



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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November 12, 2024

Mayor Laurie Jadwin  
City of Gahanna  
200 S Hamilton Road  
Gahanna OH, 43230

Re: MORPC 2024 Return on Investment

Dear Honorable Jadwin:

I want to thank you and your community for your continued partnership with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). I am pleased to share the results of your support, and the tremendous spirit of collaboration across this region which led to a year of unprecedented achievements.

We delivered on all four core values: *Pay It Forward*, *Drive Investment*, *Build Value for Our Members*, and *Create an Environment for Prosperity* which led to consecutive 100% member retention and three new governments including the Village of West Jefferson, the Village of Mount Sterling and Brown Township bringing our total membership to 88 governments!

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**Drive Investment:** MORPC secured our largest grant to date, a \$15 million dollar investment to expand EV charging capabilities, which helps our goal to secure a more sustainable future for our region. We collaborated with community partners to secure \$141 million of One-Time Strategic Community Investment Funds and Capital Budget funds that will help 80 projects.

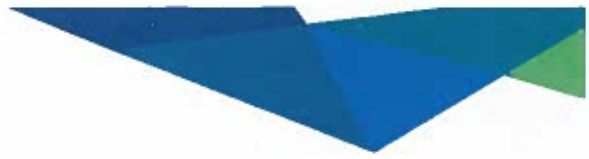
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Our economic development team moved swiftly to take advantage of the new Economic Development Designation and assisted 23 communities with grant coordination. Simultaneously, the community-based planning assistance program has 17 requests in the works for direct assistance to local governments further demonstrating the need to leverage our resources in a period of rapid growth.

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