

# 2023 MORPC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

With 5 new members, MORPC soars to 85 members!

## Awards & Recognitions

- Auditor of State Award with Distinction 2022
- Government Financial Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting 2022
- Ralonda Hampton - HerStory Maker, “Mover and Shaker” - The Columbus Urban League
- Ralonda Hampton - Class of 2023 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leader - Mahogany Columbus
- Maria Schaper - Columbus Business First 40 under 40

## Educational Partnership For Members Employees



## Summer Intern Program

# 51

Interns placed at local  
governments in 11 counties!

## Community Partnerships



THE KING ARTS COMPLEX

# JUSTICE 40



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## SERVICES & RESOURCES

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- 2023 Salary & Fringe Benefit Survey
- Sustainable2050 – 38 communities participating with 20 certified – the City of Lancaster and Village of Shawnee Hills became new members and City of New Albany certified at Silver level
- MORPC Technical Assistance Program Awarded to 4 communities
- Partnered with OSU office of Integrated Systems Engineering to provide Community Based Planning Assistance Program for members
- Updated population growth data, provides Mid-Ohio Open Data Site
- Regional Housing Strategy - resources, education, and data support (cont.)
- Administered Clean Ohio Conservation Fund in Franklin County through Natural Resources Assistance Council
- Continued partnership with the Ohio University Voinovich Academy's Governing Essentials for Local Elected Officials - 13 Graduates
- Local Government Summer Internship Program - Placed a record 51 summer interns and expanded scholarship program to \$100,000
- Continued partnership with OSU Knowlton School of architecture and the Easton Community Foundation to sponsor four Easton Future Vision Fellows
- Regional eSource Newsletter
- Enhanced Membership Newsletter to include grants and advocacy updates
- Gohio Commute Action Fund
- MORPC-attributable Funding Policies update and solicitation for projects
- CORPO Dedicated Funds Program (for CORPO members)
- Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Funding
- Ohio Public Works Commission Infrastructure & Conservation Funding
- Transportation Review Advisory Council Project Prioritization
- Brownfields Grant Program



## PLANS & STUDIES

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- LinkUS Mobility Initiative coordination
- 2024-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments/ Updates Regional Mobility Plan
- CORPO 2023-2050 Transportation Plan
- CORPO Dedicated Funding to 3 projects
- Passenger Rail Regional Strategy & Application Partner
- Subcommittee on Power Siting Issues

## RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

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- Weatherized 300 homes
- Franklin County Board of Health LEAD Grant remediation
- HUD Healthy Homes Grant / Radon & Lead remediation
- Geographic Expansion of HWAP Service Area
- COCIC Grant to repair home (Leonard Park & Urbancrest)
- Completed home repairs on 38 owner-occupied properties
- Code Compliance Support to Renew Homes Non-Profit
- Hosted US Dept of Energy Secretary with a site visit



## ADVOCACY

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- Updated Public Policy Agenda for 2023-2024
- Lobbying on State Operating and Transportation Budgets
- Columbus Region Coalition and Central Ohio Defense Group
- State Capital Budget Project Requests
- Association of Defense Communities
- Ohio Rural Development Alliance
- Facilitation of Franklin County Transportation Improvement District and Central Ohio Greenways
- Activation of AG Outreach Committee for Sustaining Scioto Board
- Development of Regional Schools Energy Strategy: Pairs schools and local governments to work toward integrating clean energy solutions
- Neighborhood Air Monitoring Program in collaboration with Franklin County
- Education around clean energy related policies
- Community Advisory Committee Meetings to foster inclusive feedback from diverse communities
- Offered new training opportunities to create a more diverse inclusive, and equitable workplace
- Partnered with key organizations to recruit diverse candidates for careers and internships



## EDUCATION AND GRANTS

- Successfully distributed more than 90% of funding in MORPC's current US EPA Brownfield project
- Applying for 2024 Brownfield funding from the US EPA
- Continued Support for Appalachian members with HB 377 funds utilization
- CAP/ Driving Investment Project Development Underway



## EVENTS & CONFERENCES

- Annual State of the Region
- Summit on Sustainability
- National Association of Regional Councils Conference in DC
- Ohio Conference on Freight - Lead Partner
- Inaugural Data Day
- Pre-Commission Meeting Special Luncheons
- Central Ohio Safety Forum (Host)
- Weekly Money Monday Series (Host)
- Annual Social Media Summit
- Five Regional Planning Area Breakfast Meetings in NW, NE, SW, SE & Central sections
- Launched War Room grants in collaboration with Columbus Partnership
- Four Rural Member Forums: Housing, Mobility Sustainable Community Development; and Trails and Tourism Economy
- Infrastructure Opportunities
- Community Redevelopment Incentives
- Central Ohio Supply Chain Economic Outlook & Impact on Infrastructure (with MODE)
- Mid-Ohio Finance Administrators (MOFA)
- CORPO Committee and Subcommittee Meetings
- Central Ohio Defense Community Partnership Conference
- Supplier Diversity Procurement Fair (Host)
- 85 Member Visits
- YWCA Columbus Activists & Agitators



## MAKING PROGRESS & LOOKING AHEAD

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- Achieved US Economic Development District certification and advancing opportunities
- Urban Trail Town initiative and Regional Wayfinding Strategy
- Water Resources Management, Education and Advancing Blueways project to receive statewide water trail designation and beginning Regional Water Planning
- Updating Green Infrastructure Toolkit, and adding Regional Solar Siting Working Group
- Updating Population Resource Hub
- Sustainability Toolkit under development for members
- Annual Air Quality report to summarize air quality conditions from previous year
- Continued leadership of passenger rail planning efforts
- Transit County Connections Playbook
- Regional Equity Strategy for Grants and assisting members with more competitive grant opportunities
- New MBE strategy to increase diversity spend and updating Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Work Plan
- Enhancing website, brand visibility and messaging to highlight programs and initiatives



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