVATING	3,260.00	Street	COUNTY LINE STORM INSTALL
KLEEM	68.10	Street	STREET SIGNS
KLEEM	2,258.10	Street	STREET SIGNS
KLEEM	499.47	Street	DUBENION SIGN
KOI ENTERPRISES, INC.	76.79	Multiple	PARTS
KRISTI LORA	150.00	Pool	LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION REIMBURSEMENT
MIAMI PRODUCTS & CHEMICAL CO.	1,592.00	Pool	POOL CHEMICALS
OHIO FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION	100.00	Fire	2025 MEMBERSHIP
PATHMASTER	9,450.00	Street	VINE/MAIN RRFB
PERRY CORPORATION	1,339.86	Administrative	ADOBE LICENSE RENEWAL
SAM'S CLUB	705.56	Multiple	SUPPLIES
SAM'S CLUB	695.84	Multiple	SUPPLIES
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	143.31	Street	PAINT & SUPPLIES
SMARTBILL	1,195.89	Multiple	BILLING SERVICES
SOIL TECH, INC.	5,960.00	Sewer	BIOSOLIDS APPLICATION
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	304.24	Multiple	SUPPLIES
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	263.72	Multiple	SUPPLIES
VILLAGE OF OTTAWA	50,704.20	Water	WATER
ZOLL DATA SYSTEMS	166.09	Rescue	EMS CHARTS
	<u>102,516.00</u>		
JULY FIRE & EMS	13,980.28		
MEDICARE	202.71		
OPERS	1,517.86		
FICA	132.66		
BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 8/23/24	70,985.82		
MEDICARE	984.38		
OPERS	6,325.68		
OP&F	4,862.72		

Council Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE NO. 07-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE TWO (2) HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF BLUFFTON, OH.**

**WHEREAS;** the Village of Bluffton, via their Streets, Alleys, Lights and Sidewalks Committee wishes to designate two (2) handicap accessible parking spaces in the downtown area; and,

**WHEREAS;** one accessible parking space shall be the first space on North Main Street after the mid-block crosswalk nearest Vine Street on the northeasterly side of the road, the other space shall be the parking space on the northeasterly side of Vine closest to North Main Street; and,

**WHEREAS;** these additions are necessary to provide increased accessibility to handicap parking in the downtown area to increase the safety and welfare of the public.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO THAT:**

**Section 1.** Handicap accessible parking spaces shall be added to the downtown area of Bluffton, OH that are described as follows: one accessible parking space shall be the first space on North Main Street after the mid-block crosswalk nearest Vine Street on the northeasterly side of the road, the other space shall be the parking space on the northeasterly side of Vine closest to North Main Street.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote (2/3 required):

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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Richard Johnson, Mayor

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Elliott T. Werth, Village Solicitor

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-2024**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMERICANN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Bluffton’s vision for Complete Streets is the thoughtful creation of a connected street network which improves safety and facilitates movement for all users in the Village of Bluffton community including pedestrians, motorists, cyclists, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service personnel, freight haulers, and emergency responders; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA Transition Plan is a component of the Complete Streets Policy to ensure the Village of Bluffton (Bluffton) provides reasonable, accessible paths of travel in the public right-of-way for everyone, including people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached ADA Transition Plan for Bluffton, OH was developed in partnership with Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Village Council to maintain and amend this ADA Transition Plan regularly to provide accessible routes of travel throughout the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1:** Council hereby adopts the Bluffton ADA Transition Plan set forth in attached Exhibit A.

**SECTION 2:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were made in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements of the Open Meetings Law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal Officer

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Mayor

Approved as to form:

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Elliott T. Werth, Esq.  
Village Solicitor

DECEMBER 2023

# ADA TRANSITION PLAN

PREPARED FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON



Lima/Allen County  
REGIONAL PLANNING  
COMMISSION

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Plan is to ensure that the Village of Bluffton creates reasonable, accessible paths of travel in the public right-of-way for everyone, including people with disabilities. The Village of Bluffton is continuing a significant and long-term commitment to improve and maintain the accessibility of those pedestrian facilities located within public right-of-way. Recognizing that some gaps and barriers exist, the Transition Plan works to identify physical barriers and prioritize those improvements that should be made throughout the Village of Bluffton. This Transition Plan describes existing conditions and promotes policies and programs to enhance overall pedestrian accessibility.

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

ADA Compliance Item	Public Entity (50+ Employees)	Public Entity (<50 Employees)
General ADA Compliance- Provision of accessibility to public services, programs and activities	Required	Required
Provide Public Notice- Make Information publicly available regarding the ADA provisions and their applicability to the agency's services, programs and activities	Required	Required
Conduct a Self-Evaluation - Evaluate current services, policies and practices for ADA compliance; and provide an opportunity for interested persons to participate	Required	Required
Maintain documentation from the Self Evaluation on file and make available for public inspection for at least three years	Required	Required
Designate an ADA Coordinator	Required	Recommended
Adopt a Grievance Procedure	Required	Recommended
Develop a Transition Plan	Required	Recommended
ODOT. (n.d.). Ada Transition Plan Template and Resources - Ohio. <a href="https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/ltap/technical-assistance/ada-transition">https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/ltap/technical-assistance/ada-transition</a>		

The federal legislation known as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), enacted on July 26, 1990, provides comprehensive civil rights protections to persons with disabilities in the areas of employment, state and local government services, and access to public accommodations, transportation, and telecommunications.

Title II specifically applies to “public entities” (state and local governments) and the programs, services, and activities they deliver. Title II, Article 8, requires public entities to take several steps designed to achieve compliance. Federal mandates require the Transition Plan shall, at a minimum include:

1. A list of the physical barriers in a public entity's facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs, activities, or services to individuals with disabilities.
2. A detailed outline of the methods to be utilized to remove these barriers and make the facilities accessible.
3. The schedule for taking the necessary steps to achieve compliance with Title II.
4. The name of the official responsible for the plan's implementation.

Transition Plans provide a method for public entities to schedule and implement required ADA improvements to existing streets and sidewalks. Before a Transition Plan can be developed, however, an inventory of the current public road rights-of-way including curb ramps and sidewalks must first be developed.

### **OBSTACLES TO THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

To improve the pedestrian paths within the public road rights-of-way, the Village of Bluffton worked with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Regional Planning Commission. The Village of Bluffton, ODOT and the Regional Planning Commission have worked to identify available, programmatic federal and state funding to help underwrite the construction of sidewalks. The Regional Planning Commission also worked with the Village to identify barriers within the public rights-of-way including curbs, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and parking lots. Furthermore, the Village of Bluffton was also chosen as one of only four communities in Ohio to participate in the grant-funded 2022 Ohio Action Institute to create a Complete Streets Policy that addresses public accessibility issues, among many others. During this process, a Community Task Force was able to work with the Allen County Public Health Department's Creating Healthy Communities Program, Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, the Ohio Department of Health, Toole Design Group, and Smart Growth America - National Complete Streets Coalition.

