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**OZARK
FOOTHILLS
REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

FY 2015

Annual Report

(July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015)

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 2015, OFRPC staff prepared **forty-eight** grant applications and brought nearly **\$4 million** into the Ozark Foothills Region.

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Membership – FY 2015

- Vince Lampe, Butler County
- Betty Absheer, Poplar Bluff
- Shannon Poole, Fisk
- Lee McComb, Jr., Neelyville
- Glen Sedrick, Qulin
- Donald Black, Carter County
- Tom Wilder, Ellsinore
- Rick Julius, Grandin
- Dale Kirkvliet, Van Buren
- Joe Loyd, Reynolds County
- Gary Conway, Jr., Bunker
- Stanley Barton, Centerville
- Bob Canan, Ellington
- William Kennon, Ripley County (Secretary)
- Terry Cooper, Doniphan
- Bernard Allen, Naylor
- Brian Polk, Wayne County
- George Strange, Mill Spring
- William Kirkpatrick, Piedmont
- Fred Bennett, Greenville
- Angela Smith, Williamsville
- Wayne Gibbs, Agriculture
- Paul Johnson, Retired/Senior Services (Treasurer)
- Darrell Dement, Business (Chairman)
- Russell French, Professions
- Margaret Carter, Finance
- Edward Coursey, Minority (2nd Vice-Chairman)
- Mildred Coursey, Minority
- Reverend Gregory Kirk, Social Agency
- Sister Anne Francioni, Social Agency
- Mike Gossett, Solid Waste Management
- Dr. Gene Oakley, Education (1st Vice-Chairman)
- Brian Polk, Solid Waste Management
- William Kennon, Professions

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission FY 2015 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 during May 2015
- ✓ 100% Membership Maintained
- ✓ Submitted 48 Grant Proposals
- ✓ Brought \$3,997,985 into the Region

Ozark Foothills Region FY 2015 Grants/Contracts Received \$3,997,985 Total

- ✓ Ripley County Public Housing Agency, U.S. HUD, \$38,565
- ✓ City of Doniphan, MO DED, CDBG - Residential Demolition, \$124,320
- ✓ Ozark Foothills Development Association, Inc., DRA, \$183,401
- ✓ Ozark Foothills Development Association, Inc., U.S. DOC, \$380,520
- ✓ Carter County Nutrition Center, MOD DED, NAP Tax Credits, \$65,170
- ✓ Three Rivers College, DRA, SEDAP, \$100,000
- ✓ Williamsville Pedestrian Bridge, MO DED, CDBG, \$240,474
- ✓ United Gospel Rescue Mission, MHDC, Emergency Solutions Grant, \$25,000
- ✓ Butler County, MO DED, CDBG, \$1,420,000
- ✓ Ozark Foothills RPC, U.S. DOC, EDA, Partnership Planning Grant, \$61,000
- ✓ Ozark Foothills Development Association, MO DED, Small Business Incubator Program, \$57,396
- ✓ Ripley County PHA, U.S. HUD, 5-YEAR AND ANNUAL PLAN, \$1,168,186
- ✓ Ripley County PHA, U.S. HUD, HAP Set Aside Funding, \$45,458
- ✓ Ripley County PHA, U.S. HUD, VASH Vouchers, \$54,495
- ✓ Ripley County PHA, U.S. HUD, FSS Coordinator, \$34,000

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, provides 20,000 square feet of affordable operating space to start-up or expanding enterprises.

During FY 2015, the Ozark Foothills Development Association maintained 100% occupancy within its incubator and obtained financing to expand the incubator's capacity by 50%.

Ozark Foothills Development Association

FY 2015 Goal Progress

Goals

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

Accomplishments

- ✓ Business Incubator Occupancy was 100% During FY 2015
- ✓ Lease Agreements Executed with Five of Five Tenants During December 2014

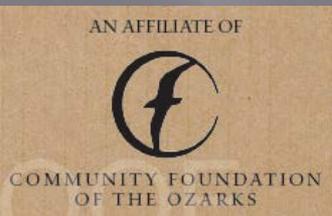
Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation

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 Dr. Mike Redlich, Chairman; Mr. Greg Kirk, Vice-Chairman; and, Sister Anne Francioni, Secretary.

As of September 30, 2015, the foundation held 26 funds with total assets of \$535,517.



