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MORPC Seeks Nominations for Green Region Awards

(Columbus – June 3, 2015) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is seeking nominations through June 30, 2015 for the Green Region Awards, honoring individuals and organizations working to create a more vibrant and environmentally sustainable region. MORPC will announce the award recipients at the Summit on Sustainability & the Environment on October 2, 2015 at the Columbus Downtown Hilton.

The *Green Leader Award* is given in recognition of an individual or organization exemplifying outstanding leadership and innovation in seeking comprehensive sustainability solutions to address key challenges facing the region. The 2014 winner of the Green Leader Award was Erin Miller for the Get Green Columbus Initiative, RecyColumbus and Columbus Energy Challenge.

The *Green Collaborative Achievement Award* is given to a group of organizations or individuals who have shown effectiveness in producing environmental accomplishments through a collaborative effort. Last year's winners were Genoa, Liberty, and Orange Townships for their Multi-Jurisdiction Recycling/Waste Hauler Contract. The Boards of Trustees of Genoa, Liberty and Orange Townships collaborated together to create a unique contract that would greatly increase curbside recycling and waste pickup, along with saving their residents millions of dollars.

Nominations are open to individuals and organizations located within MORPC's 15-county region (Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Hocking, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, Ross, and Union counties). Repeat winners will not be selected from the previous two years, but nominees from previous years can be re-submitted.

The ninth annual Summit on Sustainability & the Environment is MORPC's signature environmental conference developed to aid community leaders, businesses, and individuals in going green. The event brings hundreds of people together to explore and share sustainable solutions.

Visit www.morpc.org/summit for more information on registration, sponsorship opportunities and award nominations, or contact Amanda McEldowney, amceldowney@morpc.org or 614.233.4112.

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