

PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 18th at 4:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers



AGENDA

The next Planning Commission meeting is Monday, March 17, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

ITEM 1: Roll Call of Members

ITEM 2: Approval of the January 21, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting minutes.

PLANNING ITEMS:

ITEM 1: VARIANCE REQUESTS

PROJECT LOCATION: 330 GREENHOUSE AVENUE, DEFIANCE, OH 43512.

APPLICANT: JOHNNY & NAVY QUACH, C/O JOSEPH P. BORGHESE, JACK D. WALTERS & ASSOCIATES, INC., 5166 BLAZER PARKWAY, DUBLIN, OH 43017.

ITEM 2: VARIANCE REQUEST

PROJECT LOCATION: 211 BIEDE AVENUE, DEFIANCE, OH 43512.

APPLICANT: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEFIANCE COUNTY, C/O MAUMEE VALLEY GUIDANCE CENTER, 211 BIEDE AVENUE, DEFIANCE OH 43512.

ITEM 3: SITE PLAN REVIEW

Case Let Lie at the January 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

PROJECT LOCATION: 2705 SR 66 SOUTH, DEFIANCE, OH 43512

APPLICANT: JULIE BADEN, 2716 SR 66 SOUTH, DEFIANCE OH 43512.

CLERK'S REPORT

PUBLIC INPUT AND DISCUSSION

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- Variance request to reduce the required number of parking spaces from 32 to 12 per *City of Defiance Planning and Zoning Code*, Chapter 1175.04.
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ENGINEERING DIVISION

<input type="checkbox"/> Rezoning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Variance	<input type="checkbox"/> Major Subdivision
<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Plat
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LOCATION

Certified Address: 330 Greenhouse Ave., Defiance, Ohio 43512

Is this application being annexed into the City of Defiance? Yes No (select one)

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Parcel Number(s) for Certified Address: J04-0030-0-019-00

Current Zoning District(s): B-3 Requested Zoning District(s): B-3 Acreage: 0.2514

Proposed use or reason for rezoning/variance/conditional use request: 1175.04 Personal Services, Parking.

16 Personal care stations, 32 spaces required. Lot can only provide 12 spaces.

1175.04-2 90 degree 2-way parking aisle: 24 feet required, lot can only provide 22 feet.

APPLICANT(S):

Name: Joseph P. Borghese, Architect of Jack D. Walters & Associates, Inc.

Address: 5166 Blazer Parkway City/State: Dublin/Ohio Zip: 43017

Phone: 614-889-2516 Fax: Email: jdwarcheng@gmail.com

PROPERTY OWNER(S):

Name: Johnny L. & Navy M. Quach

Address: 7730 Fallbrook Drive City/State: Houston/ Texas Zip: 77086

Phone: 281-203-4507 Fax: Email: jlq27@yahoo.com

ATTORNEY/AGENT: Attorney Agent (check one)