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 2015 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 2015
- ✓ Provided \$126,234 in 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 (\$8,242 in FY 2015 or 6.1% of the Total Annual MDNR Allocation)



During FY 2015, the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center diverted **920 TONS** of aluminum, tin, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, white paper, white goods, tires, and electronics from landfills!

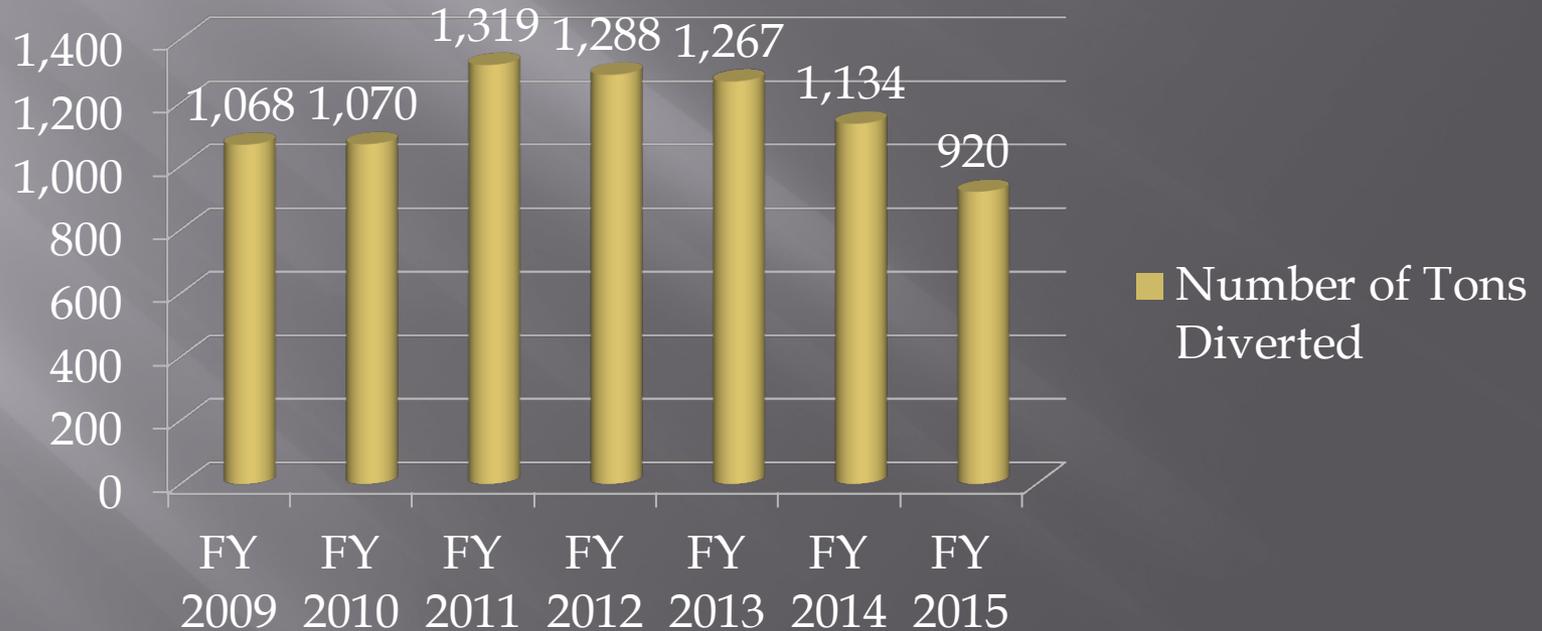