Village officials were ultimately able to address a prioritized list of improvements based on an inventory of existing land use activities, and publicly owned parcels identified on Map A in the appendix. Field surveys/inspections and GIS mapping were employed before the public planning process to expedite informed decision-making. The public right-of-way serving government offices, downtown core areas, parks, public

and quasi-public buildings and residential areas were of critical importance. Such data constitutes the foundation of the Transition Plan.

As a result of the inventory and the public planning process, the Village of Bluffton has identified and assessed obstacles in the public rights-of-way. The Village adopted a proactive approach to removing barriers in the public, predicated upon public comment/complaints, and ensuring that all future construction/repair within the road rights-of-way, regardless of funding source, will in a build-out scenario, ensure compliance with ADA design standards within Village rights-of-way.

**BARRIER REMOVAL PRIORITIES**

The Village of Bluffton based barrier removal priorities on three (3) factors: location, use, and relative accessibility within the public road rights-of-way. The Village identified Plan priorities as follows:

1. Rights-of-way serving government and public facilities
2. Rights-of-way serving commercial services and employment centers
3. Rights-of-way serving other land uses

**Accessibility Condition**

The Village worked to identify the relative accessibility of the public rights-of-way during the inventory phase, survey phase and public comment period.

**Priority Ranking**

To determine the overall priority of specific improvements to enhance accessibility within the public rights-of-way, the following matrix was used.

<b>PRIORITY OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED</b>			
<b>Land Use Type</b>	<b>Locations Serving Government Facilities</b>	<b>Commercial Services &amp; Employment Centers</b>	<b>Other Land Uses</b>
		Primary Concern	Secondary Concern

ADA legislation is intended to ensure civic access to all residents. Voting and participating in public meetings (e.g. Village council, school board, etc.) are requisite opportunities for American citizenship and shall not be denied

on the basis of abilities. Buildings/areas hosting those events shall be improved prior to less critical locations or those events shall be moved to accessible properties. The priority of improvements is based on identifying which of the public rights-of-ways serve a particular area/site within the Village, and the accessibility of the rights-of-way barriers. Appendix A identifies a list of properties and their overall accessibility.

### **Public Comment/Complaint Process**

The public comment/complaint opportunity is everlasting and an integral part of the Transition Plan as a living document. Public complaints or requests help drive the prioritization of improvements. To file a complaint or a request regarding the accessibility of a sidewalk or curb ramp, interested parties are urged to contact the ADA Coordinator in writing and describe the issue in detail, including the location. The ADA Coordinator will inspect and document the need for further possible action. The ADA Coordinator will record the formal response and reply to the complainant/requestor. All complaints or requests will be kept on file and will include the response. Appendix B contains the Village of Bluffton Public Comment/Complaint Form for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way. The Village of Bluffton will continue to accept commentary on ADA issues in perpetuity.

### **New Construction & Alterations**

To ensure the correct design of curb ramps, sidewalks, and crosswalks in new construction and alterations within the public rights-of-way, the Village of Bluffton will follow the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) design specifications (see Appendix C). Moreover, whenever there is an alteration, intersection, roadway improvement project or new construction project, any affected curb ramp, sidewalk, and/or crosswalks within the affected area will be rebuilt to such ADA design guidelines. The Village will require a minimum of 5' sidewalk widths whenever federal MPO/ODOT/DOT monies are used in financing such improvements.

To improve accessibility the Village may choose to integrate other Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) design standards into certain projects where feasible and reasonable. Although the industry expectation expects that PROWAG criteria will replace the current Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), there has not been a formal movement to change the requirements.

There is some overlap between PROWAG and ADAAG, but other improvements may be made by implementing PROWAG guidance if there is a demand for such provisions. On-street parking, for instance, is

addressed in PROWAG, where ADAAG has no guidance on the number of ADA spots on-street. If the Village chooses to improve accessibility beyond ADA requirements, officials may choose to add on-street parking for the ADA community. The only on-street ADA parking is located on Vine Street which may be closed according to the Village's comprehensive plan. PROWAG calls for a minimum of 1 ADA parking spot for every 25 – 100 spaces per block.

## **SCHEDULE**

As opportunity allows, the Village of Bluffton will make efforts to improve the ADA Accessibility of pedestrian facilities in the public rights-of-way. At this time, the Village of Bluffton has budgeted \$25,000 annually for sidewalk improvements. There is a 5-10 year plan for streets to be scheduled for ADA compliance before reevaluating for the ADA Transition Plan update. Village properties shall be evaluated for compliance a minimum of every 5 years in perpetuity. LACRPC is a Metropolitan Planning Organization whose ADA focus falls within the public road rights-of-way. Bluffton shall evaluate its public buildings, parking facilities, website and other properties subject to ADA legislation.

Note that this schedule is flexible, as changes may occur such as additional funding, storms, improvements due to power and electric companies, etc. There will be times when it is technically infeasible to provide technical compliance: for example, if clear space at the top of the ramp is obstructed by a building, or the angle of the approach is so extreme as to prevent a reasonable slope for a ramp in both directions. The inventory process may not account for such situations and could show a high-priority rating when all feasible actions have been taken.

Additionally, given a program as comprehensive as the Village's pedestrian network, the Village will follow the concept of "program access" under Title II of the ADA. Program access does not necessarily require an entity to make every approach of each of its existing facilities accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, as long as the program as a whole is accessible. Under this concept, the Village may choose not to install a sidewalk at some locations (or to install them as a lower priority later), as long as a reasonable path of travel is available even without a compliant sidewalk.

## **RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL**

The official responsible for the implementation of the Village of Bluffton's ADA Transition Plan for the pedestrian facilities in the public rights-of-way is:

Mr. Jesse Blackburn  
Village Administrator  
Phone Number: 419-358-2066  
Website: <https://www.bluffton-ohio.com/>

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

The Village of Bluffton provided opportunities for individuals to comment on this Transition Plan, which included:

- DRAFT and FINAL Document (Transition Plan) made available on the Village website.
- Public Meetings (held on the second and fourth Mondays of every Month at 7 pm on the third floor of the Town Hall).
- Open house and presentation at a public meeting scheduled for July 8, 2024.

The Village of Bluffton published a legal notice in the largest newspaper of general circulation, The Lima News starting on June 26, 2024. (See Appendix E) The legal notice announced the availability of the Draft ADA Transition Plan at the Village Building with easy public access. Hard copies of the finalized plan have been made available at the Town Hall. The Village website published notices and provided instructions regarding the timetable for comments and where to send them. Public comments were accepted for no less than 30 days and continue to be accepted today. The form for public comments/concerns is attached as Appendix B.

Formal adoption of the ADA Transition Plan is currently scheduled to take place on September 12, 2024. Thereafter, the Transition Plan will be available on the Village website and by written formal request to the ADA Coordinator.

