

THE PLAIN DEALER

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Build up our community

As a growing chorus in Northeast Ohio urges more regional cooperation, one agency has long practiced intergovernmental efficiencies on big-ticket improvements to our infrastructure. Build Up Greater Cleveland — affiliated with the Greater Cleveland Partnership — is celebrating its 25th year of facilitating more than \$6 billion worth of infrastructure improvements in greater Cleveland. Working partners include the Cleveland Engineering Society, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Ohio Department of Transportation, city of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County Engineer's office and Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency. Here are some of the ways Build Up Greater Cleveland has impacted local residents:

239 Number of bridges in Cuyahoga County overseen by the county engineer.

\$3.2 billion Amount the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District will invest during the next 30 years on waste-water treatment improvements and combined sewer overflow controls.

\$26.5 million Amount the Cuyahoga County engineer is expected to have spent in 2008 on bridge improvements.

100,000 Approximate number of tons of sewage sludge removed annually from wastewater at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's treatment plants.

8th National ranking, by size, of Cleveland's public water supply system. It covers more than 640 square miles.

\$5 billion Estimated amount of private development and improvements occurring along the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Euclid Corridor project linking downtown to University Circle.

5,000 Number of miles of water lines in Cuyahoga County.

\$800 million Value of projects that the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority has helped finance since 1993.

1,300 Approximate number of miles of roads and streets managed by the city of Cleveland.

SOURCES: Build Up Greater Cleveland and the Greater Cleveland Partnership

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