

Growth Assumptions

The goals and objectives also led to the development of four growth assumptions for Stonelick Township:

1. *The Stonelick Creek Valley is the Township's most important asset and should be protected from development impacts.* The Stonelick Creek Valley is a unique asset in terms of its topography, environmental sensitivity, continuity of ownership, historic assets, and scenic views.
2. *Growth Pressure will come primarily from the south.* Growth in Clermont County is tied to growth in the Cincinnati Metropolitan Area, and the movement of population has followed two corridors in the County: State Route 28 and State Route 32. Of the two corridors, State Route 32 is the more important in terms of its proximity to the Township, and growth that had been confined to Union and Batavia Townships will begin to move north into the southern portion of Stonelick Township.
3. *The Township should deter annexation.* The only municipality contiguous to Stonelick Township is the Village of Owensville. While growth, particularly suburban residential, commercial and industrial developments, is more likely in the Owensville vicinity due to utilities, the growth should occur without annexation.
4. *Adequate provision should be made to prevent added traffic congestion.* The impact of regional traffic as a result of land use changes outside the Township is unmistakable. Thus, it is important that Stonelick Township officials consult with adjacent Townships, Clermont County, and the State of Ohio in order to adequately coordinate efforts. It should be clear that most of the congestion on U.S. 50, State Route 276, and State Route 132 is not related to development in Stonelick Township.

The Township should require that a traffic impact study be completed for land use changes.