

## Oberlin, OH

### General Information

With its small town sense of community, the services of a large city, and the music, art, and culture of a cosmopolitan center – all situated in just under five square miles – the City of Oberlin has justifiably earned numerous accolades, including being named one of the “Top 20 best small towns to visit” by Smithsonian Magazine. In addition, the City has received other awards and designations:

“Climate Action Champion” – A designation by the White House recognizing Oberlin for leadership and commitment in the fight against climate change

“Solid Waste Operator of the Year” by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Ohio Buckeye Chapter

Bicycle Friendly Community – Bronze Level

Healthy Ohio - Healthy Community – Silver Award

C40 Climate Positive Development Program Participant Status

Team NEO Economic Development "Plus Award" for Business Retention/Expansion

“Best Hometown” in Northeast Ohio 2012 by Ohio Magazine

“Best Intergenerational Communities” award by Generations United

“Clean Energy Community of the Year” by Green Energy Ohio

Team NEO Economic Development "Plus Award" for Business Attraction

Founded concurrently with Oberlin College in 1833, the City is known for its rich and diverse history of progressive thought, innovation and social activism. The community was a beacon of freedom during the years of the Underground Railroad, and Oberlin College was the first in the country to admit men and women of all races. The City and College are leaders in the current environmental movement, having developed a Climate Action Plan that commits the community to becoming “carbon neutral” by 2050.

The City of Oberlin is located in Lorain County, Ohio, just southwest of the City of Cleveland. Oberlin has a population of 8,286 people (2010 U.S. Census) while Lorain County has a population of just over 300,000