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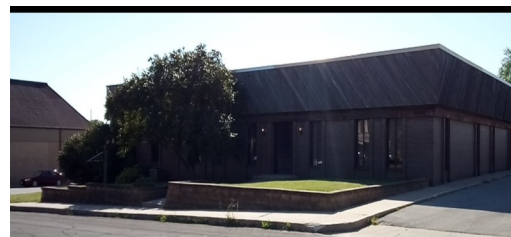
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- PIPD
- Brunswick Water Shed Project
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GHRPC IS 55 YEARS OLD

This year, GHRPC reached 55 years of regional impact. We are excited to celebrate this achievement with all of you and reflect on past achievements while we look to what the future holds for the Green Hills Region. GHRPC has continued to promote economic growth while building stronger community and workforce development programs.



Please join me and the staff as we thank you for all you do for GHRPC and the region we serve. I'm looking forward to seeing what amazing things happen in our region now and for the next 55 years!



GHRPC Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was held November 16th, 2023 at Carrollton's RUPE center. We had three informative speakers and Kitchen Connection provided our lunch buffet.



Evelyn—Owner
Kitchen Connection



Stefan Herron
Mo DED



Alexander Earls
Mo DOC



Christel Gollnick
Maximize NWMO

NEWSTAFF



Amanda George started with GHRPC in July 2023. She and her partner Steve have a son, James. She grew up in Princeton, Missouri. She opened and operated a Group Home Childcare business for 13 years called "Tiny Tigers" in Princeton, Missouri. In addition, she and Steve opened Chief's Tavern in 2010. She is looking forward to contributing her abilities to the Green Hills Region in both Transportation and Hazard Mitigation Planning.



Carly Taul started working at GHRPC in July 2023. She is GHRPC's Code Enforcement Officer. Before starting her career with GHRPC, she worked in law enforcement in Trenton for over 4 years. Carly lives in Trenton with her boyfriend and 2 puppies. She supports her community whenever she can! She sees a lot of potential in this program and hopes the Code Enforcement Program Flourishes.



Rebecca TenHulzen started at Green Hills Regional Planning Commission in September 2023, as the Business Services Specialist. She has a bachelor's degree in business marketing from the University of South Carolina. She was born and raised in Charleston, SC. In her downtime you can find her spending time with her family, working hard on her homestead, and spending time outdoors. She looks forward to building relationships and helping our community thrive!



Tara Curd joined GHRPC in September 2023 as a workforce Development Specialist in the Trenton/Kirksville/Chillicothe Job Centers. She previously worked in the Solid Waste Department part-time. She has 3 daughters ages 17, 13, and 5. She enjoys watching football, camping and, being outdoors.



Lerissa Dolan started working at Green Hills Regional Planning Commission on December 4, 2023. Lerissa lives in Trenton Missouri with her husband, three children, and her one pup! She attends Missouri Western State University and is one class away from completing her bachelor's degree in criminal justice/legal studies. Before starting at GHRPC, she had a career as a Legal Assistant working for the Grundy County Prosecuting Attorney's office and the Chillicothe Missouri State Public Defenders Office. She loves the warm weather and during spring and summertime she loves to host and spend time at the lake with her friends and family.



Tammy Creason started working with the Trenton Job Center in Kirksville November of 2023. Tammy comes from a military background serving in the US Army. Thank you, Tammy, for your service. She has lived in Missouri for 22 years; she married her best friend and the love of her life Joie 10 years ago. Tammy's strong leadership skills and willingness to help others has her in the right position to work with our Youth. Tammy enjoys being a Grandma of 3 (2 girls, 1 boy), spending time on the farm, loves to crochet, and has a love for lighthouses.

Workforce Development Success Story

Hunter Caldarello attended and graduated from Grand River Technical School receiving an Electrical Certificate of Completion in May 2022. He needed to complete an additional year at North Central Missouri College (NCMC) to obtain his Electrical Certification to become a licensed Electrician. He contacted the Trenton Job Center inquiring about WIOA services. He is the caregiver of his grandma and was not employed at the time of enrollment. He was unable to receive his Pell Grant due to academic probation from his past college days right out of high school. Hunter received a 4.0 GPA for both Fall and Spring Semester's. He graduated in May 2023 receiving a Certificate of Achievement as a AAS graduate with honors for the program of Applied Technology. Hunter is now employed full time at Modine Manufacturing as a Maintenance Electrician. Great job Hunter!



