



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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## STRATEGIC TRAINING FOR EFFECTIVE PLANNING & ZONING (STEPZ) WORKSHOP – *PLANNING STAFF*

**TUESDAY**

**9:00 AM to 2:30 PM**

**May 20, 2024**

MORPC Town Hall

### AGENDA

**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**  
(30 min)

#### REGISTRATION

**9:00 AM – 9:15 AM**  
(15 min)

**WELCOME & PURPOSE:** William Murdock

**9:15 AM – 10:00 AM**  
(45 min)

**SITE PLAN REFRESHER:** Holly Mattei, Crossroads Community Planning

*Sharpen your review skills with a refresher on interpreting site plans and connecting them to zoning code requirements to ensure thorough, consistent, and defensible analysis.*

**10:00 AM – 10:15 AM**  
(15 min)

#### BREAK

**10:15 AM – 11:00 AM**  
(45 min)

**ETHICS & LEGALITIES:** Matthew Koppitch, Bricker Graydon

*What are the legalities behind planning and zoning, and how can planning staff ensure legal, equitable, fair, and defensible decision-making?*

**11:00 AM – 11:45 PM**  
(45 min)

**SUSTAINABILITY 101:** Elizabeth Ellman, City of Bexley

*Gain an understanding of how to leverage partnerships, money, and science to transition sustainability ideas into meaningful sustainability plans, programs, and policies.*

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**11:45 AM – 12:30 PM**  
(45 min)

**12:30 PM – 1:15 PM**  
(45 min)

**1:15 PM – 1:30 PM**  
(15 min)

**1:30 PM – 2:15 PM**  
(45 min)

**2:15 PM – 2:30 PM**

## **LUNCH**

### **FUTURE-READY COMMUNITIES:** Brian Filiatraut, MORPC

*Discover how to seamlessly integrate energy planning into your community's comprehensive plan to unlock future economic development opportunities. Learn how to position your community to stay ahead of the curve and lead in sustainability and innovation.*

## **BREAK**

### **ENGAGING EVERY VOICE:** Suzan Mchao, City of Columbus Mindy Justis, MURPHYepson

*Choose the right public engagement tools for different audiences and goals, ensuring inclusive, effective communication throughout your community's planning processes..*

## **ADJOURN**

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