



Annual Report

2019-2020

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A Message from the Executive Director

I first would like to thank all of the counties and communities in the Green Hills region for all the support for me as your Director over the last 18 years. As you all have heard by now, I was elected as the new State Representative for the 8th district. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here as your RPC director, but with Dr. Jim Neely, our current Rep for District 8, termed out, many of my friends felt I should take my 30 years of experience to the General Assembly in Jefferson City. I believe we have accomplished a great deal over the past 18 years and give the credit to all the employees here I have worked with. We have secured several million dollars of funding for infrastructure projects and helped countless numbers of individuals secure employment and career training.

Every year is different for the Regional Planning Commission. Some years provide opportunities to take on projects we have never done before. In years past, we have been asked to be involved with homeland security, broadband planning and emergency services, and transportation planning. Green Hills Regional Planning Commission has always been a leader in the development of these programs and will continue to play a leadership role in the future.

Every agency at some point in time has a change in leadership. In the case of Green Hills RPC, I feel confident this change will only be for the betterment of the agency. New ideas and a fresh approach should be a positive transition for the region.

This annual report provides a snapshot of some of the programs, projects, and achievements accomplished by the region's elected officials, economic developers, and the GHRPC staff during this past year. It takes all of us working together to accomplish these tasks. That means local, regional, state and federal players must set aside personal biases and find solutions.

This agency delivers state and federal programs to our local governments based upon requests and needs. It has always been my intention that the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission be looked upon as a professional organization deserving of the trust and respect of its members and partnering agencies. Without trust and respect, this agency does not thrive and, more importantly, the region suffers. My vision is for an agency this region can continue to be proud of and can always come to for professional assistance.

The staff looks forward to assisting your community in the coming year. If someone from our office has not attended one of your meetings lately and you have concerns you would like to discuss, please give us a call. We pledge to you that we will continue to find ways for the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission to be responsive to your ongoing needs.

Best Regards,

Randall Railsback
Executive Director



New Website

In the spring of 2020 Green Hills Regional Planning Commission launched a new website, designed by Deborah Baucom. On the website you may access current and previous GHRPC Annual Reports and our Public Officials Directory, which includes contact information for the 11 counties we serve and their cities.

Our website also provides information regarding our programs, including: Solid Waste Management, Transportation Planning, Workforce Development, Community Development Block Grant, Hazardous Mitigation and links to our partner agency websites.

You will also find public notices posted regarding each county's Hazard Mitigation Plan, as well as, links to access/review current environmental assessments and comments may be sent to staff. Visit us at www.ghrpc.org for updates, contact information and more.



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 community strategic planning, grant writing and representing the region at the state and local level.

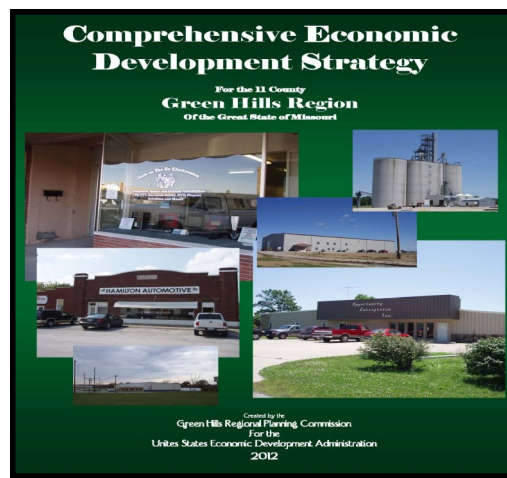
The *most recent North Missouri Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* can be viewed online at:

<http://www.ghrpc.org/Documents/CEDS%202012.pdf>

What is a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy?

- A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies.

The CEDS analyzes the regional economy and serves as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding sources. The document is updated every five years.



Current Grant Projects

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Total Project</u>
Brunswick	Street Improvements	\$413,000.00	\$513,000.00
Gallatin (Closed in 2019)	Water system Upgrade	\$500,000.00	\$5,882,253.00
Hamilton	Water System Improvements	\$500,000.00	\$3,795,253.00
Meadville	Wastewater Improvements	\$500,000.00	\$2,101,080.00
Trenton	17 th Street Bridge Replacement	\$500,000.00	\$3,967,236.00
Gilman City (In Close-out)	Wastewater Treatment Updates	\$500,000.00	\$2,295,800.00
Total Funds Administered		\$3,913,000.00	\$18,554,622.00