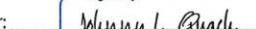
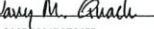
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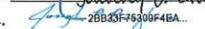
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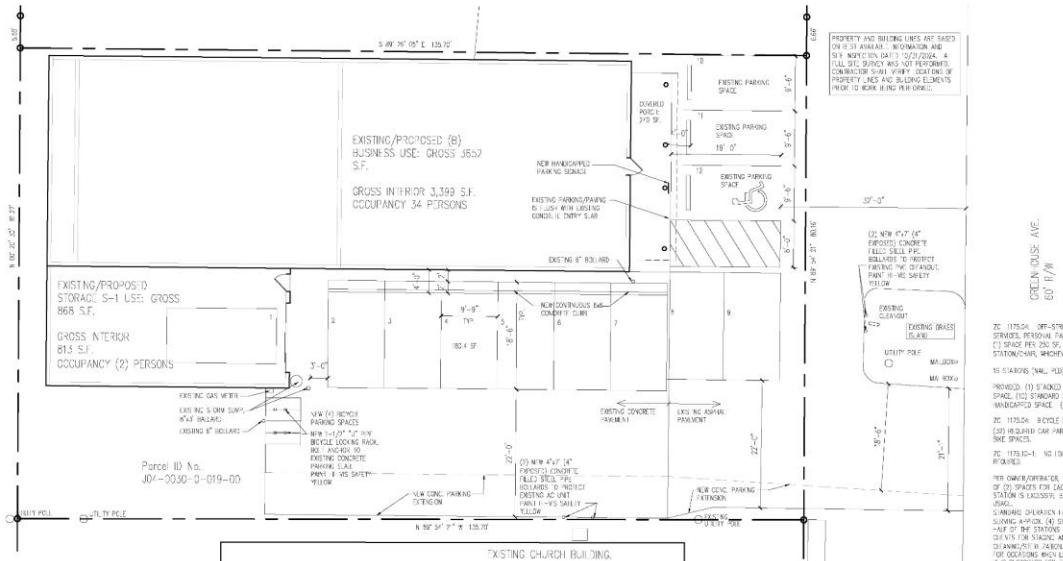
Applicant:  Signed by: _____ Signed by: _____ 1/11/2025

Property Owner:   Signed by: _____

Attorney/Agent:  Signed by: _____

My signature attests to the fact that the attached application package is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the city staff review of this application is dependent upon the accuracy of the information provided and that any inaccurate or inadequate information provided by me/my firm/etc may delay review of this application.

Date Received: 1/13/25 Fee: \$300.00 Check No.: 470 Accepted By: 
Effective date: January 1, 2020
Receipt # 7632



THE KEY PLAN

1-0 C1.01

BUILDING CODE DATA

SITE LOCATION MAP



GENERAL NOTES

SHEET INDEX

NO. FILE

BUILDING RENOVATION
NEW NAIL SALON
330 GREENHOUSE AVE.
DEFIANCE, OHIO 43512





Project Review Comments for 330 Greenhouse Avenue

February 2025

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Building & Zoning	Rex Robison, Building & Zoning Commissioner: No comments received.
Engineering	Melinda Sprow, P.E., City Engineer: Applicant will need to connect to the new sanitary sewer being installed this year by the City.
Parks & Grounds	Rob Cereghin, Parks Director: No park issues.
Streets & Water Distribution	DJ Zeedyk, Streets Superintendent: No issues from streets or water distribution.
Water Pollution Control	Mark Lenhart, Superintendent, Water Pollution Control Wastewater has no issues with the parking request. Our concern is we are in the process of designing and installing a sanitary sewer across the front of this property in the ROW. We have not bid out the project yet, but the timing may be important for us to know when they plan on doing the work. Our project will be in the ROW but the location is close enough to their property that it may have an impact.
Water Treatment	Joe Ewers, Superintendent, Water Treatment Plant: No issues.
Storm Water, MS4	Jen English, MS4 Coordinator: No comments received.
Police	Todd Shafer, Police Chief: No issues.
Fire & Rescue	Shawn Wittkop, OFE, NRP, Fire Chief: No zoning issues.

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RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS

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- City officials should consider working with the owners of Vaugh's Auto Sales and Junkyard on a phase out strategy. It is currently a non-conforming land use operating in an R-1 residential district, and on city-owned property in a floodway along Preston Run.
- Working with Richland Township, Defiance County Commissioners, and business/property owners (especially along E. Second Street, Hopkins and Spruce Streets) on future transportation network improvements and on a phased annexation strategy to help improve the site readiness of underutilized and undeveloped parcels. Income tax grants that ameliorate the annexation "costs" on employees could be pursued, especially for large employers.
- Install water meters on City facilities to account for unbilled water utilized throughout the City's distribution system.
- Eroded banks along the southern edge of the Maumee River near Preston Run.
- Updates to the zoning map could include:
 - Phased approval of the rezoning of older M-3 land uses along Columbus (once vacated) to higher density residential uses
 - Rezone all public properties to S-1 zoning, especially Eastside Park (currently zoned R-2)

