

Economic Development and Planning Welcomes New Staff

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The Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department has recently welcomed several new staff members. The EDP staff is dedicated to continuing the department's service to residents, business owners and townships.



**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:
JENNY SNAPP**

The new Assistant Director is Jenny Snapp. Jenny will oversee the Planning, Building and Zoning sections of the department. Prior to joining Franklin County, Jenny was the Director of the Logan-Union-Champaign (LUC) Regional Planning Commission for 12 years and worked for the Toledo Area Regional Growth Partnership in economic development and site selection. Jenny holds a Master's Degree in Geography and Regional Planning from the University of Toledo.



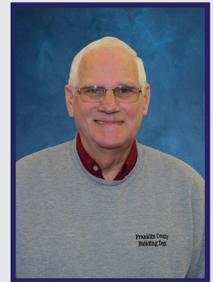
**PLANNING
ADMINISTRATOR:
MATT BROWN**

Matt Brown was recently promoted from Planner to Planning Administrator. As Planning Administrator, Matt will assist the Assistant Director in all operations of the department's Planning and Zoning sections. As a planner, Matt worked with county residents and communities for eight years. Matt holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Case Western Reserve University and is a Certified Floodplain Manager by the Association of State Floodplain Managers.



PLANNER: JONATHAN LEE

Jonathan Lee was recently promoted from Planning Project Coordinator to Planner. As the Planning Project Coordinator, Jonathan worked with residents and business owners on zoning matters and was responsible for issuing zoning permits for new development. In his new position, Jonathan will be responsible for reviewing zoning cases including variances, conditional uses and rezonings. Jonathan holds a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University.



BUILDING INSPECTOR: NEIL FULTON

Neil Fulton previously worked with the department as a Building Inspector from 1995-2005, and returned to the department in February 2014 to resume his role in that position. Neil is responsible for inspecting residential construction projects to ensure that new buildings comply with the Residential Building Code of Ohio.



**PLANNING PROJECT COORDINATOR:
KENDRA SPERGEL**

Kendra Spergel recently started with the department as the new Planning Project Coordinator. Prior to joining Franklin County, Kendra worked for the City of Grove City as a Planning Assistant. Kendra will serve as the front line for zoning questions, permits and applications. Kendra holds a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University.

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**SENIOR PROGRAM COORDINATOR:
ALEX BERES**

Alex Beres became EDP's Senior Program Coordinator in September 2013. Alex staffs the private-sector focused economic development activities for the department. Alex has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Ashland University in Political Science and History. He is also a certified Economic Development Finance Professional from the National Development Council.



**GRANTS COORDINATOR:
KATE MATHENY**

Kate Matheny serves as Grants Coordinator for EDP, however, her contract responsibilities are key to the Franklin County Office of Management and Budget as well. Kate monitors approximately 30 Community Partnership contracts that span local agencies across the community, ranging from health care to affordable housing, access to health care, and the environment. As part of EDP, Kate provides policy input on community development initiatives and assists with CDBG contract monitoring.



**JUNIOR PROGRAM COORDINATOR:
OMRI GROSS**

Omri Gross accepted the position of Junior Program Coordinator with the Community Development section of the office in March of this year. Prior to joining Franklin County, Omri worked with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Omri will assist the Senior Program Coordinator in administering federal housing grant programs. Omri is pursuing a Masters of Environment and Natural Resources Degree from The Ohio State University.



**PLANNING ASSISTANT:
CHLOÉ GREENE**

Chloé Greene has accepted a Planning Assistant position with the department and will be assisting the Community Development section of the office. Chloé is pursuing a Masters Degree in both City & Regional Planning and African American & African Studies at The Ohio State University.

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