**APPENDIX A:**  
**PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES/PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY (PFPROW)**  
**INVENTORY**

The Village of Bluffton partnered with the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission to share the evaluation of pedestrian facilities within its public rights-of-way. The facilities include:

- Approximately 25 total miles of 4' - 5' sidewalk
- 270 curb ramps
- Nine miles of walk/bike path (and growing)
- Two ADA-compliant traffic signals
- Three pedestrian-activated Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at prioritized crosswalks

The Village of Bluffton had been seeking accessible pathways for all users before the conception of this Plan. Bluffton decision-makers have emphasized active transportation with a complete streets policy and sidewalk ordinances, thus properly designed, accessible facilities have been a goal of Village efforts. Per square mile, Bluffton is as walkable as anywhere in Allen County, largely due to the condition of the sidewalk network which is complemented by the ever-expanding network of multi-use trails.

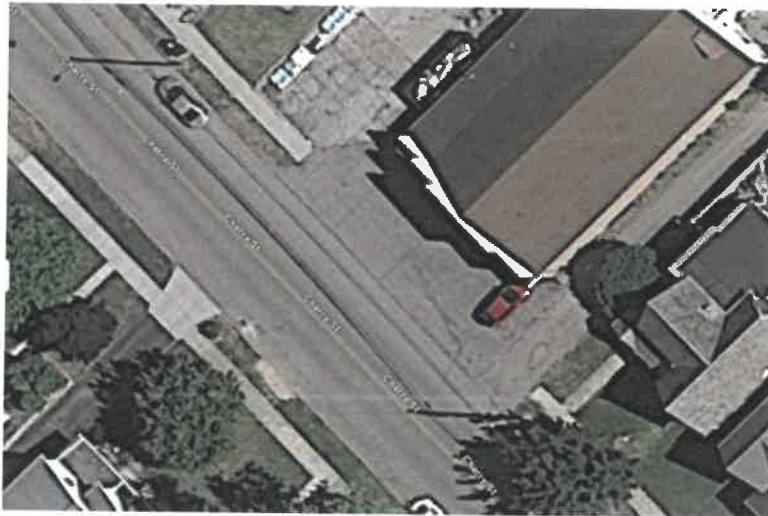
The Bluffton bike trail network is currently growing to reach down State Route 103 to the largest commercial district aside from downtown. Before the construction of the new path, the area was not connected to the pedestrian network. After the project is completed, the village will be connected to the SR 103 corridor near Interstate 75 with a brand new, accessible path that ties into the 9 miles of network already established.

In many municipalities, the most frequent offender of road right-of-way noncompliance is curb ramps. Bluffton has been maintaining a curb ramp inventory for ramps within the Village jurisdiction. Of the 270 ramps in Bluffton, about 125 need revamping before ADA compliance is reached. These ramps will be scheduled for improvement according to the priorities described on page three of this document.

The remaining right-of-way facilities in Bluffton are in very good condition. There are two traffic signals in the village, both on Main Street. Each signal is outfitted with accessible pedestrian signals (APS) which ADAAG does

not require, but rather a PROWAG requirement that provides an additional resource to visually impaired network users. Crosswalks are clearly visible at each location.

The Village passed Ordinance 08-18 on July 23, 2018, mandating that sidewalks shall be kept in good condition. The sidewalk network has very few instances of noncompliance. The sidewalk network is perhaps the best in LACRPC's planning area. There is less than 5% of the network in a non-compliant state. The area with the longest stretch of noncompliance in the Village is through the parking lot at 131 Cherry Street. Pictured below, the sidewalk does not extend through the blacktop making it difficult for visually impaired users to stay on the right path.





**ADA ramps to be completed**

West				East			
Spring	Riley		3		Thurman	Washington	1
Spring	W. Elm		2		E. Elm	Thurman	2
Spring	Franklin		3		Cherry	Vance	2
Spring	College		4		E. Elm	Vance	2
Campus	Bentley			remove 1	Cherry	Mound	4
Grove	Bentley		4		Cherry	Geiger	1
Grove	Lawn		3		Cherry	Huber	2
Grove	Jackson		4		Mound	Huber	3
Jackson	Kibler		4		E. Elm	Eastland	2
Jackson	High		2		College	Swiss	2
Jackson	College		4		College	Sally	2
Jackson	Franklin		4		College	Geiger	1
Jackson	Church		4		College	Mound	3
Jackson	Vine		3		College	Railroad	2
Jackson	W. Elm		4		Harmon	Poplar	1
Jackson	Riley		2		Harmon	Kibler	1
Lawn	Riley		2		Harmon	Garau	1
Lawn	W. Elm		4				
Lawn	Vine		1		? No connectivity		
Lawn	Franklin		4		??? Private drive are they required		
Lawn	College		4		*** Scheduled for 2023		
Lawn	Kibler		2				
Richland	Riley Creek Court		2				
Riley	N. Main		2				
71 West total							32
<b>Total</b>							<b>103</b>

**Possible connectivity areas**

South side of Cherry St. from County Line to - Greding						
South side of College Ave. VP path - Albert or remove short section headed "west"						
N. Lawn Ave. - 138 W. Washington						
S. Lawn Ave. - Kibler st north 3 properties - 295, 291, and 269 S. Lawn						
N. Spring at Wilbur Bracy - Washington-Riley						

