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**OZARK
FOOTHILLS
REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park – June 2021

FY 2021 Annual Report

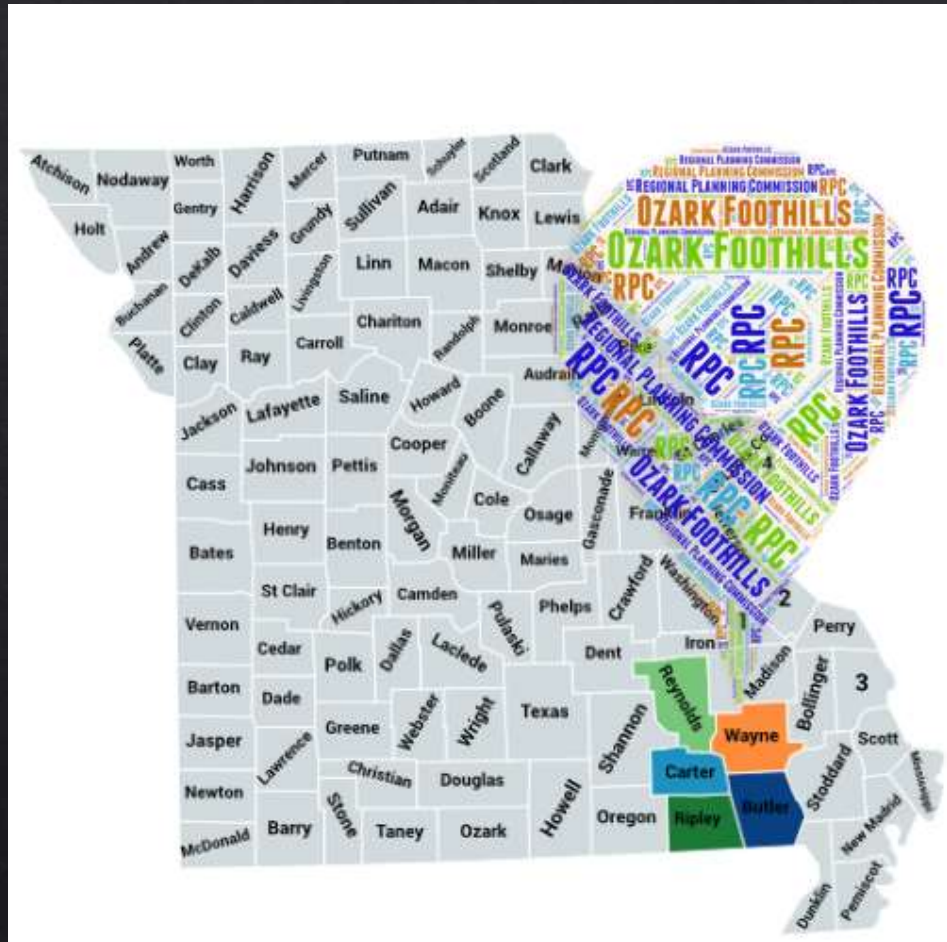
(July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021)

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 2021, OFRPC staff prepared 60 grant applications and brought **\$8,679,404** into the Ozark Foothills Region.



Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Membership – FY 2021

- Vince Lampe, Butler County
- Robert Smith, Poplar Bluff
- John Murray, Fisk
- Kevin Bynum, Neelyville
- Doug Ledbetter, Qulin
- 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
(1st Vice-Chairman)
- Darrell Dement, Business (2nd Vice-Chairman)
- Russell French, Professions
- Margaret Carter, Finance
- Mildred Coursey, Minority
- Reverend Gregory Kirk, Social Agency
- Dr. Gene Oakley, Education (Ex-Officio)
- Brian Polk, Solid Waste Management
(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 June 2021
- ✓ 100% Membership Maintained
- ✓ Submitted 60 Grant Proposals
- ✓ Brought \$8,679,404 into the Region via 45 Funded Proposals.



Ozark Foothills Region

FY 2021 Grants/Contracts Received

\$1,821,509 Total

Project	Total
Ripley County PHA, HUD, Mainstream Vouchers	\$150,888
Reynolds County, MO DNR, Dump Trucks	\$136,500
Ripley County Public Housing Agency, COVID Admin	\$61,851
Ozark Foothills Development Association, Incubator Roof	\$75,000
OFRPC, MoDOT, Transportation Planner	\$64,706
OFRPC, MO DED, Opportunity Zone Planning	\$15,000
City of Piedmont, MO DNR, RTP, Handy Trail	\$89,466
City of Poplar Bluff/PB Parks, MDC, TRIM Grant	\$7,043
City of Van Buren, MO DED CDBG, Water Improvements	\$750,000
OFDA, MO DED MO Technology Corp, Incubator Upgrades	\$50,000
OFSWMD, MO DNR, Recycle Center	\$98,438
Purman Volunteer FD, FEMA, SAFER	\$271,340
OFRPC, FEMA, Reynolds County Hazard Mitigation Plan	\$25,802
OFRPC, FEMA, Butler County Hazard Mitigation Plan	\$25,475

(Projects Awarded June 2020 – December 2020)

Ozark Foothills Region

FY 2021 Grants/Contracts Received

\$3,099,590 Total

Project	Total
Carter County/South Van Buren Sewer, MO DED, Emergency Repairs	\$237,162
Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation, CFO, COVID Relief Re-grant Funds	\$10,000
Ripley County Public Housing Agency, HUD, FSS Coordinator	\$43,605
Ripley County Public Housing Agency, HUD, VASH Vouchers	\$21,784
Ripley County Public Housing Agency, HUD, PIC-NG Software	\$25,000
City of Centerville, CDBG, Generator	\$19,142
City of Ellsinore, CDBG, Stormwater Improvements	\$318,536
City of Poplar Bluff, CDBG, Stormwater Improvements	\$701,824
City of Van Buren, CDBG, Low Water Crossings	\$315,946
City of Poplar Bluff, CDBG, PB Police Generator	\$50,000
City of Doniphan, CDBG, Ball Park Road Improvements	\$897,043
City of Doniphan, CDBG, Quick Creek Bank Stabilization	\$118,926
City of Doniphan, CDBG, Pine Street Pedestrian Bridge	\$129,502
City of Doniphan, CDBG, Quick Creek Water Line Replacement Project	\$61,120
Carter County, MO DED, Community Center Facility Generator	\$50,000
Carter County, MO DED, Nutrition Center Generator	\$50,000
Carter County/Missouri Highlands Healthcare, MO DED, Generator	\$50,000



Ozark Foothills Region

FY 2021 Grants/Contracts Received

\$3,758,305 Total

Project	Total
Carter County, MO DED, Tornado Warning Sirens	\$39,600
Ripley County, MO DED, Jail Facility Generator	\$50,000
Ripley County/Missouri Highlands Healthcare, MO DED, Generator	\$43,400
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission/South Central Ozark COG, MO DED, Flood Inundation Mapping	\$664,900
Butler County, MO DED CDBG, Paving	\$177,599
City of Ellsinore, CDBG, Firehouse	\$456,700
City of Ellsinore, CDBG, Paving	\$316,072
City of Ellington, CDBG, Paving	\$295,819
City of Poplar Bluff, CDBG, Paving	\$498,074
City of Bunker, CDBG, Paving	\$226,914
City of Qulin, CDBG, Paving	\$254,910
City of Naylor, CDBG, Senior Center	\$499,931
City of Williamsville, CDBG, Paving	\$234,386

(Projects Awarded January 2021 – June 2021)



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 2021, 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 2021.
- ✓ Lease Agreements Executed with Six of Six Tenants During FY 2021.

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; Dr. Scott Dill, Secretary; and, Mrs. Crystal Jones, Treasurer.

As of June 2021, the foundation held funds with total assets valued at \$1,342,700.



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 2021 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

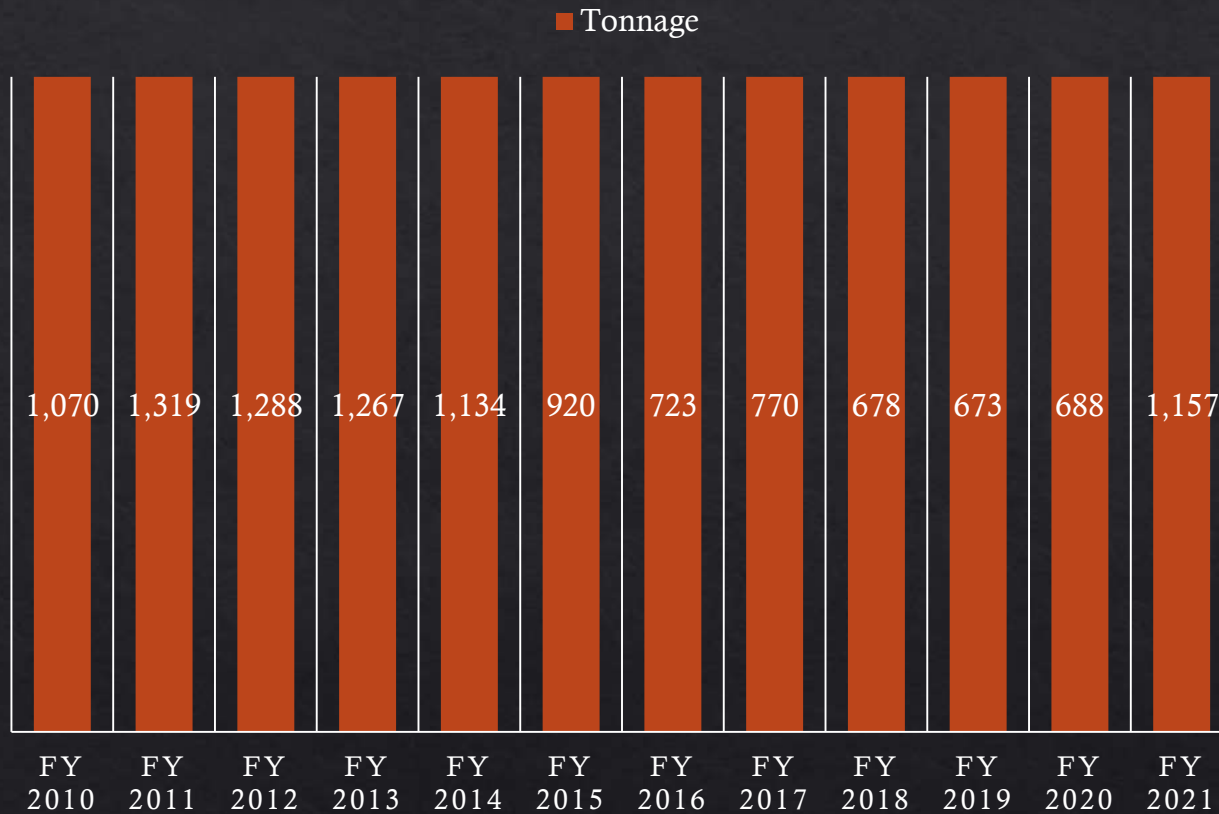


During FY 2021, the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center diverted *1,157 tons* of aluminum, tin, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, white paper, white goods, tires, and electronics from landfills.



Solid Waste Tonnage Diverted from Landfills Ozark Foothills Region

June 2010 – June 2021



Ripley County Public Housing Agency

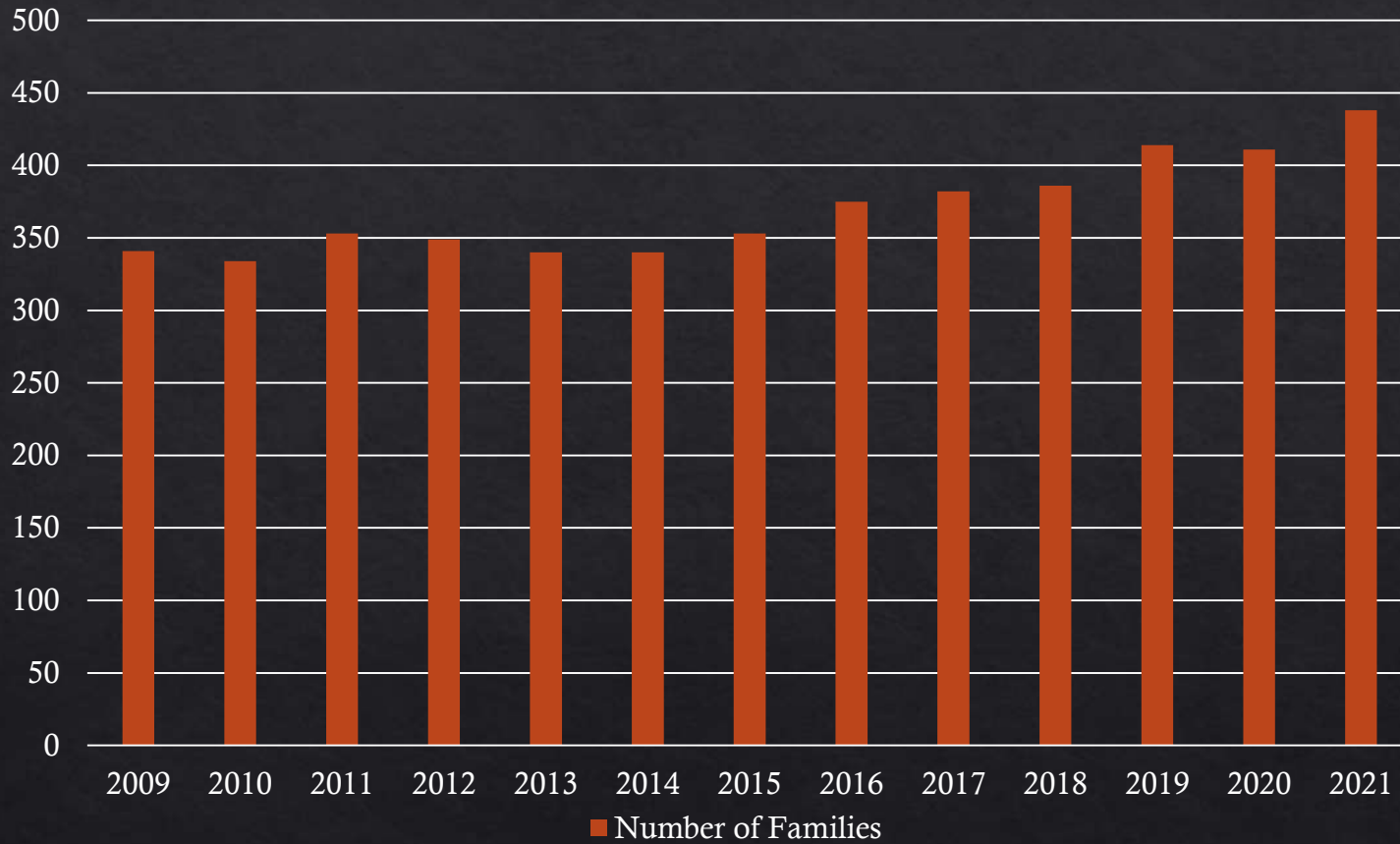
The Ripley County Public Housing Agency is authorized to provide HUD Section 8 rental and, if applicable, utility subsidies to 441 families throughout the five-county service area.

As of June 30, 2021, 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 2021 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. 40 additional mainstream vouchers were added in January 2021.
- ✓ Monthly Administrative Fee Eligibility Averaged \$22,541 per month while average expenses totaled \$22,765 per month
- ✓ Family Self-Sufficiency Caseload decreased from 33 Families on June 30, 2020 to 32 Families on June 30, 2021. The Minimum Caseload Requirement Remained Unchanged at 25 Families.
- ✓ Annual SEMAP Review was not conducted by HUD due to COVID; however, internal quality control inspections were completed by 9/1/21.



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 2021 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 2021 MODOT Work Plan Submitted and Approved for \$64,706.
- ✓ Full-Time Transportation Planning Coordinator Maintained.
- ✓ Four TAC Meetings held.
- ✓ Public Comments Collected at five Public Hearings.
- ✓ Submitted a Region-Wide Prioritization of Potential Projects to MODOT during September 2020.

**Ozark Foothills Regional
Transportation Advisory Committee**
FY 2021 Overall Project Priorities
(Adopted September 24, 2020)

1. **4-lane Highway 67 from Highway 160 to the state line in Butler County**
2. **Highway K: Ellington to Annapolis, add shoulders in Reynolds County**
3. **Highway 142 West at Gatewood – Narrow bridge in Ripley County**
4. **Safety Shoulders on Highway 49 from Highway 67 to Mill Spring and Piedmont to Iron County line and widen existing box culverts in Wayne County**
5. **Repair small bridge on A Highway (1/2 mile west of Highway 67) with large box culvert in Wayne County**

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Staff

(as of 6/30/2021)

Agency Administration

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

Recycling Center

- Jamie Lansford, Recycling Supervisor
- Davey Hicks, Recycling Technician
- Richard Ketchum, Recycling Technician

Rental Assistance & Family Self-Sufficiency

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



*Your OFRPC Staff
Johnson's Shut Ins State Park
June 2021*



From Left to Right (Back): Jamie Lansford, Davey Hicks, Alan Lutes, Richard Ketchum, Camille Donnell, Tiffany Sheffy, Amy Baugus, Ilene Ward, Andrew Murphy, From Left to Right (Front): Crystal Jones, Ashley Hart, Brooke Hinklin, Niki Harp, Carolyn Meeks,

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