



# **FY 2014 Annual Report**

*(July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)*

# 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 2014, OFRPC staff prepared **forty-seven** grant applications and brought nearly **\$3.4 million** into the Ozark Foothills Region.



# Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Membership - FY 2014



- Ed Strenfel, Butler County
- Angela Pearson, Poplar Bluff
- Susan Williams, Fisk
- Lee McComb, Jr., Neelyville
- Glen Sedrick, Qulin
- John Bailiff, Carter County
- Luther "Wayne" Ogden, 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
- Joe Knodell, Education
- Margaret Carter, Finance
- Edward Coursey, Minority (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman)
- Mildred Coursey, Minority
- Reverend Gregory Kirk, Social Agency
- Sister Anne Francioni, Social Agency
- Mike Gossett, Solid Waste Management
- Dr. Gene Oakley, Education (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman)
- Brian Polk, Solid Waste Management
- William Kennon, Professions

# Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission

## FY 2014 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 2014
- ✓ 100% Membership Maintained
- ✓ Submitted 47 Grant Proposals
- ✓ Brought \$3,361,384 into the Region

# Ozark Foothills Region

## FY 2014 Grants/Contracts Received - \$3,361,384 Total



- ☞ Ozark Foothills RPC  
MODOT, FY 2015 Work Plan, \$58,824
- ☞ Ozark Foothills RPC  
MO CTF, License Plate Partnership, \$1,680
- ☞ Ripley County Public Housing Agency  
HUD, Section 8 Annual Contract, \$1,212,583
- ☞ Ripley County Public Housing Agency  
U.S. HUD, FSS Coordinator, \$33,637
- ☞ Ozark Foothills RPC  
DRA, LDD Technical Assistance Grant, \$9,480
- ☞ Ozark Foothills RPC  
EDA, Annual Planning Program, \$61,000
- ☞ Wayne County Sheriff's Department  
MO DPS, LLEBG, Law Enforcement Equipment, \$8,981
- ☞ Butler County  
MDFB Tax Credits, Rodgers Theatre Roof Improvements,  
\$123,300
- ☞ City of Doniphan  
U.S. DHS, FEMA, Flood Buyout, \$30,256
- ☞ Ripley County/Ripley County PWS# 2  
MO DED, CDBG, New Water Well, \$500,000
- ☞ Ripley County Public Housing Agency  
U.S. Dept. of HUD, Shortfall Prevention Funding,  
\$45,570
- ☞ Ozark Foothills Development Association  
MO DED, Business Incubator Tax Credits, \$114,000
- ☞ Ozark Foothills SWMD, Region Q  
MDNR, Annual Solid Waste Management  
Program, \$137,408
- ☞ Ozark Foothills RPC  
OFSWMD, Materials Recovery Facility, \$123,734
- ☞ United Gospel Rescue Mission  
MHDC, Emergency Solutions Grant, \$37,400
- ☞ Child Concern Center  
CFO, Coover Grant, \$4,500
- ☞ City of Poplar Bluff  
MO DNR, Historic Preservation Fund, \$13,200
- ☞ Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce  
DRA, Entrepreneurship Training, \$7,481
- ☞ City of Greenville  
MO DED, CDBG, Community Center, \$250,000
- ☞ City of Williamsville  
MO DED, CDBG, Wastewater Improvements, \$500,000
- ☞ Ozark Foothills Development Association  
HAC, SHOP Loan for Self-Help Housing Program,  
\$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 two programs – the Ozark Foothills Business Incubator and Mutual Self-Help Housing.

The Small Business Incubator, constructed in 1988, provides 20,000 square feet of affordable operating space to start-up or expanding enterprises.

During FY 2014, the Ozark Foothills Development Association maintained 100% occupancy within its incubator and developed plans to expand capacity by 50%.

Through the Self-Help Housing Program, groups of families built homes through USDA's 502 direct loan program. During FY 2014, four homes were constructed, with two under construction on June 30, 2014.

Throughout the program's duration, (from 2005 to 2014), approximately 65 low and very low income families became homeowners.



