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Perry County Joins the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

(Columbus – April 13, 2017) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) has approved Perry County as its newest board member.

MORPC is a voluntary association of more than 60 local governments in Central Ohio serving the region through planning, direct service, public policy information and innovative programming and intergovernmental coordinating services in the areas of transportation, land use, energy conservation, the environment and housing.

The acceptance of Perry County as a member took place Thursday afternoon following a resolution, approved by the Perry County Board of Commissioners on March 30, 2017 to join MORPC.

The county's membership will provide the opportunity for two representatives to serve as a voting member at MORPC board meetings.

"We are excited to come on board MORPC and take advantage of the resources and expertise offered by the commission," Perry County Commissioner Ben Carpenter said. "We also look forward to forging new relationships with additional local governments throughout the region."

"We are pleased to welcome Perry County as an important part of the growing Central Ohio metropolitan area," MORPC Executive Director William Murdock said. "Counties are vital local government partners for MORPC, so having Perry County at the table is critical to our work on regional issues and services."

The MORPC board meets 10 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, and policy development.

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