



Mid-Missouri Regional  
Planning Commission

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Connecting the Cities and Counties of the Mid-Missouri Region

## April 2006 Announcements

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### MMRPC Orientation – May 17th

The MMRPC will present a program explaining the purpose and membership benefits of the organization to local governments in our six-county region. The program is designed for newly elected officials, city council members, and non-member communities, but all interested community leaders are welcome.

The meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30 p.m. at the MMRPC office in Ashland. Interested individuals, cities, and or counties in attending should contact Lisa Nichols at the MMRPC office 573.657.9779 or [lisanichols@mmrpc.org](mailto:lisanichols@mmrpc.org).

### EDAC Meeting - Enhanced Enterprise Zone

Judy Gehrke, Manager of Finance Management Team, Department of Economic Development will lead a discussion regarding the criteria and benefits of designating an Enhanced Enterprise Zone in your community at the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting.

The Enhanced Enterprise Zone Program is a discretionary program offering stated tax credits to Enhanced Business Enterprises. Tax credits may be provided each year for up to ten years after the project begins operations. The Enhanced Enterprise Zone is a specified geographic area designated by the local government and certified by the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Individual business eligibility will be determined based on the creation of sustainable jobs in a targeted industry or demonstrated impact of local industry cluster development.

**The meeting is Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the MMRPC office in Ashland.**

### Funding Opportunities for the Region

Several important funding opportunities have become available in Missouri, and they are definitely opportunities that fit Mid-Missouri region needs.

The Department of Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant program has begun accepting applications for open-cycle funding. These grants are awarded on a first come, first serve bases. Projects considered eligible for funding include public infrastructure improvements (sewer, water, streets), community planning, community facilities (senior centers, day cares) eligible categories are not limited to those listed above. For more information you can call the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission at (573) 657-9779 or contact DED directly at [www.missouridevelopment.org](http://www.missouridevelopment.org)

In addition the Department of Natural Resources has begun accepting applications for the Recreation Trails Program (RTP) grant. The RTP grant can be used for the development of motorized and non-motorized trail development, renovation, maintenance and/or the development/renovation of trailheads. Projects require a minimum match of 20 percent. There will be an informational grant application workshop in Jefferson City, Missouri on May 2, 2006 at 10 a.m. at the DNR Conference Center, 1738 E. Elm Street. For more information go to [www.mostateparks.com/grantinfo.htm](http://www.mostateparks.com/grantinfo.htm) or contact [chris.buckland@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:chris.buckland@dnr.mo.gov). all submissions must be made by June 12, 2006

### Announcements

**April 7, 2006**-Mid-Missouri Section Meeting APA, 2:00 p.m., Boone County Government Center, 801 E. Walnut, Room 208.

**April 9-12, 2006**-Biotechnology Industry Organization Annual International Convention. Chicago, Il.

**April 11, 2006**-Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting-MMRPC Office, Ashland, MO 10:00 a.m. Program: *Economic Development Tool-Enhance enterprise Zone, Judy Gehrke, Missouri Department of Economic Development.*

**April 11, 2006**- MoDNR will hold their final public meeting for comments regarding the "draft Methodology for the Development of the Section 303(d) list for Missouri for the identification of impaired waters in Missouri. For more information go to [www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/waterquality/303d.htm](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/waterquality/303d.htm)

**April 12, 2006**-Boone County Transportation Coordination Public Meeting. 5:30 p.m. Daniel Boone Public Library, 100 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO. For more information please contact Steve Tatlow at 573-256-1890.

**April 26, 2006**-Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. MoDOT District 2 office in Macon 9 to 11:30 a.m. Contact Tammy Wallace 660-385-8209 or [tammy.Wallace@modot.mo.gov](mailto:tammy.Wallace@modot.mo.gov).

**April 26, 2006**-MMRPC Board of Directors meeting. MMRPC office. 5:00 p.m. Please contact Lisa Nichols at 573.657.9779 or at [lisanichols@mmrpc.org](mailto:lisanichols@mmrpc.org).

