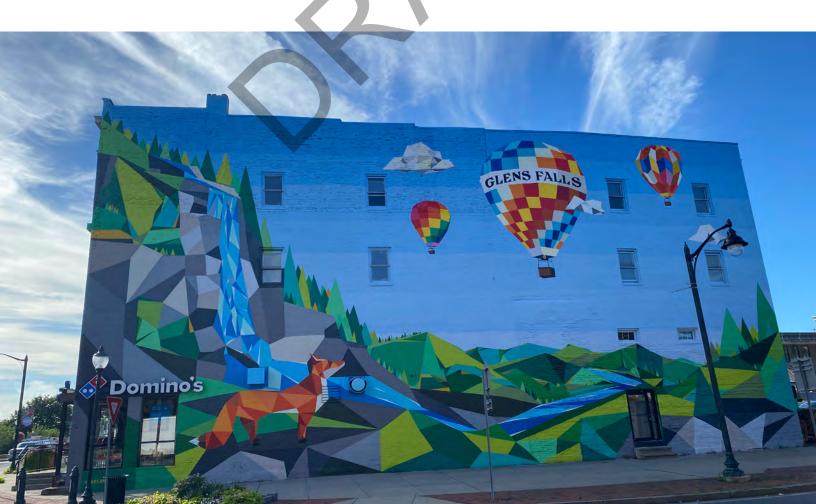


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## FOREWORD

### LETTER FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Warren County 2040 is more than just a plan—it's our guide for shaping the future of our community. It tackles key challenges like an aging population, workforce shortages, and the housing crisis. The plan highlights the need for thoughtful, strategic planning to ensure sustainable growth and economic stability, giving us the tools to make informed decisions that benefit everyone who calls this place home or visits.

This plan is the result of two years of hard work from our project team, who gathered insights about the current state of the County, identified emerging trends, and looked ahead at the challenges we might face. What makes it truly special is that it reflects a long-term vision for Warren County, one shaped by the voices of our residents, businesses, and local leaders. Through extensive engagement, we've made sure this plan incorporates what matters most to our community, ensuring we move forward together.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Warren County residents, county officials, and county employees who played a vital role in creating this plan. Your input, feedback, and dedication have been invaluable in shaping a vision that reflects the hopes and needs of our community. Whether you attended meetings, shared your thoughts, or worked behind the scenes, your efforts have made a lasting impact. This plan wouldn't have been possible without your commitment to making Warren County a better place for everyone. We truly appreciate your collaboration and look forward to working together to bring this vision to life.

John Taflan

County Administrator



### HOW THE PLAN IS ORGANIZED

**Chapter 1, Introduction** provides an overview of Warren County and its history and the planning process, including the plan purpose and public engagement.

Chapter 2, Who We Are presents a snapshot of the County's demographics.

**Chapter 3, What We Do & How We Collaborate** provides an overview of the County organization and its powers and authorities.

**Chapter 4, Our Natural Environment** describes the County's important natural environment features and the critical issues facing this important component of the County's quality of life.

**Chapter 5, Our Built Environment** addresses housing, infrastructure, and transportation in the County.

**Chapter 6, Our Economy** outlines the County's current economic base and employment trends

**Chapter 7, Our Arts, Institutions, & Community Services** focuses on the cultural, education, and health care institutions in the County, as well as emergency services.

**Chapter 8, Vision, Implementation, and Accountability** lays out the overarching vision, goals, and objectives and targeted near-term strategies to further the goals, as well as the structure to utilize the Warren County 2040 Plan in County decision-making and to advance the Plan's priority recommendations.

