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*Delaware County*—**STAPLETON SELECTED TO JOIN COUNTY LEADERS FROM ACROSS U.S.  
FOR INTENSIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, DC**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) announced today the selection of Delaware County Commissioner Dennis Stapleton as one of twenty-four county leaders from across the United States to participate in the Tenth Annual County Leadership Institute, a rigorous four-day program offered in partnership with Cambridge Leadership Associates. Nominated by Larry Long, Executive Director of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio as an official with a commitment to developing collaborative and innovative solutions to local issues, Stapleton will meet at IBM's Institute for Electronic Government in Washington, DC, from June 2-6, 2013.

"The local elected officials who participate in the County Leadership Institute get tools, ideas, and perspectives they can't get anywhere else," said Karon Harden, Director of Professional Development, Education & Training at NACo.

"These county leaders not only discuss the core principles of public service leadership with experts, they also collaborate with each other to develop new ways to attack real-life issues of importance to the citizens of their counties. We are pleased that our Delaware County Commissioner Stapleton was chosen to participate," said Tim Hansley, County Administrator.

The Institute, now in its tenth year, has graduated well over 200 members from 44 states and 172 counties across the country. Known for enhancing the capacity of county officials to identify and implement innovative solutions to the complex challenges facing county government in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, this year's program will focus closely on the demands of personal leadership in a new era of government, one characterized as a "permanent crisis" by Cambridge Leadership co-founder Marty Linsky.

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