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Lawrenceville Corporation Names New Executive Director

WILMINGTON, OH – Lawrenceville Corporation announced today that Laurel Marie Connolly has been named executive director of the nonprofit community development organization that, driven by the Lawrenceville community, acts as the catalyst and catalyst for responsible and sustainable growth.

The current Matthew Galbraith, who served the organization for nearly a decade. During his time at the Lawrenceville Corporation, Galbraith facilitated over \$200 million in public and private investment in Lawrenceville and oversee the creation and implementation of the first Community Land Trust in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Galbraith is now moving on to lead RevWorks, a regional nonprofit that works to implement a community vision for Pittsburgh's Southside.

Inspired to pursue a career in community development at a young age, Laurel has spent her 13 plus year community development career working in local government and nonprofits to build vibrant communities that offer an opportunity to live, work, and play. Laurel has most recently worked as an Assistant Director of Business Innovation and Technology in Allegheny County's Department of Economic Development (MED), overseeing community development loan and grant programs, Main Street revitalization programs, real estate development projects, and business development programs and projects throughout the 100 municipalities within Allegheny County.

After joining Allegheny County Economic Development, Laurel served as the Executive Director of Lawrenceville United, Lawrenceville Corporation's partner and community based organization focused on improving the quality of life of Lawrenceville residents and stakeholders through community engagement and advocacy, community programs, and community planning and development. Under Laurel's leadership, Lawrenceville United created engagement programs, and robust community driven planning processes and projects that have become regional models for community planning, school based parent engagement programs, attachment and hospitality district planning and development, workforce development, public safety, and community health and wellness programs.

"We are thrilled to announce Laurel as the new Executive Director. Laurel's past experience working for Lawrenceville United, the City of Pittsburgh, and Allegheny County give her a unique perspective on development both locally and regionally. We are looking forward to working with her and Lawrenceville's residents and business owners to define the next generation of the Lawrenceville Corporation," said Mike Chase, Vice President of the Lawrenceville Corporation's board of directors.

Bruce Connolly's hiring comes as the Lawrenceville Corporation begins to implement a robust strategic plan for 2023, including planning for permanent affordable housing, responsible hospitality, accessibility and mobility, and commercial development and business district revitalization.

"I am incredibly honored and excited to return to Lawrenceville to join the LC team. It is a blessing as the organization's long history of collaboration with partner organizations, residents, and all stakeholders to catalyze