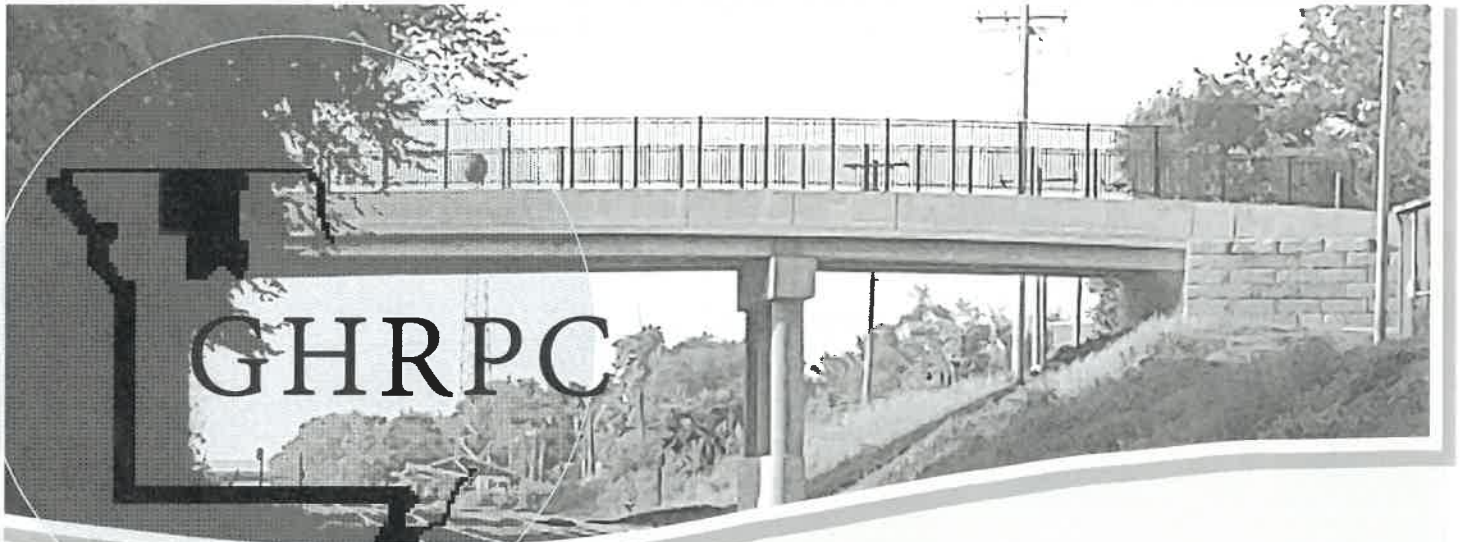




Green Hills Regional Planning Commission
Annual Report

2020-2021



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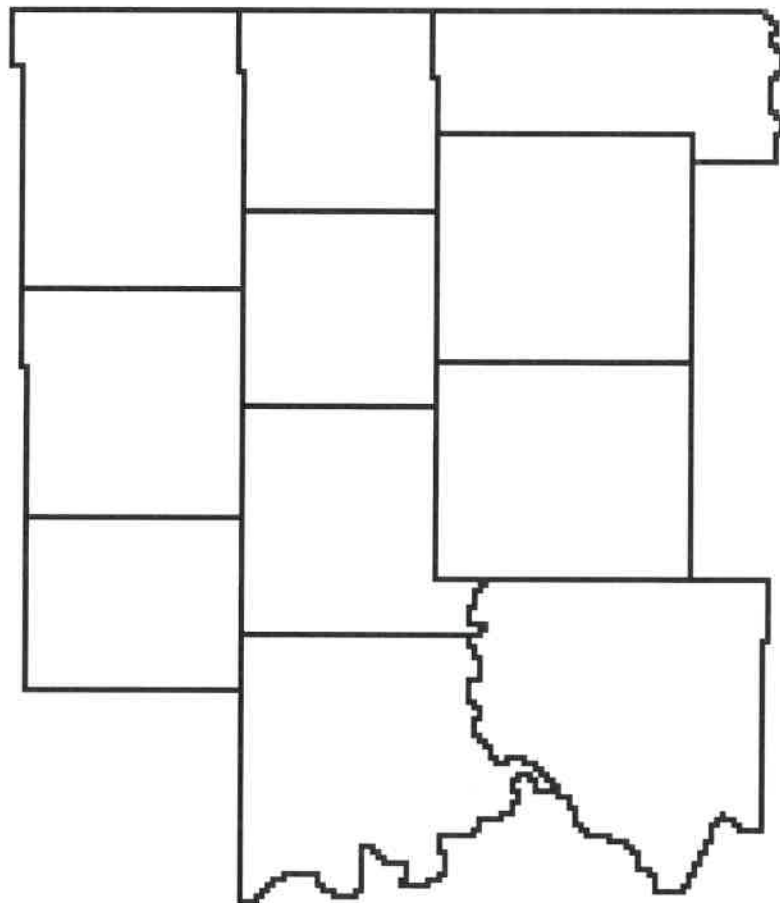