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Is this application being annexed into the City of Defiance? Yes No (select one)

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Parcel Number(s) for Certified Address: B01-4195-D-182-00

Current Zoning District(s): _____ Requested Zoning District(s): _____ Acreage: .52

Proposed use or reason for rezoning/variance/conditional use request: construct an addition

to current building

APPLICANT(S):

Name: Maumee Valley Guidance Center

Address: 211 Biede Ave City/State: Defiance, OH Zip: 43512

Phone: 419-782-8856 Fax: 419-784-4506 Email: Dmiller@mvgc.ohio.org
(Dawn Miller)

PROPERTY OWNER(S):

Name: Board of Commissioners of Defiance County Ohio

Address: 500 Court St. City/State: Defiance, OH Zip: 43512

Phone: 419-782-4761 Fax: _____ Email: _____

ATTORNEY/AGENT: _____ Attorney Agent (check one)

Name: MVGC

Address: 211 Biede Ave City/State: Defiance, OH Zip: 43512

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- City officials should consider working with the owners of Vaugh's Auto Sales and Junkyard on a phase out strategy. It is currently a non-conforming land use operating in an R-1 residential district, and on city-owned property in a floodway along Preston Run.
- Working with Richland Township, Defiance County Commissioners, and business/property owners (especially along E. Second Street, Hopkins and Spruce Streets) on future transportation network improvements and on a phased annexation strategy to help improve the site readiness of underutilized and undeveloped parcels. Income tax grants that ameliorate the annexation "costs" on employees could be pursued, especially for large employers.
- Install water meters on City facilities to account for unbilled water utilized throughout the City's distribution system.
- Eroded banks along the southern edge of the Maumee River near Preston Run.
- Updates to the zoning map could include:
 - Phased approval of the rezoning of older M-3 land uses along Columbus (once vacated) to higher density residential uses
 - Rezone all public properties to S-1 zoning, especially Eastside Park (currently zoned R-2)

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SITE PLAN REVIEW

Case Let Lie at the January 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

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Project Review Comments for 2705 SR 66 South
January 2025

Division	Comments
Building & Zoning	Rex Robison, Building & Zoning Commissioner: No comments received.
Engineering	Melinda Sprow, P.E., City Engineer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will need a full set of civil plans (proposed water service tie-in details, proposed sanitary sewer tie-in details, etc) We will want to see the plumbing plans from the architectural drawings All storm water management documents will be required with associated calculations Storm water easements will be required Are modifications being proposed to the existing drive? It appears narrow and not accommodating for 2-way traffic? This can be addressed on the full set of civil plans. Sidewalks need to be shown WPC will need to determine if an oil/grease interceptor is needed Water Distribution will coordinate needed backflow prevention Fire Department should be consulted regarding additional hydrants that may be required The site plan references a proposed 15-acre parcel split that does not match the proposed zoning change boundary legal/plat. The proposed zoning boundary is 7.486 acres. Are the two intended to be different, or does the rezoning boundary need to be modified and approval for the 15-acre division be approved?
Parks & Grounds	Rob Cereghin, Parks Director: No park issues.
Streets & Water Distribution	DJ Zeedyk, Streets Superintendent: No issues from streets or water distribution.
Water Pollution Control	Mark Lenhart, Superintendent, Water Pollution Control Only sanitary sewage can be discharged into the sewer lines, no clean water. If the event building is going to have fryers, then a grease trap will need to be installed. If the calculations show that the grease trap needs to be larger than 1,000 gallons, then a PTI to the Ohio EPA will be required
Water Treatment	Joe Ewers, Superintendent, Water Treatment Plant: No issues.
Storm Water, MS4	Jen English, MS4 Coordinator: No comments received.

