



Green Hills Regional Planning Commission
Annual Report

2021-2022



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Regional Planning Commission

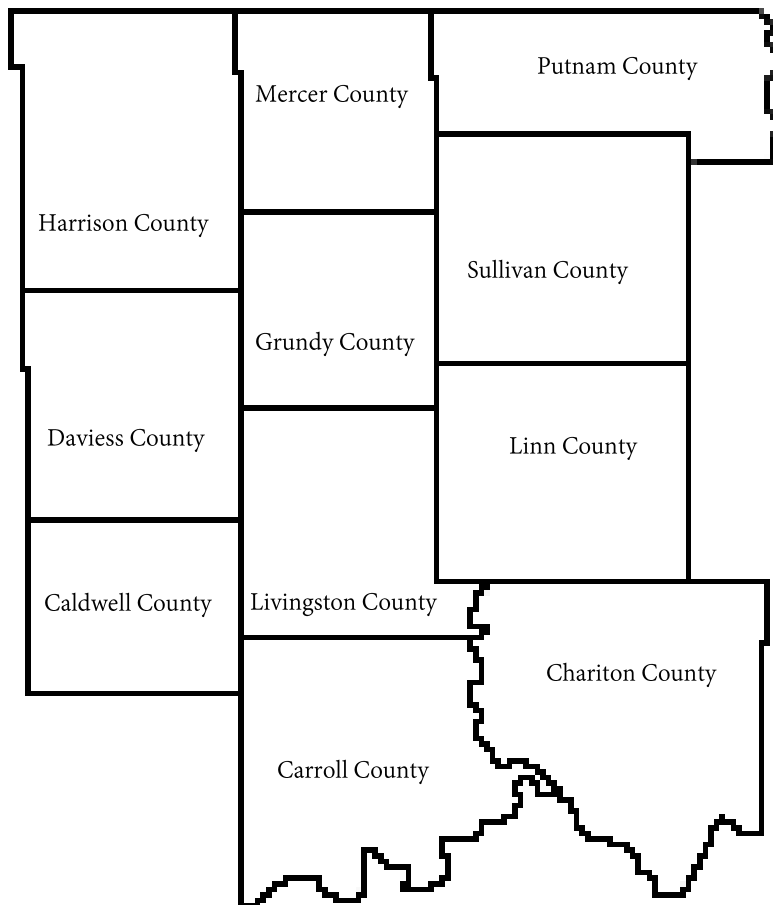


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A Message From the Executive Director

A Recent Success:

Green Hills Regional Planning Commission has been awarded the Port Infrastructure Development Grant through the Maritime Administration. We will serve as the public sponsor for a Port Improvement and Expansion Project in partnership with AGRIServices of Brunswick. The project will provide over 8 million federal dollars to upgrade an existing port terminal with a new container dock and related mooring structures, add a new rail spur with a loading pit, and construct a new bulk agricultural supply building with conveyors between the rail and barge dock.



Dear GHRPC Board, Members, and Friends,

One of the things I enjoy most about my work at Green Hills Regional Planning Commission is our community engagement in the region we serve. With 11 counties and 74 communities, there are plenty of ways to engage citizens and communities to achieve sustainable outcomes together. Since starting in March of 2021, my main goal was to deepen relationships and trust between the organization and the community we serve. At GHRPC, we know that people, governments and organizations working collaboratively to create and realize a community's future is the way to build strong relationships and even stronger communities. We have had great successes this year, yet there is so much more to be done.

I am pleased to share with you our fiscal year 2021-2022 annual report, which contains quick snapshots of the RPC's wins over the past year. I would like to highlight some of them below:

We completed the 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to be used as a tool for the region to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats affecting economic growth in the Green Hills region.

Job Center staff provided training services to 9 dislocated workers, 19 adults, and 17 youth new to the workforce. Staff assisted 125 customers with employment/reemployment services and listed 1965 job orders for business in the region.

\$44,648 in USDA grant funds went to assist with the launch of the North Missouri Tourism Commission to promote tourism activities in Daviess, Grundy and Sullivan Counties. Check out upcoming events at www.visitnorthmissouri.org.