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A Message From the Executive Director

The Green Hills Region of Missouri is a special place filled with hardworking families who are quick to wave and say hello with a warm smile. The region has abundant agriculture, unique wildlife, a rich history and so much more. This part of the Show-Me-State is farm country, for the most part, but we also welcome tourists with lots of different attractions. The Amish Culture of Daviess and Grundy County allows you to step back in time to enjoy a slower, more peaceful pace. Quilt lovers from all over the world can travel to Caldwell County to visit the quilting mecca and discover a fabric paradise at the Missouri Star Quilt Company in Hamilton. Harrison County is recognized annually for the top quality hunting, which is enjoyed by outdoor enthusiasts throughout the year. Chillicothe, Livingston County's Seat, has managed to maintain its small town heritage while still boasting one of Missouri's seven accredited Main Street Districts. My personal goal has always been to serve the community, and I couldn't have found a better one to serve.

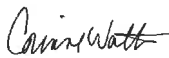
The employees of Green Hills Regional Planning Commission are also happy to call this region home and understand why our work is so important. We are proud of what we do to enhance the Green Hills Region.

This annual report provides a snapshot of some of the programs, projects and achievements accomplished by the Regional Planning Commission and its Board this year. It truly takes a village to accomplish the projects and programs we do. GHRPC employees work hard with elected officials, economic and workforce developers, state and federal players, and citizens to complete our goals. We thank all of you for your help in these achievements.

It wouldn't feel right to end this letter without a special acknowledgment to the staff of the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission. As a new Executive Director, I am truly blessed to have such a great team to work with. Jackie Soptic, the Transition Director, continues to lead and grow the programs and strategic goals of the organization. I'm thankful for her assistance in this role every day. Whether the staff have been here decades, or a few short months, they are all rock stars and doing their best to make sure that Green Hills is a great place to call home.

I am tremendously grateful to all who help us serve this eleven county region. We couldn't do the work we do without the time, resources, and assistance from those who live in the region and those who have been elected to serve the region. Thank you all.

Sincerely,



Corinne Watts
Executive Director



Recognition



Randy Railsback served as the Executive Director for Green Hills Regional Planning Commission from 2003-2021. Randy enthusiastically served this region and was an advocate for Missouri's Work in rural development. Randy owns and operates a Missouri Century Farm called Railsback Farms in Hamilton, Missouri. Randy was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives representing Caldwell, Ray, Clay and Clinton Counties. In just his first term in office, he has already established himself as a knowledgeable source on economic matters, having 30 years of experience in rural development, and serving as the past director for two regional planning commissions.

Throughout his tenure as Executive Director, Randy was dedicated to the Planning Commission and to the region. We have benefited greatly from his passion, commitment and knowledge. The staff miss his humor and miss having him around as the walking encyclopedia. The Board and Staff of GHRPC would like to thank Randy for dedicating his life to economic development in rural communities!