		Existing	Compliant	Non compliant			Existing	Compliant	Non compliant
Main	Beaver	2	2	0	Hillcrest	Riley	0	0	0
Main	Parkview	2	2	0	Hillcrest	Shannon	0	0	0
Main	Bentley	2	2	0	Hillcrest	Chrystal	0	0	0
Main	Garau	2	2	0	Hillcrest	Richland	0	0	0
Main	Kibler	4	4	0					
Main	Poplar	2	2	0	Richland	Shannon	0	0	0
Main	Grove	2	2	0	Richland	Riley Creek Ct.	2	0	2
Main	High	2	2	0					
Main	College	4	4	0	Riley	Hunters Run	0	0	0
Main	Franklin	2	2	0	Riley	Hunters Run	0	0	0
Main	Church	2	2	0	Riley	Polo	0	0	0
Main	Cherry	2	2	0					
Main	Vine	3	3	0	Riverbend	Augsburger	1	1	0
Main	Elm	4	4	0	Riverbend	Hawthorn	2	2	0
Main	Jefferson	4	4	0	Riverbend	Locust	3	3	0
Main	Washington	4	4	0	Riverbend	Birch	3	2	1
Main	Riley	4	2	2	Riverbend	Sycamore	2	2	0
Main	Lake	2	2	0	Riverbend	Crimson Maple	2	0	2
Main	Snider	0	0	0					
Main	County Line	0	0	0					
Jackson	Kibler	4	0	4	Harmon	Garau	4	3	1
Jackson	Grove	4	0	4	Harmon	Kibler	2	0	2
Jackson	High	4	2	2	Harmon	Poplar	2	1	1
Jackson	College	4	0	4					
Jackson	Franklin	4	0	4	College	Lincoln way	2	2	0
Jackson	Middle school	1	0	2	College	Railroad	2	0	2
Jackson	Church	4	0	4	College	Susan	0	0	0
Jackson	Vine	4	1	3	College	Mound	3	0	3
Jackson	Elm	4	0	4	College	Geiger	2	1	1
Jackson	Jefferson	4	4	0	College	Albert	0	0	0
Jackson	Washington	4	4	0	College	Pathway	2	2	0
Jackson	Riley	2	0	2	College	Sally	2	0	2
					College	Swiss	2	0	2
Lawn	Kibler	2	0	2	College	Salome	2	2	0
Lawn	Grove	4	1	3	College	Jared	2	2	0
Lawn	Campus	1	1	0	College	Ethan	2	2	0
Lawn	High	4	4	0	College	Wilhelm	2	2	0
Lawn	College	4	0	4	College	Greding	4	4	0
Lawn	Franklin	4	0	4	College	County Line	3	3	0
Lawn	Vine	4	3	1					
Lawn	Elm	4	0	4	Bern	County Line	0	0	1
Lawn	Jefferson	2	2	0	Bern	Lausanne	0	0	0
Lawn	Washington	4	4	0					
Lawn	Riley	2	0	2	Lausanne	Basel	0	0	0
Spring	High	3	3	0	Greding	Anna	2	2	0
Spring	College	4	0	4	Greding	Luise	2	2	0
Spring	Franklin	2	0	2					
Spring	Vine	2	2	0	Cherry	Lincoln way	2	0	2
Spring	Elm	4	2	2	Cherry	Vance	2	0	2
Spring	Washington	1	1	0	Cherry	Railroad	2	2	0
Spring	Riley	3	0	3	Cherry	Mound	4	0	4
Spring	Snider	0	0	0	Cherry	Geiger	2	1	1
					Cherry	Huber	2	0	2
Kibler	Bike path	1	1	0	Cherry	Greding	1	1	0
Kibler	Grove	3	0	3	Cherry	County Line	3	3	1
Campus	College View	2	2	0	Mound	Huber	2	0	3
Campus	Ropp Hall	2	1	1					
					Elm	Huber	2	2	0
Bentley	Harmon	1	1	0	Elm	Westland	0	0	0
Bentley	Campus	1	0	1	Elm	Eastland	2	0	2
Bentley	Sunset	0	0	0	Elm	County Line	1	1	1
Bentley	University	2	0	2					
Bentley	Elm	4	4	0	Thurman	Washington	1	0	0
Bentley	Garmatter	0	0	0					
Bentley	Richland	3	3	0	Jefferson	Thurman	4	4	0
Bentley	Magnolia	2	2	0	Jefferson	Vance	3	3	0
Bentley	Riley	2	1	1	Jefferson	Huber	2	2	0
Bentley	Polo	2	0	2	Jefferson	County Line	2	2	0
Elm	Brookwood	2	2	0	Lake	County Line	0	0	0
Elm	Diller	2	2	0					
					103	Citizens	2	2	0
Garmatter	Riley	0	0	0	103	Daves way	4	4	0
Garmatter	Shannon	0	0	0	103	Commerce	2	2	0
Garmatter	Eugro	0	0	0	103	Pocono	0	0	0
					103	Navajo	0	0	0

\* no connecting sidewalks

Totals 279 167 116

**Street Maintenance Inventory**

**Last Updated June 2024**

Rating: 5= Excellent, 4= Good, 3= Fair, 2= Poor, 1= Failing

Street	Last Year Worked On	Type of Maint.	Rating	Comments	Age Level 15+ yrs	Noncompliant ADA Ramps
<b>Albert St.</b>						
College to Sara	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	None		
<b>Anna Ct.</b>	2022	Crack Seal	4	None		
<b>Augsburger Rd.</b>	2015	2" Grind and Overlay	5			
<b>Basel Ave.</b>	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None		
<b>Beaver St.</b>	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	4	None		
<b>Bentley Rd.</b>						
Grove to Campus View	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None		
Campus View to Sunset	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	bike path		
Sunset to Elm	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	bike path		
Elm to Richland	2022	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None		
Richland to Riley	2022	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None		
Riley to Corp. Limit	2022	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None		
Main to I-75 Overpass						
I-75 Overpass to Corp Limit	2015	2" Grind and Overlay	5			
<b>Berne</b>	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5			
<b>Birch Ct.</b>	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None		
<b>Brookwood</b>	2017	reconstruction	5			
<b>Campus Dr.</b>						
College View to Bentley	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	None		
<b>Cherry St.</b>						
County Line to Greding	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project		
Greding to Huber	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project		
Huber to Geiger	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project		
Geiger to Mound	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project		
Mound to Railroad	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project		
Railroad to Vance	2021	Reconstruction	5	County Project		
Vance to Main	2011	2" Grind and	5	None		

		Overlay		
<b>Church St.</b>	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Citizen's Parkway</b>	2017		5	None
<b>College Ave.</b>				
County Line to Greding	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Greding to Ethan	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Ethan to Salome	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Salome to Sally	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Sally to Albert	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Albert to Geiger	2015	Remove Concrete and Pave	5	
Geiger to Mound	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Mound to Susan	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Susan to Railroad	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Railroad to Harmon	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Triplett to Main St	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Main St. to Jackson</b>	2005	2" Grind and Overlay	3	None
Jackson to Lawn	2006	2" Grind and Overlay	3	None
Lawn to Spring	2006	2" Grind and Overlay	3	None
<b>College View</b>	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	None
<b>Commerce Drive</b>			4	None
SR 103 back 250 ft.	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>County Line Rd</b>				
Main St. to Lake Dr	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Lake to SR 103	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
SR 103 to E. Elm	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
E. Elm to Cherry	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Cherry to College Ave	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
College to Corp. Limits	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Crystal Place</b>	2022	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Diller Rd.</b>	2005	2" Grind and Overlay	4	None
<b>E. Elm Street</b>				
County Line to Eastland	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	

Eastland to Westland	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Westland to Huber	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Eastland Dr.</b>	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Elm St</b>				
Vance to Thurman	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Thurman to Main St.	2012		5	
Main to Jackson	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Jackson to Lawn	2012		5	
Lawn to Spring	2012		5	
Spring to Brookwood	2019	Reconstruction	5	
Brookwood to Diller	2019	Reconstruction	5	
Diller to Bentley	2019	Reconstruction	5	
<b>Ethan Circle</b>	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Eugro Ct.</b>	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Franklin St.</b>				
Spring to Lawn	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Lawn to Jackson	2005	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Jackson to Main St.	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Garau St.</b>	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Garmatter St.</b>				
Bentley to Eugro	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Eugro to Shannon	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Shannon to Riley	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Geiger St.</b>				
Cherry to College Ave	2007	2" Grind and Overlay	4.5	None
College to dead end	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Greeding St.</b>				
Cherry to Anna	2021	Crack Sealing	5	None
Anna to Louise	2021	Crack Sealing	5	None
Louise to College	2021	Crack Sealing	5	None
College to dead end	2021	Crack Sealing	5	None
<b>Grove St.</b>				
Main St. to Jackson	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project
Jackson to Lawn	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project
Lawn to Kibler/Bentley	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project
Kibler/Bentley to Corp Limit	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	