# Ozark Foothills Development Association

## FY 2014 Goal Progress



### Goals

- Maintain 100% Incubator Occupancy
- Ensure Lease Agreements are Current for All Tenants
- Obtain Renewal Funding for the Self-Help Housing Program
- Increase Awareness of the Self-Help Housing Program

### Accomplishments

- ✓ Incubator Occupancy was 100% on June 30, 2014
- ✓ Lease Agreements Held with Five of Five Tenants on June 30, 2014
- ✓ Completed Second Year of \$324,000 in USDA 523 Funding
- ✓ Program Received Numerous Instances of Media Attention & Sufficient Interest from Potential Participants



# OZARK FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



## SELF-HELP HOUSING



*"Making Dreams  
Come True!"*





# 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, 2014, the foundation held 28 funds with total assets of \$543,521.



# 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) and provides region-wide recycling services to Butler, Carter, Reynolds, Ripley and Wayne Counties.



# Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District

## FY 2014 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 2014
  
- ✓ Provided \$92,561 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 (\$10,033 in FY 2014 or 9.8% of the Total Annual MDNR Allocation).



During FY 2014, the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center diverted **1,134 TONS** of aluminum, tin, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, white paper, white goods, tires, and electronics from landfills!

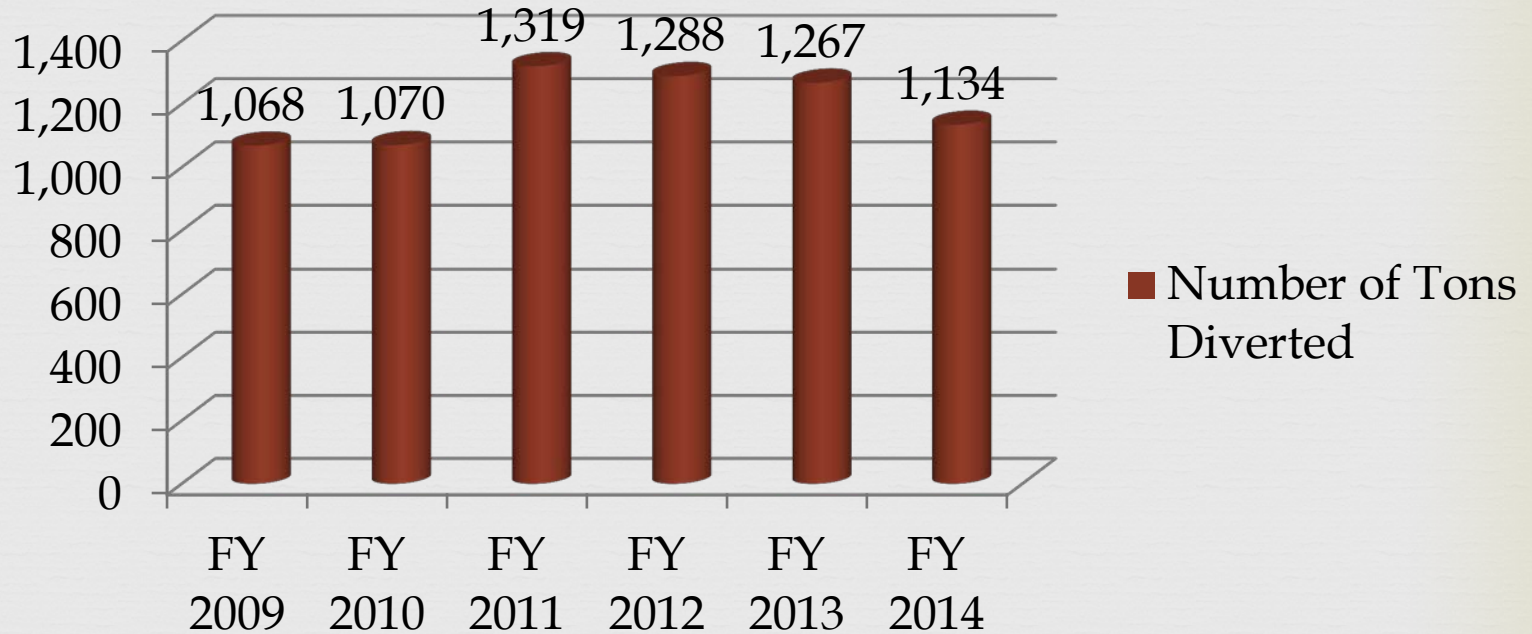


# Solid Waste Tonnage Diverted from Landfills

## Ozark Foothills Region

July 2009 - June 2014

### Tonnage Diverted





# Ripley County Public Housing Agency



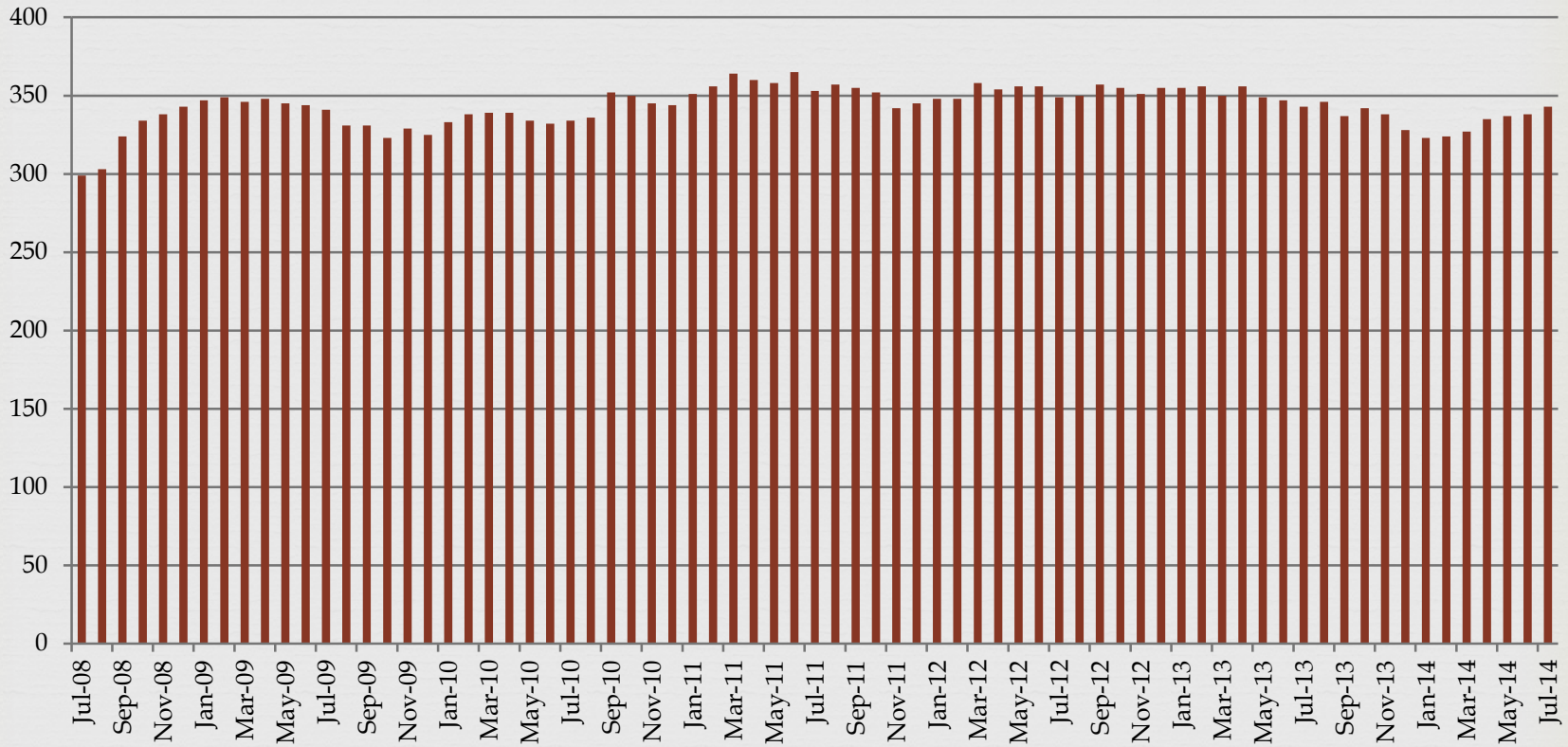
The Ripley County Public Housing Agency is authorized to provide HUD Section 8 rental and, if applicable, utility subsidies to 356 families throughout the five-county service area.