Drought Projects

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Total Project</u>
Caldwell County PWSD #2	Connection to Daviess PWSD #2	\$331,162.00	\$331,162.00
Caldwell County PWSD #3	Connection to Hamilton	\$252,856.00	\$293,856.00
Daviess County PWSD #2	Connection to Caldwell PWSD #2	\$500,000.00	\$859,366.00
Milan	Water system upgrades	\$176,216.00	\$268,329.00
Milan/Grundy PWSD #1	Water system upgrades	\$243,701.00	\$343,951.00
Sullivan County PWSD #1	Water system upgrades	\$408,998.00	\$478,896.00
Hamilton	Connection to Caldwell PWSD #3	\$266,934.00	\$293,930.00
Total Funds to Administer		\$2,179,867.00	\$2,869,490.00

Total Funds All Projects	\$7,418,867.00	\$31,661,891.00
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Projects In Develop-

Jurisdiction Project Type

Mercer CO. #1	Water Improvements
Laclede	Street Improvements
Princeton	Water Improvements (in application phase)

Gilman City Sewer Project



Trenton 17th Street Bridge Project

Transportation Planning



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting



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.



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting



Transportation Planning

TOP FY2019-2020 Green Hills TAC STIP Projects

Location	Need	County
Highway 36	Curve at Marceline	Linn
Highway 36	Wheeling intersection improvements	Livingston
Highway 36	Bucklin intersection improvements	Linn
Route W	Bridge replacement (Bridge PO202)	Grundy
Highway 10	Raise Highway 10 out of the floodplain	Carroll
Highway 5 Corridor	Upgrade corridor from the Missouri River to Iowa border	Chariton, Linn, Sullivan & Putnam
Highway 13	Resurface and add shoulders from Ray County to Daviess County	Caldwell
Highway 69	Mitigate congestion at Route W intersection	Harrison
Highway 129	Resurface Highway 129 from 136 to YY	Putnam
Route VV	Relocate VV across northern portion of project area	Sullivan
Highway 36	Turn lane improvements at MFA on 36.	Caldwell

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

Public Education

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

Professional Development

- *MACOG
- *Transportation Planners' Group



Traffic-Calming Services

The ValuPro 2012 speed trailer is designed to help communities control speeds at a designated site while simultaneously collecting data related to average speed and vehicle volume. The trailer alerts oncoming drivers to their current speed as related to the posted speed for the roadway. This tool may be particularly useful during large events (county fairs, community meetings, etc.), in school zones, and in areas identified by local law enforcement as prone to speeding.

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.

Workforce Statistics

- *163 customers enrolled in WIOA Title I program services
- *Over 517 individual Required Job Search and Reemployment Services
- *22 (SNAP) Food Stamp Employment & Training customers enrolled
- *43 Youth Program participants
- *7 Jobs League Program enrollees
- *Over 1,386 job orders listed with 2,178 vacancies on the Green Hills Sub-region this program year

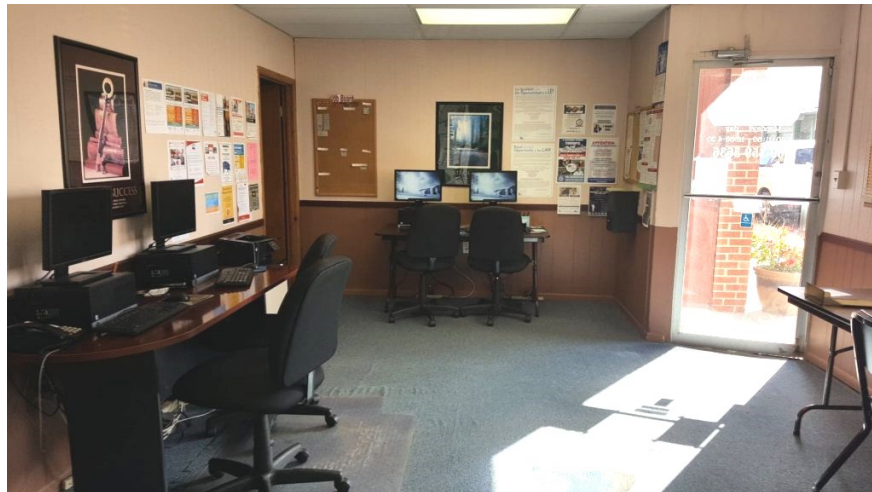


Workforce Development

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Services

- Provides training services to low income adults, dislocated workers, and youth
- 36 dislocated workers enrolled in training.
- 55 adults enrolled in training.
- 8 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.