**May 15-17, 2006**- the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Traffic and Safety Conference will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia, Missouri. For more information and conference registration go to [www.muconf.missouri.edu/traffic](http://www.muconf.missouri.edu/traffic)

### Legislative Timeline

**April 15**-Last day to place House bills on the consent calendar  
**May 5**- Appropriation bills must be truly agreed to and finally passed  
**May 12** Session ends at 6:00 p.m.  
**July 14**-Last day for Governor to veto bills  
**August 28**-Most adopted bills become law  
**September 13**-Veto Session

<b>PROJECT STATUS REPORT- March 2006</b>	
<b>CDBG Grant Admin-Contracted</b>	
Cooper Co.	ADA Compliance project- courthouse elevator. <b>Project complete. August 2005.</b>
Rocheport	2 new housing units- community room @ Senior Center. <b>Project complete. July 2005.</b>
Auxvasse	Construction complete. Project close-out Feb 21, 2006. <b>Project complete. March 2006.</b>
St. Thomas	Final design stage. Redesign per new MoDNR requirements. Construction projected Summer, 2006. Need meeting with USDA, CDBG, city, and engineer to discuss increased costs.
Cole County	ADA Compliance project- courthouse elevator. Preliminary design bid specs underway. Need SHPO approval. Release of Funds March 2006. <b>Preliminary design completion projected 03.31.2006.</b>
Otterville	Drainage and street improvements. Funding award announced 08/31/2005. Preliminary design / bid specs complete. Request for release of funds- 2/20/2006. Release of Funds granted March 2006. <b>Project out to bid – bid openings April 10<sup>th</sup>.</b>
<b>CDBG Grant- Developing</b>	
Glasgow	Downtown Improvements. Engineering Infrastructure Study contracted. Need information on property owner improvements for private release of funds (tax credits).
Clarksburg	Water/wastewater improvements. Low and Moderate Income Survey required. 2nd round of survey solicitation underway.
Pilot Grove	Senior Housing complex renovations, sidewalk improvements. Application submitted 12/15/2005. CDBG comments received- application revision submitted 2-17-2006. Need attorney's opinion request for waiver regarding potential conflict of interest.
Howard Co. Water District #1	Water system upgrades for water district. LMI study underway. 2 <sup>nd</sup> round of solicitation to be taken.
California-Moniteau Co Senior Housing	Senior Housing complex renovations. Preliminary meeting 12/19/2005. City Council approval 01/03/2006. Met with CDBG staff on 1/20/2006. Cost estimates being prepared. <b>Public Hearing scheduled.</b>
<b>Federal / State Contracts</b>	
HUD/EDI	Economic Development activities associated with the "Our Incubator" project.
MoDNR	Watershed education planning grant. Project complete. Final draft report prepared. Invoices 2-4 submitted.
MoDOT	Annual planning contact- includes development of regional transportation plan and Transportation Advisory Committee activities. "Emerging Needs" for STIP prioritization underway. TAC meeting scheduled for March 22.
SEMA	Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plans for all counties in the MMRPC region. All plans complete. <b>Boone, Cole and Howard Counties FEMA approved</b> , and all planning funds received. <b>Callaway, Cooper, and Moniteau have FEMA approval</b> - awaiting adoption/participation resolutions.
SEMA	Flood Mitigation Performance Reports. Contract to assist SEMA staff with completing performance reports for flood mitigation activities for Missouri communities. Cape Girardeau, Park Hills, Annapolis, Madison County underway.
<b>Other - Developing Activities</b>	
EDA- Planning Partnership Pre-App	Pre-application to EDA for annual planning funds to support economic development activities in the region. Pre-Application submitted 2-27-2006. <b>Invited to submit application 03.20.2006.</b>
EDA- Pre-App.	Pre-Application assistance for the "Covenant" project.
Bunceton	Water system improvements
Pilot Grove	Community planning discussions- meeting held 12/14/2005
California	Discussion for development of a storm water management plan. USDA regarding funding. Possible MoDNR 319 project.
MRCN	EDA application assistance for the Missouri River heritage Tourism Initial Heritage Tourism Initiative. Pre- Application submitted to EDA. Need funding match commitment's
Cooper-Howard-Moniteau	GIS mapping activities- aerial photography. Fly-over projected March 2006.
MMSWD	Assistance with web site development. Under contract. Mid-Missouri Solid Waste District.
Rocheport	MoDOT Enhancement Grant assistance.
Auxvasse	MoDOT Enhancement Grant assistance.
Callaway County	MoDOT Enhancement Grant assistance.
Sturgeon	MoDOT Enhancement Grant assistance.
Pilot Grove	MoDOT Enhancement Grant assistance.
Howard Co.- Prime Water District	Technical Assistance for water distribution improvements. Possible CDBG project.
Meramec RPC- Planning- MMSWD	Joint project with Meramec Regional Planning Commission and Mid-Missouri Solid Waste District to identify illegal dumpsites in the MMRPC region. USDA application submitted.