

BOONSLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Boonslick Regional Planning Commission to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) will celebrate 50 years of service in 2018. The organization plans to host several events throughout the year to commemorate the anniversary of its founding on May 27, 1968.

The planning commission was formed in response to federal legislation which allowed governments to join together to collectively address the economic and social needs of a region. BRPC is a membership organization and includes all of the communities in the counties of Lincoln, Montgomery, and Warren. BRPC provides comprehensive planning, technical assistance, and a variety of services for its members, striving to improve the quality of life in the region.

In January 2000, Boonslick Regional Planning Commission was designated as an Economic Development District (EDD) by the United States Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration. The responsibility of the EDD is to coordinate economic development activities on a regional basis. In this role, the organization leads in the creation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy with participation from local governments, private industry, and non-profit sectors. This serves as a blueprint for the economic direction of the region.

BRPC is heavily involved in workforce development and operates the Missouri Job Center of Warrenton which serves both residents and businesses in the three county area. Through programs for adults & youth, the center offers opportunities for work experience and training. In addition, individuals seeking employment have access to free workshops, use of a resource room with computers and a copier, and job search assistance. Staff provides outreach to the business community, assisting with both recruitment and hiring events.

"Most people are surprised to hear about the number and variety of programs in which we are involved," says BRPC Executive Director Chad Eggen. "The organization is the administrative body for the regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee and the Solid Waste Management District. In addition, BRPC operates the East Central Missouri Recycling Center and the MO Rides program which is a referral service for individuals with transportation challenges. BRPC also operates a lending program for businesses through a revolving loan fund, and works closely with MoDOT to prioritize transportation needs within the region."

"We look forward to highlighting the many contributions and celebrating the service to communities provided by Boonslick Regional Planning Commission," continues Eggen. There will be a public open house and reception on May 23, 2018. Previous chairmen, board members, and staff will be invited to share their stories of the people, projects, and happenings over the years. For more information, please contact Chad Eggen at (636) 456-3473.