



FY 2019 Annual Report

(July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

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 2019, OFRPC staff prepared 66 grant applications and brought **\$6,012,561** into the Ozark Foothills Region.



Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Membership - FY 2019

- Vince Lampe, Butler County
- Susan McVey, Poplar Bluff
- John Murray, Fisk
- Kevin Bynum, Neelyville
- Glen Sedrick, Quilin
- 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
- William Kirkpatrick, Piedmont
- Carroll Rainwater, Greenville
- 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
- Sister Anne Francioni, Social Agency
- Dr. Gene Oakley, Education (Chairman)
- Brian Polk, Solid Waste Management
(1st Vice-Chairman)
- Bill Moriarty, Retired/Senior Services
- Samantha Johnson, Business
- Samantha Pennington, Professions



Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission

FY 2019 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 June 2019
- ✓ 100% Membership Maintained
- ✓ Submitted 66 Grant Proposals
- ✓ Brought \$6,012,561 into the Region via 39 Funded Proposals



Ozark Foothills Region FY 2019 Grants/Contracts Received \$6,012,561 Total

(Projects Awarded July 2018 - December 2018)

City of Doniphan, CDBG, Commercial Flood Buyout, \$458,507
Reynolds County, MODOT, BRO, \$365,660
Reynolds County, CDBG, BRO Match, \$85,914
Wayne County, CDBG, 911 Signage, \$115,116
Wayne County, CDBG, FEMA PA Match, \$65,440
Ozark Foothills RPC, EDA, Disaster Recovery Coordinator, \$96,800
Ozarks Tourism Project, MACOG, \$20,000
OFRCF, CFO Disaster PREP, Housing Study, \$10,000
OFRCF, CDP, Doniphan R-I School District/CDP School Counselors, \$89,890
Greater Poplar Bluff Area Chamber of Commerce, MO Division of Tourism, DMO designation
Ozark Foothills RPC, U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA, Annual Economic Development Planning Program, \$66,000
City of Ellington, CDBG, Paving, \$250,000
City of Poplar Bluff, CDBG, Roof Replacement Rodger's Theatre, Inc., \$336,900
City of Doniphan, FEMA, Residential Flood Buyout, \$338,020
City of Van Buren, FEMA, Residential Flood Buyout, \$353,128
Carter County, FEMA, Residential Flood Buyout, \$487,594
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, SWMD, Operation of the Recycling Center, \$84,000
Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission, MODOT, Region's Transportation Planning Program, \$64,705.88

Ozark Foothills Region FY 2019 Grants/Contracts Received \$6,012,561 Total!

(Projects Awarded January 2019 - June 2019)

Butler County, MO DED, CDBG, FEMA Public Assistance Match, \$34,969
Butler County, MO DED, CDBG, General Infrastructure, Harviell Paving Project, \$174,986
Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation, CFO, Rural Ozarks Health Initiative, \$10,000
Ozark Foothills RPC, MACOG, Disaster Supplemental Funds for Completion of Housing Study, \$15,000
City of Ellington, MO DED, CDBG, FEMA Public Assistance Match, Emergency Paving Project, \$52,066
Carter County, OFRCF/CDP, Flood Recovery Coordinator and Large Document Scanner, \$54,213
Carter County, MO DED, CDBG, FEMA Public Assistance Match, \$373,364
Ripley County, Missouri Development Finance Board, MIDOC Loan, Ripley County Jail Facility, \$150,000;
Ripley County Public Housing Agency, U.S. Dept. of HUD, HCV Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Program, \$36,946
City of Van Buren, MO DED, CDBG, FEMA Public Assistance Match, \$137,440
City of Van Buren, Missouri Development Finance Board, MIDOC Loan, Justice Center Construction, \$150,000
Wayne County, MO DED, CDBG, FEMA Public Assistance Match, Bridge Replacement, \$65,440
Wayne County, MO DED, CDBG, Generator for Justice Center, \$42,049
Wayne County, MDNR, Volkswagen Trust Fund, Dump Truck, \$74,500
Wayne County, MO DED, CDBG, 911 Signage Purchase and Installation, \$155,116
Wayne County, MDNR, Volkswagen Trust, \$50,000
Butler County, MDNR, Volkswagen Trust, \$140,000
Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce, MO Division of Tourism, Marketing Matching Grant, \$40,449
Harviell Community Center, CFO, Coover Grant Program, \$15,000
City of Poplar Bluff, MO DED, Industrial Infrastructure Project, \$792,168
Carter County, MDFB, MIDOC Loan, \$150,000



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 and expanded in 2018, provides 30,000 square feet of affordable operating space to start-up or expanding enterprises.

During FY 2019, the Ozark Foothills Development Association maintained 100% occupancy within its original incubator and provided low-cost rental space two new businesses to the region through its expansion program!

Ozark Foothills Development Association

FY 2019 Goal Progress

Goals

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

Accomplishments

- ✓ Business Incubator Occupancy was 83% During FY 2019.
- ✓ Lease Agreements Executed with Five of Five Tenants During FY 2019.

