

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## Commercial Land Development

The following Memorandum of Understand (MOU) is between the City of Hudson (City) and the Village of Boston Heights (Village), both in the State of Ohio.

The section of commercial lands in both the City and the Village, addressed by this MOU, is bordered by State Route 8 to the west, Interstate 80 (Ohio Turnpike) to the north, State Route 303 to the south and the City's district 6 to the east.

Presently the City has commercially zoned land along its western boundary, in this MOU defined area, that has utility lines to service the property, yet little exposure to the high traffic volume Route 8 corridor. The Village has commercially zoned land, in this MOU defined area, along the Route 8 corridor directly accessed by Boston Mills Road and Chittenden Road and its new configuration that is in need of water and sewer services. Therefore, each community joins in this MOU to comprehensively study, plan, and set in motion an agreement to enhance these mutual properties with available highway access and appropriate utilities to the benefit of each community.

The City and the Village shall remain independent political entities. All of the land in the MOU area is in the Hudson School District. The schools, the City, the Village and citizens can benefit from this agreement due to increased commercial businesses providing property and income tax support.

Cooperative action between each community with safeguards for the Brandywine Creek and Mud Brook Watersheds will benefit the City, the Village, and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The possibility of linking Hudson Crossing properties through to Chittenden Road, allowing for highway exposure and agreements with both Cleveland and Akron water and sewer, can be achieved through this cooperative agreement for this MOU area.

Through a cooperative effort, a majority of the communities' populations shall become cognizant of the mutual benefits of this agreement. The Village and the City pledge to work cooperatively together toward an efficient, sustainable form of smart governance over this area, including, but not limited to, the possibility of a Joint Economic Development District [JEDD].

THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO ON THIS DAY [\_\_\_\_\_, 2008] AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL DISSOLVED BY DECREE FROM EITHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY.

City of Hudson

Village of Boston Heights

City Manager:

Mayor:

Mayor:

Council President:

Council President: