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## **The Village of Sunbury joins the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**

**(Columbus – March 12, 2015)** In order to maintain a strong collaboration on regional issues, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC's) members continue to seek opportunities to grow the organization. Today the Village of Sunbury's application for membership was approved by the MORPC Board.

The Village of Sunbury's membership will provide the opportunity for one representative to serve as a voting member at the MORPC Commission meetings.

"The Village of Sunbury is very excited about becoming a member of MORPC and we look forward on developing a collaborative relationship with MORPC and its members," states Scott Weatherby, Village of Sunbury Trustee. "We find this a most exciting time to become an active member especially considering our current growth trends and the impact this growth will have on our village, our surrounding neighbors, and Delaware County in general. Hopefully we can gain and share insights into the issues that are facing our community at large currently and into the future."

"We are pleased to welcome the Village of Sunbury to our membership as we strengthen our collaborative efforts across all levels of local government. Villages are an important segment of our local government partners and we welcome their voice in our collective efforts to work on regional issues and challenges," states William Murdock, MORPC Executive Director.

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 Commission include grants and funding opportunities, educational forums, training and seminars, technical assistance and data, policy development, collaboration and networking.

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