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OZARK
FOOTHILLS
REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



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.

history

The OFRPC was designated by the Governor of the State of Missouri in 1967 under Missouri's State and Regional Planning and Community Development Act.

The Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission was created to facilitate the cooperative effort of its member municipalities and

counties in solving problems and planning the future development of human, natural, and economic resources of the Ozark Foothills region. The Commission serves as a guide to local units of government in accomplishing a coordinated and efficient development of the region and the promotion of its public

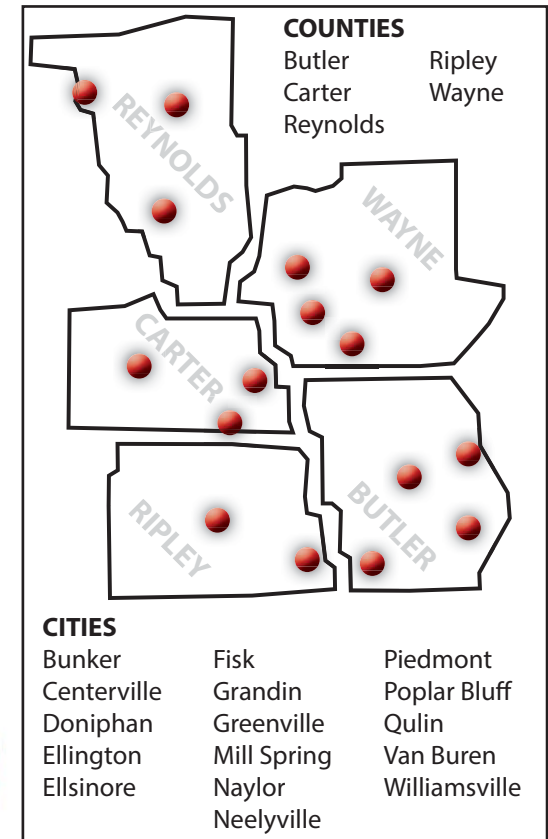
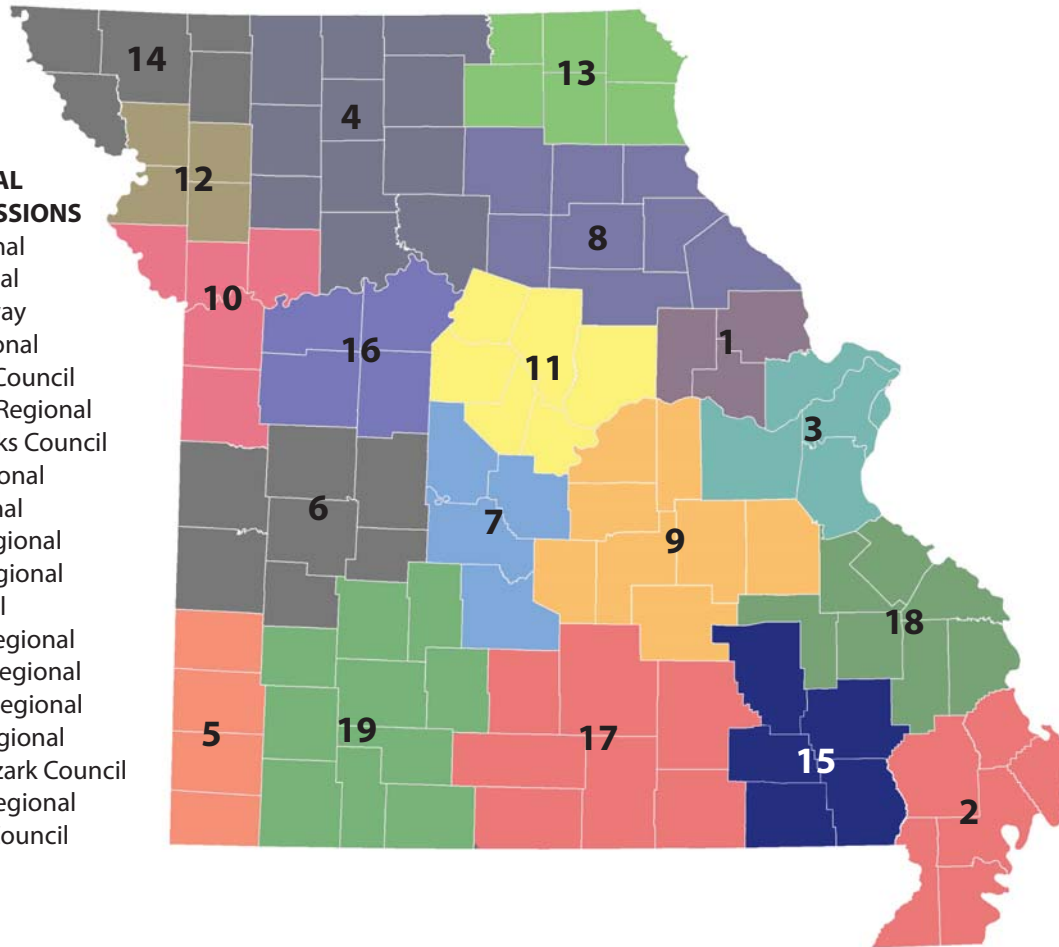
health, safety, general welfare, and economic prosperity in accordance with the area's existing and future needs.