Hunter Caldarello

Code Enforcement Program

The Code Enforcement Program started in 2023. GHRPC contracts with individual municipalities to enforce city ordinances on nuisances. The Code Enforcement Officer will investigate nuisance properties, document violations, send out violation letters, and will appear in court for the city.

GHRPC started out with three municipalities and are now at five with more cities Interested in the program.

Carly Taul states that the citizens of these communities have realized that the community has taken a huge step towards trying to get things cleaned up.

She has received nothing but positive feedback from city attorneys, judges, and city council members.

"I knew the Code Enforcement Program would be successful, but I never expected it to blossom the way that it has in just a short six months. "

Carly Taul,
GHRPC Code Enforcement Officer.

"Though what I do may be unimportant to some, it is very noticeable to those who care."

Carly Taul, Code Enforcement Officer



Public Transit Study

The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission completed the Missouri Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan in September of 2023. This plan is written with the purpose of identifying the transportation needs of the region. The focus of the Transit Plan is to identify the needs of the region's most vulnerable populations: the elderly, the disabled, and those individuals with low incomes. Once the needs have been identified the plan provides strategies for meeting the needs of the region and assigns prioritization for the funding and implementation of these transportation goals.

Among the benefits of a Public Human Services Transportation Plan are a better understanding of the resources and needs of the Green Hills Region; highlighting our priorities; and gathering regional data that could be used to improve, enhance, or modify the services available in the region.



Recycling at the State Fair



Solid Waste Program—Region B

Partnership with the Missouri State Fair, Missouri State Recycling Program, Missouri Recycling Association to promote recycling at the Missouri State Fair. Recycling containers are placed throughout the fairgrounds for patrons of the State of Missouri to utilize during their time at the fair.

Recycling at the State Fair Campground



Partnering with the Missouri State Fair, Ann started a pilot program offering recycling in the campground in 2022. This program continued in 2023, with the addition of more bins. This gives Region B the opportunity to talk to patrons of the state on the benefits of recycling.



Glass Recycling in Chillicothe, Missouri

Region B started a partnership with Clinco Sheltered Workshop in Cameron, Ripple Glass, the Chillicothe Rotary, Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, Michael & Yvette Ball, and Adam & Amber Boyer.

This is a pilot project started in September. So far everything is going well and we have no had problems with items other than being placed in the trailer. The trailer is located at Park Center next to The Sip in Chillicothe.



ESO Day 2023

In November 2023 Business Services Specialist, Rebecca TenHulzen attended Entrepreneur Support Organization (ESO) Day 2023 during Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) hosted by KCSOURCELINK and UMKC Innovation Center. GEW is an annual event that takes place worldwide, aiming to inspire and connect entrepreneurs, innovators, and business leaders. It typically involves a series of activities, events, and competitions organized by various institutions, including universities, businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations. ESO Day 2023 was a workshop focused on the idea of “Scaling Deep” and how fast success is not always sustainable. We listened to Suntae Kim – Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins University, speak about his research and idea of “how Entrepreneurship can Revitalize Communities”. Research: How Entrepreneurship Can Revitalize Local Communities (hbr.org) We also heard from Panelist Don Carter – Transformational Executive Coach, Dan Smith MBA, Suntae Kim, Michael Carmona, and Lisa Pena. They discussed their entrepreneurship stories as well as continuing the conversation of scaling deep and how it can positively impact our businesses and communities.





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The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission (GHRPC), located in Trenton, MO, is one of nineteen organizations operating as a sub-state planning and development agency serving the State of Missouri. The Commission is organized as a voluntary association of local governments. The GHRPC retains a staff of professionals who work on projects intended to foster improved quality of life throughout the 11 county "Green Hills" region, which include: Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Daviess, Grundy, Harrison, Linn, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam, and Sullivan counties.

Mission Statement: Partner with rural communities to implement plans that promote a strong workforce and economic development by providing more housing, transportation and infrastructure choices, and protect natural resources for our region.

Vision Statement: Improve social and economic climate and well-being of our region.

GHRPC ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

GHRPC'S organizational values are the guiding principles of our work. These values give us purpose and direction when interacting with our counties, cities, and community members:

Innovation—Creating something new or improving existing programs and ideas.

Teamwork—Work cooperatively as a group, team, and community.

Excellence—Striving for the highest level of quality and performance.

Collaboration—Working as a region towards a common goal.

Empowerment—Giving individuals and communities the tools and confidence needed to grow.



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