

COUNTY CORP Hires New President

DAYTON - Stephen D. Naas of Dayton, Ohio has been hired as the new President of COUNTY CORP, a housing and economic development non-profit whose mission is to improve affordable housing and promote job creation through small business loans. Naas recently served as a Vice President in Corporate Banking for National City Bank in Dayton and has been instrumental in developing numerous economic development projects.

Prior to his tenure with National City Bank, Naas worked at CityWide Development Corporation, working his way up from a credit analyst in 1991 to the Director of Economic Development from 1997 – 2001. Naas received his Bachelor of Science from Wright State University with a major in Finance.

“Stephen is going to make a fantastic addition to COUNTY CORP. He has proved to the community through his past actions that he is dedicated to the economic development of this region and is well positioned to make many lasting contributions. We are pleased to announce that he will be joining us here at COUNTY CORP,” remarked Board of Trustees Chairman John H. Edwards, Senior VP at Fifth Third Bank (Western Ohio).

Community involvement is an important part of Stephen Naas' life. He has contributed his time to the Montgomery County CIC Board, the I 70-75 Development Association, The Other Place, Inc., the Dayton/Miami Valley Entrepreneurs Center, the Council for Urban and Economic Development, and the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. Naas resides in the City of Dayton with his wife Karen of 11 years and their three children.

Naas replaces Marlene (Marni) Flagel, the previous President, who retired on July 1, 2005. COUNTY CORP is located at 40 W. 4th Street in Dayton, and provides residents of Montgomery County with affordable housing and regional economic development loans. A national selection process provided COUNTY CORP with many qualified candidates. Naas' leadership and accomplishments identified him to the selection committee as the frontrunner and next President of COUNTY CORP.