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## **Perry and Prairie Townships join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**

**(Columbus – January 17, 2014)** In order to maintain a strong collaboration on regional issues, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission’s (MORPC’s) members continue to seek opportunities to grow the organization. Yesterday Perry and Prairie Townships’ applications for membership were approved by the MORPC Board.

Perry Township membership will provide the opportunity for one representative to serve as a voting member at the MORPC Commission meetings. “The Perry Township Board of Trustees is proud to become a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission,” states Chet Chaney, Perry Township Trustee and Robert Myers, Perry Township Administrator. “We look forward to partnering with other communities in furthering the progress of Central Ohio.”

Prairie Township membership will provide the opportunity for two representatives to serve as voting members at the MORPC Commission meetings. “Prairie Township is excited to have this chance to partner with its sister communities in building a better region,” states Steve Kennedy, Prairie Township Trustee.

“We are pleased to welcome these new townships to our membership as we strengthen our collaborative efforts across all levels of local government. Townships are an important segment of our local government partners and we welcome their voice in our collective efforts to work on regional challenges,” states William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director.

The MORPC Board meets 11 times each year to discuss important regional issues, guide the direction of MORPC’s work, network with local leaders to discuss common problems, create solutions to shared regional challenges and provide input on funding decisions. Additional benefits of serving on MORPC’s Commission include grants and funding opportunities, educational forums, training and seminars, technical assistance and data, policy development, collaboration and networking.

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