We were able to build stronger Main Street Programs with EDA CARES funds in the following communities: Bethany, Gallatin, Carrollton, Salisbury and Milan. These funds will assist them with their Main Street America programs, preserving local history and generating economic returns.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we know there is much more to be done. We will continue to push for quality infrastructure, increased housing opportunities, better transportation options, and clean air, land, and water in our Region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corinne Watts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Corinne Watts
Executive Director

Recognition

Jackie Soptic is a lifelong resident of Trenton, Missouri and has been an exceptional employee at Green Hills Regional Planning Commission for 33 years! In that time, she has been dedicated to the 11 counties of the GHRPC region. Jackie has managed Workforce Development Programs, Economic Development activities, and has been instrumental in the success of countless infrastructure projects over the years.

Jackie is a dynamic regional leader that enhances economic success for citizens in Northwest Missouri. She has built and promoted regional efforts that span an eleven-county area, so that all citizens are achieving economic success for the benefit of the region. Jackie has been engaged in a myriad of activities, giving GHRPC more innovative and creative ways to support our local communities.

For GHRPC programs to thrive, she has built strategic alliances by developing and fostering partnerships. She's worked hard to build up those partnerships for the economic success of our job seekers, business and industry associations, Chambers of Commerce, Federal, state, county and city agencies, Community-based organizations and Education and Training Providers, and others.

It is hard to imagine another human that has assisted with more development and planning activities in the region. Even though we would like to keep her forever, Jackie has announced her retirement starting the beginning of 2023. The organization will have her support moving forward and we are already discussing ways to keep her engaged in other capacities in future. The staff at GHRPC wish her all the best in her retirement.



New location!

810 Washington Street
Trenton, Missouri



Economic Development

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Green Hills Region is submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) every 5 years. The CEDS allows us to define our vision and goals for the region after evaluating the changes that occurred during the last 5 years.

According to the 2022 CEDS, the Green Hills region has been impacted by continued population loss, low per capita and median household income, and a lack of workforce reflected by low unemployment rate. One positive index for economic growth is the area business profile. Many of the businesses in our region are family-owned or sole proprietor businesses, which result in greater income to total wage and salary ratio.

Action Plan and Goals of the 2022 CEDS:



- ◆ Talent Supply/Workforce/Living Wage Jobs
 - Continue to provide support and technical assistance with retention, ownership transition and entrepreneurial startups.
 - Build capacity to create and implement available and adequate housing.
- ◆ Infrastructure
 - Continue providing technical assistance and planning to perform infrastructure improvements throughout the region.
 - Partner to develop attention to the needs of high speed fiber and Broadband.
- ◆ Rural Quality of Life/Sense of Place
 - Utilize placemaking efforts to capitalize on positive attributes of the region.
 - Coordinate regional efforts to impact tourism and markets.

Regional Goals for Economic Development

- ◆ Assist local governments and organizations to prepare grant applications and financing packages to fund community improvements
- ◆ Distribute information announcing funding and training opportunities, and policy changes
- ◆ Attend national, statewide, regional and local meetings to assist communities and organizations to develop professional capacity of the organization
- ◆ Provide information through media sources, website, brochures, PSA's, annual reports and elected officials directories

Current Grant Projects

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Community Development Block Grant supports the planning and development within the Green Hills region to help create successful project and better our counties.



17th St. Bridge Project, Trenton

Success Story

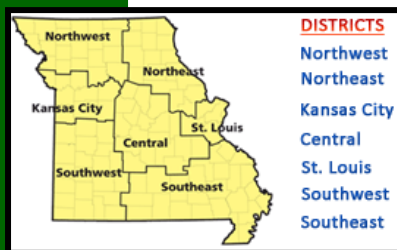
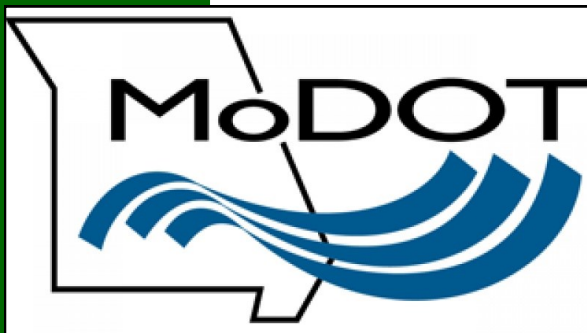
The City of Hamilton finalized a city-wide water distribution project to upgrade their water system and a drought project to secure connection for water access. This project was a combination of funding from CDBG, USDA, and the City of Hamilton. The City is already working towards their wastewater treatment system improvements, received a TAP grant to improve downtown pedestrian infrastructure and planning for future street improvement. These actions will ensure sustainability of current and future residential and economic development needs within the community.