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; Sister Anne Francioni, Secretary; and, Ms. Felicity Ray, Treasurer.

As of June 2019, the foundation held funds with total assets valued at \$1,467,948--an increase of \$34,117 from one year prior.



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 2019 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 2019
- ✓ 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



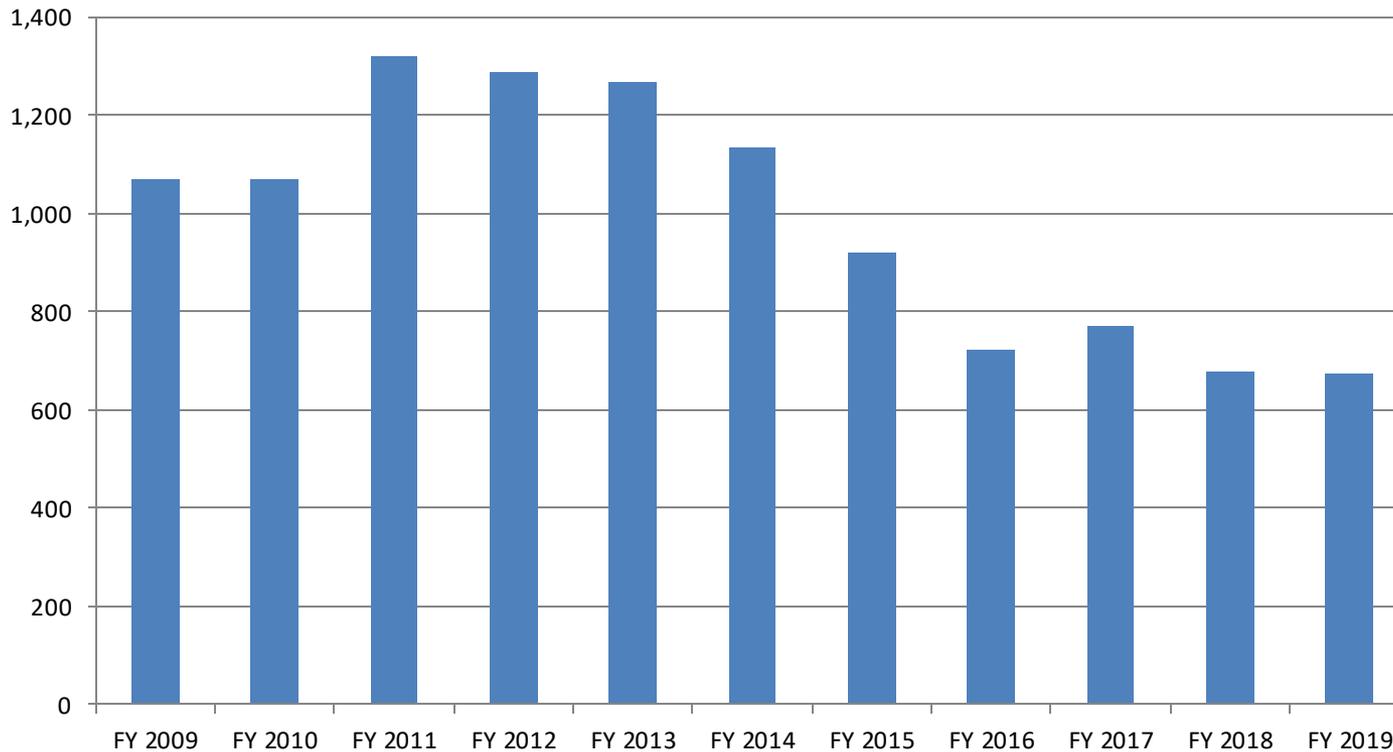
During FY 2019, the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center
diverted **673.315 tons**
of aluminum, tin, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, white paper,
white goods, tires, and electronics from landfills!