Trenton Office Resource Room

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
- ◆ One-on-one job searching assistance
- ◆ Resource equipment available for independent services
- ◆ Training information and WIOA training grants
- ◆ Service referrals for additional unmet needs
- ◆ Workshops
- ◆ Training opportunities through partner agencies
- ◆ Online computer training courseware
- ◆ Industry or job specific targeted resumes

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.



Household Hazardous Waste

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.

Solid Waste Management District



Carrollton hosted a Pesticide event on June 29, 2019, and collected approximately 6,800 pounds of pesticide waste from 22 participants.

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 Planning

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 and in-depth assessment of natural hazards, vulnerabilities and risks.

Several plans in the region are scheduled to expire in 2021 and the RPC expects to be heavily involved in plan updates in the fall of 2020 and the 1st quarter of 2021. Maintaining current plans is a priority for the RPC and staff is allocated as needed to ensure plans do not lapse.



Green Hills Rural Development, Inc.

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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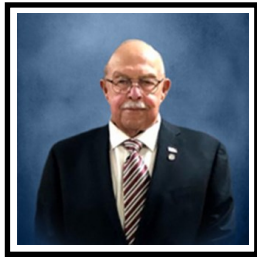
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In Memory Of



Nelson Heil of Norborne Missouri passed on July 23, 2020. Nelson served as the Presiding Commissioner for Carroll County for 24 years and during that time Nelson served on the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors, Green Hills Rural Development, Inc., the Green Hills Transportation Advisory Committee, and was the Chairman of the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District.



Dean Hales of Hamilton Missouri passed on July 16, 2019. Dean was a businessman and promoter of Hamilton. The Caldwell County Commission appointed Dean to serve on the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission's Board of Director's as a Citizen At Large member. His general knowledge of business and his professional and personnel network provided input to the Board and the agency.

Recognition

Lawrence Hinnen from Chula, MO, retired from the GHRPC Board in 2020 after serving over 45 years on the Board of Directors as Livingston County's city and citizen representative. Lawrence and his family operated a trucking/hauling business. Lawrence served as Mayor of Chula for over 20 years.

Lawrence's knowledge of trucking and the highway systems contributed as he served on the Transportation Advisory Committee. Lawrence was one of the original members of the North Missouri Solid Waste Management District Board.

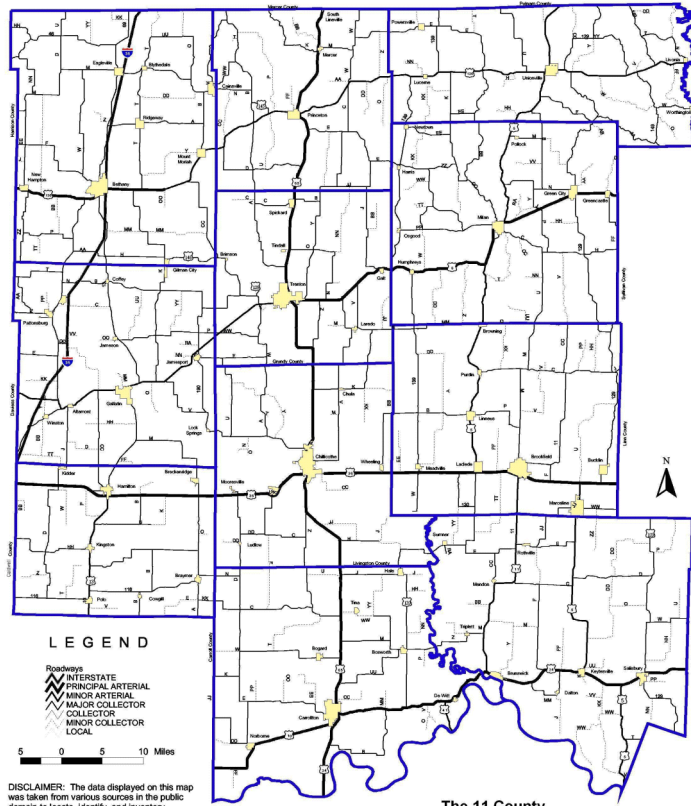
Throughout his years of service, Lawrence was dedicated to the Planning Commission and the region. He not only holds the record for longevity of service but also holds the perfect attendance record as he did not miss a meeting during his 45+ year term on the Board! The Planning Commission and the region were certainly beneficiaries of Lawrence's leadership and dedication. His contributions will be greatly missed by the Board and Staff and his record of service will stand unchallenged for many years to come.

The Board and Staff wish Lawrence a retirement of many blessings!!



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