-Lisa Colson

Current Grant Projects	Jurisdiction	Project Type	Grant Amount	Admin. Funds
Gilman City Wastewater/Treatment	Gilman City	Wastewater Treatment	\$500,000	\$28,846
Trenton	City of Trenton	Bridge Replacement	\$500,000	\$28,800
Caldwell County PWSD No.2	Caldwell County	Water Distribution	\$500,000	\$22,352
Caldwell County PWSD No. 3	Caldwell County	Water Distribution	\$349,256	\$19,340
Hamilton (Distribution)	City of Hamilton	Water Distribution	\$500,000	\$28,800
Hamilton (Drought)	City of Hamilton	Water Distribution	\$266,930	\$19,881
Princeton	City of Princeton	Water Treatment/Storage	\$750,000	\$38,000
Meadville	City of Meadville	Sewage Treatment	\$500,000	\$28,800
Milan (Drought)	City of Milan	Water Distribution	\$176,216	\$16,393
City of Milan	City of Milan	Water Distribution	\$243,700	\$18,963
Sullivan Drought PWSD No. 1	Sullivan County	Water Distribution	\$535,800	\$25,346
Daviess County PWSD No. 2	Daviess County	Water Distribution	\$500,000	\$28,000
City of Brunswick	City of Brunswick	Street project	\$465,319	\$25,500
City of Laclede	City of Laclede	Street project	\$500,000	\$28,846

Transportation Planning

GHRPC continues to serve as the leading voice for regional transportation planning in North Missouri and remains a steadfast supporter and facilitator of communication between MoDOT and the cities and counties of North Missouri. In support of regional transportation planning, Green Hills and MoDOT work in partnership each year to develop and execute a work plan designed to allow local grassroots input into statewide transportation planning. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) serves as the heart of these local planning efforts. Meeting quarterly, the TAC helps identify regional needs in infrastructure, public education, and safety.



Core Activities and Services

- *Local, District, and State Planning Meetings
- *Transportation Enhancement Grants
 - *Blueprint for Roadway Safety Coalition
- *Traffic Count Services
- *Traffic Calming Services
- *Road Safety Assessments
- *Highway 65, Highway 36, Highway 13 and Highway 5 Coalition Participation

Regional Transportation Plan

- *Plan Maintenance
- *Community Sidewalk Assessments
- *Inclusion of FY 2022- 2023 Priorities
- *Multi-Modal Regional Project List

Public Education

- *Northwest Transportation Planning Partners Meeting (Joint TAC)
- *4 Quarterly TAC Meetings (August, December, March, June)

Professional Development

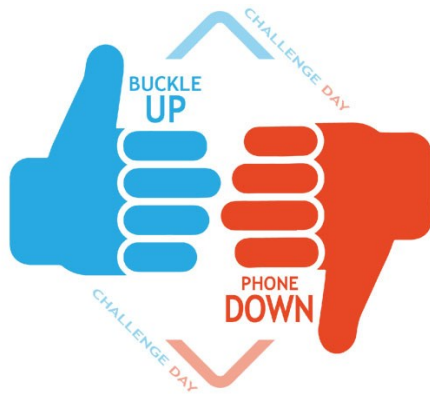
- *MACOG
- *Transportation Planners' Group

Transportation Planning

Top Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Projects in the Green Hills Region:

Based on the prioritization process completed in 2022 with the TAC Committee, the following are projects in the Green Hills region that have been moved to the Unfunded Needs Tier 1 list:

Livingston	Rte. 36	Intersection Improvements at Rte. B (Wheeling)
Livingston	Rte. 36	Intersection improvements at Mitchell Ave.
Daviess	Rte. BB	Replace Br. R0237 over I-35 (32)
Livingston	Rte. 65	Replace Br. G0861 over Shoal Creek Overflow (37)



Yearly, GHRPC participates in Buckle Up/ Phone Down Challenge Day. We encourage every organization in Northeast Missouri to participate in some way to help save lives.

