



MID-OHIO REGIONAL
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PLANNING COMMISSION

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October 1, 2025

Honorable Laurie Jadwin
City of Gahanna
200 S Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Re: MORPC 2024 Return on Investment

Dear Mayor Jadwin:

Thank you for your community's continued partnership with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). Together, through a dynamic spirit of collaboration, Central Ohio celebrated a year of extraordinary accomplishments. I am pleased to share the results of your investment in MORPC.

Local Roots, Lasting Impact is not only the theme of this year's Summit on Sustainability—it reflects the focus of our work every day as we plan to grow better as we get bigger. From advancing mobility to strengthening communities, MORPC and our members are creating lasting impact across the region.

- **Transportation & Infrastructure:** Our Transportation Improvement Program includes \$4.2 billion in regionally significant projects addressing community needs. A new \$1.4 million "Prioritization Process Pilot Program" will advance safety improvements. We are also advancing passenger rail efforts that will strengthen connectivity, expand mobility options, and boost long-term economic competitiveness for the region.
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- **Regional Leadership:** At our State of the Region, keynote Bruce Katz recognized the collective effort of Central Ohio communities working on attraction, retention, mobility, and workforce development. We also celebrated leaders making an impact: former Delaware City Manager Tom Homan and Fairfield County Commissioner Jeff Fix as award winners, along with the War Room to align resources and advance regional priorities.

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- **Economic Development:** We initiated the Regional Economic Development Academy to equip leaders with best practices for long-term success. Our relaunched Competitive Advantage Program aligns regional priorities and empowers counties to set their top goals for greater leveraged investment.
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 - **Community Impact:** MORPC's Residential Services weatherized 400 homes and completed repair work on 96 more—helping residents remain in their neighborhoods. Our Central Ohio Greenways program advanced a comprehensive trail network that complements plans for 500 miles of new trails and sidewalks. New water planning tools from the 208 Water Quality Plan and the creation of the Central Ohio Water Advisory Council will help address future challenges with data and fairness.
 - **Pay It Forward:** We continue to strengthen the public service pipeline. This year, 50 college interns completed projects in 10 counties, with a record 20% remaining at their hosts while finishing degrees—and several already securing job offers. We added a cybersecurity certificate program with Columbus State Community College to broaden opportunities for members' employees through our educational partnership program.

These accomplishments are the direct result of your community's investment and leadership. For every \$1 invested in MORPC dues, your community received \$36, reflecting a strong return through programs, services, and leveraged resources.

On behalf of the MORPC team, Board Members, and regional partners, thank you for your commitment to growing better as we grow bigger. Please feel free to reach out to me or to our Member Services Officer, Eileen Leuby, with any questions or ideas.

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