In an effort to comply with these provisions, the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission has developed a number of associated organizations.

ozark foothills service area

MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS

- 1 Boonslick Regional
- 2 Bootheel Regional
- 3 East-West Gateway
- 4 Green Hills Regional
- 5 Harry S Truman Council
- 6 Kaysinger Basin Regional
- 7 Lake of the Ozarks Council
- 8 Mark Twain Regional
- 9 Meramec Regional
- 10.. Mid-America Regional
- 11.. Mid-Missouri Regional
- 12.. Mo-Kan Regional
- 13.. Northeast MO Regional
- 14.. Northwest MO Regional
- 15.. Ozark Foothills Regional
- 16.. Pioneer Trails Regional
- 17.. South Central Ozark Council
- 18.. Southeast MO Regional
- 19.. Southwest MO Council



what we do

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 and 16 member cities. During Fiscal Year 2024, OFRPC staff prepared

33 grant applications and brought **\$6,082,210**
in grant awards into the Ozark Foothills Region.

committee membership

Vince Lampe, Butler County

Shane Cornman, Poplar Bluff

Nancy Kay, Fisk

Rhonda Burson, Neelyville

Justin Parks, Qulin

Ron Keeney, Carter County

Dawn Hood, Ellsinore

Diana Brower, Grandin

John Bailiff, Van Buren

Steve Chitwood, Reynolds County

Gary Conway, Jr., Bunker

Stanley Barton, Centerville

Darrell Dement, Ellington***

Jesse Roy, Ripley County +

Dennis Cox, Doniphan

Ron Rupp, Naylor

Brian Polk, Wayne County *

Jason Hill, Greenville

William Kirkpatrick, Piedmont

Angela Clyburn, Mill Spring

Lee Hillis, Williamsville

Steve Foster, agriculture

Paul Johnson, retired/senior services **

Bill Moriarty, retired/senior services

Gary Emmons, business

Russell French, professions

Dr. Jim Jones, professions

Margaret Carter, finance #

Brandon Woolard, finance

Rebeca Pacheco, social agency +

Reverend Gregory Kirk, social agency

Leann Clark, education

Teresa Lee, education

Chad Henson, solid waste management

*Chairman

**First Vice-Chairman

***Second Vice-Chairman

#Secretary/Treasurer

+Executive board member

goals and progress

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Maintain 100% Membership

✓ **100% MEMBERSHIP MAINTAINED**

Complete grant proposals for member communities & nonprofits

✓ **SUBMITTED 33 GRANT PROPOSALS FOR A TOTAL REQUEST OF \$20,150,673 FOR OUR REGION.**

Increase investment within the region

✓ **BROUGHT \$6,082,210 INTO REGION BY 47 FUNDED PROPOSALS.**

Conduct staff retreat

✓ **STAFF RETREAT HELD IN JUNE 2024.**

grants, contracts received

*denotes grant amendments

Williamsville	MO DNR LSLI	\$178,000 <i>lead line pipe inventory</i>
Reynolds Co. PWSD #1	MO DNR LSLI	\$22,200 <i>lead line pipe inventory</i>
Ripley Co. PWSD #1	MO DNR LSLI	\$300,000 <i>lead line pipe inventory</i>
OFRPC	DRA LDD PILOT	\$57,140 <i>2 yr salary portion/Disaster Recovery</i>
Carter Co. Big Springs Sheltered Workshop	MO DED ARPA NON-PROFIT	\$25,000 <i>operational expense recovery</i>
Carter Co. Nutrition Center	MO DED ARPA NON-PROFIT	\$25,000 <i>operational expense recovery</i>
Ripley Co. Nutrition Center	MO DED ARPA NON-PROFIT	\$25,000 <i>operational expense recovery</i>
Wayne Co. Nutrition Center	MO DED ARPA NON-PROFIT	\$25,000 <i>operational expense recovery</i>
Ripley County	CDBG DP-MIT	\$5,603 <i>gap funding for jail generator*</i>