In Memory Of

Cheryl Graham began her career at the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission on January 27, 1994 as an administrative assistant for the agency. In 2003 Cheryl became a Workforce Development Case Manager and assisted many people in achieving their career goals. Cheryl's computer design expertise contributed to the agency's Annual Report and Public Officials Directory as well as many other special publications produced by GHRPC. Throughout her career with the Planning Commission, Cheryl displayed a strong work ethic, and was loyal and dedicated in all aspects of her employment.

Cheryl was a lifelong resident of Trenton and a devoted daughter, mother, and grandmother. She was an avid quilter and loved her flower gardens. Complications from Covid-19 took Cheryl's life on May 31, 2021. She will forever be remembered by the people she helped and the staff that worked with her during her years with the Planning Commission.



Economic Development

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission is recognized by the Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District and receives planning grant funds on an annual basis. Each year, the District is required to provide EDA with an Annual Scope of Work which encompasses all of the activities that staff will complete. This partnership and funding allows the Planning Commission to dedicate staff to serve the economic development needs and interests of the region.

A major focus of the District's Annual Scope of Work is to provide technical assistance to the region's economic developers and leaders who are involved in economic and community development on the local level, including assistance in the community strategic planning, grant writing and representing the region at the state and local level. Green Hills Regional Planning Commission is using its allocated CARES funding to address business and community issues brought about by the Covid-19 Pandemic. An Educational forum regarding Opportunity Zones was held in Caldwell and Sullivan Counties to provide knowledge about their Zone designations and how they can attract investment in their counties. In addition the RPC is using CARES dollars to emphasize Main Street business development. Six communities will receive CARES funds to pay the local portion of the Missouri Main Street Challenge grant which will teach communities over a two year period grass root development practices which will revitalize and sustain Downtown Business Districts.



Success Story:

The outreach conducted by the RPC during the Covid-19 Pandemic has helped to keep the region informed and connected. Due to most state and federal partners strictly working remotely and providing limited services, the Regional Planning Commission was deliberate in providing uninterrupted, in person, services. In the absence of the presence of partner agencies the Planning Commission became a vital "go-to" resource for the cities and counties in the 11 County Region.

-Jackie Soptic

The agency is reconvening the Heritage Highway project originally instituted in 2018/2019. The project is a response to the economic opportunities that will be presented once the Sullivan County Lake comes online (within 5 years) The Heritage Highway references the 3 contiguous counties along the corridor (Davies, Grundy, Sullivan) who will experience an increase in travelers along the corridor as they make way to the recreational 2,300 acre lake. Meetings are currently being held in each county to review the project and an organization will be formed by December 31, 2021.

The Regional Planning Commission is working to stay abreast of the American Rescue Plan legislation passed in early 2021. The cities and counties in the region are receiving substantial dollars from this program and the RPC strives to ensure each jurisdiction in the region has the most current information available. In October, the RPC will begin facilitating monthly ARPA meetings by Zoom/Conference calls, where all member communities and counties can share information and ask questions among one another as they work through the appropriate usage and implementation of the ARPA funds.

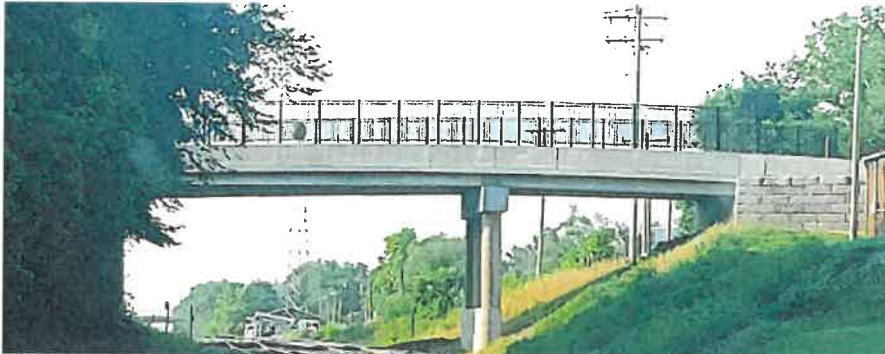
Regional Goals for Economic Development

- ◆ 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 Bridge Project, Trenton