Police	Todd Shafer, Police Chief: No issues.
Fire & Rescue	Shawn Wittkop, OFE, NRP, Fire Chief: No zoning issues.

SOUTH RIVER PLANNING AREA

OVERVIEW The South River Planning Area is a predominantly residential area centered on Jefferson Avenue extending from the Auglaize River to the southern city limits, adjacent to Camp Lakota (a large camp operated by the Boy Scouts of America). The area includes newer residential subdivisions, several apartment complexes, a nursing home, senior housing, a number of churches, developed and undeveloped commercial sites along Jefferson Avenue, the Defiance Area YMCA, and the Defiance City Schools campus and stadium. The only industrial use in this planning area is a concrete plant on Cleveland Avenue near Ottawa Street.

This area is zoned predominantly residential. There is commercial zoning on Jefferson Avenue extending for most of the frontage from the Auglaize River to Rosewood Avenue along with several areas of office-residential zoning. There is also a small area of commercial zoning at the southwest corner of Cleveland Avenue and Ottawa Avenue. The Defiance City Schools complex is zoned special district and the concrete plant on Cleveland Avenue is zoned industrial. There is an area zoned agriculture on the east side of Jefferson Avenue, south of Carter Road.

EXISTING LAND USES AND ZONING

Primary land uses include public/institutional, residential, multi-family residential, commercial, and agricultural.

Existing zoning classifications include: R-3 (Single Family Residential), O-R (Office Residential), and R-1 (Low Density Residential) along the S. Jefferson Ave corridor. To the east and west of Jefferson, areas are zoned R-2 (Medium Density Residential), R-3 (Medium to High Density Residential), and S-1 (Special) where the schools are located. Areas below Carter Rd along SR 66 are zoned R-2, R-3, and A-1 (Agricultural). Other designations include a significant portion of FP (Flood Plain) on the north side of the planning area, and a small M-1 (Restricted Industrial) area along Cleveland Ave.

PREFERRED FUTURE LAND USES

- » Single Family Residential
- » Multi-Family Residential (limited to existing areas, properly buffered)
- » Neighborhood Commercial (limited to existing areas, properly buffered)
- » Public and Institutional



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PLANNING ISSUES

- » Improving the pedestrian connections around and to the schools and working with school officials on an updated pedestrian connectivity improvement strategy.
- » A portion of this planning area (north of Cleveland Avenue) is classified as low-to-moderate income (LMI) making it eligible to community development block grant funding for public infrastructure projects (See Map: Economic Development Incentive Programs).
- » Addressing commercial revitalization opportunities along Jefferson Avenue.
- » No access points or connectivity to the Auglaize River, but opportunities exist for future planning and collaboration with Camp Lakota officials for planned site accessibility in their "off-season".
- » Significant flood zones north of Chippewa Drive and growth areas that include mature woodlots.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- » Significant floodplains in the northwest corner of the planning area along the Auglaize River, north of Chippewa Drive.
- » Creek along the northeast edge of the planning area.
- » Mature woodlots.

TRANSPORTATION AND CONNECTIVITY CONSIDERATIONS

The planning area is serviced by the key north-south of Jefferson Street, SR 66, Ottawa Avenue (SR 15), Cleveland Avenue, and Carter Road. Recent improvements in this planning area include the SR 15/Cleveland Ave Roundabout (2021), resurfacing of Chippewa Drive, Kowa Court, and Delaware Court, and Safe Routes to School connectivity improvements along Cleveland Avenue. Oak Pointe Lane and Oak Ridge Lane were re-motorized in 2022.