Poplar Bluff	CDBG GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE	\$167,389 <i>gap funding Roxie Road & Bridge*</i>
Williamsville	USDA - CF	\$47,200 <i>maintenance tractor</i>
Ellington Nutrition Center	MO DED ARPA NON-PROFIT	\$25,000 <i>operational expense recovery</i>
Poplar Bluff/Butler Co. Northside Nutrition Ctr.	MO DED ARPA NON-PROFIT	\$25,000 <i>operational expense recovery</i>
Butler Co. Broseley Nutrition Center	MO DED ARPA NON-PROFIT	\$25,000 <i>operational expense recovery</i>
Poplar Bluff	DRA STRATEGIC PLANNING GRANT	\$72,500 <i>comprehensive plan update</i>
Rodgers Theatre, Inc.	MO DED ARPA ENTERTAINMENT	\$31,683 <i>program support</i>
Naylor Nutrition Center	MO DED ARPA NON-PROFIT	\$25,000 <i>operational expense recovery</i>
Doniphan	MODOT TAP	\$500,000 <i>sidewalk improvements</i>
Butler County	DPS ENHANCING ELECTION SECURITY	\$7,680 <i>election security</i>
OFRPC, PB Chamber, TRC	MTC REGIONAL NODE PLANNING	\$15,000 <i>tech/entrepreneurship-Innovate SOMO</i>
Ellsinore	DRA SEDAP	\$304,743 <i>gap funding firehouse construction</i>
Reynolds Co. PWSD #1 Lesterville	DRA CIF	\$876,000 <i>water system restoration</i>
Poplar Bluff Municipal Utilities	FEMA (BRIC) - invitation to apply	\$1,300,000 <i>backup well Alice St.</i>
Wayne County	USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$41,300 <i>Sheriff's Dept. Radios Comm. Equip.</i>
Ripley Co. PWSD #2	MO DED - CDBG CV	\$22,200 <i>gap funding for add'l service meters*</i>
Wayne Co. Nutrition Center	MO DED - CDBG CV	\$4,824 <i>gap funding for new flooring*</i>
Wayne Co. Nutrition Center	MO DED - NAP CREDITS	\$197,355 <i>NAP tax credits</i>
Doniphan	CDBG MIT - PLANNING	\$60,000 <i>comprehensive plan</i>
Piedmont	CDBG MIT - PLANNING	\$150,000 <i>wastewater mapping</i>
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OFRPC	CDBG MIT - CAPACITY BUILDING	\$181,800 <i>2 yr/1.5 positions Disaster Recovery</i>
OFRPC	BUTLER CO HEALTH DEPT GRANT	\$15,000 <i>active transportation plan Poplar Bluff</i>
Ripley County	CDBG CV	\$217,999 <i>gap funding for jail construction*</i>
Ripley Co. PWSD #2	CDBG CV	\$15,066 <i>gap funding for add'l water meters*</i>
Ripley Co. PWSD #2	CDBG EMERGENCY	\$10,078 <i>gap funding service connection increase*</i>
Butler County	CDBG GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE	\$7,750 <i>CDBG calculation error correction*</i>
Poplar Bluff Parks & Recreation	FEDERAL HWY ADMINISTRATION RTP	\$62,484 <i>PP Hwy. sidewalk add'l funding*</i>
Poplar Bluff/TRC Campus	CDBG GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE	\$59,717 <i>Compton Dr. wastewater treatment*</i>
Williamsville	CDBG GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE	\$1,280 <i>CDBG calculation error correction*</i>
OFRPC	USDOT - SS4A	\$116,000 <i>regional safe streets action plan - 3yr position</i>
Butler County	MO 911 SERVICES BOARD	\$120,000 <i>data remediation - update 911 addressing</i>
Carter County	MO 911 SERVICES BOARD	\$58,720 <i>data remediation - update 911 addressing</i>
Wayne County	MO 911 SERVICES BOARD	\$50,010 <i>data remediation - update 911 addressing</i>
Butler County	CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE	\$295,229 <i>gap funding for Harviell paving*</i>
OFRPC	MoDOT FY25 WORK PLAN	\$85,260
OFRPC	MO DNR - FY24 SWMD GRANT	\$95,000
OFRPC	MO DED	\$70,000 <i>business incubator tax credits</i>