As of June 30, 2014, 48 families were enrolled in the agency's Family Self-Sufficiency and Homeownership Programs, while 343 families and approximately 30 veterans were receiving Section 8 rental assistance.



# Number of Families Served by the Ripley County PHA

July 2008 - June 2014



# Ripley County Public Housing Agency

## FY 2014 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 343 on June 30, 2014, Despite a Severe Reduction in Funding during FY 2013
- ✓ Monthly Administrative Fee Eligibility Averaged \$13,438 per month
- ✓ Family Self-Sufficiency Caseload Increased from 32 Families on June 30, 2011 to 48 Families on June 30, 2014, 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 2014 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 2014 MODOT Work Plan Submitted and Approved for \$58,824
- ✓ 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 Priorities (FY 2014)

| PROJECT   | COUNTY   | TRANSPORTATION<br>CATEGORY |
|---|----------|----------------------------|
| Extend runway at Poplar Bluff Municipal Airport   | Butler   | Aviation                   |
| Add center turn lane on Rte PP from Forest Service Road to Township Line Road   | Butler   | Road and Bridge            |
| Add lanes Rte 67 from Rte 160 to Missouri state line  | Butler   | Road and Bridge            |
| Sidewalk improvements along Rte W in Poplar Bluff   | Butler   | Bike / Ped                 |
| Sidewalk improvements along Shelby Road in Poplar Bluff   | Butler   | Bike / Ped                 |
| Resurface, widen and add shoulders to County Road 306 from Rte 142 to Rte 53 to improve access to industrial park and railroad facilities | Butler   | Road and Bridge            |
| Bridge replacement on Rte N over Middle Brushy Creek  | Carter   | Road and Bridge            |
| Resurface and add shoulders to Rte A from Rte 60 to Rte 49  | Carter   | Road and Bridge            |
| Resurface Rte 103 from Rte 60 to Rte Z  | Carter   | Road and Bridge            |
| New bridge on Rte F over Logan Creek  | Reynolds | Road and Bridge            |
| Resurface Rte B from Rte 72 to Rte 106  | Reynolds | Road and Bridge            |
| Replace bridges over Harris Creek and Ditch #2 on Rte 142 in Ripley County  | Ripley   | Road and Bridge            |
| Bridge replacement on Rte 49 over McKenzie Creek  | Wayne    | Road and Bridge            |
| New pedestrian bridge adjacent to Rte 49 across Williams Creek in Williamsville   | Wayne    | Bike / Ped                 |
| Resurface and add shoulders to Rte 49 from southern junction of Rte 34 to Rte 67  | Wayne    | Road and Bridge            |
| Replace/repair Rte FF bridge over Lake Creek  | Wayne    | Road and Bridge            |

# Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission Staff (6/30/2014)



## 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

## Self- Help Housing

- Clayton Brooks, Construction Supervisor
- Chad Browning, Assistant Construction Supervisor
- Jared Hicks, Program Coordinator



# *Your OFRPC Staff*

*Annual Staff Retreat*

*June 2014*

*Eminence, Missouri*



*Front Row: Jared Hicks, Andrew Murphy, Mike Watkins, Jamie Lansford, Camille Donnell, Michelle Allbritton, Felicity Brady  
Back Row: Carolyn Hayes, Chad Browning, Verlin Wilcut, David Foster, Matt Winters  
(Not Pictured: Clayton Brooks & Ilene Ward)*



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