<b>Harmon Rd.</b>				
Poplar to Kibler	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Kibler to Quarry	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Quarry to Garau	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Garau to SR 103	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Hawthorn Ct.</b>	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>High St.</b>				
Spring to Lawn	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	None
Lawn to Jackson	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	None
Jackson to Main St.	2002?		4	None
<b>Hillcrest Dr.</b>				
Richland to Crystal Place	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Crystal Place to Shannon	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Shannon to Riley	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Huber St.</b>				
Cherry to Mound St.	2010	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Mound St. to Jefferson	2020	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Hunter's Run</b>	2024	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Jackson St.</b>				
Dead End to Kibler	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Kibler to Grove	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Grove to High	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
High to College	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
College to Franklin	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Franklin to Church	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Church to Vine	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Vine to Elm	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Elm to Jefferson	2024	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Jefferson to Washington	2024	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Washington to Riley	2024	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Jared Circle</b>	2017	Crack Sealing	4.5	
<b>Jefferson St.</b>				
Lawn to Jackson	2024	2" Grind and	5	None

		Overlay			
Jackson to Main St.	2024	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None	
Main St. to Thurman	2019	2" Grind and Overlay	5	Phase I project	Biorestor in '21
Thurman to Vance	2019	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2010	
Vance to Huber	2019	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2010	
Huber to County Line	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	5	Phase II project	
<b>Kibler St.</b>					
Harmon to Main St.	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None	
Main St. to Jackson	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None	
Jackson to Lawn	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None	
Lawn to Grove	2016	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None	
<b>Lake Dr.</b>	2008	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None	
<b>Lausanne Ave.</b>	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5		
<b>Lawn Ave.</b>					
Kibler to Grove	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project	
Grove to High	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project	
High to College	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project	
College to Franklin	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	2012 Water Project	
Franklin to Vine	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5		
Vine to Vine	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5		
Vine to Elm	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5		
Elm to Jefferson	2024	2" Grind and Overlay	5		
Jefferson to Washington	2024	2" Grind and Overlay	5		
Washington to Riley	2024	2" Grind and Overlay	5		
<b>Locust Ct.</b>	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None	
<b>Louise Ct.</b>	2021	Crack Sealing	5	None	
<b>Main Street</b>					
Corp Limit to Beaver	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5		
Beaver to SR 103	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5		
SR 103 to Garau	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023	
Garau to Kibler	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023	

Kibler to Poplar	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Poplar to Grove	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Grove to High	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
High to College	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
College to Franklin	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Franklin to Cherry	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Cherry to Vine	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Vine to Elm	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Elm to Jefferson	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Jefferson to Washington	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Washington to Riley	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Riley to Lake	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Lake to Snider	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Snider to County Line/Corp Limit	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Mound St</b>				
Dead End to College	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
College to Cherry	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Cherry to Huber	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Navajo Dr</b>				
Grob Systems to Airport Dr	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Airport Dr. to Pocono	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Pocono to Old TR 51	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Old TR. 51 SR 103 to corp limit</b>	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Pocono Dr.</b>	2013	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Polo Dr.</b>	2022	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Poplar St.</b>	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Railroad St.</b>	2005	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Richland Dr.</b>				
Dead End to Riley Creek Ct.	2017	Crack Sealing	5	2017 Crack Filling
Riley Creek Ct. to Bentley	2017	Crack Sealing	5	



Bentley to Hillcrest	2022	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Hillcrest to Shannon	2022	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Riley Creek Ct.</b>	2017	Crack Sealing	5	2017 Crack Filling
<b>Riley St</b>				
Bentley to Polo	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Polo to Shannon	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Shannon to Hunter's Run	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Hunter's Run to Hillcrest	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Hillcrest to Garmatter	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Garmatter to Spring	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Spring to Lawn	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Lawn to Jackson	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Jackson to Main St.	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Riverbend Dr.</b>				
Augsberger to Hawthorne Ct.	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	4	None
Hawthorne Ct. to Locust Ct.	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	4	None
Locust Ct. to Birch Ct.	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	4	None
Birch Ct. to Sycamore	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	4	None
Sycamore to Dead End	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	4	None
<b>Salome Circle</b>	2021	Crack Sealing	5	None
<b>Sara Ln</b>	2003	2" Grind and Overlay	5	Concrete patch 2020
<b>Shannon St.</b>				
Riley to Richland	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Richland to Hillcrest	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Hillcrest to Garmatter	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Snider Rd.</b>				
Main St. to Spring	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Spring to Corp Limit	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
<b>Spring St.</b>				
High St to College	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	BU Completed
College to Franklin	2015	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Franklin to Vine	2015	2" Grind and Overlay	5	

		Overlay		
Vine to Elm	2015	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Elm to Washington	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Washington to Riley	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Riley to Snider	2022	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>SR. 103</b>				
I-75 Exit 140 to Quarry Dr.	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Quarry Dr. to Harmon	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Harmon to Main St.	2023	Road reconstruction	5	ODOT in 2023
<i>Continues as Main St.- See Above</i>				
<i>At Jefferson, continues as</i>				
<i>Jefferson to County Line</i>				
County Line to Tower	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Tower to Citizens Parkway	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Citizens to Commerce	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Commerce to I-75 Exit 142	2023	2" Grind and Overlay	5	ODOT in 2023
Sunset Dr.	2021	2" Grind and Overlay	4	
Susan Dr.	2003	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Swiss Circle	2021	Crack Sealing	5	
Sycamore	2018	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Thurman St.				
Family Dollar to Elm	2009	Overlay	5	Sealed 2015
Elm to Jefferson	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	
Jefferson to Washington	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	
Washington to Riley	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	
Tower Rd.	2002	New Construction	5	Paved 100 ft off of S.R. 103 in '23
Triplett Dr.				
Polpar to College	2010	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Vance St.				
Cherry to Elm	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Elm to Jefferson	2011	2" Grind and Overlay	5	None
Vine St.				