Missourians can accept the challenge to BUPD at modot.org/bupd and spread the word on social media using the hashtags #BUPD and #BUPDDay

Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds were announced:

TAP Projects awarded include:

- ♦ **Salisbury** in Chariton County was awarded \$225,460 in federal funds to install 2,060 ft of ADA compliant sidewalk along Highway 129 leading to the community's schools and other public facilities. Total project cost is \$281,825.
- ♦ **Bethany** in Harrison County was awarded \$500,000 to install 3,050 ft of ADA compliant sidewalk between downtown Bethany and the community's city parks. Total project cost is \$627,054.75.
- ♦ **Carrollton** in Carroll County was awarded \$161,196.35 in install 1,698 ft of ADA compliant sidewalks connecting multiple public facilities, including schools and recreation. Total project is \$230,280.50.
- ♦ **Hamilton** in Caldwell County was awarded \$270,000 to install 650 ft of ADA compliant sidewalk, crosswalks, and intersection bulbs in the community's downtown. Total project cost is \$337,500.
- ♦ **Milan** in Sullivan County was awarded \$246,863.84 to install 1,875 ft of ADA compliant sidewalk and drainage connecting retail businesses along Highway 6. Total project cost is \$329,151.79.

Other communities in the Northwest District receiving TAP funds include: Savannah, Maryville, Lathrop, Gower, Holt County, and Nodaway County. Please let us know if you would like details for these additional projects.

Workforce Development

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

The Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act (WIOA) authorizes Workforce Development Programs. As with all forms of government services, it is necessary to evaluate products and services to ensure that they are timely, up to date and valuable to our customers.

Building on the previous year's plan, Green Hills Regional Planning Commission Workforce Development staff have partnered with Job Center staff, Adult Education and Literacy (AEL), and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), as well as other public assistance organizations and agencies to help provide additional services offered to job seekers in the region. These strengthened partnership efforts, add value to our customers' visits and deepen our efforts to braid resources where appropriate.

We continue to work with our customers to help them understand the importance of taking the lead in investing in their own futures. We help them learn to make choices that provide or improve employment, reduce or remove the need for public assistance, contribute to financial stability for them and their families, and grow local communities.

We are grateful to be able to continue to provide these services and programs in our local communities, making a difference one person at a time.

Job Center Services

- ◆ Re-employment Services
- ◆ Orientation to Job Center services
- ◆ Assessment of individual skills
- ◆ Provision of LMI to help customers make choices for training and employment
- ◆ Training information and WIOA training grants
- ◆ Service referrals for additional unmet needs
- ◆ Training opportunities through partner agencies
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Online computer training courseware



Trenton Job Center Resource Center

Workforce Development

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Workforce Statistics

- *125 customers enrolled in WIOA Program services
- *10 (SNAP) Food Stamp Employment & Training customers enrolled
- *17 Youth Program participants
- *1 Jobs League Program enrollee
- *More than 1,900 job orders listed with 3,143 vacancies in the Green Hills Sub-region

Success Story:

Amanda Felderman moved back to the area for an employment opportunity, however, once she arrived, the job fell through. Amanda heard an announcement on the radio regarding the WIOA programs and thought this could be her opportunity to accomplish her dream. Amanda has always wanted to be a Massage Therapist and operate her own business. Financially, she has never been able to accomplish this on her own. WIOA programs were able to assist her with tuition and travel expenses. She attended Wellspring School of Allied Health in Kansas City, MO and received her Massage License. In December of 2021 she started her own business.

In one of the updates Cathy received from Amanda, she shared how great things were going. Amanda was planning a grand opening and had just made a great purchase on a specialty massage table, which was going to be a great asset to her business and the services she was equipped to provide. In the end of Amanda's update she added, "I am truly thankful for this opportunity. And while this isn't where I saw myself two years ago when covid began, it is a blessing to be *right here* now. Thank you Cathy!"



Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Services

- Provides training services to low income adults, dislocated workers, and youth
- 9 dislocated workers enrolled in training
- 19 adults enrolled in training
- 17 youth enrolled in training

Services include but are not limited to: classroom occupational training, on-the-job training, job readiness workshops, staff-assisted job searches, labor market information, the National Career Readiness Certificate assessment, job matching and referrals to jobs.