Solid Waste Tonnage Diverted from Landfills

Ozark Foothills Region

July 2009 - June 2019



Ripley County Public Housing Agency

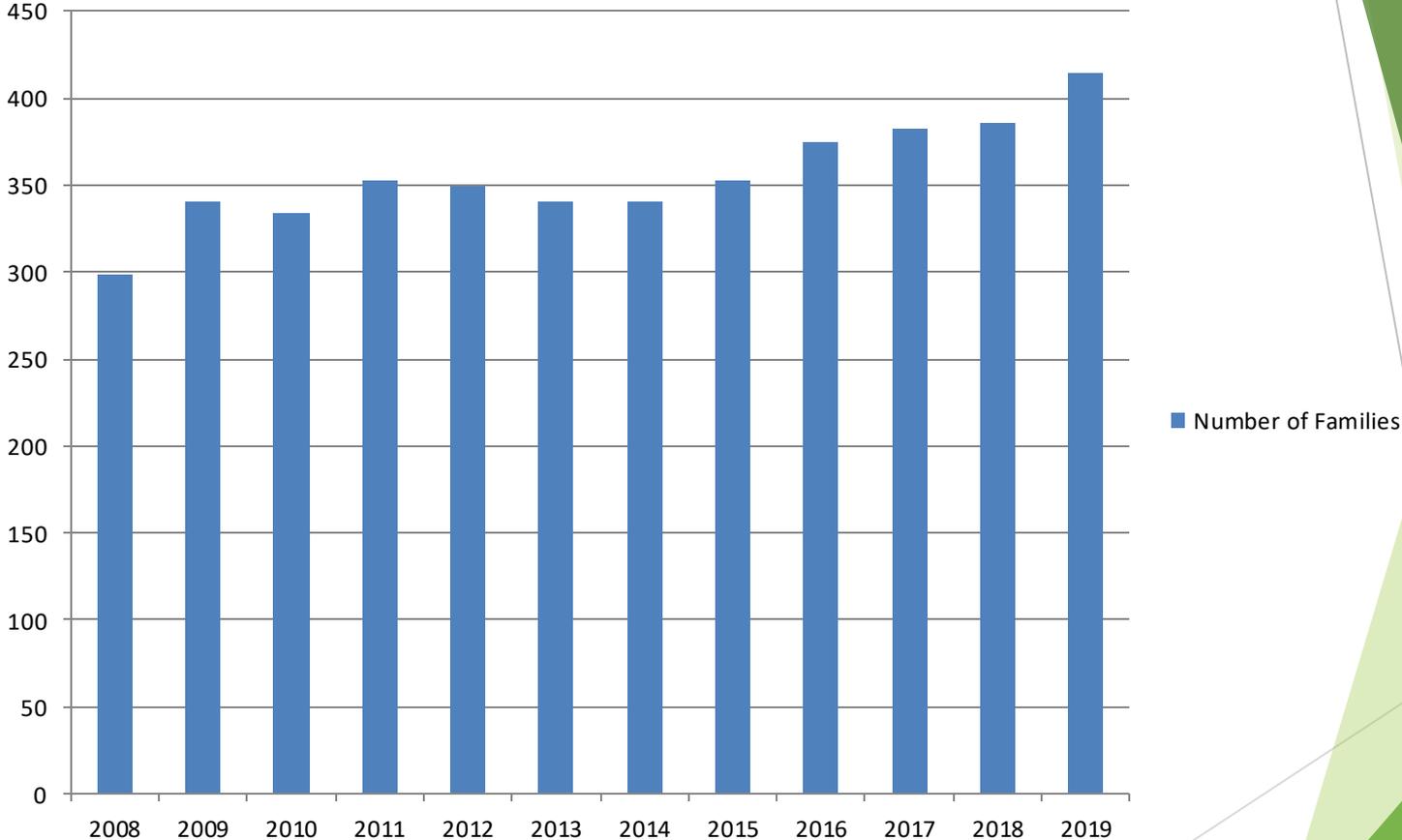
The Ripley County Public Housing Agency is authorized to provide HUD Section 8 rental and, if applicable, utility subsidies to 410 families throughout the five-county service area.

As of June 30, 2019, 40 families were enrolled in the agency's Family Self-Sufficiency and Homeownership Programs, while 414 families were receiving Section 8 rental assistance.



Number of Families Served by the Ripley County PHA

July 2008 - July 2019



Ripley County Public Housing Agency

FY 2019 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 414 on June 30, 2019
- ✓ 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 40 Families on June 30, 2019, 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 2019 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 Held
- ✓ Public Comments Collected at Two Regional Events and Five Public Hearings
- ✓ Submitted a Region-Wide Prioritization of Potential Projects to MODOT During the July 2018.

Ozark Foothills Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

FY 2019 Overall Project Priorities

(Adopted July 12, 2018)

1. **Add bike lane for TransAmerica Bike Trail on Highway 76 Bike Route in Reynolds County**
2. **Highway 142 Between Naylor and Doniphan: Eliminate three one-lane bridges in Ripley County. Includes Ditch No. 2 and Harris Creek**
3. **Overlay and add shoulders to D Highway in Carter County**
4. (tie) **I-57 Corridor Upgrades with emphasis from Highway 160 to the state line in Butler County**
4. (tie) **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

(6/30/2019)

Agency Administration

- Felicity Ray, Executive Director
- Crystal Jones, Assistant Director
- Camille Donnell, Fiscal Officer
- Keona Ferguson, Executive Secretary
- Robyn Ballard, Project Officer
- Alan Lutes, Project Officer
- Chelsae Cordia, Planner
- Andrew Murphy, Transportation Planning Coordinator

Rental Assistance & Family Self-Sufficiency

- Niki Harp, Housing Coordinator
- Carolyn Hayes, FSS Coordinator
- Ilene Ward, Housing Coordinator
- Keona Ferguson, Housing Coordinator

Recycling Center

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



Your Stellar OFRPC Staff

June 2019



From Left to Right: Andrew Murphy, Felicity Ray, Niki Harp, Alan Lutes, Keona Ferguson, Robyn Ballard, Davey Hicks, Camille Donnell, Chelsae Cordia, Carolyn Meeks, Jamie Lansford, & Crystal Jones

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