Spring to Lawn	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	
Lawn to Jackson	2012	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Jackson to Main St.	2017	1.5" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Washington St.</b>				
Dead End to Brookwood	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	
Brookwood to Spring	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	
Spring to Lawn	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	None
Lawn to Jackson	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	None
Jackson to Main St.	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	None
Main St. to Thurman	2020	1 1/2" Grind & Overlay	5	
Westland Dr.	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Wilhelm Circle	2021	Crack Sealing	5	None
Municipal Parking Lot	2009	Overlay	5	None
Muni Lot Behind Hardware	2014	Overlay	5	
Public lot beside Fire Dept.	2020	New Construction		
<b>Alleys</b>				
Behind funeral home	2017	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Library Alley	2015	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
<b>Main St Alley mid block west side</b>				
Washington to Elm				
Elm to Vine	2019	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Vine to Church	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Church to Franklin	2014	2" Grind and Overlay	5	
Jefferson to Washington	2020	New Construction		
Lawn Ave-beside Methodist Church				
Brush Dump Lot	2020	Overlay		front 1/2 of lot

**Notes**

1. Crosswalk Painting every year
2. Renew Double Yellow as needed (group together as much as possible)
3. Crack Sealing Needs reviewed on a yearly basis

**APPENDIX B:**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT/CONCERN**  
**FOR PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

In an attempt to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Mayor Richard Johnson and Jesse Blackburn, Coordinator of the Village of Bluffton ADA Transition Plan, are soliciting public comments and concerns regarding the ADA Transition Plan and pedestrian facilities within the public rights-of-way. Residents are encouraged to participate in the identification of obstacles and the ongoing improvement of public rights-of-ways within the Village of Bluffton.

Jesse Blackburn can be reached for comment by telephone at 419-358-2066 or [blackburnj@bluffton-ohio.com](mailto:blackburnj@bluffton-ohio.com). Grievance procedures will require the filing of this form available at: <https://www.bluffton-ohio.com/> and at the Bluffton Town Hall, 154 N. Main Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/CONCERN & RESPONSE FORM**  
(Please provide specific locations and or pictures of obstacles)

**Date of Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

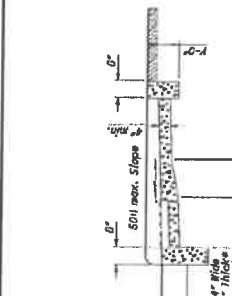
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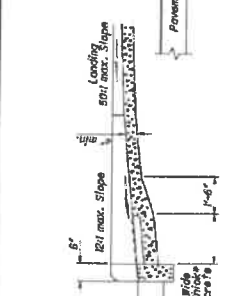
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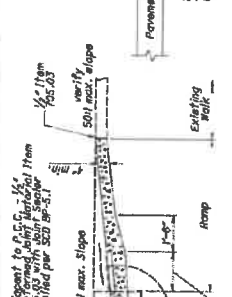




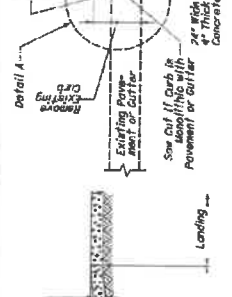
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SECTION A-A  
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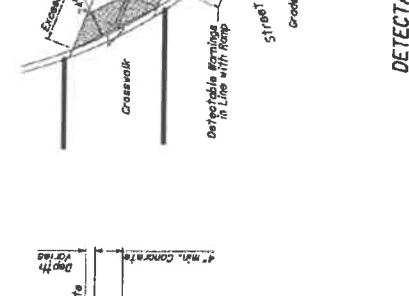
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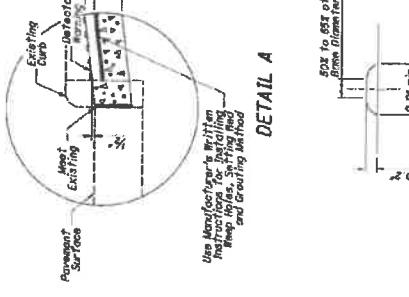
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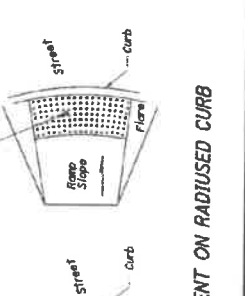
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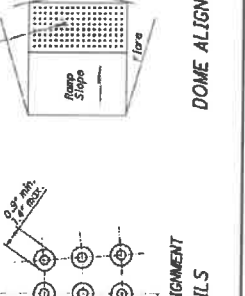
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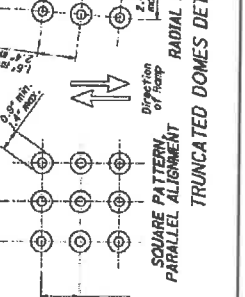
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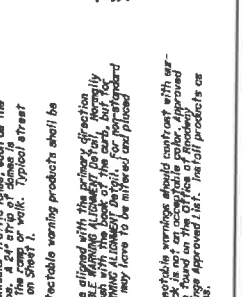
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TRUNCATED DOMES DETAILS



RADIAL ALIGNMENT



DETECTABLE WARNING NOTES

**NOTES CONTINUED**

The running slope of the curb ramp shall be a 2% maximum or flatter. The running slope of the maximum ramp slope is not feasible due to site constraints, utility poles or vaults, right-of-way limited, it may be reduced as follows:

- A) 3% for a max. rise of 5'
- B) 4% for a max. rise of 7'
- C) Historic areas where a flatter slope is not feasible.

To prevent changing the grade laterally, the transition from existing sidewalk to the sloped curb ramp area is not required to exceed 15 feet in length.

While ramps may be elevated to the crosswalk, the entire lower landing area must fall within the crosswalk. The ramp surface and corner be located in the traveled lane of opposing traffic.

The counter slope of the gutter or street of the foot of a curb ramp, landing, or blended transition shall be 2% of flatter.

The bottom edge of the ramp shall change planes perpendicular to the landing. The edge of the curb shall be flush with the edge of the adjacent gutter and gutter and surface slopes that meet grade breaks shall also be flush.

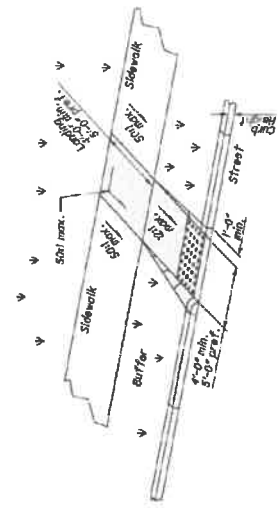
Ramp landings shall be 4' min. x 4' min. with a 50% or flatter cross slope and running slope.

**DETECTABLE WARNING:** Infall detectable markings on each curb ramp with approved materials, as shown on Sheet 3. Infall these proprietary products as per manufacturer's written instructions.

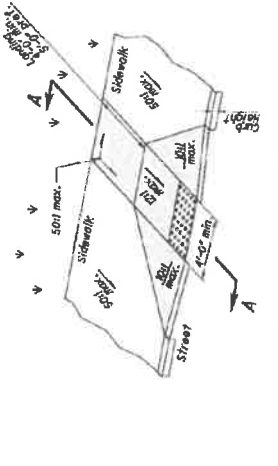
**WARNING:** Contractor is to ensure the base of each constructed curb ramp slopes. Vertical changes in level according to the slope of ramp gutter, and gutter and ramp, are not allowed.

