



Mid-Missouri Regional
Planning Commission

The Current

Connecting the Cities and Counties of the Mid-Missouri Region

May 2006 Announcements

MMRPC Website

For those who have been to our website in the past week you have noticed that it is currently under construction. This is an exciting project for our region. When we go on-line at the end of the month it is our hope that the Mid-Missouri region has a new tool to use. We are creating a website that will include links to the six counties and cities within the region and the opportunities that are available in our region. There will be a section that includes the current demographics for the counties and cities, as well as useful links that can assist communities; there will also be a directory for public officials in the region. In the Library you will find issues of the MMRPC Current, Hazard Mitigation Plans, MMRPC Meeting Minutes, and a variety of other material for your use. It is the hope of the MMRPC that our website will be your first source of information no matter what you are doing.

If anyone has any photographs that they would like to share with us for use on the website we would be very interested in talking with you. We are looking for historic photographs of your community as well as photos of the rivers that run through our region, parks, events, or anything else that might be of interest. You can call our office for additional information. In addition the MMRPC can assist any county or community within our region with website development. Websites are important tools when considering growth and expansion.

MMRPC Assists Pilot Grove with CDBG Funding of \$165,329.00

Hurray for Pilot Grove, on April 28, 2006 they received notification that they have been awarded a CDBG Grant for the rehabilitation of their senior housing facilities. MMRPC staff (Colleen Vollman) and city officials worked tirelessly in an effort to secure funding assistance.

The CDBG funding award is \$165,329.00 combined with Pilot Grove's cash and in-kind amount of \$15,792.00 making the total project costs \$181,121.00. Pilot Grove is also applying for a MoDOT Enhancement grant to complete the senior housing project. This grant will address the need for replacement sidewalks around the housing facility.

MoDOT Enhancement Grants

The City of Sturgeon is applying for a MoDOT Enhancement grant. The city proposes to construct sidewalks where there currently are none and replace existing sidewalks that are no longer safe. The sidewalks will connect the Sturgeon High School to the Sturgeon Middle School. The high school is located at the corner of Route 22 and Fairgrounds Road; currently high school students are prohibited from walking to and from school because there are no sidewalks and students would have to walk on the side of roads where the cars are traveling 60 mph plus. In addition to the sidewalks connecting the schools Sturgeon is also planning to extend the sidewalks to the historic Court of Common Pleas Building, funding includes the restoration of the building back to the 1860 original.

The second MoDOT District 5 Enhancement application will be submitted by Pilot Grove. If funding is awarded it will be used to address sidewalk issues around the senior housing complex in Pilot Grove.

In MoDOT District 2 the City of Fayette is applying for a MoDOT Enhancement grant to replace the sidewalks in their historic downtown. We are working hard to make sure all of these communities are awarded. If your community is interested in applying for a MoDOT Enhancement grant contact our office ASAP. The deadlines for these grants are as follows: District 2, May 18, 2006 and District 5, May 19, 2006. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

MMRPC Orientation Meeting **PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

WHAT: MMRPC Orientation Meeting
WHEN: May 17, 2006
DINNER: 5:30 p.m.
MEETING: 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: 208 E. Broadway, Ashland, MO.

The MMRPC is hosting an orientation meeting for all newly elected officials and communities that are interested in learning about our organization. The agenda will include information about:

- Regional Planning Commissions in general
- MMRPC funding sources
- MMRPC programs and services
- MMRPC mission and goals for the future

Your community will be receiving a letter in the mail with more details regarding the event. For more information contact Lisa Nichols @ (573) 657-9779 or e-mail her at lisanichols@mmrpc.org

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Free GIS Training!!!

The Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission, in cooperation with the University of Missouri and the United States Geologic Survey (USGS), will again offer ESRI's Introduction to ArcGIS II to RPC technical staff and RPC-sponsored local governments. There is no cost for the training and there are only 12 seats remaining.

The course will be on July 17-20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at the University of Missouri, Columbia Campus, in Stewart Hall, Spatial Analysis Modeling Lab. Compare our cost of \$0.00 to ESRI's cost of \$1,350. The enrollment deadline is July 12, 2006. To enroll, please call Lisa Nichols at (573) 657-9779 or email lisanichols@mmrpc.org to reserve your seat.

Please note the prerequisite for this course: Participants should be technical staff, frequent users or planned frequent users of GIS.

USDA Rural Development Offering Fire & Rescue Loans/Grants

USDA Rural Development is looking for communities that need fire and rescue equipment or need to update equipment. This program is available to local governments and non-profit organizations. Interest rates are based on the median household income of your service area, interest rates range from 4.375% to 4.50%. The application process is guaranteed to be easy and USDA-RD staff will be available to assist with the application process. For more information call Jan Bonnes or Nancy Mertes at (573) 875-5547.

Calendar of Events

May 8, 2006: MMRPC Office Closed-Truman's Birthday-State Holiday

May 9, 2006: Economic Development Advisory Committee, MMRPC Office, Ashland MO.

May 17, 2006: Orientation for new mayors, elected officials and other interested parties. MMRPC office, Ashland MO. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Orientation at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to lisanichols@mmrpc.org or 573.657.9779.

May 24, 2006: MMRPC TAC Meeting, TAC starts at 4:30 Dinner at 6:00. Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO. If you have questions please call 573.657.9779.

May 24, 2006: Regional Planning Commission Meeting. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting will start at 6:30 –Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO –If you have questions please call 573.657.9779.

May 29, 2006: MMRPC Office Closed-Memorial Day Holiday

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