Solid Waste Tonnage Diverted from Landfills

Ozark Foothills Region

July 2009 - June 2015

Tonnage Diverted



Ripley County Public Housing Agency

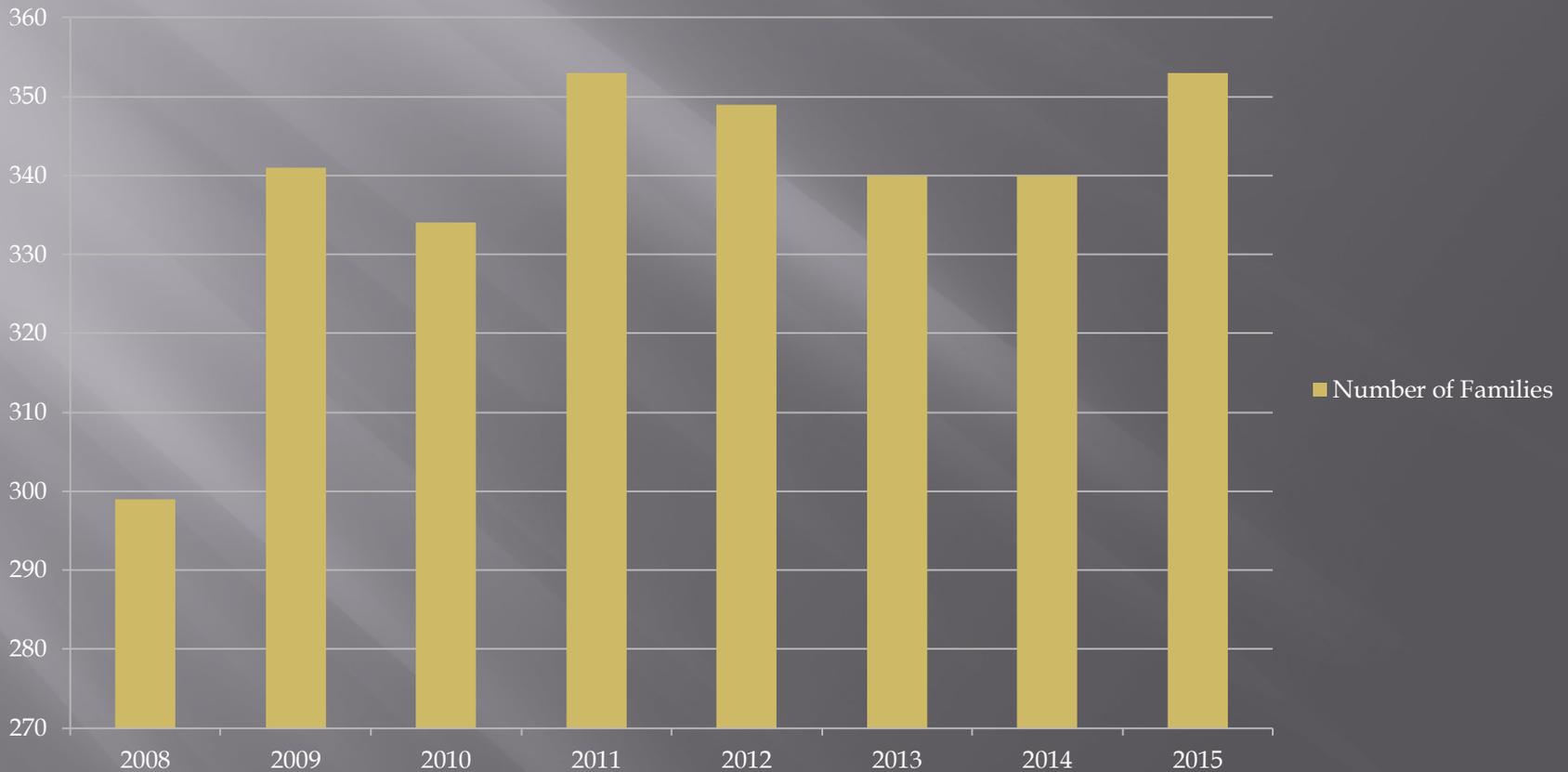
The Ripley County Public Housing Agency is authorized to provide HUD Section 8 rental and, if applicable, utility subsidies to 382 families throughout the five-county service area.

As of June 30, 2015, 42 families were enrolled in the agency's Family Self-Sufficiency and Homeownership Programs, while 383 families (including 41 veteran-led households) were receiving Section 8 rental assistance.

