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### **Economic Development Partnership Welcomes New Project Coordinator**



MARYSVILLE - Union County's continuing economic growth has prompted the Union County-Marysville Economic Development Partnership to grow and add a new staff position, Development Project Coordinator.

Tom Wisemiller, an economic development professional with Central Ohio roots and more than a dozen years in the profession, will begin in this new role July 22.

"We look forward to benefitting from Tom's extensive experience and success in business retention and expansion," Eric Phillips, Executive Director of the Union County-Marysville Economic Development Partnership, said. "The opportunities for

continued economic growth in Union County have become so great that our partnership determined that we need a new team member to initiate economic development programs and help us stay on track with projects."

Phillips said that the new position has been created with financial support from the Union County Commissioners and the City of Marysville.

Wisemiller, who graduated from Upper Arlington High School and The Ohio State University, is returning to Ohio from Warrenton, Virginia. There he served as economic development manager, and for 11 years prior to that served in a variety of economic development roles in Greenville, North Carolina, ultimately as senior economic developer. He earned a master of regional planning degree at Cornell University.

In his new role, Wisemiller will help the Union County-Marysville Economic Development Partnership focus on business attraction and retention, market and coordinate the 33 Smart Mobility Corridor project, assist entrepreneurs and business start-ups, assist with workforce development, and connect the business community and local governments.

Wisemiller said that the opportunity attracted him, because “Union County is a pro-business community. The community really works together. There’s a lot of collaboration. The partners and stakeholders, everyone rolls up their sleeves and works together.”

“Union County has made outstanding investments with the 33 Smart Mobility Corridor, and the community has an excellent track record with Honda and other growing businesses. And there’s a lot of opportunity for continued growth in Union County.”

He adds, “For my family, Union County offers a really good quality of life.” He and his wife, Staci, have two children, son Tommy, 11, and daughter Regan, 8. And the Wisemillers have extended family who live in central Ohio.

Wisemiller says, “I want to hit the ground running, learn as much as I can, meet as many people and businesses as I can, build relationships, and see how I can help. That’s Job 1 when I get here.”

*The Union County-Marysville Economic Development Partnership serves as the primary point of contact for companies looking to expand or locate in Union County and Marysville. The goal of the Partnership is to expand the economy of Union County and its communities by working with local, regional and state economic development partners to ensure that the community attracts balanced and sustainable industrial, commercial and residential development.*

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