Success Story:

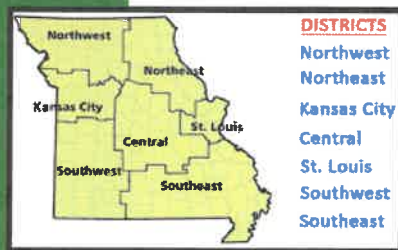
Four months into learning this job, and attempting to get a grasp on 2 other positions, I was able to write, submit, and successfully secure funding for Laclede's street project.

-Sarah Golden

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. Green Hills, in conjunction with Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, Mo-Kan Regional Council, and the Greater St. Joseph Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, recently received a 2019 Excellence Award at the National Association of Development Organizations Regional Transportation Conference in recognition of the Northwest Transportation Planning Partners meetings.



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 2019- 2020 Priorities

- *Multi-Modal Regional Project List

Public Education

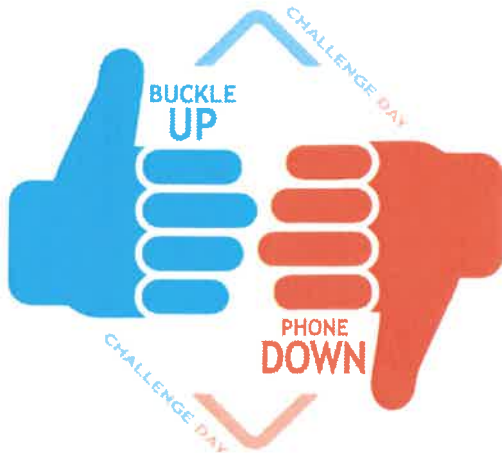
- *Northwest Transportation Planning Partners Meeting (Joint TAC)

- *4 Quarterly TAC Meetings (August, December, March, June)

Professional Development

- *MACOG

Missouri Legislature has passed a 2.5 cent gas tax and MoDOT anticipates more funding for our roads and bridges.



On October 22 our district celebrated Phones down/ Buckle Up Day at many of the High Schools in our Green Hills Region.

TOP FY2020-2021 Green Hills TAC STIP Projects

Location	Need	County
Route 190	Bridge Rehabilitation	Livingston
Route 36	Coldmill & Resurface, Longitudinal Joint Repairs	Caldwell, Linn, Livingston
Route 139	Bridge Replacement	Chariton
HWY BB	Bridge Deck Replacement	Mercer
HWY Y	Bridge Deck Replacement	Putnam
Route 11 Route 129	Scrub Seal	Linn, Sullivan
HWY'S V, O, & M	Resurface	Carroll, Chariton
Various	ADA Improvements	Chariton, Livingston
Route 36	Micro surfacing	Linn
Rout 5 & 6	Slide Repairs	Sullivan
HWY EE	Bridge Rehabilitation	Harrison
I-35 & 136	Scour Repair	Daviess, Mercer
Various 149	Resurface	Grundy, Mercer Linn, Putnam, Sullivan
HWY 6	Scrub Seal	Grundy, Sullivan

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.

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
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Training opportunities through partner agencies
- ◆ Online computer training courseware



Workforce Statistics

- *170 customers enrolled in WIOA Program services
- *Over 206 individual Required Job Search and Reemployment services
- *22 (SNAP) Food Stamp Employment & Training customers enrolled
- *17 Youth Program participants
- *2 Jobs League Program enrollees
- *Over 1,097 job orders listed with 1,637 vacancies on the Green Hills Sub-region this program year



Success Story:

Megan Bohonsky, a single mom with 2 small children and a dream to complete LPN training, came to us looking for guidance. She lived in Marceline, making transportation cost and day care expense her first hurdle. With the services we offer, we assisted with both expenses to allow her to attend training. In the middle of her training she dealt with several obstacles such as failing tests, death of parent, child care provider became ill and she herself also became ill. With our encouragement, she managed to complete training with a passing grade. Due to her struggles with testing, she was hesitant to do her NCLEX test in order to receive her license. She scheduled the test and passed! Megan now is a Licensed Practical Nurse, with full time employment as a LPN in a Nursing Home as a head LPN starting at \$23 an hour.

