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Annual Report & Directory
Meramec Regional Planning Commission
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In January and over the course of this year, we have had the opportunity to add new names and faces to our MRPC board. Four new presiding commissioners joined the board in 2023: Steve Black from Crawford County, Tim Schulte from Gasconade County, Joey Auxier from Phelps County, and Gary Larson in Dent County. We have also had some new mayors, including Sean Wilson at Waynesville, Merrilee Spurgeon at Bland, Tim Schell at Vienna, Mike Edwards at Chamois, and Paula Forrester at Irondale.

We also had some new at-large members and for-profit members. Many of the board member who left us retired from office, and some had decades of service to their local governments and MRPC.

One of our most faithful board members, Gary Brown of Salem, unexpectedly passed away on May 1, 2023. Gary had served in a variety of positions and on different boards for over two decades. He had served in every MRPC officer position at least once. He was chairman from 2003 to 2005 and again 2011 to 2013. Even after retiring from public office, Gary continued to volunteer his time and add value to the MRPC board. At the time of his passing, he represented the for-profit sector for Dent County.

Our board is ever-changing. This brings with it the opportunity to engage and share what MRPC is, what our purpose is and what role board members play in the organization. It is also exciting to talk about the future of our cities and counties with these new leaders. As leadership changes, so can priorities and visions. We learn about the challenges of local government from new perspectives, and as well as the vision and goals they have for their cities and counties. New ideas are good thing.

Despite change, many of the issues remain constant across our eight-county region. No matter what county or city we are in, we usually hear about a lack of available housing, the difficulties they face in hiring staff, including law enforcement personnel, the lack of local dollars to fill potholes, repave streets and extend water and sewer lines. We hear about their struggles with broadband and difficulties in having a presence and promoting their communities via the internet.

With our CARES planning grant, we were able to conduct strategic planning sessions with five of our cities, and we are hopeful that the resulting strategic plans will provide Bourbon, Potosi, Steelville, Belle and Crocker with a roadmap to progress on some of their most pressing issues.

In 2024, we will be embarking on the five-year update of our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and this will be the Meramec Region’s roadmap for economic progress. In 2022-23, we added resiliency action items to our CEDS. With the 2024 update, we will be expanding that discussion to include climate resilience, and officially for the first time, we will also address equity in our plan. We will look for strategies and approaches to serve populations that may have been under-served by traditional economic development methods. To accomplish this update, we will be involving a large cross-section of stakeholders from across our region to ensure we know what the needs are and look to them for some new ideas for addressing those issues. We want to bring together leaders with different backgrounds, different experiences and different perspectives to work together for the good of Meramec Region. Through our interactions, we learn about our commonalities as well as our differences.

We cannot deny or overlook the deep divisions within our nation, including our state and federal governments, because of differences—whether they be cultural, ideological or political.

The MRPC board has a long tradition of thinking regionally and working together for the betterment of all. Even as leadership changes, I am impressed and thankful that the MRPC board and our various committees continue to work together, even when not everyone agrees or when there are not enough dollars to go around. They listen to each other. They look for what they have in common. They model civility and compassion. They treat each other with respect and understanding. They strive for fairness and compromise. They want to help others. The Meramec Region is a better place because of their actions, and new leaders are entrusted to continue the tradition of working together for the betterment of all.

“It is not often that you find a group of individuals who are willing to do what is needed for the greater good, and that is what makes MRPC work,” the late Gary Brown wrote in his chairman’s message in the 2012 MRPC annual report.

Gary’s words still ring true. Our greatest successes are achieved when we focus on what we have in common and work together toward that end. The results are always far better than what we could achieve alone.
It’s a cold and lonely world out there for small rural communities. In a society where the majority rules, a small community is seldom the majority and can often be left behind. This is why the Meramec Regional Planning Commission is a real lifesaver for small, rural communities.

For these communities that do not have grant writers, large staffs or the resources to do the work themselves, MRPC comes in and levels the playing field. MRPC has used the theory that there is “strength in numbers” to champion the cause of our rural district for over 54 years. The vision of the local governments that started this partnership held that whatever benefits the region, benefits each community within the region. Those of us who continue their efforts take pride in upholding that tradition.

Our group is A-political in nature. Each one of us tries to leave our politics at the door, allowing us to be tolerant of each other and focus on the region without dividing between party lines. While this isn’t always possible and sometimes our politics come out in conversation, we have always treated each other with respect, even when we disagree, allowing us to have honest and open conversations with each other.

The eight counties and their cities that make up the Meramec Region speak with one voice on matters important to the citizens living here. We work to keep our priorities and needs in front of state and federal legislators and show them that what is beneficial to large cities is not necessarily what is of value to rural areas. Our region has its own unique needs.

Because of the effort put forth by board and staff, MRPC can leverage state and federal dollars that directly affect our region. Whether this is improving infrastructure, addressing public health concerns, emergency planning or promote regional tourism and agricultural efforts, the planning commission strives to improve the daily lives of all citizens. These projects help our cities and counties continue to flourish.

Without MRPC’s efforts, that would surely not be the case. This positive impact MRPC has across the region is a direct result of shared goals by the staff and board. MRPC’s staff of 31 is a remarkable group of people all working to make a direct impact on those they serve. The board and staff share a similar wish — to see our region flourish, grow, prosper, and continue to do so for many years to come.

MRPC board discussed state legislative priorities with legislators at its Jan. 12, 2023, meeting. Representatives Tara Peters, Bill Hardwick and Don Mayhew were in attendance.
Communities recognize that they are fundamentally stronger when they work together for a better future and to ensure shared interests are met for their region. Because of this understanding, local government officials requested, then Missouri Gov. Warren E. Hearnes to approve a regional planning commission in the Meramec area.

On Jan. 23, 1969, Gov. Hearnes established the Meramec Regional Planning Commission with the geographic boundaries that included the counties of Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps and Washington. Osage and Pulaski counties were added to the MRPC region, by executive order, in 1997 and 2005 respectively, under the 1965 State and Regional Planning and Community Development Act.

The signing of the proclamation creating MRPC was witnessed by Dent County Presiding Commissioner Judge J.E. Bergman, Salem Mayor Jack Masters, Washington County Presiding Judge Jesse Essmyer, Dent County Clerk Don Prewitt and Leon Camillo, who represented the mayor of Potosi on the board at the time.

The eight-county region is home to 196,419 people in 36 communities. The cities and counties constantly struggle to maintain the quality of life that sets the region apart from urban neighbors yet provide services that people expect.

For 54 years, MRPC has worked tirelessly to ensure that the communities are competitive with urban areas in the areas of government funding, environmental services, affordable housing and urban amenities that attract newcomers to the area.

The planning commission continues its efforts by working in areas to improve public health and promote agri-tourism, while continuing their efforts toward its primary mission. The task of improving the quality of life for the citizens of the Meramec Region remains ongoing, and MRPC continues to push ahead.

A board of 60 members, each of whom serve on one of three standing committees – operations, planning and external relations – sets the region’s goals and objectives. MRPC provides a place for community leaders to plan for future successes; to help residents achieve cleaner, healthier and safer communities, greater socio-economic and cultural wealth through community development and have a strong, unified voice in the legislative process.

The board meets the second Thursday of each month, except July.

A professional staff of 31 with a combined total of over 385 years of experience works with the communities to ensure they have the services they most require. MRPC continues to work to provide as many opportunities for the region as possible.
Growth Through Regional Partnerships

Creating partnerships across an eight-county region allows MRPC to unify the cities and counties to work together toward a common goal and provide resources that would otherwise be difficult to obtain. Because of this, MRPC is able to help maintain cleaner, healthier and safer communities; greater socio-economic and cultural wealth through community and economic development; and a stronger, unified voice in the legislative process.

MRPC works within communities to help improve the quality of life by convening people and developing partnerships throughout the region. By convening stakeholders, MRPC creates and updates a variety of plans to guide the future. These plans work as the blueprint to help guide MRPC’s other pursuits including grant writing and administration, floodplain management and transportation planning. Through partnerships, MRPC helps to coordinate efforts to encourage recycling and promote safe driving, as well as, provide other services such as small business loans and housing rental assistance to meet needs.

Working For Cleaner, Healthier and Safer Communities

MRPC strives to help promote cleaner, healthier and safer communities by providing administrative and project implementation services for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District (MLEPD), Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District (ORSWMD); Region I Homeland Security Oversight Committee (HSOC); and also provides hazard mitigation planning for meramec counties.

Hazard mitigation plans for Crawford, Dent, Osage and Washington counties were approved by SEMA and FEMA in FY 22-23. The hazard mitigation plan for Maries County is still in process. The plans include an assessment of natural hazards and establishes goals and action items to reduce the impact of these hazards in the future. The plans are completed by a collaborative effort of county and city leadership, first responders, school officials, other agencies and citizens. Counties must have a hazard mitigation plan in order to access certain hazard mitigation grant funds.

Maintaining safe and affordable housing is the key to quality of life. This fiscal year, the Phelps County Public Housing Agency, administered by MRPC, provided over $2.9 million in housing assistance to an average of 696 households each month, through the HUD Housing Choice Voucher program. Program participants choose their own homes.

MRPC staff, through inspection, ensure that it is safe and affordable and pays the landlord directly. Staff performed 1,163 housing inspections and 24 housing briefings for eligible applicants. Briefing sessions are a requirement for each participant to receive their voucher.

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The Phelps County Public Housing Agency staff members Kayla Wilson and Tammy Rigsby (left) conduct a housing briefing session in Potosi for those residents seeking assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher Program. A total of 24 briefing sessions were completed in FY 22-23. Over $2.9 million in assistance was provided to an average of 696 households across the six-county PHA region.
Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District (ORSWMD) contracts with MRPC to implement programs and administer grants with the goal of reducing waste landfilled by 40 percent in the region. This is accomplished through community grants, reuse and recycling programs, educational programs for district schools and media awareness.

Four special collections were held during fiscal year 2022-23 (Rolla, Dixon, Belle and St. Robert). A total of 38.69 tons of recyclable e-waste, appliances and tires were collected and diverted from landfills.

Additionally, the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District held four illegal dump clean-ups in the region, removing a total of 2.31 tons of tires, 346 pounds of recyclable material and 7.16 tons of trash from national forest land and county roads. The district also continued to monitor for illegal dumping through its surveillance cameras that are available to cities and counties within the district.

In partnership with Ozark Rivers, MRPC and the cities of Rolla and St. Robert provide the opportunity for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous wastes (HHW). Some 1,014 households were served.

This year, Ozark Rivers celebrated its 32nd annual Earth Day Poster/Trash Art contest with 573 entries from 14 schools and seven homeschool students. The theme was “Rescue Earth’s Resources.”

New this year, Ozark Rivers implemented the Trashasaurus Illegal Dump campaign, which utilizes an inflatable dinosaur mascot to highlight the problem of illegal dumps in the Meramec Region through a social media campaign. Staff filmed skits that highlighted the dangers and dangers of illegal dumping. Additionally, Trashasaurus was invited by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to attend the Missouri State Fair in August and showcase the work Ozark Rivers and MRPC staff have been doing with the marketing campaign.

Ozark Rivers also continued its membership with the Missouri Product Stewardship Council, which is focused on recycling paint and mattresses — two items that are difficult to recycle.

At the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District’s Annual Banquet in December 2022, the district was able to honor several wonderful volunteers, organizations and cities for their environmental stewardship efforts.

MRPC assists the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District with day-to-day operations and project implementation. With funding from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District awarded $224,061.57 in grant funds to further recycling, reuse and education efforts.

The 2023 projects include:
- MRPC—Rolla and St. Robert for Household Hazardous Waste Collections, $31,997.95;
- MRPC—Special Waste Collections (appliances, ewaste, tires), $33,663.88;
- MRPC—Community Outreach & Assistance Fund, $10,821.04;
- MRPC—Illegal Dump Survey and Cleanup, $45,064.99;
- MRPC—Education, Public Awareness & Business Outreach, $41,449.98;
- Dixon Area Caring Center Recycling Center, $24,080.84;
- City of Rolla Recycling Center - $16,063.20;
- Reducing Food Waste through Food Prep Course, Extension Service - $8,419.69; and
- Frontier Environmental Technology, LLC - $12,500.00

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Trashasaurus poses with the volunteers who worked the Brewer Science Special Waste Collection in June 2023. The Brewer Science collection diverted 36.93 tons of waste from the landfills.
MRPC serves as the fiscal agent and grantee for homeland security dollars for the six-county Region I area that includes Crawford, Dent, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Laclede counties. Planning efforts to keep the region prepared are ongoing with the Region I Homeland Security Oversight Committee (HSOC). Leadership for the HSOC this year was Ron Smith of Rolla City Fire and Rescue, as chairman, and Tabitha Stanfast of Salem Memorial District Hospital, as vice chairman.

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Meramec Local Emergency Planning District

To meet requirements by the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC), the Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee reorganized to become a stand-alone organization, independent of MRPC. The new organization is now called the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District and will continue to meet the Community Right-to-Know requirements for hazardous materials emergency planning. Membership and leadership remain the same.

MLEPD serves local governments in Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Osage, Phelps and Washington counties and contracts with MRPC to maintain a federally required plan to deal with hazardous material emergencies in the region. The district coordinates and offers training opportunities for emergency responders in the region.

With approximately 13,000 miles of roadway, as well as pipelines and rail, it is important to understand what is being transported through our region. The MLEPD held a hazardous materials tabletop exercise in St. James in June 2023. These trainings help first responders work through and plan their responses in the event of a hazardous materials accident in their jurisdiction. There are 344.7 miles of pipeline carrying primarily hazard Class 2 and Class 3 commodities and 267 miles of railway in the region.

Kraig Bone of Washington County is chairman of MLEPD, while Jeff Breen of Phelps County serves as vice chair and Wendy Squires of Phelps County serves as secretary/treasurer. The group meets quarterly.

Region I Homeland Security Oversight Committee

The committee continues to make tough funding decisions to ensure first responders in Region I have the necessary tools to deal with natural and man-made emergencies. Grants totaling $101,105.25

The committee voted to fund:

- MRPC for Region I Work Plan, $25,000;
- Region I M & A, $3,805.26;
- Rolla Command Post Communications, $18,430.00;
- Rolla “All Hazard” Response Team, $43,249.00;
- Waynesville Rural Fire Protection District, $5,377.82; and
- Pulaski County Emergency Management Agency, $5,243.17.

Additionally, Region I Homeland Security Oversight Committee completed the THIRA, a planning process that identifies threats and hazards of various scenarios that could happen in the region.

The group meets quarterly at Meramec Regional Planning Commission.
MRPC works within the eight-county region to plan for a better future. The planning department works in the areas of transportation planning, economic development planning, strategic planning and community health planning. Current and completed projects include coordinating the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC); prioritizing transportation needs; updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); working with the cities of Salem, Potosi, Belle, Rosebud and Bland with Active Transportation Plans; coordinating Naturally Meramec activities; developing housing assessments for residential structures located in the floodplain within Hermann, Chamois, Waynesville, Steelville and Newburg; using an EDA CARES Act grant to discuss broadband planning in each of the eight counties and update the CEDS to include more resiliency planning; and coordinating the MRPC Rural Opioid Initiatives.

All projects start with planning. Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Area Engineer Preston Kramer, MRPC Executive Director Bonnie Prigge and MRPC Planning Manager Anne Freand met with all eight counties in the fall of 2022 to discuss transportation needs on the state system for this planning effort of the region’s nearly 13,000 mostly rural, state roadways. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed the updated regional needs and prioritized them in December 2022. The TAC also worked on prioritizing the Tier 1, 2 and 3 high-priority unfunded needs on the state system. Additionally the committee prioritized Off-System Bridges (BRO) and the applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The committee also completed a road safety audit for Hwy. Y and Holtsman Road in Pulaski County. With MRPC’s concurrence, those recommendations were shared with MoDOT for consideration for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). A new STIP for 2024-28 was adopted in July 2023, which brings new road and bridge projects to the region.

MRPC staff also continued to work to keep drivers and passengers safe on regional roadways through MRPC’s partnership with the Central District Coalition for Roadway Safety. Through safety days and back-to-school fairs, MRPC discouraged distracted driving, texting while driving and encouraged the use of seat belts.

Additionally, MRPC provides hands-on docudrama training to schools and emergency responders interested in doing docudramas. Staff also uses Buckle Buddy, a booster safety-seat promoter, to teach pre-kindergarten through second grade students how to ride safely in cars, and utilizes Buddy to promote bicycle safety in addition to our bicycle/pedestrian safety program for Kindergarten through college age students.

In total, MRPC participated in 16 safety and back-to-school fairs, distributing information to individuals, presented seven Buckle Buddy programs, 20 bicycle/pedestrian programs and nine docudramas in FY22-23.

MRPC received $130,000 grant from the Missouri Humanities Council to complete a feasibility study for the possibility of a National Museum of Indian Removal in St. James.

In order to complete this, MRPC contracted with PGAV Destinations, a consulting firm out of St. Louis, and brought together a group of community stakeholders and Native American Representatives to outline what a museum of this type would look like. The study showed that a museum highlighting native stories is feasible in the St. James area.
The Meramec Regional Community Foundation (MRCF) saw tremendous growth in its charitable giving funds this year. Over the last decade, the fund has grown to more than $4.5 million in funds with interest earned to be used throughout the region for scholarships and grants.

MRCF is an outgrowth of MRPC and is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO). The foundation is committed to developing a legacy for the Meramec Region. Its mission is to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations in the Meramec Region by establishing community foundations and perpetual, sustainable funds.

As of July 2023, MRCF has 51 funds valued at over $4.3 million. Of the 51 funds, 21 funds provided 33 scholarships to graduating seniors in the Meramec Region—totaling $66,850.

MRCF had two new funds established this year by The Phelps County Community Foundation and the Phelps County Extension. This year, MRCF awarded three community grants in the amounts of $500 each, totaling $1,500, with a goal of enhancing and building stronger communities in the region to the Pulaski County Salvation for its Helping Hands for Those in Need, Hope Alliance of Missouri for its Backpack Program Direct Cost Support and Belle Community Betterment Association for its Welcome to Belle Sign and Landscape Project.

MRCF’s grant cycle opens in October each year and awards grants in March. Jared Niederer of Owensville serves as MRCF’s president.

Meramec Regional Development Corporation (MRDC) is a certified small business development company, providing SBA 504 loans to area businesses and also serves as the loan review board for Revolving Loan Funds (RLF), owned by MRPC and loans made through the Intermediary Re-lending Program (IRP).

The availability of capital is critical to a growing business, and MRPC and MRDC have seen increased interest in business development in FY 22-23. Two new loans were added to the MRPC portfolio totaling $268,375 through the RLF Program. One loan for $78,000 was for an existing business located in Cuba/Crawford County and will retain six jobs. Another loan for $130,375 was for an existing business located in Dixon/Pulaski County and will create and retain 20 jobs. MRDC closed two SBA 504 loans for $1,017 million through the program. One loan for $625,000 for an existing business expansion located in Webb City, Jasper County. The project will create/retain 50 jobs. Another loan for $345,000 was for a new business located in Rolla/Phelps County. The project will create six jobs. All loans providing gap financing, are usually made in partnership with local banks and offer long-term, fixed rates. Staff also serviced a portfolio of 20 RLF loans, 18 SBA 504 loans and one IRP loan.

The combined portfolio totaled more than $22 million, leveraged over $58.8 million in bank and private investments and created and/or retained approximately 2,576 jobs. Staff continues to package SBA 7 loans for banks and provide loan and business development education for businesses and bankers.

Gary Hicks of Phelps County serves as board president.

MRDC committee members meet March 8, 2023.
Project Development, Grant Writing and Project Implementation

Project development at MRPC means helping a local government or nonprofit take a need and find a solution or take an idea and turn it into a project. This is accomplished largely through planning and project development, grant-writing and grant administration.

MRPC staff offer local governments and non-profits a wealth of grant writing experience, expertise and success. Grants are typically used for community improvements, such as water and sewer systems, bridges, fire stations, senior centers and sidewalks as well as drainage improvements and housing demolition. A grant application can be complicated and time consuming. Grant writing is one of the many services MRPC offers member communities as part of their membership at a reduced rate.

This year, MRPC’s community development grant writing staff prepared 15 grant applications that were funded. These grants will bring over $1.9 million to the region and state. An additional 13 were funded from the previous fiscal year bringing in an additional $5.2 million. Staff wrote and submitted an additional 44 grant proposals in FY 2022-23. Of those, another $916,711 were funded since July 1, 2023, the start of MRPC’s new fiscal year. These projects include law enforcement hiring, economic development, park system improvements and more.

MRPC’s ‘bread and butter’ is grant administration, whereby staff ensures that the grantee meets grant requirements in order to receive future grant funds.

In fiscal year 2022-23, MRPC’s project development department closed seven grants and continued to administer 16 projects. Some grant projects administered in fiscal year 2022-23 included: Bland water improvements (CDBG/USDA), Steelville community center (CDBG), Gasconade Co. PWS#1 Sewer (CDBG), Potosi/Washington County IDA for industrial park improvements (CDBG), Salem/Salem R-80 Workforce Training Facility (CDBG), Newburg streets (CDBG) Chamois Water (CDBG), Washington County Bridge (DRA), Mineral Point Bridge (DRA) and Bonne Terre senior housing renovations (FHLB-DM).

Additionally, MRPC staff helped administer American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds for all eight counties and 13 cities in an amount just over $42 million.

Continuation of the implementation of the Meramec Region Rural Opioid Initiatives — two consortiums funded by the Department of Justice’s Opioid Affected Youth Initiative (OAYI) and the Health Resources and Service Administration — saw a variety of work to combat the growing problem of opioid use disorder through education, awareness and prevention strategies within MRPC’s eight-county region. The OAYI project was closed out in September 2023.

In fiscal year 2022-23, MRPC staff offered Seeking Safety classes inside Meramec Region jails, local high schools and the Phelps County Drug Court. Seeking Safety is an evidence-based curriculum, that helps clients be safe from trauma, including, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Substance Use Disorder, by emphasizing coping skills, grounding techniques and education. As of August 2023, 628 individuals have graduated through the Seeking Safety program.

The scope of the work across the opioid initiatives includes consortium meetings, a presence in the jails and 25th judicial
The Opioid Affected Youth Initiative convened a youth consortium that completed a SWOT analysis of the region. The SWOT brought to light the issues students found the most pressing and led to ideas being presented to legislators at Recovery Day at the state capitol.

This year, the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative brought together a consortium of at-risk youth to complete a SWOT analysis. The students were able to talk about their perception of the problems facing kids in the schools throughout our region and also potential solutions they deemed beneficial.

After the SWOT analysis, MRPC created a one-page informational flier and the youth consortium took that information along with their concerns and ideas to meetings with state legislators during Recovery Day in March 2023 at the Capitol in Jefferson City. Recovery Day provided the youth participating with the opportunity to allow their voice to be heard by those setting state policy.

MRPC has subcontracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to deliver a “Too Good For Drugs” program in the schools to 3,268 students and with Dr. Sean Siebert, Invent Yourself, LLC., to deliver Rehabilitation Through Innovation program in the jails to 189 residents.

The Opioid Affected Youth Initiative also put together backpacks for low-income students through the area head starts. The backpacks included essential items such as blankets, gloves, hats, hairbrushes, toiletries, underwear, socks and more. Some 633 backpacks were distributed in FY 22-23.

Additionally, MRPC continued administering Naturally Meramec, a consortium of agri-tourism businesses, by working...
MRPC secures over $6.2 million in grants

In 2022-23, MRPC’s grant writers secured 15 successful grants, totaling $6,241,670.94. Approved grants included:

- City of Owensville for Construction of Rock Island Trail - $479,787.20 (Transportation Alternatives Program, TAP)
- Phelps County for replacement of bridge over Dry Fork Creek - $365,847 (Bridge Replacement Offsystem, BRO)
- City of Owensville for relocation of intersection of Industrial Drive and Springfield Road - $313,027 (Governor’s Cost Share Program)
- City of Potosi for replacement of siren system - $139,733 (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)
- St. Robert Fire and Rescue for new turnout gear - $19,948.62 (ARP A Fire Protection Grant)
- MRPC for Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Outreach Program - $150,000 (Federal Communications Commission)
- City of Rolla for 8 SCBAs and 17 full turnout gear - $495,212.00 (ARPA Community Revitalization)
- MCEC for ACP Outreach Program - $25,000 (ARP A Digital Demonstrations Projects)
- Dierberg Educational Foundation for new distillery campus to draw tourism to the area - $2,148,557 (ARP A Local Tourism Asset Development Program)
- City of Meta for improvements to storm drainage - $381,377 (CDBG)
- City of Irondale for renovations to existing community building - $611,580 (CDBG)
- MRPC for Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Outreach Program - $150,000 (Federal Communications Commission)
- City of Potosi to replace Breton Creek Bridge on South Mine Street - $525,000 (CDBG)
- Phelps County to renovate site for Phelps Connections for Seniors - $525,000 (CDBG)
- MRPC for docudrama planning assistance - $24,400 (Highway Safety Program)
- MRPC for bicycle/pedestrian safety program - $37,202.12 (Highway Safety Program)
- Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone for Work Keys testing in Maries, Gasconade and Osage county schools - $14,276 (Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development)

Naturally Meramec held a Taste of Phelps County event that brought Agri-tourism vendors together from all over the eight-county Meramec Region. Cool Cow Cheese of Gasconade County attended the event and is a member of the Naturally Meramec consortium.

with businesses throughout the region to foster partnerships and promote events and the businesses in the Meramec Region through its website, www.naturallymeramec.org and its Facebook page.

In FY 22-23, Naturally Meramec held Taste of County events in Phelps and Washington counties. Naturally Meramec also completed the Pumpkin Patch and Fall trails for the website and received a new grant to support agri-tourism in the four-county Delta Regional Authority area.

The group is also working on creating a food hub in the region where local producers can sell large quantities by working with distributors in the region to transport their products to local restaurants, markets and other retailers in the region.

The consortium meets the last Tuesday of the month at the St. James office, but has started moving the meetings around the region this year to highlight different Naturally Meramec members.

Beginning at the end of FY 22-23 and continuing through FY 23-24, MRPC began administering an outreach program for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). ACP works to provide an internet discount for eligible low-income individuals of up to $30 a month off with participating providers. Additionally, the program can provide a one-time $100 subsidy on a new device for the household.

In order to make residents in the Meramec Region aware of this opportunity, MRPC received a $25,000 six-month grant from the Missouri Department of Economic Development that ended Aug. 31, 2023 and a $150,000 two-year grant from the Federal Communications Commission. Efforts are already under the way with information distribution at health fairs, commodity days, back to school events, brochure racks placed at public access points throughout the region and presentations with regional partners as well as a targeted social media campaign.

MRPC, also, provides floodplain management services for Crawford County, Maries County, Phelps County and the cities of Meta and Salem. Staff provides floodplain information through brochures and press releases; technical assistance to the local governments on floodplain requirements and review of floodplain development permits.

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Cities and counties in the Meramec Region have many commonalities, and what effects one, will most likely impact the majority. That is especially true of legislation. MRPC helps communities keep track of and be aware of proposed legislation so they can determine the impact on their jurisdictions.

It is critical that a town of 200 people has the same voice as a city of 200,000. In order to keep track of so much, MRPC’s External Relations committee monitors legislation throughout the year and keeps the membership apprised through various legislative updates from a variety of sources. MRPC also serves as an advocate for its local governments, 36 cities and more than 190,000 residents.

MRPC has an excellent rapport with its three state senators, 10 state representatives, two U.S. senators and three U.S. representatives that serve various parts of the region. In any given legislative session, MRPC provides ideas and makes input to ensure the rural perspective is considered.

Each year, the MRPC board develops state and federal priority reports. State legislators were invited to discuss issues with the MRPC board and staff members at the January 2023 meeting, and the Meramec congressional delegation was invited to the February 2023 MRPC meeting to discuss federal issues.

In January 2023, the MRPC board members and staff traveled to Jefferson City to visit with legislators and present them with MRPC’s state priorities report. In March, MRPC Chairman Steve Vogt and MRPC Executive Director Bonnie Prigge, Planning Manager Anne Freand and Marketing Communications Manager Caitlin Jones attended the National Association of Developmental Organizations (NADO) Washington Policy conference in D.C., where they visited in-person with the region’s congressional leadership and presented them with the Federal Priorities Report with priorities set forth by the board.

Utilizing a conference space at the state capitol this year, MRPC was able to bring together Representatives Ron Copeland, Bruce Sassmann and Mike McGirl to discuss the legislative priorities. The group offered words of encouragement to the MRPC board and staff on the construction of the Rock Island Trail and talked about the appropriations process.

Staff and board members met with Senators Justin Brown (center left back), Ben Brown (center right back) and Elaine Gannon (center front) to discuss state legislative priorities. The Meramec Region’s three state senators were receptive and offered insight into the listed that was prioritized by the MRPC board.

Board Chairman Steve Vogt and Executive Director Bonnie Prigge met with staff from Senator Eric Schmitt’s office during the 2023 NADO Policy Conference in Washington D.C.

MRPC Executive Director Bonnie Prigge (left) and Executive Directors Corinne Watts from Green Hills Regional Planning Commission and Jim Grebing of Bootheel Regional Planning Commission (right) speak with Madelyn Derks with Representative Mark Alford’s office about the Federal Priorities as prioritized by the MRPC board.
# Preliminary Revenue & Expenditure Report

For the year ending June 30, 2023

## Revenue Summary

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**Total Agency Revenues Over Expenses**  
($8,097)
The Phelps County Public Housing Agency provided $2.9 million in housing assistance to an average of 696 low-income households per month in the Meramec Region through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher Program. The PHA performed 1,163-unit inspections for the rental assistance programs and conducted 24 group housing briefing sessions at MRPC.

Housing briefings held monthly in St. James and Potosi for qualified, eligible housing applicants for voucher issuance.

The Housing Advisory Board met on Sept. 8 and Nov. 10, 2022, and Feb. 9, April 13, and June 8, 2023.

Staff participated in the Missouri Association of Regional PHAs (MARPHA) meetings held on Oct. 6, 2022, at Bennett Springs State Park and on April 13, 2023, in Osage Beach, MO.

Submitted and was awarded a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) grant in the amount of $65,941.

Provided regular housing and family self-sufficiency updates at the Community Awareness and Resource Exchange (CARE) meetings, the Washington County Community Partnership meetings, the Phelps County Community Conversation Coalition meetings, and Crawford County Community Resource Coalition meetings.

Provided Housing Choice Voucher participants with Affordable Connectivity Program resources to apply for assistance with broadband service and device discount. Assisted households with the application process as needed.

Provided county specific resource guides to participants addressing substance/opioid prevention and abuse.

Attended the National Regional Transportation Conference in Kansas City. Planning Manager Anne Freand facilitated a session on road safety audits.

Attended the Sustainable Ozarks Partnership meetings and continued to serve on the board.

Participated in a meeting with Shad Burner, DED, and other RPCs in the DRA region to review DRA grant submissions.

MRPC Executive Director Bonnie Prigge was elected secretary/treasurer of the Missouri Association of Councils of Government.

Attended the September Rolla Regional Economic Commission meeting for Roadway Safety Committee.

Served on and participated in the Statewide Coalition for Roadway Safety Committee.

Served on and participated in monthly Central District Coalition for Roadway Safety Committee meetings.

Served as administrator for the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone (GVEZ) that coordinates the Enhanced Enterprise Zones in Maries, Gasconade and Osage counties, and assisted with fundraising. Coordinated four meetings.

Prepared Work Keys testing grants for Gasconade, Maries and Osage counties, which were funded. Coordinated with schools in Belle, Vienna, Owensville, Hermann, Linn and Chamois to conduct testing and provided proctors from East Central College.

Applied for and received the Office of Administration State Aid to Regional Planning Commissions grant.

Continued to offer associate memberships to businesses and organizations in the region. As of June 30, 2023, 13 businesses and organizations held associate memberships.

Provided a forum for local review for federal funded programs and projects in the region through the State Clearinghouse Review process.


Responded to numerous requests for information via MRPC’s website and social media.

Prepared 54 press releases for media in the region, keeping them informed about the projects and activities of MRPC and its member governments.

Planned and coordinated 10 MRPC board meetings.

Coordinated a MRPC board member orientation on March 24.
2023, with 12 board members participating.

- Coordinated a presentation by Bonnie Prigge, MRPC, on MRPC’s opioid initiatives to bring those with substance use disorder back into the workforce for the August 2022 MRPC meeting.
- Coordinated a presentation by Tammy Alsop, Sikich LLC, on MRPC’s audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, for the November MRPC meeting.
- Coordinated a presentation by Brian Pelcak, PGAV Destinations, who presented the recommendations from a feasibility study conducted on the creation of a national museum on Indian Removal for the December 2022 MRPC meeting.
- Invited the Meramec Region’s state legislators to MRPC’s January 2023 board meeting for an idea exchange. Three legislators participated.
- Invited the Meramec Region’s federal congressional leadership to MRPC’s February 2023 board meeting for an idea exchange. Staff from four of the region’s congressional offices participated.
- Coordinated a presentation by Nadja Karpilow, Mid-America Regional Council in Kansas City, MO, on the mission and goals of the Missouri Product Stewardship Council for the March 2023 MRPC meeting.
- Coordinated a presentation by Steve Tripi, Sikich LLC, on MRPC’s audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.
- Coordinated a presentation by Bonnie Prigge, MRPC, on the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) for the April 2023 MRPC meeting.
- Coordinated a presentation by Maria Bancroft, MRPC, on the Meramec Regional Development Corporation’s (MRDC) loan programs, Small Business Administration’s 504 program and Economic Development Administrations’ Revolving Loan Fund.
- Distributed ‘Buckle Up, Phone Down’ signs to local governments and schools.
- Reviewed MRPC and MRB bylaws.
- Conducted a survey of all board members and associate members on state legislative issues and followed up with a survey to prioritize those issues. Presented results to External Relations committee and full board. Used results to develop State Legislative Priorities of the Meramec Region report that was presented to state legislators in January 2023 in Jefferson City.
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- Provided Christmas food and gifts for two families in need, adopted a veteran at the St. James Veteran Home, made a basket raffle donation to Washington County, made a family game night basket for Osage Caring Projects, and donated cash and pet supplies to Phelps County Animal Rescue and Cuba Animal Shelter.
- Posted available buildings and sites in the region on the Missouri LocationOne website.
- Continued providing technical assistance to eight counties and 21 cities in handling their ARPA funds.
- Coordinated four docudramas in the region.
- Provided an Ozark Rivers SWMD grant writing workshop on July 27, 2022, for 2023 grant applicants.
- Maintained and promoted a disposal and recycling database with a search function by zip code for the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District (Ozark Rivers SWMD) website.
- Provided information on MRPC’s special collections, household hazardous waste collections and promoted trash/illegal dump prevention strategies.
- Provided consultations during the 2023 Ozark Rivers SWMD grant call to inquiring applicants and provided extensive technical assistance to new applicants.
- Provided announcements to cities, school districts and art teachers for the 2023 Earth Day Poster and Trash Art Contest, “Rescue Earth’s Resources: Become a First Responder for the Planet!”
- Provided notices and resources for MDNR’s scrap tire surface and playground grant to all cities and counties in the district.
- Coordinated Ozark Rivers SWMD 2023 grant round with the Ozark Rivers grant review committee and executive board.
- Facilitated the Ozark Rivers SWMD annual awards program including soliciting nominations, procuring recycled content...
• Facilitated a $7,746 Ozark Rivers grant request from Curators.
• Participated in the LEPD-101 training provided by the Missouri
• Completed the THIRA update for the Region I HSOC and
• Completed the annual update of the regional Hazardous Emer-
• Coordinated the annual MRPC Day at the Capitol by setting up
• Compiled educational activities for the 2023 Earth Day theme,
• Promoted proper disposal of pharmaceuticals through social
• Completed and submitted the annual HMEP training grant
• Completed and submitted the annual report and Tier II CEPF
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• Developed a COVID Economic Impact Report for the region.
• Met with the executive director of the Missouri Emergency
• Developed and provided a list of district waste haulers to all city
• Worked with Ozark Rivers SWMD to pass and submit a Paint
• Hosted a tour of the Rolla Recycling Center for Ozarks SWMD
• Facilitated two newspaper articles with recommendations on
• Provided formal and non-formal educators with curriculum/
• Encouraged community composting and awareness through
• Collected 52.18 tons of tires, electronics and appliances during
• Participated in three Missouri Emergency Response Commis-
• Developed a Hazardous Material Training Survey for the
• Completed a required assessment inventory for the Ozark River
• Assisted Opioid Program with scheduling a room and appoint-
• Presnted 10 2023 grant applications to the Ozark Rivers grant
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• Obtained 12 sponsorships for the ORSWMD’s 32nd Annual
• Collected 12 sponsorships for the ORSWMD’s 32nd Annual
• Met with the executive director of the Missouri Emergency
• Completed a Hazardous Material Training Survey for the Meramec
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• Promoted and facilitated the collection of vape products
• Promoted collection of holiday lights for recycling through
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• Processed nine awarded grant applications totaling $223,388.
• Received five 2023 district-wide grants from Ozark Rivers
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booms and pads to fire departments in the MLEPD service area and $24,000 in equipment for the Regional Homeland Security Response Team.

- Distributed 2023 Ozark Rivers SWMD grant application information to all city and county governments and provided technical assistance to those inquiring about the Ozark Rivers SWMD grant application process.
- Provided technical assistance for 29 open grant projects during 2022/2023.
- Educated the general public on the importance of attending special collections for recycling electronics, appliances and tires through events scheduled in Dixon, St. Robert, Salem and Rolla.
- Administered an Ozark Rivers grant awarded for special waste collections held throughout the district.
- Completed and submitted grant applications for ORSWMD Operations and Plan Implementation projects to MDNR.
- Advertised Community Right-to-Know information region-wide on behalf of MLEPD.
- Collected and organized Tier II reports for the region.
- Coordinated the annual state legislative priorities survey process.
- Coordinated the annual federal legislative priorities survey process.
- Developed the annual state legislative priorities report.
- Developed the annual federal legislative priorities report.
- Implemented MRPC’s residential household hazardous waste (HHW) collection grant and provided technical assistance to staff at the St. Robert and Rolla HHW sites. This free service benefited 981 households in the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District.
- Submitted annual progress report to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for a three-year grant in January 2023.
- Submitted annual GRPA report to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the CARES Act Planning grant in March 2023.
- Submitted bi-annual progress reports to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the CARES Act Planning grant in October 2022 and April 2023.
- Attended Active Living Community of Practice (ACLP) grant training in Jefferson City on Oct. 24, 2022, related to the communities of Belle, Rosebud, and Bland along the Rock Island Trail.
- Continued to work with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to gather local input on transportation needs and issues and provide staff support to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), an advisory group serving as liaison between local citizens and MRPC, including the coordination of five meetings.
- Maintained a multi-modal transportation stakeholder’s email list.
- Maintained a traffic counter trailer, which may be used by member communities and organizations.
- Worked with Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) on Tier 1, 2, and 3 High Priority Unfunded Needs (HPUN) for road and bridge and multimodal improvements on the state system.
- Worked with Meramec Region Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) on Tier BRO Off-System Bridges and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant applications in the Meramec region.
- Completed six MoDOT bi-monthly reports for activities and invoicing.
- Completed update of the Public Transit Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan by February 2023.
- Completed a Floodplain Housing Study, funded by CDBG, for the communities of Chamois, Hermann, Waynesville, Steelville and Newburg.
- Completed a resilience update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in June 2023.
- Participated in a MACOG statewide meeting of RPC staff involved in HSOC activities.
- Coordinated the Naturally Meramec Consortium with working with agriculture, tourism, and culinary businesses across the region. Facilitated monthly meetings, hosted training events, visited businesses, gathered data, set up day-trip trials and marketed the businesses through the Naturally Meramec website and Facebook page, all in an effort to expand markets for producers and encourage agritourism opportunities.
- Maintained Naturally Meramec website, including update of Places page, email addresses, Events and any necessary additions/deletions of businesses.
- Posted events on the Naturally Meramec website and Facebook page.
- Completed the following trail updates for placement on the Naturally Meramec website: Pumpkin Patch Trail and Fall Trails.
- Submitted the final annual report for the Farmers Market Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP) to USDA in December 2022.
- Met with eight counties within the Meramec region to discuss unfunded transportation needs.
- Held Region 1 HSOC quarterly meeting with regional partners in July and October 2022 and January and April 2023.
- Coordinated and administered Region 1 HSOC grant program, which benefited Region 1. Four FY 22-23 grants totaling $75,985.11 were awarded in July 2022. Completed and submitted Region 1 HSOC progress reports to Office of Homeland Security in December and July. Represented Region 1 HSOC at State HSOC Chair meetings and at State Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) meetings on a quarterly basis.
- Coordinated a Region 1 RHSOC grant in the amount of $25,000 for the Meramec Regional Planning Commission’s Region 1 Work Plan.
- Accepted Applications for RHSOC grants, coordinated review and managed awards for the following: Pulaski County E911,
• Worked with Invent Yourself, LLC on a youth awareness event
• Coordinated a Region I RHSOC grant in the amount of $12,000 for the Meramec Regional Planning Commission’s planning and training activities.
• Coordinated a Region I RHSOC grant in the amount of $3,999.21 for the Meramec Regional Planning Commission’s Region I M & A.
• Updated the inventory list for SEMA Region I’s Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC).
• Submitted and updated HSOC Region I THIRA in October 2022.
• Submitted Region I HSOC bi-annual reports to the Office of Homeland Security/Department of Public Safety in July and January.
• Updated the inventory list for SEMA Region I’s Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC).
• Participated in monthly Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) meetings with grant administrators between July 2022 and June 2023.
• Held Meramec Region Recovery Alliance Consortium meetings on July 29 and Nov. 2, 2022, and Jan. 18 and April 26, 2023.
• Submitted April 2022 through September 2022 Bi-annual Progress Report in November 2022 and October 2022 through March 2023 Bi-annual Progress Report in April 2023 to the Health Resources and Services Administration, Rural Communities Opioid Response Program.
• Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC (Meramec Region’s HRSA sub-grantee) to provide a regionwide Community Conversation in July 2022 providing an open forum for discussing the opioid epidemic with providers, law enforcement and jail administration in the region.
• Hosted a Black Balloon Day event in March 2023, a remembrance of all those lost to an opioid overdose.
• Assisted with and participated in planning conversations with IIR for the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative (OAYI) Shindig on July 26, 2022.
• Received $124,645 two-year grant from the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) to provide commercial composting training, GAP certifications, Naturally Meramec Consortium support and day trips in October 2023.
• Co-chaired quarterly MACOG Transportation Planners’ meetings in September and December 2022.
• Participated in virtual Missouri Complete Streets Advisory Committee meetings.
• Contacted Law Enforcement Agencies in the Meramec Region to discuss data collection on July 29, 2022.
• Worked with Invent Yourself, LLC on a youth awareness event in August 2022.
• Participated in Rural Communities Opioid Response Program—Implementation (RCORP) data collaborative Zoom calls in July and August 2022.
• Hosted a Youth SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) subcommittee meeting on Feb. 17, 2023, with members of the community and youth to determine action plans for future opioid education, diversion methods and prevention. A follow-up meeting was held with Rep. Tara Peters on April 7, 2023.
• Provided the OAYI technical team with information to discuss Seeking Safety tips with other grantees in April 2023.
• Participated in virtual broadband information sessions with the Missouri Department of Economic Development’s Office of Broadband in October and December 2022 and February, April and June 2023.
• Completed an After-Action Report for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) pandemic update.
• Hosted bi-weekly broadband digital inclusion and FCC map challenge virtual meetings with regional stakeholders on Dec. 5 and Dec. 19, 2022, and Jan. 11, 2023.
• Sent grant alerts on: Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District (ORSWMD) grant program, ARPA Broadband Infrastructure grant program, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Bus Grant Program, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) 2022 Governor’s Transportation Cost Share Program, Missouri Department of Public Safety’s Enhancing Community Preparedness and Resilience (ECPR) and Enhancing Cybersecurity Local Preparedness (ECSLP) grants, Coover Foundation’s Celebration of Public Spaces grant, Missouri Department of Economic Development (MO-DED) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Small Business Grants and Community Revitalization Grants, Missouri S&T’s Educational Class: Legal Planning for Small Businesses, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Missouri Crunch-Off/Promoting Specialty Crops in Missouri Schools Grant Program, Missouri Department of Economic Development’s ARPA Local Tourism Asset Development Grant program, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and AAA Missouri Buckle Up Phone Down High School Showdown Grant program, Missouri Farmer Association (MFA) Volunteer Fire Grant, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP), Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program, Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Missouri Department of Natural Resources’ 2022 Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grant program, Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks 2023 Recreation Trails Program (RTP), Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Humanities Council Major Grant Program, Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) Tax Credits, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic 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• Provided the Missouri Recycling Association with technical support on review of waste reduction displays for public outreach and education.
• Provided consultations upon request through the Environmental Education Association (MEEA) as a board member and Missouri Green Schools committee member.
• Contacted all of the solid waste districts in the state to compile a list of Green Holiday Tips to share statewide with planners.
• Provided a presentation on legislative outreach and advocacy for solid waste planners statewide.
• Completed the THIRA update for the Region I HSOC and submitted it to the Office of Homeland Security. (Laclede County)
• Provided information on the low water bridge study and prioritization that was completed in 2015 to the Meramec Low Water Crossing Partner group.

OUTSIDE THE MERAMEC REGION

• Attended the Multi-State Hazardous Materials Response Conference in Independence, MO on behalf of the MLEPD.
• Coordinated and assisted with a Grim Reaper docudrama presentation to Summersville High School on Oct. 26, 2022.
• Coordinated and assisted with a Mock Crash docudrama at Mountain View High School on March 30, 2023.
• Coordinated and assisted with a Grim Reaper docudrama at Buffalo High School on March 30, 2023.
• Coordinated and assisted with a Mock Crash at Palmyra High School on April 4, 2023.
• Coordinated and assisted with a Mock Crash at New Madrid High School on April 13, 2023.
• Served as chairperson of the MACOG transportation subcommittee; coordinated meetings; updated work plan criteria; coordinated self-evaluation process for RPCs/COGs and gathered 2023/2024 workplans on behalf of MACOG.
• Provided MACOG transportation planners information on road safety audits.
• Co-chaired quarterly MACOG Transportation Planners’ meetings in September and December 2022 and June 2023.
• Participated in the MACOG Professional Development Retreat in Warsaw, MO.
• Facilitated a nomination for the Missouri Recycling Association’s “Leadership in Waste Reduction, Reuse, and Recycle” award nomination for Veolia North America’s recycling of wind turbine blades.
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Youth from the Meramec Region traveled to the state capitol on March 8, 2023, and met with state legislators to discuss substance-use-disorder and opioid-use-disorder. The group brought with them the results of a SWOT analysis they had completed.
• Attended a meeting of the Laclede County Emergency Planning Committee and answered questions regarding joining the MLEPD.

• Attended Missouri Recycling Associate board meetings, chaired the education committee and assisted with social media.

• Coordinated a Zoom meeting on Jan. 10, 2023, for planners to discuss the judgment on a lawsuit won by District L against MDNR that will impact all solid waste districts.

• Developed agendas, coordinated speakers and facilitated five statewide solid waste planners meetings.

• Provided networking distributions for Region P’s upcoming workshops.

• Provided five reports on solid waste planners meetings to the statewide Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) in Jefferson City, MO.

• Surveyed solid waste planners statewide on research and development grants.

• Coordinated the third annual, statewide, virtual Earth Day Stewardship Showcase to raise awareness of the ways Missourians are responding to a call for waste reduction. This year’s theme was Rescue Earth’s Resources – Be a First Responder for the Plant!

• Shared the state of Missouri record retention minimum standards with Boonslick RPC including corresponding MO revised state statute.

• Shared best practices with Boonslick RPC regarding GMS accounts receivable module and how to record write-off of overstated revenues.

• Shared MRPC’s fiscal policies, internal controls over processes, collections process, credit card policy, procurement policy and associated forms with MOKAN RPC.

• Shared MRPC’s auditor Information with Southwest MO Council of Governments.

• Coordinated agenda & facilitated the September 2022 MACOG fiscal officer meeting.

• Provided assistance to Mid-MO RPC regarding ERISA requirements for defined retirement and fully or partially funded health plans.

• Shared MRPC’s health, ancillary, property and casualty insurance information with the Regional Transportation Organization and shared BPJ Insurance contact information.

• Provided SBA 504 and 7a loan program information to an individual in Gerald, MO, looking to sell business to an employee.

• Provided SBA 504 underwriting information to a real estate company outside of the Meramec region for a self-storage business.

• Provided EIDIL information to a local banker in Ava, MO.

• Provided SBA 7a loan program information to a bank in Jefferson City, MO.

• Provided SBA 504 and EDA RLF loan program information and financing structure for an individual looking to purchase a Farm Supply business in Jefferson City, MO.

• Provided SBA 504 loan program eligibility information to an individual looking to purchase an existing salon/boutique in Mountain Grove, MO.

• Provided SBA 504 loan program information to an individual in Branson, MO, looking to purchase an existing hotel business.

• Provided SBA 7a loan eligibility information to an individual to purchase an existing business in Perryville.

• Provided information on injection and seller/standby carryback.

• Provided SBA deed of trust release instructions, possible SBA 504 financing option and MidMO RPC’s contact information for potential EDA RLF loan to an existing borrower for a business expansion in Fulton, MO.

• Participated in MoDOT’s statewide planning partners annual meeting in February 2023 in Jefferson City.

• Provided assistance to Northeast MO RPC on new MoDOT invoice.

• Provided assistance to South Central Council of Governments with the OMB standard form for financial reporting to EDA.

• Provided assistance to Kaysinger Basin RPC’s executive director regarding cash flow improvement, program expansion, financial information, billable services, membership dues, etc.

• Shared MRPC’s most recent salary comparison results from 2018 with Ozark Foothills RPC.

• Shared fiscal track agendas with MACOG president for future training topics.

• Shared MoDOT training power point, time sheet example and expense reimbursement request forms for the state-wide Transit Plan update.

• Contact Barker Phillips Jackson Insurance Group to solicit an HR training presenter for the MACOG fiscal professional development conference track.

• Shared MRPC’s health, ancillary, property and casualty insurance information with the Regional Transportation Organization and shared BPJ Insurance contact information.

• Provided SBA 504 and 7a loan program information to an individual in Branson, MO, looking to purchase an existing hotel business.

• Provided SBA 504 loan program information to an individual looking to purchase an existing gas station/car wash business in Leadwood, MO.
• Completed the annual update of the Meramec Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and distributed it to jurisdictions.
• Completed and submitted monthly progress reports for the hazard mitigation plan update to SEMA.
• Met with SEMA representatives on behalf of Crawford County for a Floodplain Community Engagement visit.
• Completed NFIP Participating Community Reports on behalf of the county and submitted to SEMA.
• Placed a surveillance camera on Forest Road 2478A on May 18, 2023.
• Received and processed floodplain development permit from BNSF.
• Provided information and Crawford County Floodplain ordinance to Titan Solar Power.
• Received and processed two floodplain development permits for Resource Environmental Solutions.
• Served as floodplain coordinator for the county.
• Distributed floodplain flip books to city employees to assist them in understanding their responsibilities in floodplain management.
• Distributed floodplain brochures to city hall and area banks.
• Attended a Damage Assessment class.
• Attended a class on the correct completion of floodplain development permits.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bourbon Fire Protection District, Cuba Fire Protection District, Leasburg Community Volunteer Fire Department, Sullivan Fire Protection District and Steelville Fire Protection District.
• Met with new presiding commissioner on what MRPC is and his role on the board.
• Met with Crawford County Commission, city leadership and TAC members on Nov. 22, 2022, to discuss unfunded transportation needs on the state system.
• Met with Crawford County CIT to discuss county service needs July 6, August 3, Sept. 10, 2022.
• Facilitated 10 Seeking Safety classes at Crawford County Jail August 2022 - September 2022 another 10-sessions October 2022 - December 2022.
• Provided re-entry binders to Crawford County Jail on Sept. 21, 2022.
• Provided additional resources to a previous Seeking Safety participant in September 2022.
• Completed first draft of Crawford/Washington Day Trip for Naturally Meramec Consortium.
• Provided information to a local individual about grant programs as potential resources to fund the establishment of a nature reserve with sculptures.
• Attended Crawford County CIT monthly meetings from July 2022 to June 2023.
• Provided the lived experience portion of the CIT training in Crawford County on April 18, 2023.
• Provided grant resources for fire department wanting to purchase a boat.
• Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to fund the purchase/construction of a boat.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

• Provided SBA microloan program information and Justene Petersen’s contact information to a small business in Caruthersville, MO.
• Provided contact information for Lake Ozark Council of Governments to an individual in that area.
• Provided contact information for Lake Ozark Council of Governments for Community Foundation of the Lake.
• Provided list of Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) 2022 awardees to an engineering firm.
• Contracted for asbestos inspection for city of Houston on a structure to be demolished.
• Continued administering a grant in the amount of $558,000 from MoDED for the city of Pacific to acquire and demolish 27 properties in the floodway/floodplain.
• Continued administering a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank for the city of Bonne Terre to renovate homes in the city.
• Continued administering a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank on behalf of the Boonslick Regional Planning Commission for the city of Wells Villa to renovate homes in the city.
• Continued administering a Federal Home Loan Bank grant in the amount of $546,070 on behalf of Liberty Senior Citizens Home, Inc., for funds to renovate 24 senior apartments in Taos, MO in partnership with USDA.
• Finalized approved Crawford County Hazard Mitigation Plan and distributed it to jurisdictions.
• Completed and submitted monthly progress reports for the hazard mitigation plan update to SEMA.
• Met with SEMA representatives on behalf of Crawford County for a Floodplain Community Engagement visit.
• Completed NFIP Participating Community Reports on behalf of the county and submitted to SEMA.
• Placed a surveillance camera on Forest Road 2478A on May 18, 2023.
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• Provided information and Crawford County Floodplain ordinance to Titan Solar Power.
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of a new food pantry building with freezers.
- Sent potential resources for renovating a building into a corner's office.
- Met with county officials to visit the Bird’s Nest Access and discuss funding to create a barrier wall, connected officials with Missouri Department of Conservation for potential partnership funding.
- Provided potential resources for preserving/upgrading the county courthouse.
- Provided information on MRPC grant writing services to a county organization.
- Accepted applications, arranged local board meetings and provided assistance to local organizations regarding the allocation of recently awarded Emergency Food and Shelter Program (ESP) funding.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services, to Crawford County and its cities.

BOURBON
- Awarded a Project Graduation mini-grant, using Coalition for Roadway Safety (Central District) funds to Bourbon High School. School received $300 cash and $100 in Buckle Up/Phone Down incentives for its project graduation event.
- Completed administering a CDBG grant in the amount of $500,000 for the reconstruction of E. Pine Street, Bourbon, through the downtown business district.
- Completed a Delta Regional Authority grant for the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility in Bourbon.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bourbon Fire Protection District, Cuba Fire Protection District, Leasburg Community Volunteer Fire Department, Sullivan Fire Protection District and Steelville Fire Protection District.
- Provided 15 backpacks and 15 summer bags with substance use disorder information to Bourbon Head Start in August 2022 and May 2023, respectively. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
- Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Bourbon High School.
- Met with city and engineer on funding for new municipal center.
- Sent information on potential source of funds for police department computers.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

CUBA
- Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to Pre-K students at the Cuba Head Start on Sept. 15, 2022.
- Awarded a Project Graduation mini-grant, using Coalition for Roadway Safety (Central District) funds to Cuba High School. School received $300 cash and $100 in Buckle Up/Phone Down incentives for their project graduation event.
- Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for the city of Cuba’s ARP A funds.
- Shared MRPC’s list of audit firms for direct solicitation to the Cuba city clerk.
- Shared marketing materials and sample loan structures with a local lender bank in Cuba.
- Provided EDA RLF loan program information and application to an individual looking to purchase a leased building in Cuba, MO.
- Provided SBA 504 loan information to an individual looking to expand a greenhouse business in Cuba, MO.
- Provided SBA 504 loan program information to an individual looking to purchase a building for a resale business expansion in Cuba, MO.
- Provided information to a local youth-related organization about grant programs as potential resources to expand services and purchase a building.
- Sent information to local food bank as possible sources for new facility.
- Provided and discussed grant and loan potentials with new childcare business.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

LEASBURG
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bourbon Fire Protection District, Cuba Fire Protection District, Leasburg Community Volunteer Fire Department, Sullivan Fire Protection District and Steelville Fire Protection District.
- Provided SBA 504 and EDA RLF loan program information to an individual looking to purchase a building for a resale business expansion in Cuba, MO.
- Provided SBA 504 loan program information to an individual looking to start a new business for independent living services in Cuba, MO.
- Assisted a small business in Cuba, MO, with EDA RLF financing for the purchase of land and building for their bakery & deli business.
- Provided 43 backpacks and 43 summer bags with substance use disorder information to Cuba Head Start in August 2022 and May 2023, respectively. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
- Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to Cuba Middle School during fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.
- Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Cuba High School.
- Provided information to the city about grant programs as potential resources to rehabilitate a municipal pool and local fairgrounds.
- Provided information to a local youth-related organization about grant programs as potential resources to expand services and purchase a building.
- Provided information on Regional Services.
local bank for a small business in Leasburg, MO.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.
- Met with Leasburg leadership on community needs and grant opportunities.

**STEELVILLE**
- Displayed Earth Day Trash Art at Gallery Zeke in Steelville.
- Provided alkaline battery collection boxes to the library in Steelville.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bourbon Fire Protection District, Cuba Fire Protection District, Leasburg Community Volunteer Fire Department, Sullivan Fire Protection District and Steelville Fire Protection District.
- Provided SBDC contact information to an individual looking for assistance in developing a business plan.
- Facilitated meeting with local stakeholders to discuss the CDBG Disaster Housing Study.
- Hosted the Opioid and Substance Use Disorders Awareness Walk in Steelville on Sept. 10, 2022.
- Facilitated 10 Seeking Safety Classes at Steelville High School in January 2023.
- Completed a Strategic Plan for the city of Steelville using MRPC’s CARES Act funds April to June 2023.
- Continued administering a grant request in the amount of $495,788 on behalf of the city of Steelville to the Missouri Department of Economic Development for significant upgrades to the community center to make it more efficient and functional.
- Discussed potential to use ARPA funds to cover the remaining balance of community building project.
- Sent info on ARPA Entertainment grant to city to share with local theaters.
- Provided information to a local individual about grant programs as potential resources to install a tourism art piece.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**SULLIVAN**
- Secured an Air Monitoring for Fire Operations class training through MERC/SEMA for Sullivan Fire Department and surrounding agencies.
- Provided Justene Peterson contact information and EDA RLF loan program information to a small business located in Sullivan, MO.
- Provided SBA 504 and 7a and EDA RLF loan program information to an individual in Sullivan, MO looking to finance a construction project.
- Hosted a booth for MRPC’s Opioid Programs at the Substance Use Disorder Awareness event on Sept. 17, 2022.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bourbon Fire Protection District, Cuba Fire Protection District, Leasburg Community Volunteer Fire Department, Sullivan Fire Protection District and Steelville Fire Protection District.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**DENT COUNTY**
- Provided $398,773 in rental assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher Program to an average of 112 households. This includes the communities of Boss, Jadwin, Lenox and the city of Salem.
- Deployed illegal dump surveillance camera on Mark Twain National Forest off Highway MM on Nov. 10, 2022.
- Deployed illegal dump surveillance camera on Mark Twain National Forest on County Road 5650 and Forest Road 2307 on Nov. 29, 2022.
- Completed a hazardous material training survey for the MLEPD in Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Osage, Phelps and Washington counties.
- Placed a surveillance camera at the north end of Forest Road 2487A on Feb. 15, 2023.
- Displayed Earth Day Trash Art at Town and Country Bank in Salem.
- Secured a Hazardous Materials Rapid Sizeup class training through MERC/SEMA for Dent County Sheriff’s Office and Salem Memorial District Hospital and surrounding agencies.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Dent County Fire Protection District, Jadwin Volunteer Fire Department, Lenox Rural Fire Department, Quad County Fire Protection District and Montauk Rural Fire Department.
- Provided SBA 504 and 7a loan program information to an existing business in Dent County.
- Met with Dent County Commission, city leadership and TAC members on Oct. 3, 2022, to discuss unfunded transportation needs on the state system.
- Provided information to Dent County Sheriff’s office regarding Seeking Safety on July 26, 2022.
- Attended Dent County CIT monthly meetings from July 2022 to June 2023.
- Submitted a grant request in the amount of $1,081,638.90 on behalf of the Northwood R-IV School District to FEMA for construction of a multi-purpose building that will serve as the school district’s tornado safe room.
- Facilitated 10 Seeking Safety classes at Dent County Jail from November 2022 – January 2023.
- Provided re-entry binders to Dent County Jail in January 2023.
- Provided a resident with contact for South Central Community Action weatherization program.
- Met with Salem Memorial Hospital personnel on multiple occasions to discuss needs and to share information on possible funding resources.
- Provided information on state ARPA funds for fire departments to local department.
- Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to purchase a vehicle and equipment for a meal delivery service.
- Discussed funding option for Salem Memorial District Hospital to locate a clinic in Bunker and sent grant information.
- Provided USDA contact information to the Salem R-80 district
• Attended a Damage Assessment class.
• Completed the annual NFIP Participating Form to SEMA on behalf of Salem.
• Provided lead paint inspection/risk assessments in Salem on Oct. 24 and Nov. 21, 2022.
• Met with Salem city officials to go over the requirements for adopting new floodplain maps and ordinances.
• Participated in the SEMA floodplain management audit on behalf of the city.
• Submitted necessary documentation to SEMA for floodplain management audit on behalf of the city.
• Completed the annual NFIP Participating Form to SEMA on behalf of Salem.
• Served as floodplain coordinator for the city of Salem.
• Distributed floodplain flip books to city employees to assist them in understanding their responsibilities in floodplain management.
• Distributed floodplain brochures to city hall and area banks.
• Attended a Damage Assessment class.
• Attended a class on the correct completion of floodplain development permits.
• Secured a Hazardous Materials Rapid Sizeup class training through MERC/SEMA for Salem Memorial District Hospital and Dent County Sheriff's Office and surrounding agencies.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Dent County Fire Protection District, Jadwin Volunteer Fire Department, Lenox Rural Fire Department, Quad County Fire Protection District and Montauk Rural Fire Department.
• Provided EDA RLF loan program information to an individual looking to purchase an existing lumber yard business in Salem, MO.
• Provided EIDL loan payment and other loan instructions to local non-profit in Salem, MO.
• Provided EDA RLF loan program eligibility requirements, application and checklist to an existing EDA CARES RLF borrower for an expansion project.
• Provided SBA 504 loan program, SBDC contact information, EDA RLF financing options and loan application to an individual looking to purchase an existing lumber yard business in Salem, MO.
• Completed an Active Transportation Plan for the city of Salem and presented the final document to the city council on Dec. 13, 2022.
• Created a digitized version of the existing zoning map.
• Hosted the Opioid and Substance Use Disorders Awareness Walk in Salem on Sept. 24, 2022.
• Provided 34 backpacks with substance use disorder information to Salem Head Start in August 2022. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
• Hosted a booth for MRPC's Opioid Programs at Salem's Back to School Fair on Aug. 13, 2022.
• Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Salem High School.
• Provided a drug take-back box to the Vandivort Pharmacy in February 2023.
• Provided an Existing Land Use map for the city to review in April 2023.
• Participated in Tiny House zoning ordinance discussions in 2022.
• Provided potential resources to help with a Veterans housing program.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.
• Sent information on potential source of funds to local nursing home impacted by COVID.
• Provided asbestos inspection services on four properties to be demolished.

GASCONADE COUNTY

• Provided $110,064 in rental assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher Program to an average of 28 households. This includes the cities of Bland, Hermann, Owensville, and Rosebud.
• Provided a monthly update on public housing and the family self-sufficiency program at the Community Awareness and Resource Exchange (CARE) meetings.
• Presented at September 2022 meeting of the Community Awareness and Resource Exchange (CARE).
• Planned, coordinated and attended a quarterly meeting of the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone meeting in Linn on Aug. 25, 2022.
• Prepared and submitted Work Keys testing grants on behalf of the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone for Owensville and Hermann high schools in Gasconade County.
• Provided roadway safety information at the Gasconade County Health Fair held in Owensville on Oct. 14, 2022.
• Provided roadway safety information at the Gasconade County Safety Fair held in Owensville on June 21, 2023.
• Coordinated a Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone meeting in Owensville on Jan. 26, 2023.
• Coordinated the annual meeting of the Gasconade County Enhanced Enterprise Zone board on Nov. 29, 2022, at White Mule Winery at Drake.
• Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for Gasconade County’s ARPA funds.
• Assisted commissioners with securing the courthouse as a recycled paint demonstration site.
• Provided Lead Safe program at Gasconade County Health Fair on Oct. 14, 2022.
• Coordinate an illegal dump clean up on Kuhne Road on Nov. 9, 2022.
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Gasconade County.
• Posted NO Dumping signs on request of private property owners at Kuhne Road clean-up site on Jan. 20, 2023.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bland Fire Protection District, Hermann Volunteer Fire Department, Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District, Morrison Volunteer Fire Department and Owensville Volunteer Fire Department.
• Attended Gasconade County CIT monthly meetings from July 2022 to June 2023.
• Secured a Hazardous Materials Rapid Sizeup class training through MERC/SEMA for Gasconade County Health Department and Hermann Ambulance District and surrounding agencies.
• Met with Gasconade County Commission, city leadership and TAC members on Nov. 10, 2022, to discuss unfunded transportation needs on the state system.
• Hosted a booth at the Gasconade County Health Fair in October 2022.
• Provided information on incorporating a community in the county.
• Provided traffic counts on Bem Church Road, Blue House Road and Woolam Road in Gasconade county.
• Provided administration of a $750,000 grant to the county from the Missouri Department of Economic Development for PWSD #1 to upgrade its wastewater treatment facility by installing an oxidation ditch and UV disinfection.
• Met with the Fair Board to discuss projects and potential funding resources.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**BLAND**

• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to Pre-K students at the Small Wonders Montessori School in Bland on Sept. 14, 2022.
• Presented a Buckle Buddy program to Pre-K students at the Small Wonders Montessori School in Bland on Nov. 2, 2022.
• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to students at the Maries County R-2 Middle School in Bland on Sept. 23, 2022.
• Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for the city of Bland’s ARPA funds.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bland Fire Protection District, Hermann Volunteer Fire Department, Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District, Morrison Volunteer Fire Department and Owensville Volunteer Fire Department.
• Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to Bland Middle School during spring 2023 semester.
• Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Bland Middle School.
• Met with local stakeholders on April 7, 2023, and completed an Active Living Community of Practice plan for the city of Bland in June 2023.
• Provided funding resources to Whispering Oaks apartments for renovations.
• Provided potential resources for a private building owner to renovate an old commercial building.
• Contacted USDA Rural Development to advise Whispering Oaks apartments for renovations.
• Completed traffic count in Bland.
• Provided USDA contact information to an individual working on the city budget.
• Continued administering a grant in the amount of $750,000 from the Missouri Department of Economic Development to complete major upgrades to the water system including a new water tower.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**GASCONADE**

• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bland Fire Protection District, Hermann Volunteer Fire Department, Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District, Morrison Volunteer Fire Department and Owensville Volunteer Fire Department.
• Provided the mayor with resources to help improve water and sewer systems.
• Provided a summary of grants that could help with water system infrastructure.
• Provided information on securing a Unique Entity Identifier.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**HERMANN**

• Provided EDA RLF loan program information to an individual looking to start a river excursion business in Hermann.
• Provided SBA 504 and EDA RLF loan program information and application forms to a local bank for an individual looking to start up a new business in Hermann.
• Provided SBA 504 loan program information to an individual who wants to purchase land and building in Hermann to move their current operations.
• Submitted a grant request to the State of Missouri to do Work Keys testing and cover proctoring costs for Hermann High School, which was funded. Ten students were tested.
• Consulted on a Girl Scout project for increasing awareness of recycling in Hermann.
• Provided a letter of support to St. George Catholic School of Hermann for their MDNR scrap tire grant application.
• Secured a Hazardous Materials Rapid Sizeup class training through MERC/SEMA for Hermann Ambulance District and Gasconade County Health Department and surrounding agencies.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads
to Bland Fire Protection District, Hermann Volunteer Fire Department, Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District, Morrison Volunteer Fire Department and Owensville Volunteer Fire Department.

- Facilitated meeting with local stakeholders to discuss the CDBG Disaster Housing Study, which provided housing assessment for structures in the floodplain.
- Provided information to a local agency about grant programs as potential resources to rehabilitate a municipal pool and local fairgrounds.
- Sent information on ARPA Tourism grant to local tourism development group.
- Sent ARPA entertainment grant to city to share with local theater.
- Met with city personnel and engineer to discuss the flood detour route and potential funding to upgrade.
- Provided information to the city on developing a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**MORRISON**

- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bland Fire Protection District, Hermann Volunteer Fire Department, Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District, Morrison Volunteer Fire Department and Owensville Volunteer Fire Department.
- Met with city officials to discuss ARPA and other community projects.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**OWENSVILLE**

- Awarded an Ozark Rivers grant in the amount of $7,746.12 to the University of Missouri Extension for its Reducing Food Waste Through Meal Preparation Course in Owensville.
- Provided a monthly program update on public housing and the family self-sufficiency program at the Community Awareness and Resource Exchange (CARE) meetings.
- Presented at the September 2022 meeting of the Community Awareness and Resource Exchange (CARE).
- Submitted a grant request to the State of Missouri to do Work Keys testing and cover proctoring costs for Owensville High School, which was funded. Fifty-six students were tested.
- Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to Pre-K students at the Gasconade County Head Start in Owensville on Sept. 7, 2022.
- Presented a Buckle Buddy program to Pre-K students at the Gasconade County Head Start in Owensville on Oct. 26, 2022.
- Provided roadway safety information at the Gasconade County Safety Fair held in Owensville on June 21, 2023.
- Awarded a Project Graduation mini-grant, using Coalition for Roadway Safety (Central District) funds to Owensville High School. School received $300 cash and $100 in Buckle Up/Phone Down incentives for their project graduation event.
- Coordinated a Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone meeting in Owensville on Jan. 26, 2023.
- Posted available buildings and sites in the region on the Missouri LocationOne website.
- Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for the city of Owensville’s ARPA funds.
- Provided the Incredible Journey program at the Water Cycle Summer Reading Program at the Scenic Regional Library, Owensville Branch, on July 13, 2022.
- Displayed Earth Day Trash Art at Art Works on Main Gallery in Owensville.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bland Fire Protection District, Hermann Volunteer Fire Department, Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District, Morrison Volunteer Fire Department and Owensville Volunteer Fire Department.
- Provided 18 backpacks and 18 summer bags with substance use disorder information to Owensville Head Start in August 2022 and May 2023, respectively. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
- Sent information to fire chief on state’s ARPA funds for fire departments.
- Completed a traffic count.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**ROSEBUD**

- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Bland Fire Protection District, Hermann Volunteer Fire Department, Gerald-Rosebud Fire Protection District, Morrison Volunteer Fire Department and Owensville Volunteer Fire Department.
- Provided traffic count on Hwy. 50 in Rosebud for an event.
- Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to create a new park in Rosebud.
- Attended Rock Island Trail community meeting to discuss grant opportunities.
• Met with local stakeholders on Feb. 28, 2023, and completed an Active Living Community of Practice plan for the city of Rosebud in June 2023.

• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**MARIES COUNTY**

• Presented information to the county commission regarding exempt & non-exempt determination, disciplinary actions, personnel policy development, job description development, compensatory time and FLSA and US DOLIR requirements, accounting and time tracking systems and potential proposal for a general fringe benefit audit.

• Met with Brewer Science to share information on Maries County EEZ.

• Provided $150,651 in rental assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher Program to an average of 38 households. This includes the communities of Brinktown and Vichy and the cities of Belle and Vienna.

• Coordinated and participated in a meeting between Dr. Joan Schuman and leadership from Vienna, Freeburg and Maries County to host the MST engineering management class and helped identify possible projects for study.

• Prepared and submitted Work Keys testing grants on behalf of the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone for Belle and Vienna high schools in Maries County, which was funded.

• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to students at the Maries County R-2 Middle School in Bland on Sept. 23, 2022.

• Coordinated a Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone meeting in Vienna on May 3, 2023.

• Coordinated the annual meeting of the Maries County Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board on Nov. 29, 2022.

• Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for Maries County’s ARPA funds.

• Provided the Incredible Journey program for the Water Cycle Summer Reading Program at the Heartland Regional Library System, Vienna Branch, on July 26, 2022.

• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Maries County.

• Conducted Gasconade River floodplain monitoring for damage after flood event.

• Provided the local newspaper with recycling, disposal, and transfer station resources to publish for assisting residents during their loss of trash collection services.

• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Belle Fire Protection District, Vichy Volunteer Fire Protection Association, Dixon Rural Fire Protection District – Brinktown Station and Vienna Fire Protection District.

• Answered floodplain administration questions from Maries County realtor.

• Completed NFIP Participating Community Reports on behalf of the county and submitted to SEMA.

• Completed and submitted the NFIP Participating Community form to SEMA on behalf of Maries County.

• Served as floodplain coordinator for the county.

• Distributed floodplain brochures and flip books to courthouse for county employees and area banks.

• Attended a Damage Assessment class.

• Attended a class on the correct completion of floodplain development permits.

• Met with Maries County Commission, city leadership and TAC members on Oct. 17, 2022, to discuss unfunded transportation needs on the state system.

• Facilitated two 10-week Seeking Safety classes in Maries County Jail Sept 2022 - October 2022 and March -May 2023.

• Provided re-entry binders to Maries County Jail in May 2023

• Attended Maries County CIT monthly meetings from September 2022 to June 2023.

• Spoke with Maries County Circuit Clerk in Judge Rowden’s office to discuss possible Seeking Safety services in July 2022.

• Provided information on potential funds for EV charging stations.

• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services, to Maries County and its cities.

**BELLE**

• Provided Lead Safe Educational Presentation at Belle Head Start on Sept. 13, 2022.

• Coordinated the Work Keys testing and proctoring for Belle High School where 37 students were tested.

• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to Pre-K students at the Belle Head Start on Sept. 1, 2022.

• Presented a Buckle Buddy program to Pre-K students at the Belle Head Start on Nov. 2, 2022.

• Coordinated and assisted with a Grim Reaper docudrama at Belle High School on April 20, 2023.

• Coordinated and participated in student renewal interviews for
Planning staff met with leadership in Belle to work on its Active Community of Living Plan. Topics discussed bike and pedestrian needs and how to make the community more walkable and safer, especially with the development of the Rock Island State Park through the city.

- the Schierloh Family Scholarship for Maries R-2.
- Attended the Maries County R-2 Schools Scholarship Committee meetings and assisted with scholarship awards in May.
- Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for the city of Belle’s ARPA funds.
- Provided the Incredible Journey program for the Water Cycle Summer Reading Program at the Heartland Regional Library System, Belle Branch, on July 28, 2022.
- Coordinated Special Waste Collection for tires, appliances and electronics in Belle on Nov. 12, 2022.
- Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Maries County.
- Provided the local newspaper with recycling, disposal, and transfer station resources to publish for assisting residents during their loss of trash collection services.
- Presented a Recyclers Unite library program at Heartland Regional Library – Belle Branch on May 25, 2023.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Belle Fire Protection District, Vichy Volunteer Fire Protection Association, Dixon Rural Fire Protection District – Brinktown Station and Vienna Fire Protection District.
- Provided financing options on SBA 504 and EDA RLF loan programs to an individual looking to purchase an existing restaurant in Belle, MO.
- Provided EDA RLF loan program information to an existing business in Belle, MO.
- Hosted the Opioid and Substance Use Disorders Awareness Walk in Belle on Aug. 27, 2022.
- Facilitated 10 Seeking Safety classes at Belle High School in September and October 2022 and a second 10-week session in February 2023.
- Provided 17 backpacks and 17 summer bags with substance use disorder information to Belle Head Start in August 2022 and May 2023, respectively. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
- Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to Belle Elementary School during fall 2022 semester.
- Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Belle High School.
- Completed a Strategic Plan for the city of Belle using MRPC’s CARES Act funds in March and June 2023.
- Met with local stakeholders on March 23, 2023, and completed an Active Living Community of Practice plan for the city of Belle in June 2023.
- Attended Rock Island Trail community meeting to discuss grant opportunities.
- Assisted city in preparing and advertising Request for Qualifications for Rock Island Trail project.
- Prepared a set of file folders for Rock Island Trail RTP grant.
- Completed a traffic count in a school zone on Third Street in Belle.
- Provided EV funding resources to a community organizer.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

The Maries County R-2 Scholarship Committee, in conjunction with the Meramec Regional Community Foundation, was able to award nearly $65,000 in scholarships to 2023 graduating Belle seniors.
VICHY

- Presented a Recyclers Unite library program at Heartland Regional Library.
- Provided the Incredible Journey program for the Water Cycle System, Vienna Branch, on July 26, 2022.
- Provided the local newspaper with recycling, disposal, and transfer station resources to publish for assisting residents during their loss of trash collection services.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Belle Fire Protection District, Vichy Volunteer Fire Protection Association, Dixon Rural Fire Protection District – Brinktown Station and Vienna Fire Protection District.
- Provided assistance to individual looking to purchase a small business in Vichy, lot size research, EPA property clearance, and referred them to SBDC for business plan.
- Met with an individual and provided grant application support for Vichy Farmers Market in April 2023.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

VIENNA

- Provided the Incredible Journey program for the Water Cycle Summer Reading Program at the Heartland Regional Library System, Vienna Branch, on July 26, 2022.
- Presented a Recyclers Unite library program at Heartland Regional Library – Vienna Branch on June 15, 2023.
- Coordinated the Work Keys testing and proctoring for Vienna High School where 28 students were tested.
- Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for Vienna's ARPA funds.
- Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to Vienna Middle School during spring 2023 semester.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

OSAGE COUNTY

- Completed an EDA grant on behalf of State Tech for construction of its Utility Technology Center.
- Prepared and submitted Work Keys testing grants on behalf of the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone for Linn and Chamois high schools in Osage County.
- Provided roadway safety information at the Osage County Health Department Open House event on May 19, 2023.
- Awarded a Docudrama mini-grant, using Coalition for Roadway Safety (Central District) funds to Linn High School. School received $400 to cover expenses for its docudrama.
- Coordinated public hearing and processed Osage EEZ abatement claim for Osage Industries. Provided abatement information to county assessor.
- Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for Osage County’s ARPA funds.
- Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Osage County.
- Presented a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety program at Osage County R-2 Elementary.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Linn Fire Protection District, Meta Fire and Rescue, Argyle Volunteer Fire Department, Freeburg Fire Department, Chamois Fire Protection District and Westphalia Fire Protection District.
- Secured a Hazardous Materials Incident Response: Operations class training through MERC/SEMA for Osage County Health Department.
- Met with Osage County Commission, city leadership and TAC members on Oct. 18, 2022, to discuss unfunded transportation needs on the state system.
- Facilitated 10 Seeking Safety classes at Osage County Jail from July 2022 – September 2022.
- Provided re-entry binders to Osage County Jail in September 2022.
- Met with Osage County Seeking Safety Champion July 11, 2022, to provide training information.
- Completed a traffic count on County Road 303, County Road 508 and County Road 625 in Osage County.
- Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to renovate a building for use as an emergency shelter.
- Researched and clarified an ARPA Premium Pay question for the county.
- Provided information to a local agency about grant programs as potential resources to construct a new fire station.
- Provided Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers for county to give auditor.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services, to Osage County and its cities.

ARGYLE

- Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for the city of Argyle’s ARPA funds.
- Completed a hazardous material training survey for the
Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Osage County.

- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Linn Fire Protection District, Meta Fire and Rescue, Argyle Volunteer Fire Department, Freeburg Fire Department, Chamois Fire Protection District and Westphalia Fire Protection District.
- Continued administering a CDBG grant in the amount of $750,000 to make significant upgrades to the city’s water system, including two new wells, upgrading storage tanks and main replacement.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

CHAMOIS

- Met with a group of Chamois leaders to discuss school scholarships and the Meramec Regional Community Foundation.
- Coordinated the Work Keys testing and proctoring for Chamois High School where 18 students were tested.
- Coordinated and assisted with a Nighttime Crash filmed April 21, 2023, and an in-person ER scene docudrama on April 28, 2023, for Linn and Chamois high schools.
- Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Osage County.
- Facilitated meeting with local stakeholders to discuss the CDBG Disaster Housing Study, that included a housing assessment of structures in the floodplain.
- Provided Chamois High School information regarding Seeking Safety classes in October 2022 and January 2023.
- Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Chamois High School.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Linn Fire Protection District, Meta Fire and Rescue, Argyle Volunteer Fire Department, Freeburg Fire Department, Chamois Fire Protection District and Westphalia Fire Protection District.

FREEBURG

- Coordinated and participated in a meeting between Dr. Joan Schuman and leadership from Vienna, Freeburg and Maries County to host the MST engineering management class and helped identify possible projects for study.
- Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for the city of Freeburg’s ARPA funds.
- Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Osage County.
- Discussed Overdose Awareness Day hosting options with Quaker Windows in January and March 2023.
- Provided Quaker Windows with information regarding Seeking Safety classes.

- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.
- Provided SBA 504 loan program eligibility information to a local banker and potential borrower.
- Met with a local company on expansion project that could qualify for EEZ benefits.

LINN

- Coordinated and assisted with a night crash filmed April 21, 2023, and an in-person ER scene docudrama on April 28, 2023, for Linn and Chamois high schools.
- Coordinated the Work Keys testing and proctoring for Linn High School where 75 students were tested.
- Presented a Buckle Buddy program to Pre-K students at the Linn Head Start in on Oct. 26, 2022.
- Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to K-5 grade students at Linn Elementary on May 12, 2023.
- Awarded a Project Graduation and Docudrama mini-grant, using Coalition for Roadway Safety (Central District) funds to Linn High School. School received $300 cash and $100 in Buckle Up/Phone Down incentives for their project graduation event and $400 to cover expenses for its docudrama.
- Provided Buckle Buddy and Bike/Pedestrian Safety programs at the Linn Back to School Fair on Aug. 11, 2022.
- Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Osage County.

MRPC Community Development Specialist Assistant Ann Feeler (right) facilitates a seeking safety class at the Osage County Jail on July 25, 2022. Seeking safety works to teach individuals coping skills and identify triggers that could lead to recidivism.

- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Linn Fire Protection District, Meta Fire and Rescue, Argyle Volunteer Fire Department, Freeburg Fire Department, Chamois Fire Protection District and Westphalia Fire Protection District.
- MRPC’s Opioid Program co-hosted a drug prevention program with Prevention Consultants, LLC and Osage County Anti-Drug Community Action Team (OC-ADCAT) at State Tech in October 2022.
- Provided 15 backpacks and 15 summer bags with substance use disorder information to Linn Head Start in August 2022 and May 2023, respectively. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected...
Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
• Hosted a booth for MRPC’s Opioid Programs at the Osage County Health Department Grand Opening in Linn on May 19, 2023.
• Completed a traffic count on Hwy. 50 near State Technical College in Linn.
• Researched and shared sample Request for Proposal for bound counsel.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.
• Attended Linn Opioid Awareness walk hosted by Mid-America Addiction Group in July 2023.

META
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the MLEPD in Osage County.
• Completed NFIP Participating Community Reports on behalf of the city and submitted to SEMA.
• Distributed floodplain flip books to city employees to assist them in understanding their responsibilities in floodplain management.
• Distributed floodplain brochures to city hall and area banks.
• Attended a Damage Assessment class.
• Attended a class on the correct completion of floodplain development permits.
• Served as floodplain manager for the city of Meta.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Linn Fire Protection District, Meta Fire and Rescue, Argyle Volunteer Fire Department, Freeburg Fire Department, Chamois Fire Protection District and Westphalia Fire Protection District.
• Completed a traffic count on East 6th Street and North Rose Street for proposed CDBG storm water project.
• Submitted a grant request in the amount of $76,052 to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund on behalf of the city of Meta for funds to create the Meta Elementary Memorial Park, which will include a loop walking trail, benches, parking lot and a basketball/pickle ball court.
• Submitted a grant request in the amount of $95,620 to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program on behalf of the city of Meta for funds to create the Meta Elementary Memorial Trail, which will include an ADA loop walking trail and parking lot.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

WESTPHALIA
• Awarded a Project Graduation mini-grant, using Coalition for Roadway Safety (Central District) funds to Fatima High School. School received $300 cash and $100 in Buckle Up/Phone Down incentives for their project graduation event.
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Osage County.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to Linn Fire Protection District, Meta Fire and Rescue, Argyle Volunteer Fire Department, Freeburg Fire Department, Chamois Fire Protection District and Westphalia Fire Protection District.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**PHELPS COUNTY**
• Provided “Don’t run, call 911” postcards to Four Rivers Community Health Center and Phelps/Maries Health Department.
• Provided $415,893 in rental assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher Program to an average of 96 households. This includes the cities of Doolittle, Edgar Springs, Newburg, and St. James and the community of Jerome.
• Met with Intercounty Electric to kick off a USDA grant work toward Certified Sites status for a tract of land in Phelps County.
• Met with Intercounty Electric to discuss marketing strategy as part of certified site work.
• Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for Phelps County’s ARPA funds.
• Provided a consultation to a new start-up recycling business desiring an Ozark Rivers grant to purchase a recycling trailer through our grant program.
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the MLEPD in Phelps County.
• Conducted Gasconade River floodplain monitoring for damage after flood event.
• Conducted Meramec River floodplain monitoring for damage after flood event.
• Made a presentation to the county commission on the National Flood Insurance Program.
• Conducted a floodplain permit review for a bridge replacement.
• Completed NFIP Participating Community Reports on behalf of the county and submitted to SEMA.
• Coordinated the special collection at Brewer Science for tires, appliances, textiles and electronics, collected 13,49 (1,226 tires) tons of tires and 23,44 tons of appliances and electronics from 268 cars.
• Investigated floodplain violation/complaint in Jerome and contacted the U.S. Corps of Engineers, EPA and MDNR.
• Assisted a local realtor in the St. James area with floodplain questions.
• Worked with a Phelps County resident on completing, submitting and getting approval on a floodplain permit.
• Answered questions, provided floodplain maps and/or technical bulletins to six Phelps County residents.
• Reviewed and assisted with the approval of a floodplain development permit application for the expansion of the Phelps County Jail.
• Provided support letters from ORSWMD to the following scrap tire grant applicants: St. James School District, City of Potosi, Swedeborg School District, Westside Christian Academy (Waynesville) and Dixon Elementary School.
• Served as floodplain manager for Phelps County.
• Distributed floodplain flip books to city employees to assist them in understanding their responsibilities in floodplain management.
• Distributed floodplain brochures to city hall and area banks.
• Attended a Damage Assessment class.
• Attended a class on the correct completion of floodplain development permits.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to City of Rolla Fire and Rescue, Doolittle Rural Fire Protection District, Duke Rural Fire Department, Edgar Springs Fire protection district, Rolla Rural Fire Protection District and St. James Fire Protection District.
• Secured a Chemical Suicide class training through MERC/SEMA for Rolla Police Department and surrounding agencies.
• Met with Phelps County Commission, city leadership and TAC members on Nov. 1, 2022, to discuss unfunded transportation needs on the state system.
• Provided judges in Rolla’s 25th Judicial Circuit Court with information regarding Seeking Safety and diversion programs in May 2023.
• Attended Phelps County CIT monthly meetings from October 2022 to June 2023.
• Met with Phelps County Sheriff and Jail Administration to discuss Seeking Safety classes in January 2023.
• Hosted Taste of Phelps County in conjunction with the St. James Grape and Fall Festival Street Fair on Sept. 10, 2022.
• Provided the lived experience portion of the Highway Patrol CIT training in Phelps County on June 12 and 16, 2023.
• Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC (Meramec Region’s HRSA subgrantee) to provide a Rehabilitation Through Innovation program to the residents of the Phelps County Jail in February 2023.
• Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to host an event fundraiser.
• Provided grant information to local real estate developer for innovative housing solutions.
• Assisted Intercounty Electric with a grant application for industrial site.
• Provided information to a local business about grant programs as potential resources to expand daycare and preschool services.
• Provided information on the Delta Regional Authority States’ Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDA).
• Coordinated, communicated and assisted in ensuring the receipt of initial payments and completed final reports from the recently allocated Emergency Food and Shelter Program.
• Accepted applications and arranged local board meetings regarding the allocation of recently awarded Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funding.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services, to Phelps County and its cities.

**DOOLITTLE**

• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to City of Rolla Fire and Rescue, Doolittle Rural Fire Protection District, Duke Rural Fire Department, Edgar Springs Fire protection district, Rolla Rural Fire Protection District and St. James Fire Protection District.
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Phelps County.
• Completed and submitted Doolittle Traffic survey reporting.
• Sent the mayor information on grant for parks.
• Provided the city instructions and resources to complete a Request for Qualifications for a sewer study.
• Provided a list of grants to an individual interested in helping the Doolittle Fire Department.
• Provided information about grant programs as potential resources to fund a Back-to-School Fair.
• Completed traffic counts at Truman Road and MacArthur Road.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**EDGAR SPRINGS**

• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Phelps County.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to City of Rolla Fire and Rescue, Doolittle Rural Fire Protection District, Duke Rural Fire Department, Edgar Springs Fire protection district, Rolla Rural Fire Protection District and St. James Fire Protection District.
• Provided SBA microloan program and Justene Petersen contact information and EDA RLF loan program information to a grill/
event center business in Edgar Springs, MO, looking to expand.

- Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to Edgar Springs School during spring 2023 semester.
- Sent information on USDA Community Facility grant and MDNR VW Trust funds to the city for potential vehicle upgrades.
- Provided information and contact for USDA grant programs.
- Met with the city and engineer to discuss Delta Regional Authority funding for street/drainage project.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

NEWBURG

- Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for the city of Newburg’s ARPA funds.
- Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Phelps County.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to City of Rolla Fire and Rescue, Doolittle Rural Fire Protection District, Duke Rural Fire Department, Edgar Springs Fire protection district, Rolla Rural Fire Protection District and St. James Fire Protection District.
- Facilitated meeting with local stakeholders to discuss the CDBG Disaster Housing Study.
- Sent information on ARPA Entertainment Grant to city to share with local theater.
- Provided information to a local senior house facility about grant programs as potential resources to complete building foundation work and interior renovations.
- Visited Newburg city park to look at potential projects and discuss funding opportunities.
- Conducted traffic count.
- Continued administering a CDBG grant from the Missouri Department of Economic Development in the amount of $497,837 for the city of Newburg to reconstruct Wolf Pride Drive and Walnut Street that serve the Newburg School District. Phelps County is contributing a match to upgrade CR7310.
- Continued administering a grant request in the amount of $750,000 on behalf of the city of Newburg to the Missouri Department of Economic Development to make significant improvements to the water system including new storage tank, well hose and distribution lines.
- Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

ROLLA

- Participated in the Rolla St. Pat’s float parade for Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District.
- Participated in MO S&T Earth Day celebration on behalf of ORSWMD.
- Participated as a guest judge in the Missouri S&T Trashion Show on April 6, 2023.
- Displayed Earth Day Trash Art at The Centre in Rolla.
- Attended the April 7, 2023, Arts Rolla Environmental Show First Friday Reception where Earth Day winners were displayed.
- Completed Rolla code update on April 27, 2023.
- Participated in the Community Conversation Coalition meetings to discuss all MRPC services.
- Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to Pre-K students at the Rolla Head Start on Sept. 26, 2022.
- Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to K-5 grade students at Greentree Journey Kids in Rolla on Oct. 21, 2022.
- Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to 5-7 grade students at Rolla Middle School on April 24 through April 28, 2023.
- Participated in the Rolla Kids Safety Day on July 16, 2022.
- Participated in the Rolla Back to School Fair on July 30, 2022.
- Provided a consultation to a new start-up recycling business desiring an Ozark Rivers grant to purchase a recycling trailer through our grant program.
- Provided a letter of support for University of Missouri S&T’s EPA grant application.
- Provided to recycling bins for paper recycling to the Eco Club at Rolla High School.
- Provided Buckle Buddy and Bike/Pedestrian Safety programs at the Rolla Back to School Fair on Aug. 10, 2022.
- Promoted the Lead Safe program at Rolla Safety Day on July 16, 2022.
- Promoted the Lead Safe program at the Rolla Back to School Fair on Aug. 10, 2022.
- Provided Incredible Journey and ORSMD Information Booth at Native Plant and Pollinator Festival in Rolla on Sept. 10, 2022.
- Worked with Rolla Public Library on a community fund mini-grant for a book cover reuse and recycling project in the amount of $2,843. Project awarded by ORSWMD and MRPC.
- Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Phelps County.
- Facilitated a $12,500 Ozark Rivers grant request from Frontier Environmental Technology LLC for the development of an anaerobic digestion of slaughterhouse waste.
- Facilitated a $16,063 Ozark Rivers grant request from the city of Rolla for Recycling Center improvements to reduce congestion due to increased traffic at the recycling center.
- Facilitated a $1,188 MRPC Community Fund request from the Rolla Mission to provide community classes in composting and for the construction of a compost demonstration site.
- Provided educational materials on tire recycling for The Russell House, AMDNR scrap tire recipient.
- Provided educational materials to the Rolla Chamber of Commerce for distribution.
- Represented MRPC at the Rolla Mission’s ribbon-cutting event for their demonstration compost site funded through Ozark Rivers SWMD.
- Provided a grant overview for HA Homestead of Rolla, a new distributor of Bluebird Composting products.
- Presented the Incredible Journey program at the Rolla Outdoor Community School on June 14, 2023.
- Coordinated the special collection at Brewer Science for tires, appliances, textiles and electronics, collected 13,49 (1,226 tires) tons of tires and 23,44 tons of appliances and electronics from 268 cars.
- Provided a letter of support to Missouri University of Science & Technology for a National Science Foundation grant.
- Coordinated and administered an Ozark Rivers grant award to Rolla for a HHW Satellite Collection Center.
- Administered an Ozark Rivers grant award for residential household hazardous waste collection with satellite locations in Rolla and St. Robert.
- Awarded an Ozark Rivers grant to Frontier Environmental Technology, LLC in the amount of $12,500.
- Awarded an Ozark Rivers grant in the amount of $16,063.20 to the city of Rolla for recycling center improvements.
- Placed a surveillance camera at the city of Rolla compost facility on Feb. 15, 2023.
- Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to City of Rolla Fire and Rescue, Doolittle Rural Fire Protection District, Duke Rural Fire Department, Edgar Springs Fire protection district, Rolla Rural Fire Protection District and St. James Fire Protection District and provided Rolla Hazmat with $54,000 in equipment.
- Provided assistance to a local business with Missouri Secretary of State filings, transfers, etc., and referred client to SBDC for additional guidance.
- Provided SBA 504 loan program information to an individual looking to finance vehicles for a rental car business in Rolla, MO.
- Provided instructions and contact information for the SBA Disaster Assistance Center to a borrower looking for the process to request a deed of trust release.
- Provided SBA 504 and EDA RLF financing structure and application checklist to an existing business in Rolla, MO.
- Provided a MRCF online application and foundation user guidelines to an individual in Rolla, MO.
- Provided SBA 7a and ARPA small business revitalization grant information to an individual in Rolla, MO.
- Referred a business to SBDC and provided EDA RLF loan program information to an individual in Rolla, MO.
- Provided EDA RLF loan program information to an individual looking to start up a new restaurant in Rolla, MO and referred them to SBDC for a business plan.
- Provided ARPA small business grant program information with an existing restaurant in Rolla, MO.
- Provided SBA microloan information and Justene Petersen’s contact information to a local business located in Rolla, MO.
- Provided SBA 504 loan program information and information on veteran’s benefits to an individual looking to start up a night club in Rolla, MO.
- Provided SBA microloan program and Justene Petersen contact information to an existing floral business in Rolla, MO.
- Provided a small business in Rolla, MO, contact information for EIDC call center for their loan payoff balance.
- Provided an individual in Rolla, MO, with EIDL loan payment instructions information and the Disaster Call Center contact information.
- Provided guidelines to finance inventory and equipment, terms, guaranty percentage, amount limits and collateral requirements to a local bank on behalf of their client.
- Assisted a small business in Rolla, MO, with SBA 504 and EDA RLF financing for the purchase of land and building for its farm & feed business.
- Provided “Don’t run, call 911” postcards to Four Rivers Community Health Center and Phelps/Maries Health Department.
- Facilitated 10 Seeking Safety classes at the Rolla Mission from July 2022 to August 2022.
- Facilitated 10 Seeking Safety classes at the Rolla High School Learning Center from October 2022 to January 2023.
- Hosted a booth for MRPC’s Opioid Programs at Rolla Safety Day in July 2022.
- Hosted a booth for MRPC’s Opioid Programs at Rolla Back to School Fair in August 2022.
- Attended Drug-Free Communities (DFC) meetings from August 2022 to June 2023.
- Hosted a booth for MRPC’s Opioid Programs at the Rolla Mission Run Event in April 2023.
- Hosted a booth for MRPC’s Opioid Programs at S&T Wellness Fair in February 2023.
- Provided 51 backpacks and 51 summer bags with substance use disorder information to Rolla Head Start in August 2022 and May 2023, respectively. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
- Participated in the MS&T Prevention Coalition for drug safety and education from July 2022 to June 2023.
- Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to Rolla Elementary School during fall 2022 semester.
- Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to Rolla Middle School during fall 2022 semester.
- Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to Rolla Junior High School during fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.
- Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to Rolla High School during fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.
- Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Rolla Alternative School.
- Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Navig8.
- Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Rolla Technical School.
• Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Missouri After School Network.
• Hosted a Connecting All Missourians broadband informational meeting at The Centre in Rolla on Nov. 17, 2022, and June 9, 2023.
• Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Rolla High School.
• Provided information to a local youth-related organization about grant programs as potential resources to expand services and purchase a building.
• Met with Parks Department to discuss LWCF grant for Ber Juan Park.
• Checked on cybersecurity grants available to the city.
• Sent information on ARPA Entertainment Grant to local theater.
• Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to perform lead remediation services on a historic building.
• Provided information to a local individual about grant programs as potential resources to perform renovations on a historic building in conjunction with a business.
• Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to update a recreational trail bridge, purchase a tractor and furniture and add landscaping elements.
• Met with the city/RMU to discuss potential EV charging sites and grant funding.
• Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to improve local law enforcement operations and equipment.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**ST. JAMES**

• Secured a Missouri Humanities Grant, established a local committee, hired contractor and facilitated meetings for the development of a feasibility study for a National Museum of Indian Removal in the St. James area.
• Attended an OAYI virtual community conversation with a St. James youth.
• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to Pre-K students at the St. James Head Start on Oct. 5, 2022.
• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to K-5 students at the St. James Elementary on Nov. 1, Nov. 2 and Nov. 3, 2022.
• Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for the city of St. James’ ARPA funds.
• Initiated collection of mailing envelopes for reuse through the St. James library.
• Presented and gained Ozark Rivers SWMD approval for St. James Caring Center’s $1,480 request to purchase two pallet jacks and a computer for their Resource Center’s repair of thrift store items.
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Phelps County.
• Provided a letter of support to the St. James School District for a Scrap Tire Market Development grant.
• In collaboration with St. James Caring Center, piloted an expansion of our special waste collection to include textiles as a pilot project at our Brewer Science event.
• Assisted a local retailer in the St. James area with floodplain questions.
• Provided support letters from ORSWMD to the St. James School District for a scrap tire grant.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads to City of Rolla Fire and Rescue, Doolittle Rural Fire Protection District, Duke Rural Fire Department, Edgar Springs Fire protection district, Rolla Rural Fire Protection District and St. James Fire Protection District.
• Participated in the Mayors Minute Facebook Live posts on Aug. 12, 19 and 26, 2022.
• Hosted an Awareness walk in St. James on Aug. 20, 2022.
• Facilitated 10 Seeking Safety classes at St. James High School in October and November 2022.
• Provided 16 backpacks and 17 summer bags with substance use disorder information to St. James Head Start in August 2022 and May 2023, respectively. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
• Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to St. James Elementary School during fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.
• Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to St. James Middle School during fall 2022 semester.
• Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to St. James High School during fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.
• Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at St. James High School.
• Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at the St. James Great Circle/KVC location.
• Hosted Overdose Awareness Day at Phelps County Bank on Aug. 31, 2022.
• Provided information to a local agency about grant programs as potential resources to purchase an ATV to use in emergency situations.
• Provided information on the state’s ARPA programs to local caring center.
• Researched information on vendors for universal playgrounds for the city.
• Met with city to discuss LWCF for universal playground.
• Provided engineer with USDA contact for Community Facility grant/loan for police departments upgrades.
• Provided EV charging station grant information to a local business owner.
• Met with city administrators to discuss needs, potential projects and funding resources.
• Provided information to a local agency about grant programs...
as potential resources to build new restrooms in a municipality-owned park.

• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**PULASKI COUNTY**

MODOT’s Meramec Area Engineer Preston Kramer and MRPC staff Bonnie Prigge and Anne Freand discussed transportation needs and priorities in Pulaski County.

• Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for Pulaski County’s ARPA funds.
• Distributed educational materials on July 2, 2022, for food waste reduction at the Farmers’ Market.
• Coordinated an illegal dump clean up on Laramie Road with Fort Leonard Wood volunteers on March 25, 2023.
• Conducted an illegal dump survey in western Pulaski County.
• Coordinated setting of illegal dump surveillance camera on Laramie Road on July 19, 2022.
• Coordinated the cleanup preparation for the illegal dump cleanup on Laramie Road.
• Placed a surveillance camera at an illegal dump on the southwest end of Laramie Road on June 29, 2023.
• Met with Pulaski County Commission, city leadership and TAC members on Nov. 14, 2022, to discuss unfunded transportation needs on the state system.
• Attended Pulaski County CIT monthly meetings from July to November 2022 and April to June 2023.
• Completed update of 240 businesses on Naturally Meramec Consortium website for Pulaski County.
• Provided assistance with the first Pulaski County Jail CIT in August 2022.
• Reviewed and provided comments on BRO application for Road and Bridge Department.
• Looked up eligibility of a county road for CDBG funds and informed Road and Bridge Department.
• Provided information to a local business about grant and loan programs as potential resources to relocate and expand a pumpkin patch.
• Discussed needs at the Pulaski Museum and began grant research.
• Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to complete ADA upgrades to existing facilities and add a recreational trail.
• Sent EMS a couple of potential resources for a non-profit in Laquey area to get a generator.
• Set traffic counter at Devils Elbow Bridge.
• Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to complete building improvements to a history museum.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services, to Pulaski County and its cities.
• Provided a letter of support to the Swedeborg School District for a Scrap Tire Market Development grant.

**CROCKER**

• Helped plan and implement a crash simulation docudrama presentation to Crocker High School on Nov. 4, 2022.
• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to K-5 grade students at Crocker Elementary on April 14, 2023.
• Awarded a Project Graduation mini-grant, using Coalition for Roadway Safety (Central District) funds to Cuba High School. School received $300 cash and $100 in Buckle Up/Phone Down incentives for their project graduation event.
• Participated in the Crocker Back to School fair on Aug. 11, 2022.
• Promoted the Lead Safe program at the Crocker Back to School Fair on Aug. 11, 2022.
• Contacted Crocker School District to provide information for Seeking Safety classes in October 2022.
• Facilitated 10 Seeking Safety classes at Crocker High School in January and February 2023.
• Hosted a booth for MRPC’s Opioid Programs at the Crocker Back to School Fair on Aug. 8, 2022.
• Completed a Strategic Plan for the city of Crocker using MRPC’s CARES Act funds in April and June 2023.
• Provided traffic counts for Riverside Road and Resort Road in Crocker.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**DIXON**

• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to K-5 grade students at
• Presented a Buckle Buddy program to K-2 grade students at Dixon Elementary School on Nov. 18, 2022.
• Participated in the Dixon Back to School Fair on Aug. 15, 2022.
• Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for the city of Dixon’s ARPA funds.
• Provided a letter of support for the Dixon Elementary School’s scrap tire grant application.
• Awarded an Ozark Rivers grant in the amount of $24,080.84 to the Dixon Area Caring Center – Recycling Center.
• Coordinated a special collection hosted by Dixon High School and diverted 6.56 tons of tires, electronics, and appliances.
• Shared SBA 7a origination fee information with a local bank in Dixon, MO.
• Provided SBA 504 and EDA RLF loan program information with an individual looking to purchase an existing restaurant in Dixon, MO.
• Assisted a small business in Dixon, MO, with SBA 504 and EDA RLF financing for the purchase of land and building for its custom trailer assembly business.
• Contacted Dixon School District to discuss Seeking Safety classes in August 2022.
• Sent Pulaski ARPA proposal to local senior center and discussed needs for grant research.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

FORT LEONARD WOOD
• Provided information on roadway safety at the Ready and Resilient Fair at Fort Leonard Wood on Oct. 18, 2022, and May 23, 2023.
• Attended the Fort Leonard Wood Ready and Resiliency Fair with Roadway Safety, ACP information and Opioid Awareness program information on May 23, 2023.
• Participated in the Fort Leonard Wood Earth Day Celebration on April 22, 2023.
• Consulted with Fort Leonard Wood staff on activities for their Earth Day event.
• Had a conversation about the DCIP grant opportunity for a project in Waynesville.
• Had conversations about the Compatible Use Plan to update the JLUS plan.

RICHLAND
• Provided information on roadway safety at the Richland Safety Fair on June 3, 2023.
• Provided the Incredible Journey program for the Water Cycle Summer Reading Program at the Pulaski County Library District’s Richland location on July 13, 2022.
• Hosted a booth for MRPC’s Opioid Programs at Richland Safety Day in June 2023.
• Provided 17 backpacks and 17 summer bags with substance use disorder information to Richland Head Start in August 2022 and May 2023, respectively. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
• Sent possible grant source for housing complex improvements.
• Sent information to the city on potential sources of funds to upgrade police/fire/public works communications.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

ST. ROBERT
• Administered an Ozark Rivers grant award for residential household hazardous waste collections and promoted trash/dump prevention strategies.
• Administered an Ozark Rivers grant award for residential household hazardous waste collection with satellite locations in Rolla and St. Robert.
• Coordinated the special collection in St. Robert on for tires, appliances and electronics on Oct. 8, 2022.
• Coordinated an Ozark Rivers Community Fund grant for the city of St. Robert to purchase 1,000 additional curbside recycling bins for its residential collections in St. Robert and Waynesville.
• Provided SBA express microloan program and contact information and EDA RLF loan program information to an individual looking to start a new business in St. Robert, MO.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

More than 30 volunteers from Fort Leonard Wood participated in a clean-up of Laramie Road on March 25, 2023. The group was so large they were able to clean multiple sections of the road.
• Continued administering a CDBG General Infrastructure grant in the amount of $32,500,000 from the Missouri Department of Economic Development for the construction of a wastewater treatment facility in St. Robert.

**WAYNESVILLE**

• Participated in meetings to plan and review DCIP application with Waynesville on a new fire station.
• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to Pre-K students at the Waynesville Head Start on Sept. 21, 2022.
• Provided a Buckle Buddy program to Pre-K students at the Waynesville Head Start on Oct. 25, 2022.
• Distributed educational materials on July 2, 2022, for food waste reduction at the Farmers’ Market.
• Provided a letter of support for the city of Waynesville’s scrap tire grant application.
• Provided a letter of support for the Westside Christian Academy tire grant application.
• Provided the Incredible Journey program for the Water Cycle Summer Reading Program at the Pulaski County Library District’s Waynesville location on July 20, 2022.
• Coordinated an Ozark Rivers Community Fund grant for the city of St. Robert to purchase 1,000 additional curbside recycling bins for its residential collections in St. Robert and Waynesville.
• Provided SBA express microloan program information to an individual looking to start a new business incubator in Waynesville, MO.
• Contacted Waynesville School District Special Educator to discuss Seeking Safety in August 2022 and hosted a Zoom meeting with the district in September 2022.
• Provided 49 backpacks and 53 summer bags with substance use disorder information to Waynesville Head Start in August 2022 and May 2023, respectively. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.
• Provided CARES information/documentation to county’s auditor.
• Attended Washington County CIT monthly meeting in November 2022.
• Provided information to Washington County Sheriff Jacobsen regarding Seeking Safety in August, September and October 2022.
• Met with Washington County Jail Administrator to provide information regarding Seeking Safety in January 2023.
• Completed first draft of Crawford/Washington Day Trip for Naturally Meramec Consortium.
• Hosted Taste of Washington County in conjunction with the Home Grown Farm Tour on Aug. 27, 2022.
• Provided information to a local fire department about grant programs as potential resources to fund various proposed activities.
• Provided information to a local school about grant programs as potential resources to purchase radios for use in school buses.
• Provided information to a local agency about a grant program as a potential resource to install or rehabilitate an early warning emergency alert system.
• Met with Marrilac Mission Fund to discuss needs in the county and provided local contacts for them to reach.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

• Provided $549,597 in rental assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher Program to an average of 137 households. This includes the cities of Caledonia, Irondale, Mineral Point and Potosi and the communities of Belgrade and Cadet.
• Provided information on roadway safety at the Washington County Health Fair in Potosi on Sept. 10, 2022.
• Participated in the Washington County Back to School Fair on July 30, 2022.
• Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for Washington County’s ARPA funds.
• Promoted Lead Safe Program at Washington County Fair on Aug. 1, 2022.
• Secured a MERC/SEMA grant that provided booms and pads for Belgrade Volunteer Fire Department, Caledonia Fire Protection District, Irondale Fire Protection District, Potosi Fire Protection District and Richwoods Fire Protection District.
• Promoted Lead Safe Program at Washington County Health Fair on Sept. 10, 2022.
• Deployed illegal dump surveillance camera on Forest Service Road 2375 through July 2022.
• Provided a letter of support for the Washington County Community Partnership scrap tire grant.
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Washington County.
• Secured a Hazardous Materials Basic Life Saver class training through MERC/SEMA for Washington County Health Department and Caledonia Fire Department and surrounding agencies.
• Conducted an illegal dump survey in south Washington County.
• Met with Washington County Commission, city leadership and TAC members on Oct. 24, 2022, to discuss unfunded transportation needs on the state system.
• Attended Washington County CIT monthly meeting in November 2022.
• Provided information to Washington County Sheriff Jacobsen regarding Seeking Safety in August, September and October 2022.
• Met with Washington County Jail Administrator to provide information regarding Seeking Safety in January 2023.
• Completed first draft of Crawford/Washington Day Trip for Naturally Meramec Consortium.
• Hosted Taste of Washington County in conjunction with the Home Grown Farm Tour on Aug. 27, 2022.
• Provided information to a local fire department about grant programs as potential resources to fund various proposed activities.
• Provided information to a local school about grant programs as potential resources to purchase radios for use in school buses.
• Provided information to a local agency about a grant program as a potential resource to install or rehabilitate an early warning emergency alert system.
• Met with Marrilac Mission Fund to discuss needs in the county and provided local contacts for them to reach.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

**CALEDONIA**

• Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Valley R-VI School.
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Washington County.
• Secured a Hazardous Materials Basic Life Saver class training through MERC/SEMA for Caledonia Fire Department and Washington County Health Department and surrounding agencies.
• Provided instructions to the city on how to initiate a low-to-moderate (LMI) survey to determine CDBG eligibility.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

IRONDALE
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Washington County.
• Provided information about granting programs as potential resources to hire a police officer and purchase law enforcement related equipment.
• Provided information about granting programs as potential resources to make upgrades to municipality-owned water and sewer systems.
• Submitted a grant request in the amount of $611,580 to the Missouri Department of Economic Development on behalf of the city of Irondale for funding to renovate the existing community building, as well as adding a parking area and building addition.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

CADET
• Presented a Buckle Buddy program to 3-8 grade students at Kingston Elementary School in Cadet on Sept. 13-14, 2022.

MINERAL POINT
• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to Pre-K students at Mineral Point Head Start on Nov. 8, 2022.
• Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for city of Mineral Point’s ARPA funds.
• Provided Buckle Buddy program at Mineral Point Head Start on Nov. 9, 2022.
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Washington County.
• Provided 56 backpacks and 56 summer bags with substance use disorder information to Mineral Point Head Start in August 2022 and May 2023, respectively. Bags are provided as a part of the Family Assistance Backpack Program funded by the Opioid Affected Youth Initiative through the Department of Justice.
• Responded to public inquiry on Village’s ARPA funds.
• Provided information to state auditor working on the city’s audit.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.

POTOSI
• Participated in the Washington County Community Partnership meetings throughout the year.
• Presented a bicycle/pedestrian program to 7-8 grade students at Potosi Middle School on Oct. 19, 2022.
• Awarded a Project Graduation and Docudrama mini-grant, using Coalition for Roadway Safety (Central District) funds to Potosi High School. School received $300 cash and $100 in Buckle Up/Phone Down incentives for their project graduation event and $400 to cover expenses for their docudrama.
• Provided technical assistance and submitted required reports for city of Potosi’s ARPA funds.
• Provided a letter of support for the Washington County Community Partnership scrap tire grant.
• Completed a hazardous material training survey for the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District in Washington County.
• Provided SBA 504 loan payoff information and assistance to a local bank in Potosi.
• Provided SBA 7a loan eligibility requirements information to two individuals in Potosi, MO.
• Hosted a booth for MRPC’s Opioid Programs at the Potosi Health Fair on Sept. 10, 2022.
• Contracted with Prevention Consultants of Missouri to provide “Too Good for Drugs” curriculum to Potosi Schools during fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.
• Contracted with Invent Yourself, LLC to provide Breaking the Cycle of Substance Use Disorders at Potosi Middle School.
• Provided a drug take-back box to the Potosi Police Department in February 2023.
• Completed a Strategic Plan for the city of Potosi using MRPC’s CARES Act funds in July 2022 and June 2023.
• Provided state ARPA information for police departments.
• Provided information to a local agency about grant programs as potential resources to install electric vehicle charging stations.
• Provided information to a local law enforcement agency about grant programs as potential resources to fund various proposed activities.
• Provided information to a local organization about grant programs as potential resources to perform updates and enhancements to a senior center facility.
• Provided information on Community Development Block grants and 49 grant alerts, which are listed under Regional Services.
CRAWFORD COUNTY
Rodney Neff, representing the mayor of Cuba
Erik Lowes, representing for-profit
Mary Heywood, representing the unemployed
Margie Brine, representing the mayor of Bourbon
Jason Ward, mayor of Steelville
Steve Black, presiding commissioner

DENT COUNTY
Earl Brown, representing people with disabilities
Kyle Williams, representing the mayor of Salem
Gary Larson, presiding commissioner
Robert Parsons, representing Farming/Agri Business
John Smith, representing for-profit

GASCONADE COUNTY
Tim Schulte, presiding commissioner
Merrilee Spurgeon, mayor of Bland
Shannon Grus, mayor of Rosebud
John Kamler, mayor of Owensville
Jason Koenigsfeld, representing the mayor of Morrison
Duane Kraettli, representing for-profit
Patricia Heaney, representing the mayor of Hermann
Debbie Green, mayor of Gasconade
Tammy Bruckerhoff, representing tourism

MARIES COUNTY
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Ray Schwartze, representing for-profit
Vic Stratman, presiding commissioner
Steve Vogt, representing the mayor of Belle

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Dr. Don Claycomb, representing education
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Michael Edwards, mayor of Chamois

PHELPS COUNTY
Albert Hamlet, mayor of Edgar Springs
Kent Bagnall, representing for-profit
Patti Chism, representing the mayor of Newburg
John Butz/Tom Coots, representing the mayor of Rolla
Adam Housewright, representing lending institutions
Doug Smith, mayor of Doolittle
Shane Anselm, representing labor
Joey Auxier, presiding commissioner
Janet Walker, representing minorities
Dan Knoell, representing the mayor of St. James
John Money, representing healthcare

PULASKI COUNTY
Brenda Doyle, representing seniors
Michael Dunbar, representing for-profit
Mike Null, mayor of Dixon
Sean Wilson, mayor of Waynesville
Glen Smith, mayor of Crocker
Gene Newkirk, presiding commissioner
George Lauritson, mayor of St. Robert

WASHINGTON COUNTY
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John Casey, representing transportation
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William Hall, mayor of Irondale
John Robinson III, chairman of Caledonia
Dave Sansegrow, presiding commissioner

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MRPC Board members talk with state legislators at its Jan. 12, 2023 meeting. The board creates a report of legislative priorities that they take to the capitol in January each year.
MRB Corporation is the nonprofit holding company that owns the assets (building, cars, computers, furniture, etc.) used by the Meramec Regional Planning Commission and its related organizations. MRB Corp. is composed of the cities and counties that make up MRPC. City and county representatives who sit on MRPC’s board also sit on the MRB board.

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MRB Corporation is the nonprofit holding company that owns the assets (building, cars, computers, furniture, etc.) used by the Meramec Regional Planning Commission and its related organizations. MRB Corp. is composed of the cities and counties that make up MRPC. City and county representatives who sit on MRPC’s board also sit on the MRB board.

MRB officers are:
President Steve Vogt  •  Vice President Vic Stratman  •  Secretary/Treasurer Tim Schulte

MRPC’s Associate Membership program is an opportunity for business and industry to partner with MRPC to enhance and compliment economic development efforts in the region.

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GASCONADE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GCIDA)
This nonprofit group’s goal is to assist Gasconade County businesses by promoting economic development.
Roberta Berger, Vice-chairman
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Jerry Lairmore - Ex-Officio
Dale Ridder - Chairman
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GASCONADE VALLEY ENTERPRISE ZONE (GVEZ)
GVEZ is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation that oversees the four enhanced enterprise zones located in Gasconade, Maries and Osage counties. The board is made up of three volunteers from each county.
GASCONADE COUNTY
Randy Blaske
Jerry Lairmore, Treasurer
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COMMUNITY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (3CDC)
3CDC’s mission is to develop and operate child care centers, consistent with progressive industry guidelines, to care for and educate children, and all other legal powers permitted a nonprofit.
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MERAMEC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MRDC)
In April 1994, MRDC became a Certified Development Company, which allows it to package SBA loans in Missouri. This nonprofit group offers gap financing loan programs to new and expanding businesses and industries in a six-county area. Financing products include the Meramec Region’s Revolving Loan Fund loans, the USDA Intermediary Relending Program, CDBG’s microloan program and the Small Business Administration’s 504 program.

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John Craig
Vacancy
Vacancy

Dent County
Mike Homeyer
Sally Burbridge
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Gasconade County
James Holland
Kathy Brandt
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Maries County
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Gary Hicks, President
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MRDC At-Large Member
Marla Stevenson

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This 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation serves as a related organization to the MRPC to assist in its mission by providing services that increase the social, economic, educational, health-related and recreational opportunities to the residents of the region.

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OZARK RIVERS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (ORSWMMD)
This organization is charged with reducing the amount of waste generated in the district. The executive board shall consist of two members per county — the presiding commissioner and a single representative for cities with populations of 500 or more. The district includes Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties and their cities.

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Maries County
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Steve Vogt, Treasurer

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Roger Pankey
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Troy Porter, Chairman
Charles Bassett

Washington County
Gary Gilliam, Secretary
Dave Sansegraw

Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District board gathers at the St. James Caring Center for its Dec. 6, 2022, meeting.

MERAMEC REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (MRCF)
Meramec Regional Community Foundation is an affiliate of Community Foundation of the Ozarks with the mission to enhance the quality of life for the Meramec Region through asset development, grant-making opportunities and public leadership and collaboration and philanthropy awareness.

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Dent County: Vacancy
Gasconade County: Jared Niederer, Chairman
Maries County: Vacancy
Osage County: Tony Hayden
Phelps County: Amy Pendleton
Pulaski County: Randy Becht, Secretary/Treasurer
Washington County: Vacancy

MRCF At-Large: Richard Cavender, Vice Chairman
MRPC Representatives: Bonnie Prigge, Steve Vogt and Vacancy
MRPC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
The MRPC TAC is a volunteer advisory committee that encompasses all modes of transportation. This group identifies and prioritizes transportation issues as they impact the Meramec Region and advises the MRPC board, who in turn provides information to the Missouri Department of Transportation. Each county has three representatives. MoDOT Meramec Area Engineer is Preston Kramer.

**Crawford County**  
Jared Boast  
Rob Cummings  
Steve Black  

**Dent County**  
Gary Larson  
Sally Burbridge  
Robert Parsons  

**Gasconade County**  
John Kamler  
Jerry Lairmore  
Randy Blaske  

**Maries County**  
Steve Vogt, Chairman  
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**Phelps County**  
Darin Pryor  
Joey Auxier  
Rick Krawiecki  

**Pulaski County**  
Gene Newkirk  
George Lauritson  
Charles Bassett, Secretary  

**Washington County**  
John Casey  
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T.R. Dudley, Vice Chairman  

**Ex-Officio Members**  
Preston Kramer, MoDOT  
Steve Engelbrecht, MoDOT  
Oscar Powers, FLW Safety  
Denny Ward, SMTS  
Machelle Watkins, MoDOT  

MRPC FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FSS)
This council serves in an advisory capacity, providing updates of community resources available to participants in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. FSS is a self-help program through the Phelps County PHA, designed to help welfare families become self-sufficient.

**Crawford County**  
Jenny Southerland  

**Dent County**  
Jessica Horn  

**Gasconade County**  
Bethany Breeden  
Stephanie DeLong  
Brittnie Crosby  
Susan Steinbeck  
Dana Loughridge  
Jean Baker  
Andrea Dixon  
Cara Smith  
Heather Schlottach  

**Maries County**  
Crystal Railey  
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**Phelps County**  
Janice Wilson  
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**MERAMEC LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING DISTRICT (MLEPD)**
The MLEPD contracts with MRPC develop and update the regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan and maintaining Community Right-to-Know records of hazardous materials in the region.

**Crawford County:** Honor Evans  

**Dent County:** Brad Nash  

**Gasconade County:** Jeff Arnold and Clyde Zelch  

**Maries County:** Doug Drewel, Scott John and Steve Vogt  

**Osage County:** Kim Sallin, Ron Hoffman, Chelsea Smith and Joshua Krull  

**Phelps County:** Margaret Biolsi, Jeff Breen, Vice Chairman; Ron Smith, Wendy Squires, Secretary/Treasurer; Joshua Pearson, Ron Jones and Mark Diedrich  

**Washington County:** Kraig J. Bone, Chairman; Chuck Fisher, John Lucas, Floyd Hawarth and Shawnee Douglas  

Amber Helling graduated early from her Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program in July of 2022 with an escrow balance of $3,529.04. She began FSS in 2017 and has since received a full-time teaching position and, at the time of graduation, was working on purchasing her own home in Gasconade County.
REGION I HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (HSOC)

This advisory committee carries out regional homeland security planning and recommends the allocation of grants to the MRPC board. Region I includes Crawford, Dent, Laclede, Maries, Phelps and Pulaski counties. (Committee as of 9/19/23)

Chair: Ron Smith  Vice Chair: Tabitha Stanfast

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Gary Hicks of Phelps County; Vacant, Alt.

POLICE CHIEFS – Dan Cordova of Waynesville; Regina Arrington, Crocker Police Department, Alt.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS – Randy Rowe of Laclede County; Brad Woods, Rolla Fire and Rescue, Alt.

SHERIFFS – Sam Allen of Laclede County; Jimmy Bench of Pulaski County, Alt.

FIRE CHIEFS – Donald Good of Lenox Fire; Doug Yurecko of Waynesville Rural Fire, Alt.

COUNTY HEALTH – Hector Silva, Pulaski County Health Dept.; Vacant, Alt.

PUBLIC WORKS – Darin Pryor of Rolla; Vacant, Alt.

MAYOR/CITY OFFICIALS – Mayor Glen Smith of Crocker; Vacant, Alt.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY/UTILITY – Tony Floyd of Intercounty Electric Cooperative; Byron Dudley with Laclede Electric, Alt.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – Linda Kerr with Phelps Health; Jennifer Parrett, St. James Ambulance, Alt.

911 DISPATCH – Brad England with Crawford County; Stacey Smith of Rolla 911; Alt.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS – David Sewell with American Red Cross; D. L. Miller with American Red Cross, Alt.

HOMELAND SECURITY RESPONSE TEAMS – Jeff Breen of Rolla Fire & Rescue; Ron Smith, of Rolla Fire and Rescue, Alt.

SCHOOLS – Vacant; Vacant, Alt.

HOSPITALS – Tabitha Stanfast of Salem Memorial District Hospital; John Lochner of Mercy Hospital in Lebanon, Alt.

EX-OFFICIO – Matt Luetkemeyer, Missouri Div. of Fire Safety; Chris Engelbrecht, Missouri Dept. of Transportation; Brett Hendrix, SEMA; Wayland Taylor, SEMA; Kevin Virgin, SEMA; Roger Strope, SEMA; Wendy Squires, Phelps Health; Greg Dubois, Missouri State Highway Patrol; Ashley Campbell, Phelps-Maries County Health Department; Rob Barth, U.S. Geological Survey; Joni McCarter, Dept. of Public Safety; and Bonnie Prigge, Meramec Regional Planning Commission.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The CEDS committee is a volunteer group of public-private business leaders, representing government, private enterprise, workforce development, chambers and higher education. The committee is charged with providing input and oversight on MRPC’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, a planning document that qualifies Meramec counties and cities for EDA funding.

CRAWFORD COUNTY: Kelly Long, Terry Beckham, Chuck Ray, Roger Louderman and Dr. Sean Siebert

DENT COUNTY: Earl Brown, Sally Burbridge, Tabitha Stanfast and Tony Floyd

GASCONADE COUNTY: Tammy Bruckerhoff and Bruce Cox

MARIES COUNTY: Dr. Lenice Basham, Mark James and Vic Stratman

OSAGE COUNTY: Darryl Griffin, Jan Haviland, Rich Eisterhold, Chris Bowser and Kim Sallin

PHELPS COUNTY: Dale Martin, Donald Keeney, Janet Walker, Lyle Thomas, Marla Stevenson, Pat Leaders, Rick Krawiecki, Joey Auxier, Travin Shelton and Taisia Gordon

PULASKI COUNTY: Carol Carson, Randy Becht, Megan Titus and Travis Bohrer

WASHINGTON COUNTY: John Casey, Kraig Bone, and Jaclyn Rowe

EX-OFFICIO: Kevin Stadler (Central Workforce Investment Board), Alexandra Crabb (MoDED), Mitch Rademan (MoDED), Amy Sublett (Central Workforce Investment Board), Bonnie Prigge (Executive Director MRPC), Anne Freand (Planning Manager)
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Gary Brown, 77, of Salem spent over 30 years serving his community. In April of 1993 he was elected the East Ward alderman for the city of Salem. In 2000, Brown was elected Mayor where he served the community for 14 years. Even when Gary gave up his elected position of mayor, he continued to serve and was still serving on the Meramec Regional Planning Commission board and the Salem planning and zoning committee when he passed away. With the planning commission, Gary served on many boards and committees over his 23 years including holding all four officer positions multiple times. At the time of his passing, Gary served on the MRPC board and the External Relations Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee and Meramec Regional Community Foundation. Gary is survived by his wife, Alys, his two children, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.
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Richwoods, MO 63071
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Jefferson City, MO 65101
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house.mo.gov/member.aspx?district=144
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With the redistricting of the legislative maps (approved May 2022), the Meramec Region went from 10 to eight representatives in the Missouri House of Representatives.

The Meramec Region lost districts 62, 119, 142, but gained district 124.

- District 61 - Bruce Sassmann
- District 118 - Mike McGirl
- District 120 - Ron Copeland
- District 121 - Bill Hardwick
- District 122 - Tara Peters
- District 124 - Don Mayhew
- District 143 - Bennie Cook
- District 144 - Chris Dinkins

After redistricting, the Meramec Region maintains three senators, but lost District 6, which was replaced with District 26 in the Missouri State Senate.

- District 3 - Elaine Gannon (no election)
- District 16 - Justin Brown
- District 26 - Ben Brown

Source: Missouri Office of Administration
Crawford County
Population (2022) 22,659
Founded January 13, 1829
Courthouse
302 W. Main • P.O. Box AS Steelville, MO 65565
www.crawfordcountymo.net
Crawford@sos.mo.gov
www.crawfordcountymo.net
302 W. Main • P.O. Box AS Steelville, MO  65565
Commissioners:
Presiding—Steve Black
Associates—Rob Cummings & Jared Boast
County Clerk: John Martin
Circuit Clerk: Karen Harlan
Collector: Pat Schwent
Treasurer: Karen Sikes
Prosecuting Attorney: David S. Smith
Sheriff: Darin Layman
Associate Circuit Judge: Patrick Horsefield
42nd Circuit Judge Div. 1: Megan Seay
Coroner: Vacant
Elders:
Attorney: Robert L. Davis
Surveyor: Mark A. Mueller
Assessor: Kellie Vestal
Collector: Pat Schwent
Circuit Clerk: Melissa Brown
County Clerk: Angie Curley

Cuba........................................... 4th Class
Population (2022) 3,160
Founded January 2, 1857
202 N. Smith • P.O. Box K, Cuba, MO 65453
cityofcubamo.com
Council meets 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 p.m.
Phone: (573) 889-7432 | Fax: (573) 889-3216
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F
Mayor: Cody Leathers
Clerk: Lainie Garbo
Email: lgarbo@ci.cuba.mo.us
Comptroller: Jennifer Basham
Treasurer: Jessica Baker
Elders:
Attorney: Lance Thurman
Collector: Kim Roedemeier
Police Chief: Doug Shelton
Fire Chief: Mike Plank
Public Works Director: Vacant
Building Inspector: Bob Baldwin
Street Supt.: Bill Dotson
Electric Supt.: Any Simpson
Water Supt.: Glen Shockley
Natural Gas Supt.: James Happel
Municipal Judge: Kara Wacker
Assistant Court Clerk: Janelle Goss
Circuit Clerk: Kristi Craig
Assessor: Jamie L. Homeyer
County Clerk: Dent@sos.mo.gov

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Surveyor: Michelle Elwood
EMD: Brad Nash

Salem.............................................4th Class
Population (2022)................... 4,655
Founded......................................1860
400 N. Iron St. Salem, MO 65560
salemmo.com
mayor@salemmo.com
cityadministrator@salemmo.com
cityclerk@salemmo.com
Council meets 2nd & 4th Tues., 6 p.m.
Phone: (573) 729-4811 or 729-5211 | Fax: (573) 729-5371
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F
Mayor: Greg Parker
Collector/City Clerk: Tammy Kohler
Alderpersons:
Kala Siscko
Shawn Bolerjack
Amanda Duncan
Kyle Williams
City Administrator & Economic Development Director: Sally Burbridge
Finance Director: Stacey Houston
Attorney: James K. Weber
Chief of Police: Joe Chase
Street Supt./Airport Manager: Brent Young
Water & sewer Supt.: Donnie Moore
Electric Superintendent: Josh Kotschedoff
Parks and Rec.: Melissa DuBois
Code Officer: Travis Roberts
Salem Community Center Executive Director: Sherry Lea
EMD: Jonathon Counts
Building Inspector: Jarred Brown
Floodplain Administrator: Tammy Snodgrass, MRPC

Gasconade County
Population (2022)......................14,768
Founded..........................November 25, 1820
Courthouse
119 E. First St. Hermann, MO 65041
gasconadecounty.org
gasconade@sos.mo.gov
Commission meets on Thurs., 8:30 a.m. (1st Thurs. in Owensville at City Hall)
Phone: (573) 486-5427 | Fax: (573) 486-8893
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F
Commissioners:
Presiding—Tim Schulte
Associate—Jerry Lairmore & James Holland
County Clerk: Lesa Lietzow
Assessor: Paul Schulte
Circuit Clerk/Recorder: Jenny Schneider
Collector: Shawn Schlottach
Treasurer: Mike Feagan
Prosecuting Attorney: Mary Weston
Sheriff: Scott Eiler
20th Judicial Court Judge, Dist. 1:
Craig Hellmann
20th Judicial Court Judge, Dist. 2:
Ryan J. Helfrich
Associate Circuit Judge: Ada Brehe-Krueger
Coroner: Jeffrey Arnold
Public Administrator: Kelly Brehe Thomas
EMD/Floodplain Administrator: Clyde Zelch
911 Director: Lisa Schlottach
Health Admin: Kenna Fricke
Road/Bridge: Roger Dahl
Surveyor: Vincent Klott

Bland.............................................4th Class
Population (2022).................. 507
Founded..........................1902
209 W. Kansas City St. • P.O. Box 40
Bland, MO 65041
Council meets 2nd Mon., 6:00 p.m.
Phone: (573) 649-3252 | Fax: (573) 649-5210
Email: blandmo@centurylink.net
Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., M-Th, 8-12 F
Mayor Pro-Tem: Merrilee Spurgeon
City Clerk/Treasurer: Diane Decker
Court Clerk: Julie Solan
Alderpersons:
Merrilee Spurgeon
Ned Steiner
Joe Ridener
John Hollandworth
City Marshall: Dwayne Goodridge
Fire Chief: Mark Davis
Municipal Judge: Cody Holt
Attorney: Stephanie Carr
Prosecutor: Jonathan Downard
Public Works Director: Rodney Turner
City Engineer: Terris Cates
Parks & Recreation: Lee Medlock
Floodplain Administrator: Diane Decker

Gasconade...................................4th Class
Population (2022)..................170
Founded..........................1926
493 Oak St., Gasconade, MO 65036
Phone: (573) 294-7348 (City Hall)
Email: gasconadecity@gmail.com
Mayor: Debbie Green
City Clerk: Kim Steiner
City Collector: Marjorie Kuhn
Alderpersons:
Michael Owens
Jennifer Miller
John Steiner
Curtis Duncan
Floodplain Administrator: Debbie Green

Hermann.................................4th Class
Population (2022)...................2,194
Founded..........................August 27, 1836
1902 Jefferson St. Hermann, MO 65041
www.hermannmo.com
Council meets 2nd & 4th Mon., 7 p.m.
Phone: (573) 486-5400 | Fax: (573) 486-5432
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F
Mayor: Bruce Cox
Clerk: Corey Orr
cityclerk@hermannmo.com
Alderpersons:
Derek LeRoy
Ash Geers
Jim Schirmer
Susan Lenger
City Administrator/Floodplain Administrator: Patricia Heaney
Director/Economic Development and Tourism: Tammy Bruckerhoff
Collector: Carol Schluss
Treasurer: Lois Puchta
Chief of Police: Marlon Walker
Fire Chief: Kevin Speckhals
EMD: Marlon Walker

Morrison.................................4th Class
Population (2022)...................98
Founded..........................1899
134 Main St. • P.O. Box 8, Morrison, MO 65061
Council meets on 2nd Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (573) 294-7000
cityofmorrison.com
cityofmorrisonmo@gmail.com
Mayor: Melissa Strope
Clerk: Doris Rost
Collector: Stephanie Strope
Treasurer: Toni Grzeskowiak
Alderpersons:
Rick Penrod
Jason Koenigsfeld
Tom Hernandez
Steve Nolte
Fire Chief: Rick Cramer
Attorney: Mary Weston
Water & Wastewater: Greg Breeden
Meter Reader: Larry Rinne
Gas & Street: Brad Birk
Floodplain Administrator: Melissa Strope

Owensville.................................4th Class
Population (2022)..................2,806
Founded..........................1911
107 W. Sears Owensville, MO 65066
www.cityofowensville.com
citygov@cityofowensville.com
Council meets 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.
Phone: (573) 437-2812 | Fax: (573) 437-5812
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F
City Administrator/Floodplain Administrator: Randy Blaske
Collector/City Clerk: Peggy Farrell
Deputy City Clerk: Kara Meyer
Alderpersons:
Cathy Lahmeyer
Matt Kramme
Denise Bohl
Kevin McFadden

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Maries County

Population (2022) .......................... 8,431
Founded .............................. March 2, 1855

Court House
211 4th St. • P.O. Box 205 Vienna, MO 65582
www.mariescounty.mo.gov
maries@sos.mo.gov

Commission meets 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Mon. & Thurs.
Phone: (573) 422-3388 | Fax: (888) 280-1159 (Clerk)
Office hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m., M-F

Commissioners:
- Presiding—Vic Stratman
- Associates—Doug Drewel & Ed Fagre

County Clerk: Rhonda Rodgers
Assessor: Dana Simmons
Circuit Clerk/Recorder: Mark Buschmann
Collector: Jayne Williams

Attorney: Stephen Paulus, Cuba, MO
Collector: Wendy Bartel-Turnbough

Alderpersons:
- Caleb Zelch
- Kelly Kuhts
- Justin Haase
- Doug Bauer

Interim Chief of Police: Lynde Mantels
Clerk: Jennifer Griffith

Shannon.grus@gmail.com

Vienna ................................. 4th Class
Population (2022) .......................... 795
Founded ............................. April 9, 1884

424 8th Street • P.O. Box 196 Vienna, MO 65582
City Council meets 1st Mon. following a Fri., 6 p.m.
Phone: (573) 422-3549 | Fax: (573) 422-6110
Office Hours: 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., M-F
Email: cityofvienna@outlook.com

Mayor: Timothy Schell
City Clerk: Karen Dudenhoeffer
kdudenhoeffer@viennamissouri.org

Alderpersons:
- Brenda Davis
- Charles Davis
- Reva Hutchison
- Rita Juergens

Attorney: Ross Bush
Chief of Police: Shannon Thompson
Public Works Supervisor/Floodplain Administrator:
- Shon Westart

Osage County

Population (2022) .......................... 13,399
Founded .............................. January 29, 1841

Courthouse
106 E. Main St.
Administration Building (Annex)
205 East Main St. Linn, MO 65051
www.osagecountygov.com
osage@sos.mo.gov

Commission meets Tues. & Thurs., 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Phone: (573) 897-2497
Fax: (573) 897-4741 (commission)
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F

Commissioners:
- Presiding—Darryl Griffin
- Lance Gerloff
- Sara Mengwasser
-64
- Danny Kirsch
- EMD: Rodney Frey

Freeburg, MO 65035

Population (2022) .......................... 410
Founded ............................. February 3, 1908

121 2nd St. • P.O. Box 22 Argyle, MO 65001
argyle.missouri@gmail.com

Council meets 1st Thurs., 7 p.m.
Phone: (573) 728-9980
Chairperson: Ryan Davis
Court Clerk: Jerica Otto

Alderpersons:
- Odd Wildhaber
- Felicia Wieberg
- Kym Brunnert

Osage County

Population (2022) .......................... 13,399
Founded .............................. January 29, 1841

Courthouse
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Commission meets Tues. & Thurs., 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Phone: (573) 897-2497
Fax: (573) 897-4741 (commission)
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F

Commissioners:
- Presiding—Darryl Griffin
- Odd Wildhaber
- Felicia Wieberg
- Kym Brunnert
- John Trenshaw
- Larry Kliethermes

Belle ................................. 4th Class
Population (2022) .......................... 1,384
Founded .............................. 1801

200 E. Third St. • P.O. Box 813 Belle, MO 65039
cityofbellemo.org

Council meets 2nd Tues., 6:30 p.m.
Phone: (573) 897-3513 | Fax: (573) 897-3821
Office Hours: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., M-F

Mayor: Darryl White Jr.
Court Clerk: Sherree Burkholder
City Treasurer: Charro Reasor
City Clerk/Collector: Frankie Horstman
cityclerk@cityofbellemo.org

Alderpersons:
- James Mitchell
- Adam Padgett
- Barb Howarth
- Vacant

Fire Chief/EMD: Dwight Francis
Municipal Court Judge: Kris Crews
City Attorney/Prosecutor: Tony Skouby
Public Works: Jason Lewis
Building Inspector: Gary Gehlert

Vienna ................................. 4th Class
Population (2022) .......................... 795
Founded ............................. April 9, 1884

424 8th Street • P.O. Box 196 Vienna, MO 65582
City Council meets 1st Mon. following a Fri., 6 p.m.
Phone: (573) 422-3549 | Fax: (573) 422-6110
Office Hours: 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., M-F
Email: cityofvienna@outlook.com

Mayor: Timothy Schell
City Clerk: Karen Dudenhoeffer
kdudenhoeffer@viennamissouri.org

Alderpersons:
- Brenda Davis
- Charles Davis
- Reva Hutchison
- Rita Juergens

Attorney: Ross Bush
Chief of Police: Shannon Thompson
Public Works Supervisor/Floodplain Administrator:
- Shon Westart

Fire Chief: Mike Smith

Argyle ................................. Village
Population (2022) .......................... 144
Founded ............................. February 3, 1908

472 2nd St. • P.O. Box 22 Argyle, MO 65001
argyle.missouri@gmail.com

Council meets 1st Thurs., 7 p.m.
Phone: (573) 728-9980
Chairperson: Ryan Davis
Court Clerk: Jerica Otto

Alderpersons:
- Odd Wildhaber
- Felicia Wieberg
- Kym Brunnert

Osage County

Population (2022) .......................... 13,399
Founded .............................. January 29, 1841

Courthouse
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Commission meets Tues. & Thurs., 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Phone: (573) 897-2497
Fax: (573) 897-4741 (commission)
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F

Commissioners:
- Presiding—Darryl Griffin
P. O. Box 36 • 116 East Main St.

Founded ........................................... 1836
Population (2022) ...................... 377
Water Supt: Trevor Plemmons
Collector: Doris Keilholz
City Attorney: Nathan Nickolaus
Alderpersons:
Treasurer: Karla Buechter
Mayor/EMD: Emily Sommerer
Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Phone: (573) 229-4439
Council meets 2nd Wed., 6:30 p.m.

Westphalia, MO 65085

Council meets last Tues. 6:00 p.m.
Phone: (573) 619-8817
westphaliamo@gmail.com
Mayor: Tammy Massman
Clerk/Floodplain Administrator/EMD: Tammy Massman
Alderpersons:
Stanley Heckman
Jake Plassmeyer
Delbert Wieberg
Lori Asel
Water Dist. Clerk: Sue Feltrop
Fire Chief: Jim Roark

Phelps County

Population (2022) .......................... 45,313
Founded .......................... November 13, 1857
Courthouse
200 N. Main St. Rolla, MO 65401
www.phelpscounty.org
phelpscounty@so.sos.mo.gov
Commission meets Tues. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Phone: (573) 458-6000 | Fax: (573) 458-619
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F
Commissioners:
Presiding—Joey Auxier
Associates—Sherry Stites & Gary Hicks
County Clerk: Laura Johnson
Assessor: Tim Kean
Circuit Clerk: Marlaina Wallace
Recorder: Robin Kordes
Collector: Faith Barnes
Treasurer: Cathy Tipton
Prosecuting Attorney: Brendon Fox
Sheriff/EMD: Lt. Mike Kirn, PCSD
Associate Circuit Judges: Mark Calvert & Ken Clayton
25th Circuit Judge Div. 1: William E. Hickle
25th Circuit Judge Div. 2: John D. Beger
Commissioners:
25th Circuit Judge Div. 2: William E. Hickle
Commissioner—Joey Auxier
Associates—Sherry Stites & Gary Hicks
County Clerk: Laura Johnson
Assessor: Tim Kean
Circuit Clerk: Marlaina Wallace
Recorder: Robin Kordes
Collector: Faith Barnes
Treasurer: Cathy Tipton
Prosecuting Attorney: Brendon Fox
Sheriff/EMD: Lt. Mike Kirn, PCSD
Associate Circuit Judges: Mark Calvert & Ken Clayton
25th Circuit Judge Div. 1: William E. Hickle
25th Circuit Judge Div. 2: John D. Beger
Surveyor: Terris Cates
Public Administrator: Dana Sooter
Coroner: Earnie Coverdale
Phelps-Maries Health Dept.: Ashley Campbell
Floodplain Administrator:
Tammy Snodgrass, MRPC

Doolittle

Population (2022) .......................... 573
Founded ........................................... 1944
380 Eisenhower Doolittle, MO 65401
Council meets 3rd Tues., 6 p.m.
Phone: (573) 762-2601
Office Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Mayor/EMD: Doug Smith
doolittlemayor@gmail.com
Clerk/Treasurer/Collector: Della Bishop-Baggett
Clerk Phone: (573) 456-253
doolittleclerk@gmail.com
Alderpersons:
Dena Smith
Tony Giacolone
James Lewis
Sherry Pierce
Garry Duhadway
Vacant
Attorney/Prosecutor: Lance Thurman
Police Chief: Carl Swanson
Fire Chief: Brandon Williams
Floodplain Administrator: Doug Smith

Edgar Springs ................................. 4th Class
Population (2022) .......................... 203
Founded .......................... November 13, 1857
555 Broadway St. • P. O. Box 13
Edgar Springs, MO 65642
Council meets 2nd Mon., 6 p.m.
Phone: (573) 435-6344 | Fax: (573) 435-0224
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Mon.- Fri
Mayor: Albert Hamlet
Clerk/Treasurer/Recorder/Floodplain Administrator: Melissa Klott
Alderpersons:
Ted Brookshire
Ron Clift
Sam Newman
Michelle Hamlet
Attorney/Prosecutor: Brandi Baird
Fire Chief: Ernie Coverdale
Street/Sewer Supt.: Jeff Jordan

Newburg ................................. 4th Class
Population (2022) .......................... 338
Founded .......................... June 28, 1883
191 Main St. • P. O. Drawer K Newburg, MO 65550
Phone: (573) 435-6334 | Fax: (573) 435-0224
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F;
Summer Hours: 6:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. M-F
Mayor: James Poucher
Clerk: Phyllis Harris
Treasurer: Rhonda Thomas
Alderpersons:
William Poucher
Scott Russell
Patti Chism
Attorney: Lance Thurman
Collector: Faith Barnes
Police Chief: Brandt Webber
Water/Sewer Supt.: Scott Liebig/Royce Ruwwe
Floodplain Administrator: James Poucher

Rolla ................................. 3rd Class
Population (2022) .......................... 20,322
Founded ................. January 25, 1861
901 N. Elm • P. O. Box 979 Rolla, MO 65402
www.rollacity.org
admin@rollacity.org
Council meets 1st & 3rd Mon., 6:30 p.m.
Phone: (573) 426-6948 | Fax: (573) 426-6947

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Pulaski County

Population (2022) .......................... 53,941
Founded ................................. 1833

Courthouse
301 Historic 66 East, Waynesville, MO 65583
www.pulaskicounty.mo.org
pulaski@sos.mo.gov

Commission meets Mon. & Thurs., 9 - 10:30 a.m.
Phone: (573) 774-4701 | Fax: (573) 774-5601
Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., M-F

Commissioners:
- Presiding—Gene Newkirk
- Associates—Charles Bassett & Andy Helms

County Clerk: David Ernst
Assessor: Daniel Whittle
Circuit Clerk-Recorder: Rachelle Beasley
Collector: Terri Mitchell
Treasurer: Mack E. Wilkerson
Prosecuting Attorney: Kevin Hillman
25th Circuit Judge Div. 1: Bill Hickle
25th Circuit Judge Div. 2: John Beger
Assoc. Circuit Judge: Mike Headrick (Probate) & Colin Long (Magistrate)
Sheriff: Jimmy Bench
Public Administrator: Loretta Rouse
Coroner: Roger Graves II
EMD/Floodplain Administrator:
- Shauna McCullough
911 Director: Michelle Graves
Health Admin: Debra Baker

Crocker ............................... 4th Class

Population (2022) .......................... 919
Founded ................................. March 11, 1911
108 S. Commercial • P. O. Box 116 Crocker, MO 65452
Council meets 2nd Mon., 5:30 p.m.
Phone: (573) 736-5327 | Fax: (573) 736-5438
Email: crocker.city.clerk@mo.gov
Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Tues.-Thurs.
Mayor: Glen Smith
City Clerk: Jessica McGowen
Alderpersons:
- Christy Leabton
- Richard Heenan
- Michael Criswell
- Jim Patton

City Prosecutor: Ronda Cortesini
City Attorney: Mark Rector
Police Chief/EMD: Regina Arrington
Fire Chief: Jeff Porter
Chief of Public Works: Don Theberge

Dixon ............................... 4th Class

Population (2022) .......................... 1,219
Founded ................................. 1869
305 S. Elm St. • P. O. Box 177 Dixon, MO 65459
Council meets 1st Mon., 6 p.m.
Phone: (573) 917-4501 | Fax: (573) 917-4610

Email: cityclerk@cityofdixonmo.org
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1 p.m.-4 p.m., M-F
Mayor: Mike Null
Clerk: Deana Burns
Alderpersons:
- Stacy Yoakum
- Anthony Campbell
- Mary Wiles
- Trevor Warnol
- Michael Gunther

City Attorney: Jeffrey Thomas
Municipal Judge: Les Hansmann
Chief of Police: John Durbin
Fire Chief/EMD: Dennis Lachowicz
Water/Sewer Supervisor: Pat Ragan

Richland ............................. 4th Class
Population (2022) .......................... 538
Founded ................................. October 15, 1951
194 Eastlawn Ave. • A St. Robert, MO 65584
Council meets 1st, 3rd Tues., 5 p.m.
Phone: (573) 451-2000 | Fax: (636) 216-3368
Email: master@st robert.com
www.strobert.com
Office Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F
Mayor: Dr. George A. Lorrisson
Clerk: Vacant
Deputy City Clerk: Cassandra Heimsness

Alderpersons:
- Susan Davidson
- Walter Reese
- Reggie Hall
- John Moore
- Glen Askland
- Michael Myers
- Todd Williams
- Linda Daniels

City Administrator: Anita Ivey
Assistant City Administrator: Mark Parker
Interim City Attorney: Tyce Smith
Finance Officer: Fredrica Norris
Collector: Maria Vasquez
Mun. Judge: Ernest Tanner
Police Chief: Curtis Curren
Fire Chief/EMD: Mike Shempert
Land Use Administrator: Jerome Gordon
Public Works Director: Steve Long
Transfer & Recycling: Richard Zeigebien
Floodplain Administrator: Jerome Gordon

Waynesville ............................. 3rd Class
Population (2022) .......................... 5,432
Founded ................................. 1833
100 Tremont Center Waynesville, MO 65583
www.waynesvillemo.org
Council meets 3rd Thur., 5:30 p.m.
Phone: (573) 774-6717 | Fax: (573) 774-5618
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Staff & Service Awards

The MRPC board has been presenting employees with service awards at the annual dinner since 1992.

Five years:

- 1992 Barbara Bohley
- 1992 Betty Henry
- 1992 Behshid Marcellus
- 1992 Allan Satterfield
- 1993 Elaine Clodey
- 1994 Jean Hentzel
- 1995 Tammy Rigby
- 1996 Bonnie Prigge
- 1996 Barbara Durnin
- 1997 Angie Breeding
- 1997 Tammy Snodgrass
- 1999 Rick Bailey
- 1999 Connie Willman
- 2000 Sherry Wheeler
- 2000 Linda Loughridge
- 2001 Chuck Cantrell
- 2001 Donna Hanger
- 2003 Peggy John
- 2004 Janet Metzger
- 2004 Kelly Sink-Blair
- 2005 Linda Hollandsworth
- 2006 Nongluk Tunyavanich
- 2007 Candace Connell
- 2013 Linda Allen
- 2013 Mary Pat West
- 2015 Bob Hyatt
- 2015 Jack Beach
- 2017 Ed Conley
- 2017 Robert Rice
- 2018 Helen Carter
- 2019 Nina Gilliam
- 2020 Susan Stivers
- 2021 Tom Daugherty
- 2022 Merle McMillen
- 2023 Pam Davies
- 2024 Bethany Sweet
- 2025 John Jones IV
- 2026 Jennifer+Steele
- 2027 Mary|Pat West
- 2028 Tany+POST
- 2029 Pam Davies
- 2030 Pam Davies
2008 Lesley Bennish  
2008 Larry Blevins  
2008 Cheryl Dupes  
2001 Maria Kardon  
2011 Jodie Branson  
2012 Amy McMillen  
2012 Teri Smith  
2012 Lisa Warnke  
2012 Kris Copenhaver  
2013 Tonya Price  
2015 Jane Dolan  
2020 Jill Hollowell  
2020 Savannah Vandegriffe  
2021 Linda Carroll  
2021 Anne Freand  
2021 Gary O’Day  
2021 Mag Roberts  
2022 Samantha Sherman  
2022 Caitlin Jones  
2023 Bethany Ferrell  

Ten years:  
1992 Richard Cavender  
1992 Betty Riggs  
1992 Teresa Tyler  
1992 Ruth Whitaker  
1994 Allan Satterfield  
1997 Behshid Marcellus  
1998 Elaine Cloyde  
2000 Tammy Rigsby  
2001 Bonnie Prigge  
2002 Angie (Breeding) Kraft  
2002 Tammy Snodgrass  
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2005 Linda Loughridge  
2008 Chuck Cantrell  
2010 Linda Hollandsworth  
2010 Kelly Sink-Blair  
2013 Cheryl Dupes  
2013 Lesley Bennish  
2013 Larry Blevins  
2016 Jodie Branson  
2016 Maria Bankroft  

Fifteen years:  
1994 Richard Cavender  
1994 Ruth Whitaker  
1995 Betty Riggs  
1996 Teresa Tyler  
2003 Elaine Cloyde  
2003 Behshid Marcellus  
2005 Tammy Rigsby  
2006 Bonnie Prigge  
2007 Tammy Snodgrass  
2009 Connie Willman  
2010 Linda Loughridge  
2013 Chuck Cantrell  
2015 Linda Hollandsworth  
2015 Kelly Sink-Blair  
2018 Larry Blevins  
2021 Maria Bankroft  
2022 Jodie Branson  

Twenty years:  
1992 Richard Cavender  
1992 Ruth Whitaker  
1999 Betty Riggs  
1999 Richard Cavender  
2000 Mary Sink-Blair  
2000 Tammy Rigsby  
2001 Bonnie Prigge  
2002 Angie (Breeding) Kraft  
2002 Tammy Snodgrass  
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2005 Linda Loughridge  
2008 Chuck Cantrell  
2010 Linda Hollandsworth  
2010 Kelly Sink-Blair  

Employee of the Year Award  
In 1995, MRPC staff began honoring a fellow staff member for his or her overall performance, productivity, service and dedication to the organization with an Employee of the Year Award. Staff selects the recipient of the award, which is presented at the Annual Dinner in October.  

- 1995 Bonnie J. Prigge  
- 1996 Angela (Breeding) Kraft  
- 1997 Linda Loughridge  
- 1998 Connie Willman  
- 1999 Ruth Whitaker  
- 2000 Janet Metzger  
- 2001 Donna Hanger  
- 2002 Linda Hollandsworth  

- 2003 Kelly Sink-Blair  
- 2004 Larry Blevins  
- 2005 Teresa (Tyler) Murdie  
- 2006 Richard Cavender  
- 2007 Tammy Snodgrass  
- 2008 Cheryl Dupes  
- 2009 Lesley Bennish  
- 2010 Jodie Branson  
- 2011 Elaine Cloyde  
- 2012 Tammy Rigsby  
- 2013 Tammy Snodgrass  
- 2014 Maria Bankroft  
- 2015 Lyle Thomas  
- 2016 Chuck Cantrell  
- 2017 Ryan Dunwoody  

- 2018 Caitlin Jones  
- 2019 Linda Loughridge  
- 2020 Kathryn Hawes  
- 2021 Donald Keeney  
- 2022 - Bethany Ferrell  

Lender of the Year Award  
Each year, Meramec Regional Development Corp. selects a Lender of the Year, based on participation with MRDC loan programs, job creation and investments.  

2007 - Town & Country Bank  
2008 - Town & Country Bank  
2009 - Phelps County Bank  
2010 - First Community National Bank  
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2012 - Phelps County Bank  

2013 - Maries County Bank  
2014 - Maries County Bank  
2015 - First State Community Bank  
2016 - Maries County Bank  
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2018 - Maries County Bank  

2019 - The Missouri Bank  
2020 - Mid-America Bank  
2021 - First Community National Bank  
2022 - Town and Country Bank  
2023 - Guaranty Bank
The 2022 Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet honored six individuals and one community organization for their outstanding community service throughout the region. The event was held at the Vienna Knights of Columbus Hall on Oct. 13, 2022.

Individuals, agency representatives and community organizations recognized included:
- James T. Porter (posthumously) of Irondale, nominated by MRPC board member T.R. Dudley;
- Hollis Sturdy of Belle, nominated by MRPC Chairman Steve Vogt;
- Jim Morrison of St. James, nominated by St. James Mayor Rick Krawiecki;
- Bruce Grotenveld of New Bloomfield, nominated by MRPC board member Ray Schwartz;
- The Route 66 Rolla Summerfest Committee, nominated by Rolla City Administrator John Butz and Rolla Mayor Louis J. Magdits; and
- Gracie Rehmert of Belle, nominated by MRPC Chairman Steve Vogt.

The Eugene E. Northern, the highest honor MRPC awards, was awarded to Lawrence Buschmann of Vienna. They were nominated by Maries County Presiding Commissioner Vic Stratman.

Buschmann has been a highly respected person in the Maries County area for decades, and when he gets behind a project, it immediately brings credibility to the endeavor. Buschmann has a real passion for his community and is the kind of guy who wants to help everyone out. Buschmann has been instrumental in the incorporation of and writing of the bylaws for the Visitation Cemetery in Vienna serving on the cemetery’s board since the early 1970s. As the president of Maries County Bank, Buschmann supported worthwhile projects across the county. Buschmann has whole heartedly supported of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. For more than 50 years, he worked tirelessly to keep it equipped and personnel trained. Buschmann helped obtain funding for a new fire house and satellite location, even getting a tax levy passed to provide the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department with more consistent funding. He served on the Vienna Fire Protection District Board since its creation 10 years ago and will be retiring from the board in December.

Buschmann was unable to attend the event, and his award was accepted by his children.

**Eugene E. Northern Award Recipients**

Eugene E. Northern was a judge in the 25th Circuit Court of Missouri. He practiced law in Rolla and served as Rolla city attorney for 20 years. Prior to becoming a judge, Northern served as mayor of Rolla in the 1960s and was a candidate for Congress in 1968. Judge Northern dedicated a lot of time to public service and went above and beyond the normal duties of the job.

As circuit judge, Northern established a juvenile division in the court system. His community contributions were directed toward young children, the law and law enforcement. He was dedicated to helping others. In 1983, by recognizing the late Judge Northern’s efforts, the MRPC dedicated a lot of time to public service and went above and beyond the normal duties of the job.

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Circuit Judge Eugene E. Northern – (Posthumous) – 1983
Jess Zink of Rolla – 1984
Mary Brewer of Salem – 1985
Jack Masters of Salem – 1986
Phil Askey of Salem – 1987
Richard L. Terrill Bland – 1988
Duane Rogers of Rolla – 1989
Ike Skelton, U.S. Representative – 1989
Howard C. Higgenbotham of Potosi – 1990
Christopher Bond, U.S. Senator – 1991
Micka Sue Jarvis of Potosi – 1992
Milford Winter of Owensville – 1993
Emma Lou Brent of Rolla – 1994
John Z. Williams of Rolla – 1995

William “Bill” Stoltz of Rolla – 1996
Lawrence Shipp of Washington County – 1997
Gerald “Jerry” Craig of Salem – 1998
H. Dain Ward of Rolla – 1999
Dr. Robert L. Chapman of Rolla – 2000
Larry Edwards of Salem – 2001
Robert J. Stoltz of Rolla – 2001
Lawrence C. George of Rolla – 2002
John H. Klebba of Linn – 2003
Dr. Terry and Paula Brewer of Rolla – 2004
Don Lenauer of Owensville – 2004
John Britton of Steelville – 2005
James Symmonds of Linn – 2006
Libby Sanders of Salem – 2007
Honorable Judge Ralph Haslag of Rolla – 2008

George Barnitz of Lake Spring – 2009
John A. Klebba of Linn – 2010
James Coffman of Salem – 2011
Paul Corbett of Waynesville – 2012
Richard Huse – 2013
Lesa Mizell of Cuba – 2014
Ted Day of Rolla – 2015
Betty Hartbauer of Hermann – 2016
Dr. Ted Ziske of Salem – 2017
Michael Dunbar of Waynesville – 2018
Faye Howard of Cuba – 2019
Ralph and Jerry Voss of Linn – 2020
Judy Terry of Rolla – 2021
Lawrence Buschmann of Vienna – 2022
Mike Lybyer, State Senator – 1986
Warren Malugen of Potosi - 2013
Joe Manetzké of Washington Co. - 1998
Lucille Manning of Rolla - 1993
Bill Marshall of St. James/Rolla - 2005
Billy Martin of Doolittle - 1994
Chris Mathes of Dent County - 2014
Bob May of Phelps County - 1998
Jerry McBride, State Rep. – 1982
James McCaul of Potosi - 2001
Merrie Miller of Rolla - 1990
Mickey Miloradovich of Cuba – 1992
Lesa Mizell of Cuba - 2013
Nancy Moenster of Salem, 2006
Charles Moon of Hermann - 1989
Kenneth & LaVanne Moore of Maries County - 1994
Martin (Marty) Moreland Jr. of Vichy – 1997
Jim Morrison of St. James – 2022
Mayor Raymond Mortimeyer of Cuba - 1987
Mayor Ruth Mullnack of St. James - 1983 & 1986
Les Murdock of Cuba - 2004
C. Dale Murphy of Crawford Co. - 1998
James A. Myers of Rolla, 2003 & 2015
Vicki Nelson of Belle - 2020
Toni Nichols of Crocker - 2006
Don Olds of Rolla - 2006
Roger Olney of Waynesville - 2008
George E. Ornsbey of Newburg - 2002
Owensville Chamber of Commerce - 1981
Owensville IDA - 1981
Owensville Mayor & Board of Aldermen - 1981
Owensville M.O.B. (Making Owensville Better) - 2016
C. Dale Murphy of Crawford Co. - 1998
Janice McClintock of Irondale - 1996
Maddie McDonald of Waynesville - 2014
Michel McKinney of Belle - 1994
Bob McKune of Rolla - 1991
Josiah Melzer of Maries County - 2014
Sharon Meusch of Rolla - 1990
Stacey Middleton of Rolla - 2004
Bill Miller of Maries County - 2001
Merrie Miller of Rolla - 1993
Mickey Miloradovich of Cuba – 1992
Dorothy Shrader of Hermann – 1985
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• Cleaner, healthier and safer communities;
• Greater socio-economic wealth through community and economic development; and
• A stronger, unified voice in the legislative process.

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Lawrence Buschmann of Vienna was the recipient of the Eugene E. Northern award at the MRPC Annual Awards Banquet on Oct. 13 in Vienna. Buschmann was nominated by Maries County Presiding Commissioner Vic Stratman. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend the event so his kids accepted the award on his behalf. Photographed (left to right): MRPC Vice chair Mary Heywood, Mark Buschmann, Tammy Pollerisz, Paula Schwartz, Larry Buschmann and MRPC Chairman Steve Vogt.