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Summit Workshops Feature Green Solutions for Local Governments, Businesses and Communities

(Columbus – August 26, 2013) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's 2013 Summit on Sustainability & the Environment will take place Tuesday, October 8 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at COSI, 333 West Broad Street in Columbus. The Summit is an environmental conference held annually for professionals and community members to face the challenges in going green, to learn from experts and to network with other concerned members of the community. This year's Summit, "*Building Resiliency for a Climate of Change*", will explore ways to use adaptive management practices to build regional economic competitiveness and minimize climate-related impacts on public health, natural resources and infrastructure.

A variety of breakout sessions are tailored to focus on green solutions for local governments, businesses and communities. Breakout sessions will take place at 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and will cover the following topics:

9–10:30 a.m.

Government: Change of Plans
Business: Pathway to a Resilient, Energy-Efficient Economy
Community: Residential Energy Efficiency: Tips, Tactics and Tools

10:45 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

Government: Shrinking Government Energy Bills
Business: Greening Your Bottom Line: How Sustainable Facilities and Practices Mean Better Business
Community: Active Transportation is for Everyone!

2–3:30 p.m.

Government: Planning in the Face of Uncertainty: Adapting Locally to Global Changes
Business: Building for a Sustainable Future
Community: Weinland Park: Sustainable Food and Sustainable Economy

The sessions will feature presenters from a variety of backgrounds including speakers from the business community, government agencies and universities.

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An agenda for the 2013 Summit can be found at www.greenregion.org. Early bird registration is \$75 until September 13. Registrations can be made online at www.greenregion.org.

Designated as central Ohio's metropolitan planning agency, MORPC is a voluntary association of 41 local governments. The Center for Energy & Environment at MORPC serves as a community resource in the region by offering a variety of services including: daily air quality forecasts, trail coordination, educational presentations, watershed planning, home weatherization, government carbon footprint analysis and more.