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Village of Johnstown joins the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

(Columbus – May 8, 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. Today the Village of Johnstown’s application for membership was approved by the MORPC Board.

The Village of Johnstown’s membership will provide the opportunity for one representative to serve as a voting member at the MORPC Board meetings. "Johnstown is excited to partner with MORPC as we grow as a community and as a region," states James Lenner, Johnstown Village Manager. "Partnering with Central Ohio communities to reach common goals will help utilize our resources in the most effective manner. Johnstown will see increased growth in the next ten years and the partnership with MORPC will help direct the way in which it occurs."

"We are pleased to welcome the Village of Johnstown to our membership as we strengthen our collaborative efforts across all levels of local government. Villages are an important segment of our local government partners and Johnstown brings a new voice to 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 Board include grants and funding opportunities, educational forums, training and seminars, technical assistance and data, policy development, collaboration and networking.

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