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Local Official Receives Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy Diploma

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) is pleased to announce Erin Hartsock, Zoning Inspector and Asst. Administrator from Wayne Township in Warren County, as a recent graduate of the OTA Leadership Academy, an advanced local government training program.

The Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy (OTALA) was created in 2003 to provide education to elected officials, township staff, employees and appointed individuals. Through the joint efforts of the OTA, OSU Extension: Office of Community Development and Miami University's Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs, the program offers courses designed to enhance the leadership and decision making skills of those involved in Ohio township government.

"All politics are local, but Township government is truly the most local form of government in the US. We all strive to serve our neighbors and communities to the best of our abilities. The OTALA program helps us all by encouraging an environment of continuous improvement and inclusion," said Hartsock.

In order to complete OTALA, all participants had to attend the General Workshop, participate in six of ten elective courses and take part in the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT) Annual Conference, held each year in the spring in Washington, D.C. or the OTA Federal Day Workshop held at the OTA offices in Blacklick, Ohio. All requirements must be met within three years of beginning the program.

Ms. Hartsock joins the ranks with Mr. Pat Foley, Mr. Bradley Coffman and Mr. Gus Edwards as Wayne Township Officials who have graduated from the OTALA courses and continue to benefit from its educational opportunities.



The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. The Association was founded on June 28, 1928, and is organized in 87 Ohio counties. The Association has more than 5,200 active members, made up of trustees and fiscal officers from Ohio's 1,308 townships and more than 4,000 associate members.