-Cathy Scott

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Services

- Provides training services to low income adults, dislocated workers, and youth
- 12 dislocated workers enrolled in training
- 17 adults enrolled in training
- 17 youth 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 75 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.



Appliance – Tire – Electronic 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.

Household Hazardous Waste

Solid Waste Management District

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The pesticide collection event in Salisbury on Saturday, June 26, 2021, yielded 5,495 pounds of waste pesticide from 26 participants. Many banned pesticides and unlabeled containers of pesticide were received.

The Mission of the Missouri Pesticide Collection Program is to help protect human health and the environment by collecting and ensuring safe disposal of waste pesticides from Missouri farmers and households while educating citizens of Missouri on how to properly manage and reduce pesticide waste.

The Department's Pesticide Collection Program provides free collection events for farmers and households throughout the state of Missouri to properly dispose of unwanted waste pesticides. The Department of Natural Resources is offering this free opportunity to properly dispose of pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides, insecticides, fungicides, and fertilizers containing herbicides or pesticides. From 2012 to 2018, the Missouri Pesticide Collection Program has conducted 44 events, collecting more than 430,000 pounds of waste pesticide from 1,379 participants.



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. Several plans in the region expired in 2021, including: Carroll County, Daviess County, Grundy County, Harrison County, Linn County, Livingston County and Sullivan County. When an HMP draft is complete, the draft is posted on our website, at www.ghrpc.org for comments and review.



Grow
Your
Business!!



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.

The primary function of GHRDI is the administration of Revolving Loan Funds. Currently, the 501(c)3 manages loan pools seeded by the USDA Rural Development, and the Community Development Block Grant/HUD program. Each loan pool 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.

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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 32 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 which will expire June 30, 2022.



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 has served as a city council member for six years and also serves as secretary at her church.



Ann Hamilton, Fiscal/Program Assistant

Ann Hamilton has worked for Green Hills Regional Planning Commission for over 17 years, as a Demolition Specialist and Solid Waste planner. She is currently transiting from the Solid Waste Planner Position to the fiscal assistant, 911 Coordinator and doing CDBG Payrolls. She has been married to her husband Randy for 27 years. They live in Chula and have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. She is involved with many organizations in her community and helps runs her family farm with her two brothers.



Angela Shoultz, Lead Regional Planner

Angela lives on a small farm in Livingston County with cattle, horses, and chickens. She enjoys riding horses, hunting, fishing, and anything outdoors. She graduated from University of Central Missouri with a degree in Biology/Geology/Environmental Science. She worked for over ten years for MoDOT as a Civil Engineering Technician. She worked for over ten years for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services as a Lead Licensed Risk Assessor, Licensed Fire Inspector, Facility Surveyor and Facility Health Consultant. Angela is now retired from the state and working as the Lead Planner for Green Hills Regional Planning Commission.

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Sarah Golden, Community Development Coordinator

Sarah Golden was raised in Trenton and has 14 years of experience working with the public. Sarah's primary background is banking, with some experience in HR and insurance. She has been married for 10 years to her high school sweetheart, and they have 3 beautiful girls. Sarah also has a twin sister that looks a lot like her and are often confusing others. Sarah has worked for Green Hills Regional Planning Commission as the Community Development Coordinator for a year now. She has something new to learn, everyday!



Cathy Scott, Program Director

Cathy Scott has been with GHRPC going on 2 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 8 grandchildren (6 girls and 2 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 12 years. She married her best friend, Anthony 8 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 so happy to have joined The Green Hill 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.



Jill Tipton, Workforce Development Specialist

Jill Tipton recently started working at GHRPC as a Workforce Development Specialist. Prior to Jill's hiring, she had been a stay at home mom. She was born and raised in Trenton and still lives locally with her husband and two sons. She looks forward to her opportunities working here at GHRPC.