**SURFACE TEXTURE:** Texture concrete's surface by coarse brooming transverse to the ramp slope to be rougher than the adjacent walk.

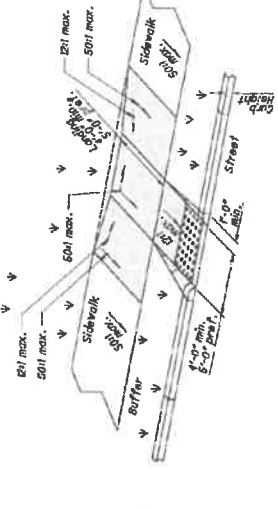
**Joints:** Provide expansion joints in the curb ramp as extensions of walk joints or contraction joints. These 80% of requirements for a new concrete wall. Provide existing concrete walls. Lines shown on this drawing indicate the ramp edges and slope changes, and do not necessarily indicate joint lines.



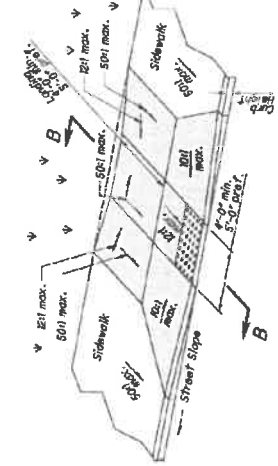
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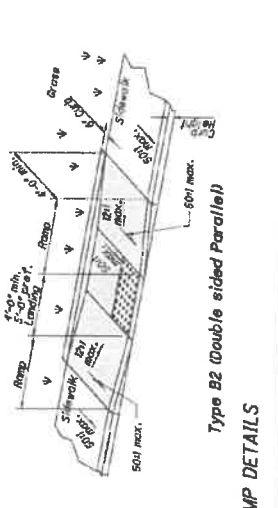
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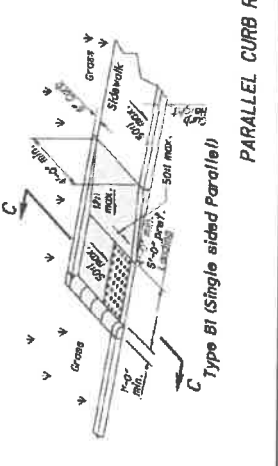
Type C1 (Combined with flared sides)  
 COMBINED CURB RAMP DETAILS



Type C2 (Combined with returned curb)  
 COMBINED CURB RAMP DETAILS

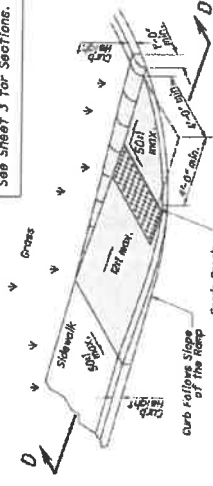


Type B2 (Double sided Parallel)  
 PARALLEL CURB RAMP DETAILS



Type B1 (Single sided Parallel)  
 PARALLEL CURB RAMP DETAILS

See Sheet 3 for Sections.



Type B3 (Single sided Parallel)

THIS DRAWING REPLACES BP-7.1 DATED 7-10-14.



## **APPENDIX D:**

### **VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON POLICY STATEMENT GOVERNING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION PLAN & PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

#### **Introduction:**

The purpose of this Plan is to ensure that the Village of Bluffton creates reasonably accessible paths of travel in the public rights-of-way for everyone, including people with disabilities. The Village of Bluffton is making a significant and long-term commitment to improving the accessibility of pedestrian facilities and has recently adopted a Complete Streets Policy that addresses ADA accessibility among other items. The Complete Streets Vision statement is as follows: "Thoughtful creation of streets to improve safety and facilitate movement for ALL users in the Bluffton community including pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and motorists." The Transition Plan will specifically identify physical barriers and prioritize improvements that should be made throughout the Village of Bluffton that most closely relates to Section 6 of the Complete Streets Policy. This Transition Plan, working in tandem with Section 6 of the Complete Streets Policy, will describe the existing policies and programs to enhance overall pedestrian accessibility.

#### **Legal Requirements:**

The Federal legislation known as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) enacted on July 26, 1990, provides comprehensive civil rights protections to persons with disabilities in the area of employment, state and local government services, and access to public accommodations, transportation and telecommunications.

Title II specifically applies to "public entities" (state and local governments) and the programs, services and activities they deliver. Title II, Article 8, requires public entities to take several steps designed to achieve compliance. The Village Transition Plan will, at a minimum include:

- A list of physical barriers in a public entity's facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs, activities, or services to individuals with disabilities.

- A detailed outline of the methods to be utilized to remove these barriers and make the facilities accessible.
- The schedule for taking the necessary steps to achieve compliance with Title II.
- The name of the official responsible for the plan's implementation.

The Village is in an ongoing process of identifying and assessing obstacles in the public rights-of-way through the use of an Inventory Tool. Barrier removal priorities based on location land use and accessibility conditions are integrated within the inventory process. The public must be aware that their involvement in this plan is a valuable component of Village efforts toward establishing a workable plan of compliance.

**Public Complaint:**

Public complaints, suggestions and comments are an integral part of the Transition Plan. Public comments may often drive the prioritization of improvements. To file a comment, concern, or request, please contact the ADA Transition Plan Coordinator at 154 N. Main Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817, by email at [blackburnj@bluffton-ohio.com](mailto:blackburnj@bluffton-ohio.com), or by telephone at 419-358-2066.

**Public Input:**

Public Comment & Response Forms are available on the Village website at the following link: <https://www.bluffton-ohio.com/>. The Village of Bluffton welcomes your participation and unique outlook as to how the Village can meet ADA requirements. Public involvement in the Village ADA Transition Plan is a valuable component to the Village in compiling a workable plan of compliance. We continue to solicit your additions to the ADA Transition Plan.

**Summation:**

An inventory of the Village of Bluffton streets is included with this Transition Plan. The inventory reflects a prioritized list of projects necessary to complete ADA requirements. An annual appropriation to bring sidewalks into ADA compliance will work to eliminate barriers and complete the requirements. The Village will reassess priorities annually to better serve the mobility limited and work to ensure reasonable access and ADA compliance within the community.

**Richard Johnson, Mayor**

**APPENDIX E:**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please note that the Village of Bluffton is compiling an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. Public involvement is encouraged by The Village of Bluffton through written comments and/or attendance at the Village Council meetings. A presentation of the ADA Transition Plan will be held on Monday, July 8 at 7:00 PM during a regularly scheduled council meeting, which is always held at this time on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Bluffton Town Hall, located at 154 N. Main Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817. This and all meetings are open to the public. The ADA Transition Plan will be presented by a representative from the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission. The plan is available for online viewing at [www.lacprpc.com](http://www.lacprpc.com) and public comment can also be submitted.

