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Fairfield City Manager Mark Wendling receives state innovation award

City Council recognized him locally at regular meeting last night

Fairfield, OH – Fairfield’s City Manager Mark Wendling was honored with the 2017 Innovation in Local Government Award from the Ohio City/County Manager’s Association (OCMA) at its Winter Conference in February. Last night, he was surprised with recognition by Fairfield Mayor Steve Miller at the regular meeting of City Council.

This award honors Mark’s leadership in securing a \$30 million redevelopment project for the City of Silverton while he was the City Manager there before coming to Fairfield six years ago.

The redevelopment includes luxury apartments, office space, retail and restaurants. It grew out of Mark’s solution to exchange park land with the school system for a new school that was being considered for outside the City limits. Through that process, jobs and the school have stayed, a park has been restored, and redevelopment is bringing 250 new jobs, 330 residents and a 15% increase in property tax base to a city that has experienced a decline in population for 50 years.

“It is rare that groundwork so well laid out comes to such great fruition,” said current Silverton City Manager Tom Carroll. “Without Mark’s foresight and creativity, Silverton would have lost a major job center. Now it is on the cusp of historic redevelopment.”

Tom and Silverton Mayor John Smith joined with Fairfield’s Mayor Miller and City Council last night to recognize Mark.

“This award reinforces that we have a City Manager who has what it takes to move a community forward and to provide insight that is of tremendous value to the community,” said Mayor Steve Miller. “We’re fortunate to have him here and I think this award is a great example of that.”

Mark has been Fairfield’s City Manager since May of 2015 after previously serving as the City’s Assistant City Manager for four years. His career has also included positions as City Administrator of Independence, Ky. and Assistant Township Administrator of Delhi Township, Ohio.

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In the attached picture, left to right:

Mark Wendling, Fairfield City Manager; John Smith, Silverton Mayor; Tom Carroll, Silverton City Manager

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