Cortney Miller, Office Manager

Cortney Miller is a new staff member with GHRPC, with a unique role as a shared position with the University of Missouri Extension as an office manager. Before working with GHRPC, she was a stay at home mom for 5 years. She and her husband of 7 years have three kids; 2 girls and 1 boy. Cortney is excited to grow in her new role here at GHRPC and learn all that she can within all of the departments.



Deborah Baucom, Website/Social Media Manager

Deborah started at the RPC as an intern in 2006 while attending NCMC full time. Although, she has explored other job opportunities since 2006, she finds herself back at the RPC for a 4th time. She assists all departments, when needed as well as keeps the RPC Website and Social Media updates current. Deborah has taken on the Annual Report project and is currently about to release GHRPC's first newsletter in many years.



Call For Pictures!!



We know that the Green Hills Region is awesome, but we need your help gathering pictures that show it! In an upcoming newsletter, we would like to feature regional photos of community events that have occurred in 2021, 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.

Thank you!

RPT Staff Snap Shot

Corinne organized a Staff Retreat toward the end of the FY where staff came together with ideas, suggestions and brainstormed, preparing for the year to come.



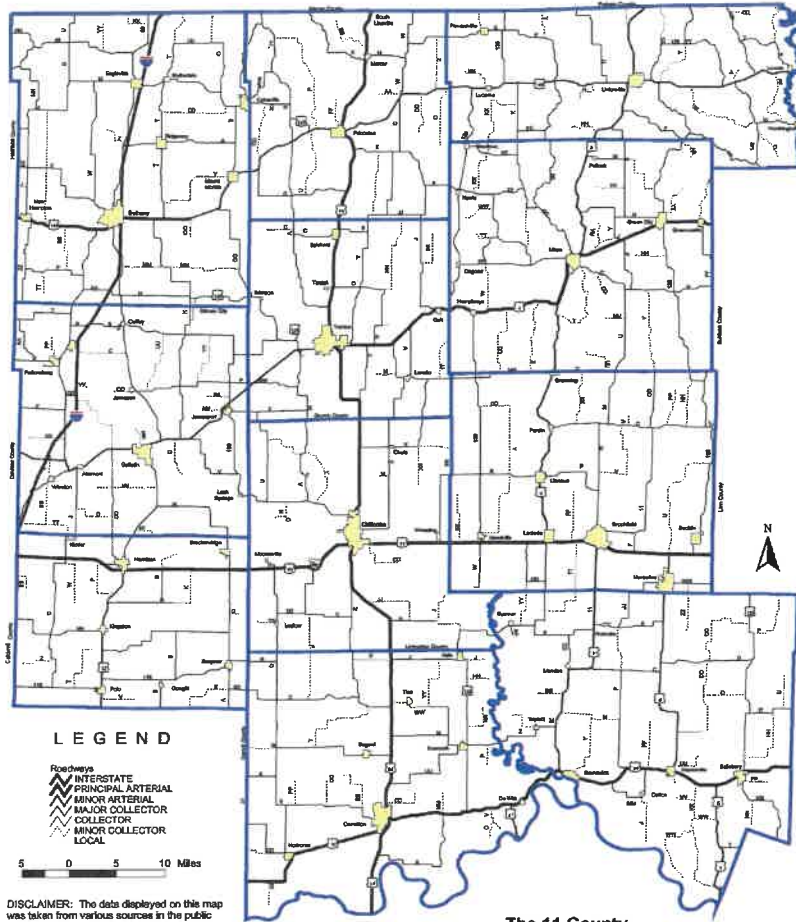
Debbie and Angela working hard to finish the remodel of the GHRPC office stairs and carpet replacement.



GHRPC participated in the MO Days window contest. Cortney and Corinne's husband, James completed the project, which won 2nd place!

Birthday celebrations are a must since Corinne took the position as Executive Director. The staff enjoy a lunch together, celebrating each birthday as they come.

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