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Lunch Panel to address Central Ohio's Energy Future at MORPC's 2015 Summit on Sustainability

(Columbus – September 24, 2015) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC's) 2015 Summit on Sustainability will take place Friday, October 2 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Hilton Columbus Downtown, 401 North High Street, Columbus. The Summit on Sustainability is MORPC's signature environmental conference, bringing hundreds of community leaders together to explore and share sustainable ideas and solutions. This year's theme, *Regions Matter*, will focus on sharing best practices that can be applied by local governments, businesses and residents to improve the environment in which we live.

Moderated by MORPC's Energy and Air Quality Director, Christina O'Keeffe, a panel of experts will address the regional use of energy in the transportation, industrial, commercial and residential sectors and the investments in cleaner, smarter uses of energy to improve operational excellence and reduce environmental impacts. The audience will learn the importance of energy in the business decisions by prominent companies within our communities and the best strategies for continuing our competitive advantage and growth in Central Ohio.

The distinguished panel of experts includes:

Reid Spolek, Amazon Web Services Renewable Energy Manager
Kate Bartter, The Ohio State University Office of Energy and Environment Director
Dirk Nordberg, Honda of America Green Factory Manager

The 2015 Summit on Sustainability will also offer a variety of breakout sessions which will focus on four main categories: Policy, Energy & Environment, Land-Use, and Transportation. The sessions will feature presenters from various backgrounds including speakers from the business community, government agencies and universities.

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An agenda for the 2015 Summit can be found at www.morpc.org/summit. Registrations can be made online at www.morpc.org/summit.

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