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MORPC's Summit on Sustainability Features Vulcan's Spencer Reeder and Six Pecha Kucha Speakers

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)'s Summit on Sustainability: Feeding our Economy morning plenary session will feature a keynote presentation by Spencer Reeder from Vulcan, Inc., a contributor of \$10 million to supplement U.S. Department of Transportation's \$40 million Smart City award. The lunch program features six dynamic local food entrepreneurs in the Pecha Kucha style format, each luncheon speaker will share sustainable practices related to food production, sourcing, processing, packaging, and distribution and other unique aspects related to the local food supply chain. A ceremony announcing this year's Green Region Award winners will also be held during the lunch program.

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, *Feeding our Economy*, focuses on sharing best practices that can be applied by local governments, businesses and residents to improve the environment in which we live.

WHO: Spencer Reeder: Vulcan, Inc.

Tom Pendrey: Chief Operating Officer, Donatos

Abed Al Shahal: Co-Director, Columbus Growing Collective

Bryn Bird: Director, Canal Market District

Glen Courtright: President and Founder, EnviroFlight Matt Habash: Executive Director, Mid-Ohio Foodbank

Ryan Lang: Co-Founder and Master Distiller, Middle West Spirits

WHAT: Summit on Sustainability

WHEN: Friday, October 21, 9AM – 3:30PM; lunch program 12:30 – 1:50PM

WHERE: Hilton Columbus Downtown

401 North High Street