The Bluffton Mayor has appointed Village Administrator, Jesse Blackburn, as Coordinator of the Village of Bluffton ADA Transition Plan for pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way. To file a complaint, request, or offer suggestions regarding the accessibility of a sidewalk or curb ramp, etc. please contact the ADA Coordinator who will inspect and document the concern and possible action. The ADA Coordinator will subsequently respond to the complainant/requestor within 30 days. Mr. Blackburn can be reached by telephone at 419-358-2066, or by email at [blackburnj@bluffton-ohio.com](mailto:blackburnj@bluffton-ohio.com).

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-2024**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC BID ON INSTALLATION OF STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE TO SERVE THE BLUFFTON SOCCER COMPLEX AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, Village Council has previously entered into a Partnership Agreement with the Bluffton Soccer Club for the development of the Bluffton Soccer Complex, and;

**WHEREAS**, Village Council has authorized the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Choice One Engineering to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of the Bluffton Soccer Complex, and;

**WHEREAS:** An emergency exists in the daily operation of the Village whereby failure to act in an expeditious manner will be detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants thereof.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Village of Bluffton Council that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to advertise to receive sealed bids for the Bluffton Soccer Complex – Storm Water Infrastructure project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the advertisement for sealed bids shall conform to the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that that Village of Bluffton reserves the right, in any event, to reject any and all bids.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by the governing body of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
FISCAL OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

SOLICITOR

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-2024**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE  
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES  
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

The Governing Board of the VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, Allen County, Ohio, met in \_\_\_\_\_

session on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at the office of

\_\_\_\_\_ with the following members present:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, Allen County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1<sup>st</sup>, 20\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Allen County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Governing Board of the VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, Allen County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Village the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

# VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

## Schedule A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION  
AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

Fund	Amount approved by Budget Comm. Inside 10 M. Limitation	Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation	Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limit	Outside 10 M. Limit
	Column I	Column II	III	IV
General Fund	275,535.00		2.50	
<b>Special Funds</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>	275,535.00	-	2.50	-

## Schedule B

Levies outside 10 mill limitation, exclusive of Debt Levies

Fund	Maxium Rate Authorized to be Levied	Co. Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
	-	-
	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-

and be it further RESOLVED, That the Clerk of said Board certify a copy of this Resolution to the Allen County Auditor.

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the Resolution and the roll being called

upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

	YES	NO
	YES	NO
	YES	NO
	YES	NO
	YES	NO

Adopted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk - Village of Bluffton

# CERTIFICATE OF COPY

ORIGINAL ON FILE

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The State of Ohio, Allen County, ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the Council of the **Village of Bluffton**, within and for said County, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Council are required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original: Resolution \_\_\_\_\_, now on file that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original document, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

(A copy of this Resolution must be certified to the County Auditor before the first day of October each year, or at such later date as may be approved by the Board of Tax Appeals)

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Rachael S. Gilroy  
Allen County Auditor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-2024**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION'S ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR APPORTIONMENT OF UNDIVIDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO BE CALLED "LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALTERNATIVE METHOD".**

The Village of Bluffton, Hancock County, Ohio council members met in regular session on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, with the following Council members present:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

The Fiscal Officer advised that the Council followed the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto for the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved for adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Hancock County Budget Commission is considering approving an alternative method for apportionment of the Undivided Local Government Fund to be called the "Hancock County Local Government Fund Alternative Method"; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed alternative method is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, all townships and all municipalities which are located wholly or partially in Hancock County need to respond as to their approval or disapproval of the proposed alternative method in Exhibit A.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Council of Bluffton, Ohio, hereby approves and accepts the proposed alternative method for the apportionment of the Undivided Local Government Fund to be called the "Hancock County Local Government Fund Alternative Method" as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
FISCAL OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
SOLICITOR



**EXHIBIT A  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ALLOCATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

<b>Townships</b>	<b>LGF Allocation</b>	<b>Percent (rounded) of Total</b>
1. ALLEN	\$32,835.99	1.11%
2. AMANDA	\$31,882.17	1.07%
3. BIGLICK	\$31,886.63	1.07%
4. BLANCHARD	\$32,296.95	1.09%
5. CASS	\$31,667.85	1.07%
6. DELAWARE	\$31,857.91	1.07%
7. EAGLE	\$32,063.00	1.08%
8. JACKSON	\$31,813.08	1.07%
9. LIBERTY	\$34,505.82	1.16%
10. MADISON	\$31,892.17	1.07%
11. MARION	\$33,088.83	1.12%
12. ORANGE	\$32,049.66	1.08%
13. PLEASANT	\$33,016.09	1.11%
14. PORTAGE	\$31,516.84	1.06%
15. UNION	\$32,364.39	1.09%
16. VAN BUREN	\$31,808.05	1.07%
17. WASHINGTON	\$32,693.49	1.10%
<b>Total Townships</b>	<b>\$549,238.92</b>	<b>18.50%</b>
<b>Municipalities</b>		
1. ARCADIA	\$29,688.59	1.00%
2. ARLINGTON	\$29,688.59	1.00%
3. BENTON RIDGE	\$29,688.59	1.00%
4. BLUFFTON	\$29,688.59	1.00%
5. FINDLAY	\$564,083.21	19.00%
6. FOSTORIA	\$29,688.59	1.00%
7. JENERA	\$29,688.59	1.00%
8. MCCOMB	\$29,688.59	1.00%
9. MT. BLANCHARD	\$29,688.59	1.00%
10. MT. CORY	\$29,688.59	1.00%
11. RAWSON	\$29,688.59	1.00%
12. VAN BUREN	\$29,688.59	1.00%
13. VANLUE	\$29,688.59	1.00%
<b>Total Municipalities</b>	<b>\$920,346.29</b>	<b>31.00%</b>
1. PARK DISTRICT	\$44,532.89	1.50%
2. HANCOCK COUNTY	\$1,454,740.90	49.00%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,968,859.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

September 1, 2024  
HANCOCK COUNTY  
BUDGET COMMISSION

J. Steve Welton, Chairman  
Phillip A. Riegler, Vice Chairman  
Charity Rauschenberg, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-2024  
VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO POLICE OFFICERS PROVIDING CONTRACTED SECURITY DETAIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, two-thirds (2/3) of all those elected or appointed thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** That effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution, the following wages for Village of Bluffton Police Officers providing security detail outside their normally scheduled hours be established:

A. Part-time officers	\$30.00/hr.
B. Full-time officers	\$40.00/hr.
C. Administrative/Salaried officers	\$50.00/hr.

**SECTION 2.** That the following fees are established for organizations contracting with the Village of Bluffton for security detail:

Bluffton High School & Bluffton University	\$45.00/hr.
All other organizations & businesses	\$65.00/hr.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, and for the further reason it is immediately necessary to enact said increases without further delay.

**SECTION 4.** That is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were made in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements of the Open Meetings Law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**WHEREFORE,** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and approval by the signatures below.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
FISCAL OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
SOLICITOR