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## Vision for Geauga County in 2020

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Geauga County is one of the best places in Ohio to live, work, and raise a family. It is a caring, safe and vibrant community where all persons are valued.

Geauga County is a thriving community that balances agriculture, industry, and tourism in an environmentally responsive manner. County residents are proud of their efforts in preserving green space and natural resources such as clean air and fresh water. Geaugans protect the scenic headwaters of the Cuyahoga, Grand and Chagrin Rivers. Geauga County embraces its rural heritage and unique resources including the maple industry and Amish culture. In addition, the arts, culture, parks and outdoor recreational opportunities in Geauga County are varied and accessible.

Geauga County has a range of housing, transportation and employment options that meet a variety of needs of both current and future residents. Geauga County residents support local business, industry and agriculture that provide meaningful employment opportunities. Career and personal goals are pursued through high quality educational services and life long learning opportunities. The County promotes the wellness of its residents through comprehensive, affordable and coordinated health and human services. Furthermore, Geauga County has a local public health system that:

- Assures adequate local public health infrastructure,
- Promotes healthy communities and healthy behaviors,
- Prevents the spread of infectious disease,
- Protects against environmental health hazards,
- Prepares for and respond to disasters and assists communities in recovery, and
- Assures the quality and accessibility of health services for all residents.

Geaugans respond to changing community needs and work collaboratively on a local as well as a community basis. These efforts develop solutions to issues that impact the common good and overall quality of life.

*The basis for this vision was initially created through **Geauga Community Impact** and approved by that initiative's Steering Committee on 9.15.05. This vision was re-affirmed and the Local Public Health System portion was enhanced with through focus groups sessions conducted by the "Partnership for a Healthy GEAUGA" held in September 2011.*