Number of Families Served by the Ripley County PHA

July 2008 – July 2015

Number of Families Served



Ripley County Public Housing Agency

FY 2015 Goal Progress

Goals

- ❑ Maintain Number of Section 8 Vouchers at 356 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 353 on June 30, 2014
- ✓ Monthly Administrative Fee Eligibility Averaged \$15,937 per month
- ✓ Family Self-Sufficiency Caseload Increased from 32 Families on June 30, 2011 to 42 Families on June 30, 2015, 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 2015 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 2016 MODOT Work Plan Submitted and Approved for \$59,400
- ✓ Full-Time Transportation Planning Coordinator Maintained
- ✓ Four TAC Meetings Held
- ✓ Public Comments Collected at Two Regional Events and Five Public Hearings
- ✓ Submitted a Region-Wide Prioritization of Potential Projects to MODOT During the Fall of 2014

Ozark Foothills Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

FY 2015 Project Priorities

(Adopted November 13, 2014)

Butler County

1. Four Lane Highway 67 south to Arkansas State Line
2. Modify Highway PP from Township Line to Route TT – Add Shoulders
3. Full access interchange at Township Line and Highway 67

Carter County

1. Route N: Widen and Eliminate one-lane bridge over Middle Brushy Creek
2. Route A: Eliminate Narrow Bridge in Ellsinore
3. Widen Bridge/Culvert on A Highway at corner curve in Ellsinore

Reynolds County

1. Replace Highway F Bridge
2. Highway 21: Centerville to Glover, add shoulders
3. Highway K: Ellington to Annapolis, add shoulders

Ripley County

1. State Route K: Straighten “S” curve
2. Between Naylor and Doniphan: Eliminate three one-lane bridges
3. Improvement Highway 142 West at Gatewood – Narrow bridge

Wayne County

1. Highway 49: Replace bridge over McKenzie Creek north of Piedmont
2. Highway 49/Highway A: Straighten and widen from Highway 67 to 60.
3. Raise Route C where it Crosses Bear Creek

Ozark Foothills Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

FY 2015 Maintenance Priorities

(Adopted November 13, 2014)

Butler County

1. Sight Distance on Highway M & CR 459 Intersection
2. T Highway: Two foot shoulders to US 60
3. HH Highway: Resurface from Highway 142 to Highway 53

Carter County

1. Remove Dead Hazardous Trees from Lettered Routes
2. Z Highway: Overlay
3. Clean out Culverts on N Highway

Reynolds County

1. B Highway: Overlay
2. O Highway: Overlay
3. Highway 21: Overlay from Centerville to Ellington

Ripley County

1. BB Highway: Overlay
2. EE Highway: Overlay
3. C Highway: Overlay

Wayne County

1. Highway 49: Resurface and add shoulders from Williamsville to Iron County Line
2. Overlay Route 49 from Highway 67 to west junction of Route A
3. Overlay Route A from west junction of Highway 49 to US Highway 60 East

Ozark Foothills Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

FY 2015 Multi-Modal Priorities

(Adopted November 13, 2014)

Butler County

1. Extend the Poplar Bluff Airport Runway
2. Improve Amtrak Depot Service Facility
3. Extend trail from Shelby/Oak Grove to McLane Park/Shoulder added to PP Highway West to Wolf Creek trail

Carter County

1. Construct new helipads
2. Improve road to the Van Buren Airport
3. Ramps for various sidewalks

Reynolds County

1. Add bike lane on North Highway 21 to Highway 106
2. Reopen railhead at Buick Mine

Ripley County

1. Remove trees from west end of Doniphan Airport runway
2. Fix landing lights at Doniphan Airport
3. Install fence at airport to keep out deer

Wayne County

1. Build walk/bike trail in Williamsville
2. Sidewalk repair/construction in Piedmont (Main Street/Various)
3. Wayne County Cross-County walk/bike trail

Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Staff (6/30/2015)

Agency Administration

- Felicity Brady, Executive Director
- Michelle Allbritton, Executive Secretary
- Camille Donnell, Project Officer
- Andrew Murphy, Transportation Planning Coordinator
- Mike Watkins, Fiscal Officer
- Matt Winters, Associate Director

Rental Assistance & Family Self-Sufficiency

- Kristin Brooks, Housing Coordinator
- Carolyn Hayes, FSS Coordinator
- Ilene Ward, Housing Coordinator

Recycling Center

- Jamie Lansford, Recycling Supervisor
- David Foster, Recycling Technician
- Verlin Wilcut, Recycling Technician

Your OFRPC Staff



Front Row: Jamie Lansford, Felicity Ray

Middle Row: Carolyn Meeks, Kristin Brooks, Camille Donnell, Matt Winters

Back Row: Andrew Murphy, Mike Watkins, Michelle Allbritton, Ilene Ward, David Foster

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