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Executive Director Attends Conference

Executive Director, Corinne Watts, recently attended the NADO Four State Regional Economic Development Conference in Kansas City, the first meeting of its kind in over 15 years, bringing together an estimated 100+ economic development practitioners from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa. The executive directors of

Missouri's regional planning commissions and councils of government, including Angela Martinez, the Regional Director for U.S. Economic .



Development Administration's (EDA) Denver Regional Office are pictured

GHRPC Moving To New Location!!

After residing at the Main Street address for more than 20 years, the staff here at the Regional Planning Commission are excited as they prepare to move the offices to a new location.

The move is expected to begin taking place in the second week of July with a soft opening late in July.

The new location will be at 810 Washington St in Trenton. The RPC expects to do

a ribbon cutting later this summer.

GHRPC staff has been super busy with packing, organizing and lots of cleaning as they get ready for the big move!

The Green Hills Rural Development office will continue to be located at the Main Street location.



New location at 810 Washington St, Trenton, MO.

RPC Holds A Clerks Tea!!



Susan Littleton was honored for her decades of services as the Clerk for Chariton County.

On May 26th 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 was the guest speaker 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 looks forward to improving the event and continuing to celebrate the great clerks who serve the Green Hills Region.



Transition Director, Jackie (left) and Executive Director, Corinne (right) preparing for the event.

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CEDS Updated...

The 2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) has been updated and is available for public review on the GHRPC.org website.

The CEDS is updated every 5 years as part of our funding by the Economic Development Administration. CEDS is a planning tool for the region and staff analyzes data and

factors throughout the region to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats affecting economic growth.

Port Infrastructure Grant for AGRIServices

Port Infrastructure Grant for AGRIServices of Brunswick was submitted in May, 2022. This project is a joint application made between GHRPC and AGRIServices of Brunswick (ASB).

GHRPC is the lead applicant and will be responsible for the financial administration of the project. If funded, ASB will facilitate

the operational management including the technical and engineering aspects of the site. Summary of the Proposed Projects include:



Improvement	Reason for Improvement	Future Impact
Waterside Improvements	To provide more efficient loading and transfer options; offer container service; enhance worker safety.	Improved system capacity and redundancy, growth of customer base and regional economy, offer container service, capacity for oversized loads and heavy lift.
Storage Building	To replace the current facility, which is deteriorated, and capacity is limited.	Increased storage capacity for critical crop inputs and increased product shipment and availability for ag producers.
Rail Expansion	To expand with 4000 feet of additional track for 36 more rail cars	Provides greater flexibility and throughput for dry bulk agricultural products. Increased resiliency during flood events.

Grant Updates!

Neighborhood Assistance Program Applications submitted for Carrolton YMCA, Guardian Hills Veteran's Healing Center: NAP applications help fund job training activities, crime prevention, community service projects and revitalization of community based buildings.

Rains Natural Meats contracted with GHRPC to write and submit their USDA Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities Grant on June 10th. If awarded, Rains Natural Meats will have almost five million dollars to con-

struct an aerobic digester application for the local meat and fish industry in Northern Missouri.

Nestle Job Fair A Success!

Many job seekers are aware and use some of the services available to them through MoJobs, jobs.mo.gov. They can also benefit from some of the SERVICES OFFERED TO EMPLOYERS such as: Recruitment Assistance, Employment Incentives, Business Resources, and more. Recently the Job Center in downtown Trenton hosted a job fair at the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission for

the local Nestlé plant. During the course of the event, thirty some individuals attended and had on-the-spot interviews. Many were then invited to complete Nestlé's online application moving them one step closer to being hired. Those that did not were offered the services of the Job Center to aid them in alternative employment opportunities. By the conclusion of the event, all six of the panel-



Panelist from Nestle with Trenton Job Center Staff
May 2022

ists from Nestlé were thrilled with the turn out.

EMPLOYERS SEEKING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT JOB CENTER SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM AND THEIR HIRING NEEDS ARE INVITED TO EXPLORE <https://jobs.mo.gov/employer>.

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Social Media...



Don't forget to "like" GHRPC's and the Job Center FB pages to keep up with current events and share new job openings with the community.



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The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission was formed in 1967 by Executive Order of Governor Warren E. Hearnes. This followed the passage by the Missouri General Assembly of the "State/ Community Regional Development Act of 1966".

Governor Hearnes came to Trenton, MO in March, 1967 and signed the Executive Order creating the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission at a meeting held at the Trenton High School. The Regional Planning Commission was a nine-county organization from 1967 until 1992, when Chariton and Carroll Counties, MO, were added by Executive Order.

**We're on the web!!
www.ghrpc.org**

SWD Collection Event!



Ann Hamilton assisted in promoting and gathering pesticides from locals for a free MO Waste Pesticide Collection Event held on June 11, 2022 and hosted by the Litton Ag Center in Chillicothe. This collection accepted pesticides included: herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, de-wormers, fly tags and fertilizer containing pesticides.

The event had great success and turnout with above average weight and participants. More than 15,000 pounds of waste pesticide was collected from over 47 participants!

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Lead arsenate pallets



Working together during the collection



Organizing the collection event