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TAP was also instrumental in researching the costs and benefits of installing tornado sirens throughout our community. Lawrence Township has decided to put the issue on the ballot for this November. If it passes, the City of Canal Fulton may to put a similar issue on the ballot this spring.

Lastly, a first draft of the Canal Fulton Community Plan is being reviewed by the Community Plan Citizens' Committee. Another meeting for public review of the Community Plan will be scheduled this fall. Look for the announcement in the local newspaper and please try to attend. The more input we receive the more confidence we will have in the plan's recommendations.

I wish I had more space to tell you all that is happening in our town that I'm so proud to be a part of.