Solid Waste Management District

The North Missouri Solid Waste Management District - Region B is the largest district in the State of Missouri, consisting of 11 counties in north central Missouri including Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Daviess, Grundy, Harrison, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam, and Sullivan and their 74 communities. Region B provides a District Grant Program to provide financial assistance to cities, counties, non-profits, and other organizations for the purposes of:

- Developing new or improved programs that will reduce the generation of solid waste,
- Creating new or improving existing markets for recovered materials, and
- Improving the handling of items banned from landfills by Missouri law.

Funds are awarded to sub-grantees for projects that are sustainable, lead to long term diversion, and have maximum impact on waste minimization while creating or sustaining jobs.



Caldwell County received a \$20,000.00 grant to purchase a new recycling trailer along with funds to move the trailers to all of the communities in Caldwell County including Hamilton, Polo, Braymer, Breckenridge, Cowgill, Kidder, and Kingston that do not have access to recycling.

Special Collections

Household Hazardous Waste - Appliance - Tire - Electronics Collections

District B uses grant funds from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources each year to collect banned/special items in our region. For over 20 years, the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District-B, has been an important part of collecting and recycling household hazardous waste, and banned items. The efforts of the District have prevented these items from being placed in landfills or illegally disposed of throughout rural areas, where many of the banned items were being illegally dumped in ditches, creeks, or on personal property.

Eligible items include computer monitors, televisions, printers, peripherals, appliances, tires, and household hazardous waste including latex paint, oil base paint, varnish, stains, used oil, aerosol cans, herbicides, pesticides, cleaners, acid, household batteries, and lead acid batteries.

Look for our regional pods that will be coming next year.

Solid Waste Management District

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The Missouri Department of Natural Resources partners with Region B to bring a collection to our District and this year the collection was held in Chillicothe on June 11, 2022, and collected 15,441 pounds of waste pesticides from 47 participants.

The Missouri Pesticide Collection Program provides Missouri farmers and households with a convenient, free opportunity to properly dispose unwanted waste pesticides. Since 2012, the Missouri Pesticide Collection Program has conducted 62 events and collected over 742,000 pounds of waste pesticide from 1,950 participants.



Region B has been very active in the Missouri Product Stewardship Council since its formation in 2018. We have been working on Pharmaceuticals and have a map of all of the locations in Missouri that accepted unwanted prescriptions. A big thank you to the MARC Solid Waste Management District for putting all of the information together.



Region B partners with the Missouri State Fair, Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Recycling Association, Missouri State Recycling Program and other districts within the state to put out recycling bins throughout the fair grounds, so patrons of the state can recycle their aluminum, plastic and cardboard during the fair. Region B worked at the booth and talked to vendors and patrons on recycling.



Hazard Mitigation

Hazard Mitigation Plan updates are an ongoing service of the Regional Planning Commission as each county is required to have a current/approved plan on file with SEMA/FEMA in order for them to be eligible to apply for mitigation funds from SEMA/FEMA should a need exist as a result of a natural disaster.

The planning process incorporates input from a variety of stakeholder representatives including: local government agencies, departments, emergency services, the general public, school districts, non-profits and the business community. In addition to the stakeholder feedback the planning process utilizes an in-depth assessment of natural hazards, vulnerabilities and risks.

Hazard Mitigation Plans are to be updated every 5 years. Caldwell County was completed in 2021-2022. When an HMP is draft is complete, the draft is posted on our website, at www.ghrpc.org for comments and review.



The Thompson Riverbank Stabilization Project was an erosion control project to mitigate flood events. NRCS and MoDOT along with local contributions from businesses and patrons funded this project.

Grundy County will complete the project in the upcoming year with a \$500,000 appropriation that Missouri Representative Sam Graves allocated through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.



GHRDI is the 501(c)3 development subsidiary of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission. GHRDI offers its status to organizations and initiatives through the region that require a 501(c)3 conduit for IRS deduction purposes. This service saves the organization the costs involved in obtaining their own 501(c)3 and assists in record keeping and fund management. GHRDI is governed by an eleven member Board of Directors comprised of persons from the business and local government sectors. Prospective borrowers are required to present their loan requests to the Board and the members evaluate the merit and approval or denial of the request.

GHRDI manages the CDBG Microenterprise Loan funds and USDA Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program. Due to funds retained through the payoff of the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP), GHRDI has established another loan fund. Each loan fund has its distinct purpose and is intended to serve as gap financing to assist with the financing needs of new business start-ups or expansions. Currently, RDI is looking for opportunities to grow as a 501(c)3 with special attention on Housing efforts within the region.