The Timothy Foundation was the recipient of a \$500 grant from the Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation in April 2024. The grant will help The Timothy Foundation in their efforts to assist the community with adult education, food and basic needs.

foundation

The **Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation**, established in 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 16 cities of the Ozark Foothills Region of Missouri.

The foundation's 11-member Board of Governors is led by Russell French, chairman; secretary and treasurer vacant.

As of June 2024, the Foundation held funds with total assets valued at **\$2,843,275**



development

The Ozark Foothills Development Association is an IRS-defined nonprofit 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 2024, the Ozark Foothills Development Association maintained **100%** occupancy within its original 7-unit incubator space and **50%** within the 4-unit expansion area.



GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Maintain 100%
Incubator occupancy

✓ 82% OCCUPANCY MAINTAINED.

Ensure lease
agreements are
current for all tenants

✓ LEASE AGREEMENTS EXECUTED
WITH 7 OF 7 TENANTS DURING FY 2024

recycling



A large baler helps the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center compress cardboard and other recyclables into bales for transportation.

recycling

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, the Recycling Center. In doing so, it provides region-wide recycling services to Butler, Carter, Reynolds, Ripley and Wayne Counties. During FY 2024, the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center diverted **589.44** tons of aluminum, tin, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, white paper, white goods, tires and magazines from landfills.



GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Continue solid waste management in region

✓ SUBMITTED A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CONTINUATION PROPOSAL TO MDNR

Continue to support region-wide solid waste diversion

✓ PROVIDED GRANT FUNDING TO OFRPC FOR OPERATION OF RECOVERY FACILITY

Conserve limited grant resources by minimizing expenses

✓ CONTINUED CONTRACT WITH OFRPC FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ON AN ACTUAL COST REIMBURSEMENT BASIS



solid waste tonnage diverted from landfills

TONS
1,600

1,400

1,200

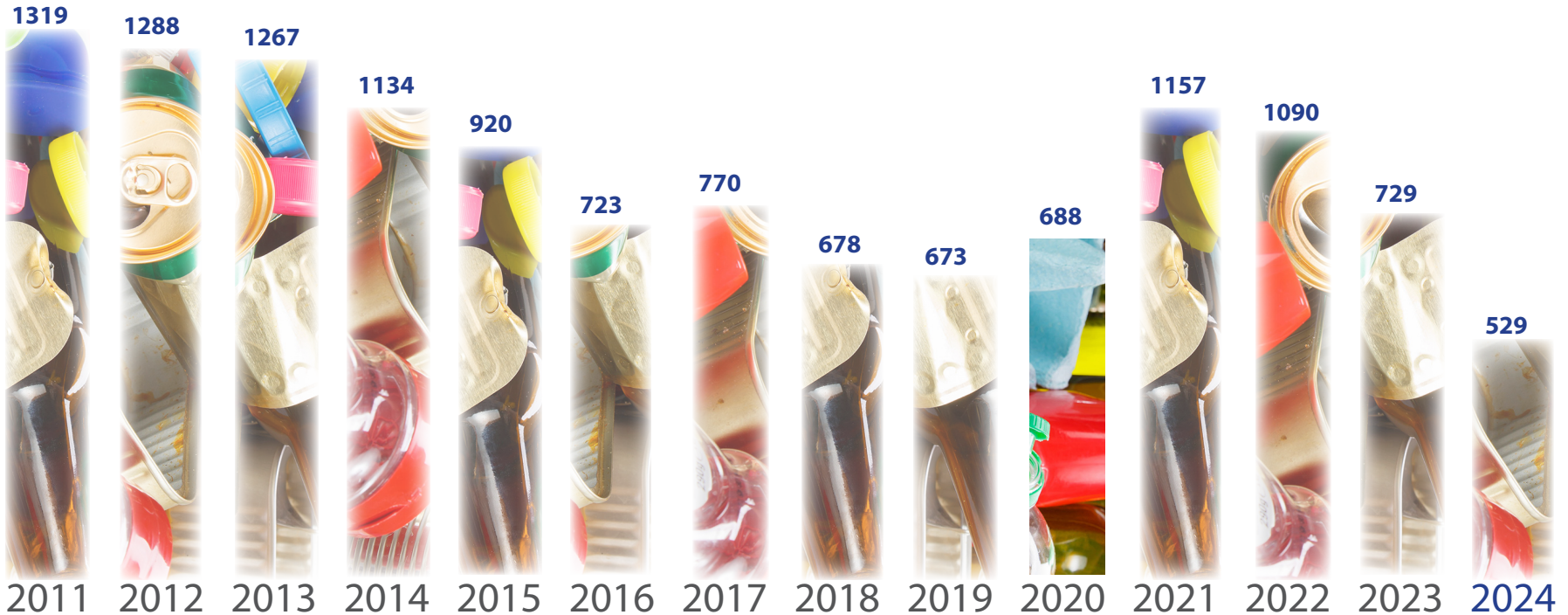
800

600

400

200

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housing

The **Ripley County Public Housing Agency** is authorized to provide HUD Section 8 rental and, if applicable, utility subsidies to **470** families throughout the five-county service area. As of June 30, 2024, there were

72 families enrolled in the agency's Family Self-Sufficiency & **10** families enrolled

Homeownership Programs, while **443** families were receiving Section 8 rental assistance.



GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Maintain number of Section 8 vouchers when funding permits



NUMBER OF VOUCHERS REMAINED THE SAME DURING FY24.

Maintain maximum monthly administrative fee eligibility



MONTHLY ADMIN FEE ELIGIBILITY AVERAGED \$32,184 WHILE AVERAGE EXPENSES TOTALED \$19,080

Maintain family participation levels above required minimum within the FSS program



FSS CASELOAD INCREASED FROM 26 FAMILIES TO 64 FAMILIES.
MINIMUM CASELOAD REQUIREMENT REMAINED 25

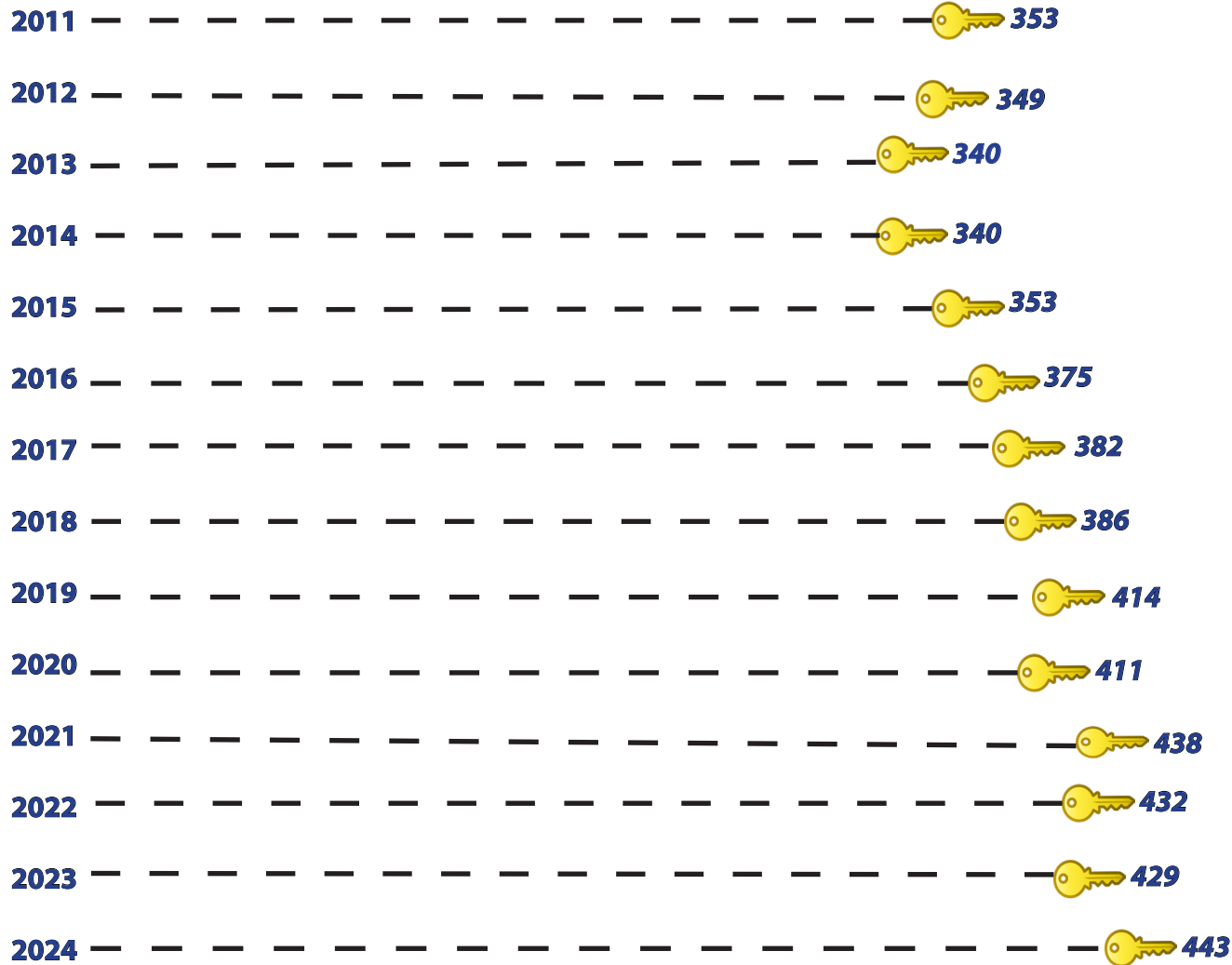
Conduct an internal program review



REVIEW COMPLETED - MTW AGENCIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ANNUAL SEMAP REVIEW.



families served



transportation

The **Ozark Foothills Transportation Advisory Committee** (TAC) consists of 25 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 (STIP), which is updated annually.

GOALS	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Continue regional transportation planning program	✓ FY 2024 MODOT WORK PLAN SUBMITTED AND APPROVED FOR \$78,260.40
Maintain a full-time transportation planning coordinator	✓ FULL-TIME TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COORDINATOR MAINTAINED
Conduct quarterly TAC meetings	✓ FOUR TAC MEETINGS HELD
Solicit public input regarding regional transportation needs	✓ PUBLIC COMMENTS COLLECTED AT FIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS
Conduct regional project prioritization	✓ SUBMITTED A REGION-WIDE PRIORITIZATION OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS TO MODOT

Ozark Foothills Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) FY2024 OVERALL PROJECT PRIORITIES

- 1. Highway 21 South at Briar Creek - Bridge Replacement in Ripley County.**
- 2. 4-lane Highway 67 from Highway 160 to the state line in Butler County.**
- 3. Highway 34 East of CR236 approximately 300 yards, small bridge replacement over Gizzard Creek in Wayne County.**
- 4. Safety Shoulders on Highway 49 from Highway 67 to Mill Spring and Piedmont to Iron widen existing box culverts in Wayne County.**
- 5. Highway F bridge/low water crossing flooding in Reynolds County.**
- 6. Highway 160 - repair poor construction in Ripley County.**



staff

AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

Alan Lutes	Executive Director
Andrew Murphy	Assistant Director & Transportation Planning Coordinator
Camille Donnell	Fiscal Officer
Brooke Hinklin	Executive Secretary
Amy Baugus	Project Officer
Rachel Coleman	Project Officer
Amber Hornbeck	Project Officer
Raamin Burrell	Community Development Specialist
Felicity Ray	Planner
Misty Edwards	Disaster Recovery Coordinator
Hannah Barnett	Disaster Recovery Coordinator
Brian Rosener	Disaster Recovery Coordinator
Carolyn Meeks	Environmental Review Specialist

RENTAL ASSISTANCE & FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Niki Harp	Housing Coordinator Supervisor
Ilene Ward	Housing Coordinator
Erica Kingery	Housing Coordinator
Julianne Brady	FSS Coordinator
Carolyn Meeks	SPC Coordinator

RECYCLING CENTER

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





annual staff retreat

June 25, 2024

Beaver's Teeth Axe Throwing in Van Buren.

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