



Mid-Missouri Regional
Planning Commission

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December Announcements

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The State of Mid-Missouri's Clean Water Resources

At the November 17 Commission meeting, attendees heard from Missouri Department of Natural Resource's staff about new Clean Water regulations and how these regulations will impact municipal wastewater operators around the state. These regulations, the result of court-ordered mandate to DNR to enforce the Federal Clean Water Act define stricter standards for effluent discharge from wastewater treatment facilities into local receiving streams. For more information on how these regulations may apply to your local government, contact DNR's Stacia Bax at 573.751.7838

In other clean water news, MMRPC staff recently completed a DNR-funded year-long outreach and research project focused on educating Mid-Missouri citizens and leaders about what watersheds are and how to keep them clean. The project culminated in the release of *The State of Mid-Missouri's Clean Water Resources*. This final report defines what watersheds are, identifies the main Mid-Missouri watersheds and what State and local programs are in place to protect our clean water resources. The report's three main recommendations include:

- Clean water is a shared resource upon which every citizen of the region is dependant. For that reason alone, the MMRPC should collaborate with those partners already engaged in promoting clean water protection to advance voluntary clean water conservation and protection;
- The MMRPC should more actively work with member governments to protect clean water resources through regular reviews of local policies and procedures, and encouraging adoption of locally appropriate planning tools. This is especially relevant in the region's jurisdictions experiencing or anticipating development;
- When updating the *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* (CEDS) in 2006, the MMRPC should incorporate clean water standards into this key regional planning document. To read the entire report log on to <http://www.mmrpc.org/Watershed.htm>.

News Briefs:

Transportation:

Enhancement Grants: MoDOT will be accepting enhancement grant applications beginning February 1, 2006 thru (deadline date). Enhancement funds are used to support transportation activities for a variety of project types that are located in both rural and urban communities. Enhancement funds have been used to fund a variety of projects such as sidewalk construction, bike lanes, renovate historic buildings, streetscape improvements, landscaping, and visitor centers.

For more information – contact MMRPC staff or your MoDOT district-planning engineer.

MAP Meeting: The next meeting of the Missouri Advance Planning (MAP) Central Region Working Group meeting is December 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Missouri River regional Library in Jefferson City.

The MAP initiative is the beginning of a statewide dialogue on what the state's transportation system could and should do for its citizens and how best to fulfill those expectations. Six Regional Working Groups have been convened around the state, representatives include a diverse representation including farmers, bankers, economic development professionals, to work with MoDOT over the next year to develop a vision for the future of the state's transportation system. The group held its coordination meeting on September 14, 2005. Meetings are open to the public.

Economic Development:

EDAC Meeting: Charlie Brzuchalski, A.I.A. will present an overview of the master plan for the "Missouri State Penitentiary Project" at the December 13th Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting. The Master Plan has divided the 142 acre prison site into five campuses- with the centerpiece being the "historic preservation" center where the plan proposes to "gut" residential units and prison facilities to house museums and exhibits, a conference center, hotels and other attractions. Other options for the complex include a "public service campus, featuring new state office buildings, as well as, entertainment, commercial office and natural resource campuses.

The meeting will be held at 10:00 at the MMRPC office in Ashland. Questions- please contact Ed Siegmund.

Sales Tax Holiday: The Department of Revenue has sent a letter to municipalities reminding them to re-adopt an ordinance to opt out of future sales tax holidays. The ordinance may be adopted at any time but must be received by DOR by June 20, 2006. Last year, researchers at the University of Missouri calculated that the 2004 holiday cost state and local governments \$18.5 million in lost revenue.

PROJECT STATUS REPORT- DECEMBER 2005	
CBDG Grant Administration- Contracted	
Cooper Co.	ADA Compliance project- courthouse elevator. Project complete. August, 2005.
Rocheport	2 new housing units- community room @ Senior Center. Project complete. July 2005.
Auxvasse	Repair and upgrade of city lagoon. Construction underway.
St. Thomas	Final design stage. Redesign per new MoDNR requirements. Construction projected Spring, 2006.
Cole County	ADA Compliance project- courthouse elevator. Preliminary design underway.
Otterville	Drainage and street improvements. Funding award announced 08/31/2005. Preliminary design underway.
Development Stage	
Glasgow	Downtown Improvements. Engineering Infrastructure Study contracted.
Clarksburg	Water/wastewater improvements. LMI survey underway.
Pilot Grove	Senior Housing complex renovations, sidewalk improvements.
Howard Co.	Water system upgrades for water district. LMI study underway.
Federal / State Contracts	
HUD/EDI	Economic Development activities associated with the "Our Incubator" project.
MoDNR	Watershed education planning grant. Project complete. Final draft report prepared.
MoDOT	Annual planning contact- includes development of regional transportation plan and advisory committee activities.
SEMA	Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plans for all counties in the MMRPC region. All plans complete. Boone County approved by FEMA. Others awaiting FEMA approval.
SEMA	Hazard Mitigation Flood Performance Reports. Contract to assist SEMA staff with completing performance reports for mitigation activities for Missouri communities. Cape Girardeau draft complete, Park Hills draft 75% complete.
Other Assistance- Developing Activities	
Bunceton	Water system improvements
Pilot Grove	Community planning discussions
California	Discussion for development of a storm water management plan
MRCN	Missouri River Communities N Mo. River Communities Network- EDA application assistance for the Missouri River Heritage Tourism Initiative
Cooper-Howard Moniteau Co.	GIS mapping activities
Mid-Missouri Solid Waste District	Assistance with web site development
Sturgeon	MoDOT Enhancement Grant assistance
Meramec Regional Planning- MMSWD	Joint project with Meramec Regional Planning Commission and Mid-Missouri Solid waste District to identify illegal dumpsites in the MMRPC region.

Calendar

December 6, 2005—Missouri Advance Planning (MAP) Central Region Working Group Meeting. from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Missouri River regional Library in Jefferson City.

December 13, 2005—Economic Development Advisory Co9mmittee Meeting. Ashland Office 10:00 a.m.

December 21, 2005—MMRPC Board of Director Meeting, 5:00 p.m. at Ashland Office

December 26, 2005—MMRPC Office Closed/Christmas Holiday.

January 2, 2006—MMRPC Office Closed/New Year's Day

January 10, 2006—Economic Development Marketing Group Meeting Ashland Office 10:00 a.m.

January 25, 2006—Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO 4:30 p.m.

January 25, 2006—Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Meeting, Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO 6:00 p.m.

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