Main Street Location



Updates made to the back entrance.

Green Hills Regional Planning Commission

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North MO Solid Waste Management District

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Transportation Advisory Committee

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Current GHRPC Staff

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Corinne Watts, Executive Director

Corinne's shared passion for community development and engagement led her to the role of Executive Director at GHRPC. Living in rural Missouri for 24 years, she was moved by the sense of local community and the connectedness of the residents in Missouri's rural regions. Prior to GHRPC, Corinne has been responsible for the development and management of workforce programs in the PacMtn region of Washington State. Corinne has experience managing both adult and youth state and federal workforce programs in Washington. In addition to her knowledge of Workforce Development, she has also brings familiarity with the community and technical college system as both an administrator and instructor.



Jackie Soptic, Transition Director

Jackie Soptic is nearing 33 years of service at GHRPC. She has worked in several capacities throughout her career including Workforce Development and Assistant Director. She currently is serving as the organizations Transition Director and her area of focus is economic and community development and completing the agencies objectives associated with the EDA CARES funding.



Debbie Pergande, Fiscal Manager

Debbie Pergande started working for the GHRPC in January of 2003 . Debbie lives in Purdin with her husband, Rodger. She has four boys and three step-sons. Debbie started working in Workforce Development, then transitioned to office manager/fiscal assistant. In 2006, she moved to her current position as Fiscal Manager. Debbie also serves as secretary at her church.



Ann Hamilton, Solid Waste Program Manager/Fiscal Assistant

Ann Hamilton has worked for Green Hills Regional Planning Commission for over 18 years, as a Demolition Specialist and Solid Waste planner. She is currently the Solid Waste Program Manager, fiscal assistant and 911 Coordinator. She has been married to her husband Randy for 28 years. They live in Chula and have 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. She is involved with many organizations in her community and helps runs her family farm with her two brothers.



Lisa Colson, Community Developer/Grant Writer

Lisa rejoined the agency on March 1, 2022. She was previously with the RPC from 1998-2006. While working in Wyoming she expanded her community development skills to include creation and management of a community non-profit, community health administration, social and youth programs in addition to numerous infrastructure projects. Lisa has administrated approximately \$50 million in project funds generated by grant writing, soliciting foundations and private donors and forming relationships with industry and private businesses. She enjoys building relationships with the communities she works with and creating projects that lead to sustainability and growth for the region.

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Cathy Scott, Program Director

Cathy Scott has been with GHRPC going on 3 years. She has over 28 years of experience in social services, primarily with Family Support Division, as a supervisor helping families in need. Cathy is the Program Director for the Trenton/Chillicothe Job Centers, where we assist low income Adults, Dislocated Workers and Youth with barriers with funding for training or post-secondary education. Cathy loves her job and finds it very rewarding, as she sees participants attending training/school, reach their goals and graduate to successfully find their dream job. She has 9 grandchildren (6 girls and 3 boys) and loves spending time with them.



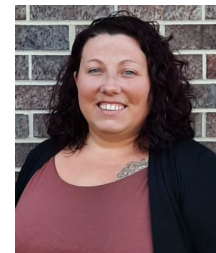
Crystal Sprofera, Workforce Development Specialist

Crystal Sprofera is from Western North Carolina and has lived in Missouri for 13 years. She married her best friend, Anthony 9 years ago. Her background is primarily in Non-Profit and working with Adults with Disabilities. She has always wanted to work within a youth program and is happy to have joined Green Hills Regional Planning Commission. Crystal looks forward to contributing her best to ensure that local youth have the skills and support they need to be successful.



Cortney Miller, Workforce & Special Program Specialist

Cortney Miller has been with the agency for a year and a half. She and her husband of 8 years have 2 girls and 1 boy. She has been the head cheer coach of Jr. Dawgs cheer for 5 years and enjoys spending time with friends and family in her free time.



Tara Curd, Environmental Programs Assistant

Tara Curd has been working part time with the agency for the last 10 months in the Solid Waste Department. She and her husband have 3 daughters ages 15, 12, & 4. Tara enjoys watching football and her favorite team is the Kansas City Chiefs. She volunteers as a assistant coach for the Jr. Dawgs Cheerleaders at her daughter's school. She enjoys being with family and friends.