The following planned connectivity improvements should be considered:

- » Sidewalk improvements on Jefferson Avenue from Rosewood Avenue to Carter Road
- » Sidewalk improvements to infill sidewalk gaps within Sherwood Forest
- » Sidewalk improvements on Ginter Road from Jefferson Avenue to south corporation limits (completing in 2023 in cooperation with Defiance Township)
- » Sidewalk improvements on Cleveland Avenue from Greiner Road to Palmer Drive

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- » 2023 Full Depth Reclamation – Ginter Rd, Carter Rd
- » 2024 Resurfacing – W Sherwood Dr, Colleen Dr, Buckingham Ct, Laurelwood Dr, Redwood Dr, Evan Dr, Sports Ct
- » 2024 Rehabilitation – Sherwood Dr
- » 2025 Resurfacing – Chippewa Ave, Chippewa Dr, Seminole Ave, Chinook Trail Ct, Iroquois Ct
- » Future Rehabilitation – Oak Pointe Ln, Oak Ridge Ln



Cleveland Avenue plays a key pedestrian connectivity role in getting residents and students safely to the unified school and YMCA footprint. A shared use path was recently added but more improvements are necessary.

UTILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The storm sewers within the South River Area appear sufficient to support existing and future development with properly designed storm water management facilities. Local storm conveyance and water quality improvements will be seen by incorporating low-impact design solutions for newly developed sites when they occur.

The sewers within this service area are separated and served by four (4) existing pumping stations. Existing sanitary gravity sewers and pumping stations within this Planning Area have capacity to serve current development. Pumping station capacities will need to be assessed when future additional development occurs. Existing public and private sanitary sewers serving the existing developments should be internally inspected for condition and as potential sources of I/I and regular maintenance.

The water distribution system within the South River Planning Area is relatively new in comparison to other parts of the City and is insufficient to support current and planned development. Several private water mains provide fire protection and potable supply to the Defiance Area Schools. These are connected to the distribution system and are in the "new" phase of the system. The community water system currently has no full-time leak detection services entering different school buildings. The City should coordinate with the schools to provide leak detection services to confirm that significant water losses are not occurring and overall reliability.

The water main along South Ottawa Avenue (SR 15) is a dead-end main south of Cleveland Avenue. The water main on Jefferson Street, south of Rosewood Avenue, is also a dead-end main. Future connections along Carter Road, east to the main on South Ottawa Avenue (SR 15) and west to Ginter Road, should be considered for overall system reliability.

Water mains within the Ranchland Heights Subdivision are currently located within backyard easements and very difficult to access for maintenance. Future improvements along these streets should include relocation of the water mains into the public rights-of-way for future maintenance.

RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS

1. Future park and recreational planning should work to improve Auglaize River accessibility. Opportunities exist for additional collaboration with Camp Lakota officials for planned site accessibility in their "off-season".
2. Work with Defiance City Local School officials in the development of a new School Trail Plan (STP). The first STP was completed in 2009 after the school consolidation and should be updated to reflect the current walking and biking impediments and opportunities. City and school officials could also pursue the creation of a wooded trail system and "Interpreting Environmental Stewardship Nature Areas" on their footprint adjacent to the Elementary School.
3. Pursue the development of a Corridor Overlay along Jefferson Street to promote general aesthetics, access management and site planning.
4. Planned capital improvements should be linked to outside resources whenever possible, from the Ohio Department of Development, Jobs Ohio, Ohio Public Works Commission, Ohio EPA, and Ohio Department of Transportation.
5. Work with developers on a tree preservation plan on projects that impact mature, established woodlots. City officials should consider adopting a Tree Preservation Ordinance that provides guidance to developers of applicable projects in the future.
6. Complete water main improvements to eliminate dead ends in the distribution system and improve overall reliability.
7. Install water meters on City facilities to account for unbilled water utilized throughout the City's distribution system.
8. Updates to the zoning map could include:
 - » Expand the S-1 zoning at the southwest corner of the school complex along Palmer to include the school athletic field. At the present time this area is zoned B-3.



Important Dates Parks & Riverfront Master Plan

Public Open House

Wednesday, March 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Stroede

Joint Meeting of the Parks Commission and Planning Commission with special guests Defiance County Metro Parks Board

Thursday, April 3rd from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

Presentation to Council

Tuesday, April 8th from 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers