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**OZARK
FOOTHILLS
REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

FY 2020 Annual Report

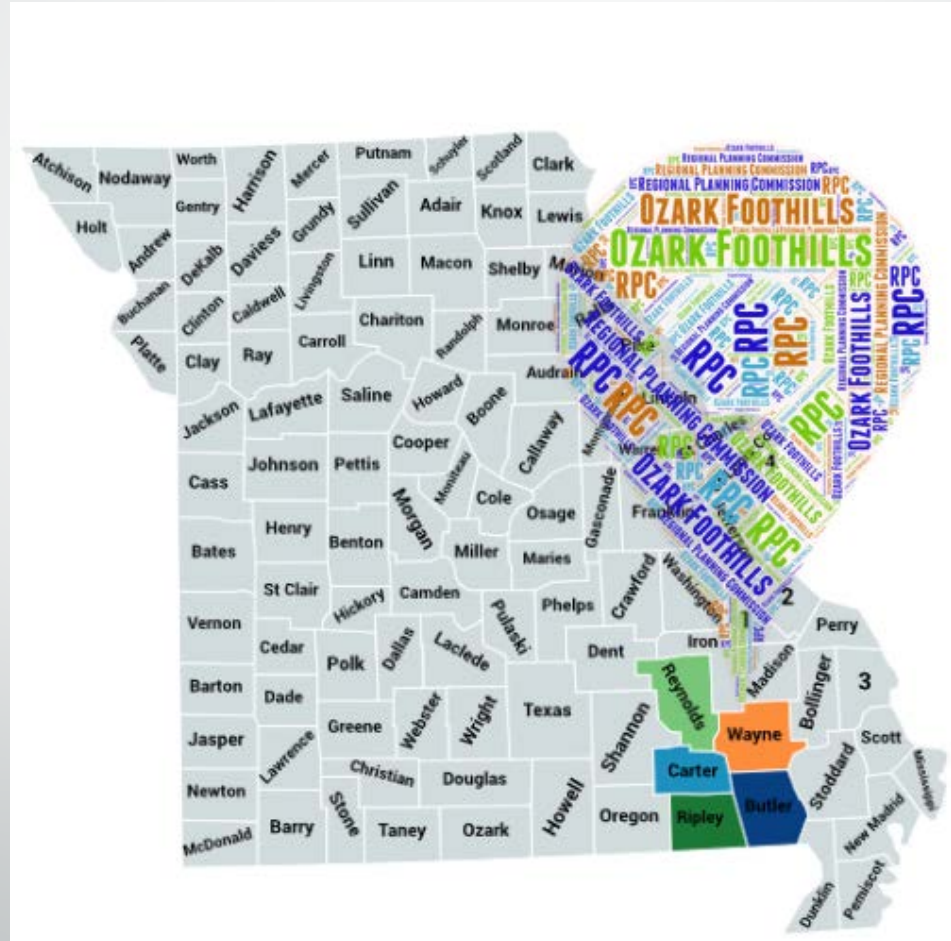
(July 1, 2019– June 30, 2020)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission improves the quality of life in and promotes the development of Butler, Carter, Reynolds, Ripley and Wayne Counties through social, cultural, educational, public infrastructure, housing, economic development and recycling programs.

Ozark Foothills Service Area (5 Counties & 16 Cities)

100%
Membership



Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission

The Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission (OFRPC) manages its internal activities, as well as the activities of the Ozark Foothills Development Association, the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation, the Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District, and the Ripley County Public Housing Agency.

The OFRPC's core service is providing grant preparation and administrative services to its five member counties & sixteen member cities.

During Fiscal Year 2020, OFRPC staff prepared 52 grant applications and brought **\$16,966,078** into the Ozark Foothills Region.

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Membership – FY 2020

- Vince Lampe, Butler County
- Robert Smith, Poplar Bluff
- John Murray, Fisk
- Kevin Bynum, Neelyville
- Doug Ledbetter, Quin
- Ron Keeney, Carter County
- Wayne Ogden, Ellsinore
- Rick Julius, Grandin
- Mike Hoerner, Van Buren
- Joe Loyd, Reynolds County
- Gary Conway, Jr., Bunker
- Stanley Barton, Centerville
- Paul Wood, Ellington
- Jesse Roy, Ripley County
- Dennis Cox, Doniphan
- Brian Polk, Wayne County
- Angela Clyburn, Mill Spring
- Dale Day, Naylor
- Sandy Joy, Williamsville
- Wayne Gibbs, Agriculture
- Paul Johnson, Retired/Senior Services
(2nd Vice-Chairman)
- Darrell Dement, Business (Ex-Officio)
- Russell French, Professions
- Margaret Carter, Finance
- Mildred Coursey, Minority
- Reverend Gregory Kirk, Social Agency
- Dr. Gene Oakley, Education (Chairman)
- Brian Polk, Solid Waste Management
(1st Vice-Chairman)
- Bill Moriarty, Retired/Senior Services
- Samantha Pennington, Professions
- Carroll Rainwater, Greenville
- William Kirkpatrick, Piedmont

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission

FY 2020 Goal Progress

Goals

- Conduct Staff Retreat
- Maintain 100% Membership
- Complete Grant Proposals for Member Communities & Nonprofits
- Increase Investment Within the Region

Accomplishments

- ✓ Staff Retreat Held in August 2020
- ✓ 100% Membership Maintained
- ✓ Submitted 52 Grant Proposals
- ✓ Brought \$16,966,078 into the Region via 32 Funded Proposals, representing an approximate 10% increase over FY19.



Ozark Foothills Region

FY 2020 Grants/Contracts Received

\$889,763 Total

(Projects Awarded July 2019 – December 2019)

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, US DOC, EDA Vista Volunteer, 1.0 FTE Awarded

Ozark Vitality, US DOC, EDA, Tourism Cluster Project, \$286,061

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, MODOT, Transportation Planner, \$64,706

Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District, MDNR, Recycle Center, \$92,675

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, US DOC, EDA Planning Partnership, \$70,000

City of Van Buren, CDBG, Public Safety Facility, \$350,000

City of Doniphan, MDNR LWCF, \$26,321

Ozark Foothills Region FY 2020 Grants/Contracts Received

\$16,076,315 Total

(Projects Awarded January 2020 – June 2020)

Carter County, CDBG DR, \$3,757,233
City of Doniphan, CDBG DR, \$3,015,575
City of Doniphan, CDBG, Downtown Revitalization, \$318,126
City of Fisk, CDBG, Paving, \$249,077
City of Poplar Bluff, CDBG, TRCC Industrial Park Simulation Lab, \$424,344
City of Van Buren, CDBG DR, \$4,562,876
Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce, EDA, Market Analysis, \$79,800
Ripley County, CDBG, Nutrition Center, \$500,000
Ripley County Public Housing Agency, U.S. Dept. of HUD, VASH Vouchers, \$17,247
Ripley County Public Housing Agency, U.S. Dept. of HUD, FSS Program, \$43,605
Butler County, CDBG DR, Black River Study, \$160,000
Carter County, US Dept. of Transportation, FLAP, \$291,134
Carter County Senior Board, CFO Coover, \$18,000
City of Doniphan, EDA, Quick Creek, \$246,444
City of Ellington, EDA, Logan Creek, \$348,495
City of Grandin, CDBG, \$45,126
Naylor Nutrition Center, CFO COVID Fund, \$2,400
Ripley County Public Housing Agency, U.S. Dept. of HUD, CY2020 Renewal, \$1,411,235
Ripley County Public Housing Agency, U.S. Dept. of HUD, COVID Admin, \$49,310
Ripley County Public Housing Agency, U.S. Dept. of HUD, Admin Reconciliation, \$10,304
Ripley County Senior Center, CFO Coover, \$11,235
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, EDA, Planning Partnership, \$210,000
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, MO Office of Administration, \$13,351
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, CDBG DR, Aerial Imagery, \$160,148
Wayne County, CDBG DR, Digital Parcel Mapping, \$131,250

Ozark Foothills Development Association, Inc.

The Ozark Foothills Development Association is an IRS-defined non-profit charged with enhancing economic development in the five-county region. The association administers the Ozark Foothills Business Incubator.

The Small Business Incubator, constructed in 1988 and expanded in 2018, provides 30,000 square feet of affordable operating space to start-up or expanding enterprises.

During FY 2020, the Ozark Foothills Development Association maintained 100% occupancy within its original incubator and 75% within the expansion area.

One of the four newly constructed spaces are vacant.

Ozark Foothills Development Association

FY 2020 Goal Progress

Goals

- Maintain 100% Incubator Occupancy
- Ensure Lease Agreements are Current for All Tenants

Accomplishments

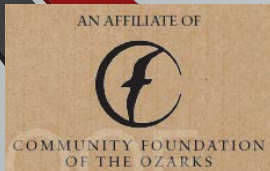
- ✓ Business Incubator Occupancy was 88% During FY 2020.
- ✓ Lease Agreements Executed with Six of Six Tenants During FY 2020.

Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation

The Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation, established November 2011, is the charitable arm of the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission. The mission of the Foundation is to establish endowments that enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by reinvesting in the five counties and sixteen cities of the Ozark Foothills Region of Missouri.

The foundation's eleven-member Board of Governors is led by Mr. Russell French, Chairman; Ms. Jan Brown, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Scott Dill, Secretary; and, Mrs. Crystal Jones, Treasurer.

As of June 2020, the foundation held funds with total assets valued at \$1,364,775.43.



Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District

The Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management
District, Region Q,
in partnership with the Missouri Department of
Natural Resources
funds the Ozark Foothills Materials Recovery Facility
(Recycling Center).

In doing so it provides
region-wide recycling services to
Butler, Carter, Reynolds, Ripley and Wayne Counties.

Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District FY 2020 Goal Progress

Goals

- Continue Solid Waste Management in the Ozark Foothills Region
- Continue to Support Region-Wide Solid Waste Diversion
- Conserve Limited Grant Resources by Minimizing Administrative Expenses.

Accomplishments

- ✓ Submitted a Solid Waste Management Program Continuation Proposal to MDNR, Which Was Funded During June 2020
- ✓ Provided Grant Funding to the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission for the Operation of its Materials Recovery Facility
- ✓ Continued to Contract with the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission for Administrative Services on an **Actual Cost Reimbursement Basis**

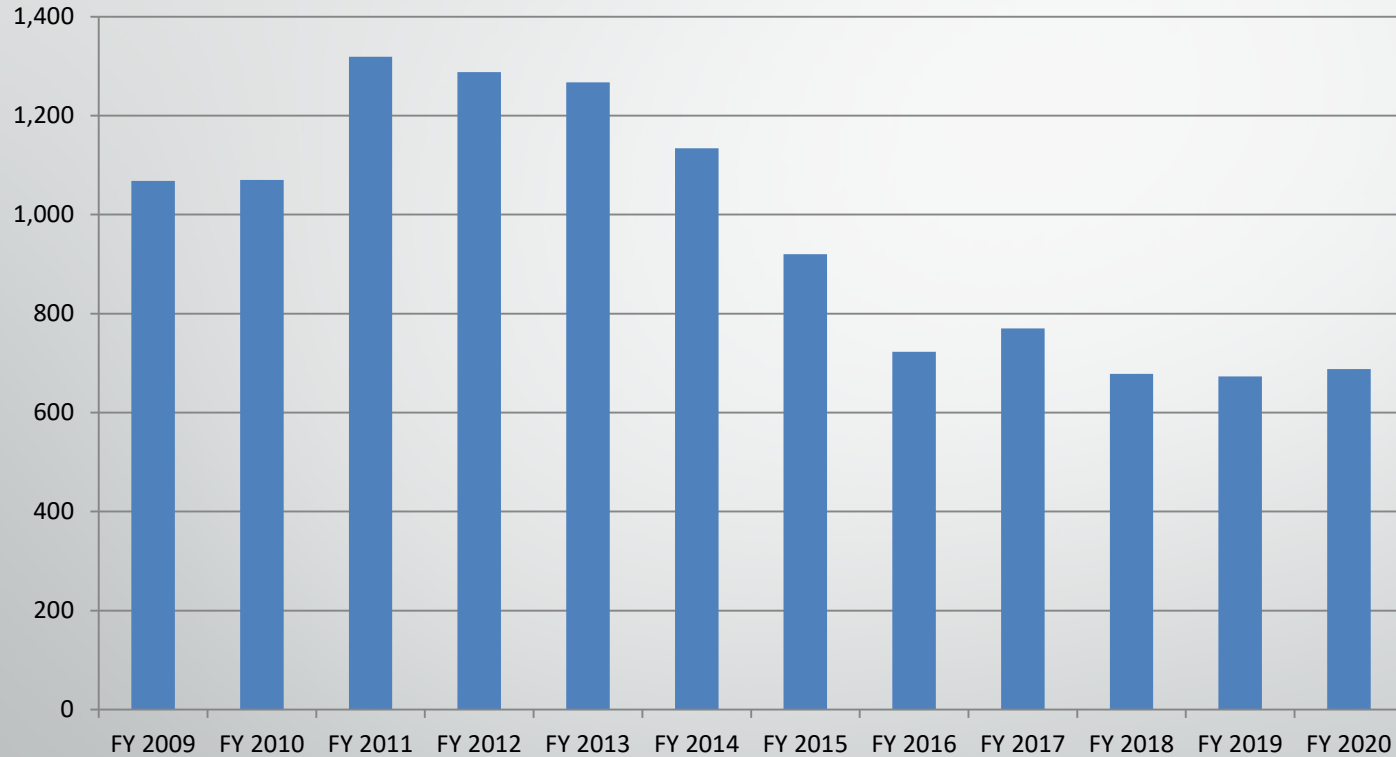


During FY 2020, the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center diverted **688.07 tons** of aluminum, tin, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, white paper, white goods, tires, and electronics from landfills!

Solid Waste Tonnage Diverted from Landfills

Ozark Foothills Region

June 2009 – June 2020



Ripley County Public Housing Agency

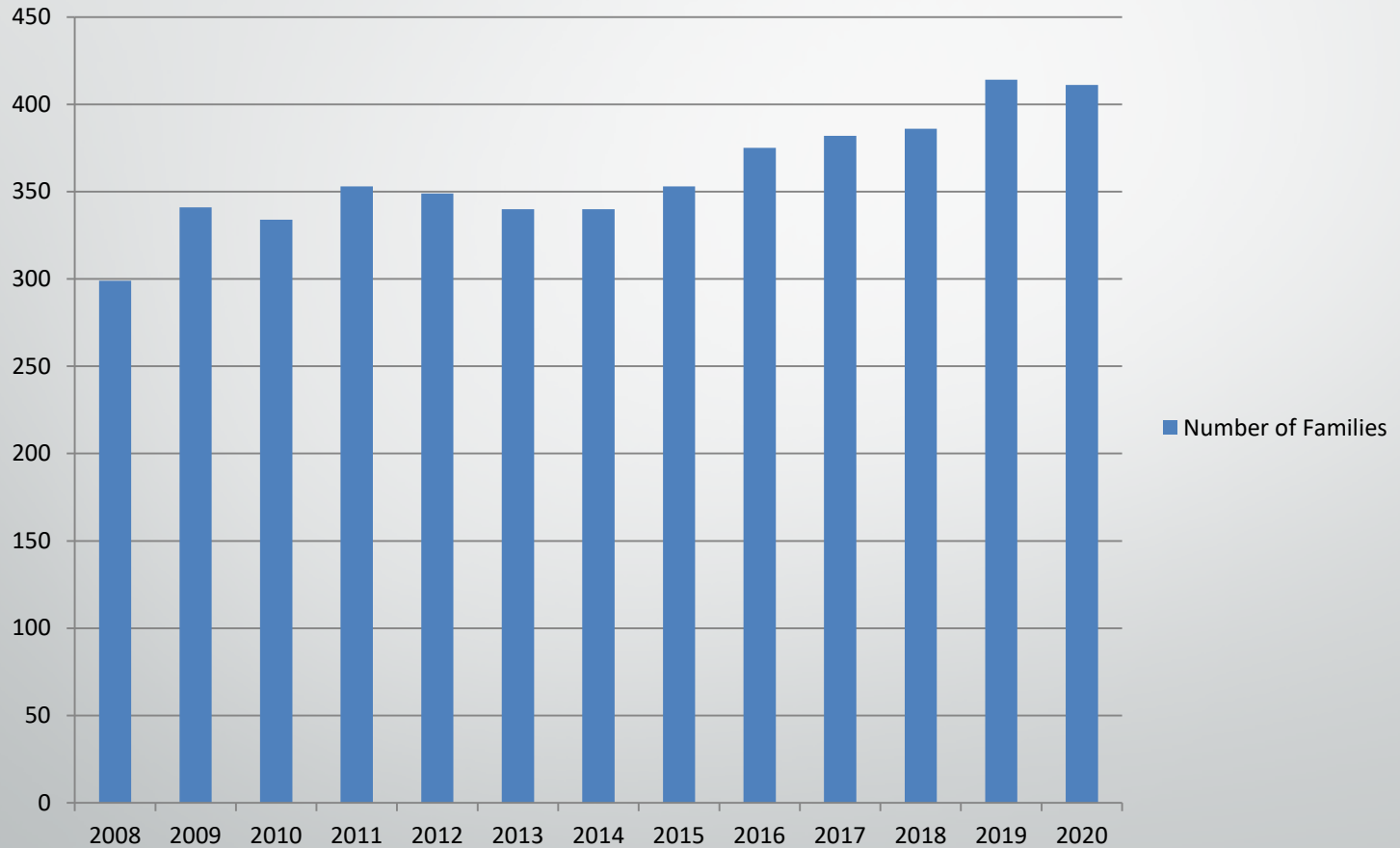
The Ripley County Public Housing Agency is authorized to provide HUD Section 8 rental and, if applicable, utility subsidies to 410 families throughout the five-county service area.

As of June 30, 2020, 33 families were enrolled in the agency's Family Self-Sufficiency and Homeownership Programs, while 411 families were receiving Section 8 rental assistance.



Number of Families Served by the Ripley County PHA

June 2008 – June 2020



Ripley County Public Housing Agency

FY 2020 Goal Progress

Goals

- ❑ Maintain Number of Section 8 Vouchers at 410 When Funding Permits
- ❑ Maintain Maximum Monthly Administrative Fee Eligibility
- ❑ Maintain Family Participation Levels Above the Required Minimum Within the Family Self-Sufficiency Program
- ❑ Conduct an Internal Program Review

Accomplishments

- ✓ Number of Vouchers Filled Increased from 299 on July 1, 2008 to 411 on June 30, 2020, exceeding goal by 1.
- ✓ Monthly Administrative Fee Eligibility Averaged \$19,174 per month while average expenses totaled \$14,305 per month
- ✓ Family Self-Sufficiency Caseload Increased from 32 Families on June 30, 2011 to 33 Families on June 30, 2020, While the Minimum Caseload Requirement Remained Unchanged at 25 Families
- ✓ Annual SEMAP Review Identified the RCPHA as a "High" Functioning Housing Authority



Ozark Foothills Transportation Advisory Committee

The Ozark Foothills Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) consists of twenty-five members who meet quarterly to identify, discuss, and prioritize the region's transportation needs.

Prioritized needs are relayed to MODOT for potential inclusion within the five-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, or STIP, which is updated annually.

Transportation Planning

FY 2020 Goal Progress

Goals

- Continue Regional Transportation Planning Program
- Maintain a Full-Time Transportation Planning Coordinator
- Conduct Quarterly Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings
- Solicit Public Input Regarding Regional Transportation Needs
- Conduct Regional Project Prioritization

Accomplishments

- ✓ FY 2020 MODOT Work Plan Submitted and Approved for \$64,706.
- ✓ Full-Time Transportation Planning Coordinator Maintained
- ✓ Four TAC Meetings Scheduled (Three held due to COVID-19).
- ✓ Public Comments Collected at Two Regional Events and Five Public Hearings
- ✓ Submitted a Region-Wide Prioritization of Potential Projects to MODOT during July 2019.



Ozark Foothills Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

FY 2020 Overall Project Priorities

(Adopted July 11, 2019)

1. **Overlay and add shoulders to D Highway in Carter County.**
2. **Add bike lane for TransAmerica Bike Trail on Highway 76 Bike Route in Reynolds County.**
3. **Highway 142 Between Naylor and Doniphan: Eliminate three one-lane bridges in Ripley County. Includes Ditch No. 2 and Harris Creek.**
4. **4-lane Highway 67 from Highway 160 to the state line in Butler County**
5. **Low water dip on C Highway approximately 1 mile northwest of C & E junction in Wayne County**

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Staff

(6/30/2020)

Agency Administration

- Crystal Jones, Executive Director
- Alan Lutes, Assistant Director
- Camille Donnell, Fiscal Officer
- Brooke Hinklin, Executive Secretary
- Amy Baugus, Project Officer
- Chelsae Cordia, Disaster Recovery Coordinator
- Ashley Hart, Community Development Specialist
- Andrew Murphy, Transportation Planning Coordinator
- Felicity Ray, Planner
- Keona Ferguson, Planner
- Carolyn Meeks, Environmental Review Specialist

Recycling Center

- Jamie Lansford, Recycling Supervisor
- Davey Hicks, Recycling Technician
- David Foster, Recycling Technician

Rental Assistance & Family Self-Sufficiency

- Niki Harp, Housing Coordinator
- Tiffany Sheffy, FSS Coordinator
- Ilene Ward, Housing Coordinator

Your OFRPC Staff

June 2020



*From Left to Right (Back): Davey Hicks, Alan Lutes, Brooke Hinklin, Ilene Ward, Tiffany Sheffy, David Foster, Niki Harp, Ashley Hart, Amy Baugus, Carolyn Meeks.
From Left to Right (Front): Jamie Lansford, Andrew Murphy, Chelsae Cordia, Felicity Ray, Keona Ferguson, Camille Donnell, Crystal Jones*

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