



## **Chris Xeil Lyons joins City of Dayton as Development Division Manager**

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City Manager Shelley Dickstein has named Chris Xeil Lyons as Manager of the Division of Development in the Department of Planning, Neighborhoods and Development.

Lyons joins the City of Dayton with 26 years of economic development and local government experience in Southwest Ohio, including serving as economic development director for the City of Middletown (2020-2022) and the City of Sharonville (2012-2019).

As manager of Dayton's Division of Development, Lyons will lead initiatives and partnerships designed to create jobs and expand economic activity while increasing municipal revenue. She will also oversee administration of important federal and state funding sources and manage a staff of 15 and an annual operating budget of \$3.3 million.

"We are excited to have Chris Xeil as leader of Dayton's development efforts," said Dickstein. "She has a thorough understanding of the economic and development environment that Ohio cities work in, as well as invaluable experience in building partnerships and growing economic activity."

In Middletown, Lyons created the Middletown Port Authority and initiated the Middletown Small Business Alliance. She was also liaison to businesses, community/educational partners, and local, regional, and state organizations, and grew the city's visibility and impact through a new website and social media channels.

In Sharonville, Lyons was the city's first appointed economic development director and led the city's business attraction, retention, expansion and workforce efforts. Sharonville attracted over 6,000 new jobs and realized over \$400 million in new investments.

She also served as economic development specialist for the City of Hamilton (2003-2009) and deputy auditor for Butler County (1996-2002) and has experience as an economic development/government relations consultant.

Lyons earned a B.S. in Business Administration at Miami University, attended the International Business School in London (1994) and was awarded an MBA by Thomas More College in 2003.



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