

Harlem Township

Harlem Township in Delaware County, OH is just 4 miles from the Intel Semiconductor site at its closest point. The Township had just completed their comprehensive plan, which was suddenly out-of-date with the announcement. They reached out to Crossroads to help them develop a Quick Strategy Guide to update their plan.

Crossroads provided several services to Harlem, including:

1. Development of a communications plan to assist them in communicating with residents.
2. Creation of an Immediate Needs guide to help the Township address pressing issues that could not wait for the entire Strategy guide to be completed.
3. Multiple meetings with residents to provide education and gain feedback from them.
4. Completion of the Quick Strategy Guide to amend and guide the Township through significant growth pressures. Major themes are:
 - Defining targeted areas with high likelihood of developing and providing a framework for development within the Township. This allows the Township to control the development within its borders and prevent annexation.
 - Recommendations on design standards and conservation zoning styles that would allow development while preserving the rural character and viewsheds in the community.
 - Establishment of areas for large-lot housing and preservation of farmland.
 - Establishment of a rural village center to provide residents a place to congregate and allow for local vendors to sell wares.
 - Recommendations on infrastructure improvements, new roads and services.