Call For Pictures!!



We know that the Green Hills Region is awesome, but we need your help gathering pictures that show it! We would like to feature regional photos of community events that have occurred, such as bicentennial celebrations, annual festivals, and more!

If you have a photo that fits this description that you are willing to submit, please send it in JPG format to deborah@ghrpc.org and don't forget to include a short blurb!

Thank you!

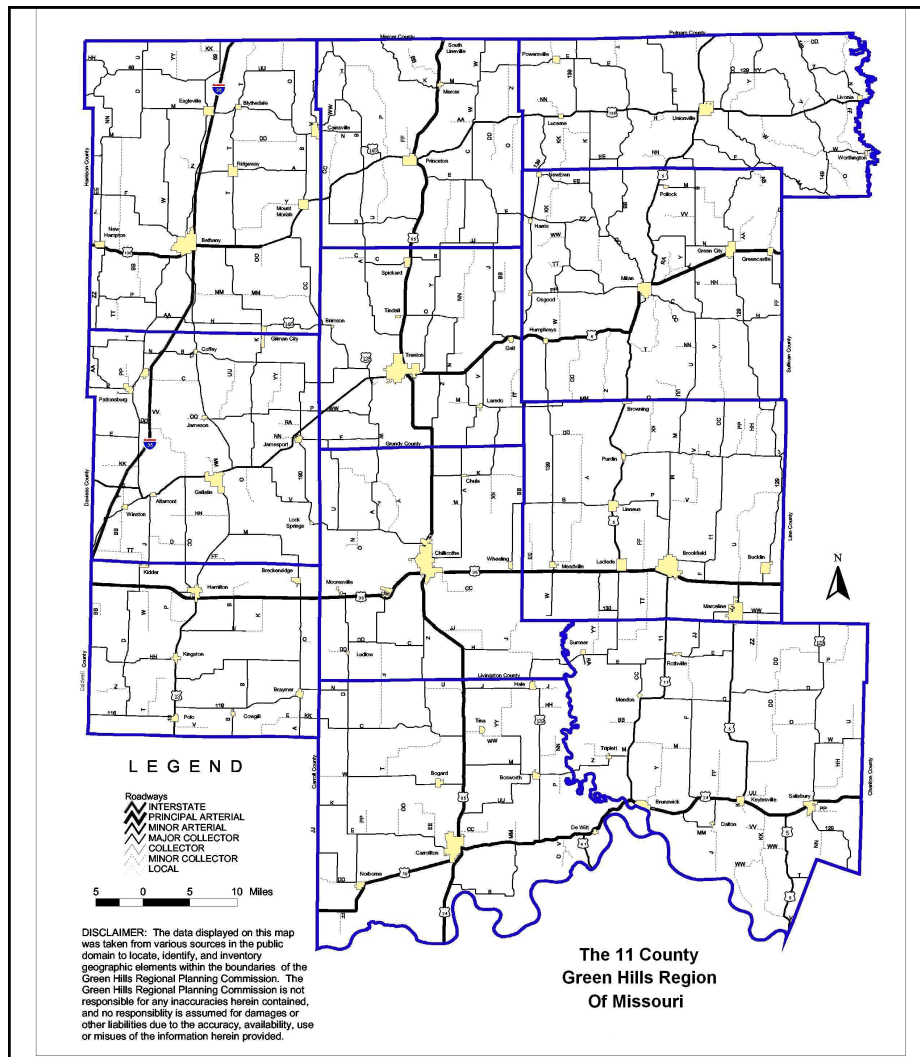
RPC's Clerks Tea

On May 26, 2022, the RPC staff held an inaugural Clerks Tea which was a time to honor, celebrate and show appreciation to the City and County Clerks throughout the 11 county region.

Staff at the RPC interacts with the clerks on a daily basis for a variety of reasons and recognized the impact their professional services contribute to the Green Hills Region.

Ramona Huckstep with MML and Amy Barnhill with Community Development Block Grant were the guest speakers. Missouri State Representative and former Director, Randy Railsback also provided brief comments to those in attendance. Susan Littleton, Chariton County Clerk will be retiring December 31, 2022 and she was recognized for her many years of service. The RPC staff hopes to hold this event annually and continue to celebrate the great clerks who serve the Green Hills Region.





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