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Hawk Point Wastewater Project

Facing the need to make improvements to its community wastewater system, the City of Hawk Point worked with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission and engineers to put a project plan in place consisting of several elements. The city closed an existing two-cell lagoon, and removed sludge. A land application system that is a non-discharging facility was constructed on property that was acquired by the city on the south side of town. This project included construction of a 10 acre holding cell



with 200 acres for land application, enabling the system to meet Missouri Department of Natural Resources requirements. The pretreated effluent is applied to nearby ground at below agronomic rates and at rates low enough to ensure all water is absorbed by the soil. The City of Hawk Point constructed lines to connect this system to its current system, and also replaced nearly 8,000 linear feet of force main collection lines.

The City of Hawk Point wastewater project involved several funding sources which included a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000 and a USDA Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$485,000. The city was able to secure a USDA Rural Development loan for \$1,660,000 and provided \$100,457 in local funds.

Many rural communities face challenges to ensure their water quality and wastewater systems are in compliance and can sufficiently meet the needs of residents and businesses. Please feel free to contact BRPC regarding your community's needs or upcoming projects.

Happy New Year—a new fiscal year that is! We hope that you are all enjoying the summertime and local festivals, fairs. Several communities have been commemorating 200th anniversaries or planning for them in the coming years. Congratulations to Old Monroe, Troy, and Moscow Mills.

Disasters continue to occur throughout the region, and staff members have been reaching out to communities to discuss the recovery and resiliency phases. If you need assistance, please contact us. Additionally, we are working with Montgomery County on the update to its Hazard Mitigation Plan which allows communities and school districts to be eligible for mitigation grant funding opportunities. Warren and Lincoln counties will begin the update process next year.

Director's Update



Several new projects are lined up for the upcoming year including Watershed Planning for the Cuivre River, workforce development training center in Lincoln County, and planning for future workforce training in Warren County. As a reminder, we have a speed trailer and traffic counters out in the region for community use too! If you have need of any of these services, then please contact us.

In the coming days, you should receive your annual membership dues invoice. These funds are crucial for the organization as they help to support planning, outreach, and technical assistance activities that we provide to you...our members. This investment allows BRPC to provide staff to support project development and to leverage much needed state and federal funding.

BRPC is here for you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call (636) 456-3473 or email ceggen@boonslick.org. The next BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee is on Thursday, August 15 and the general membership meeting is Monday, September 23.

BRPC Planner Selected to Serve on National Council



Krishna Kunapareddy (at left), with members of RPO America Council of Peers

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Planner Krishna Kunapareddy has been selected to be part of the National Council of Peers for Rural Planning Organizations of America (RPO America). The Council of Peers serves as the leadership group which was established in June 2006 to serve as the national professional association for regional and rural transportation planning professionals, practitioners, and other interested stakeholders.

RPO America advises the National Association of Development Organization Board of Directors, membership, and staff on matters related to rural transportation and development. Serving as a forum for information, peer networking, and research initiatives, RPO America sponsors activities to showcase the accomplishments of rural planning organizations.

Serving on the Council of Peers will be an excellent opportunity for Krishna to share the wealth of knowledge and experience she has regarding transportation; and also to keep up with the latest ideas and best practices used to address rural transportation issues. For information about transportation programs, contact Krishna at krishna@boonslick.org or by calling (636) 456-3473.

New Faces at BRPC...Welcome Drew Struttman & Sareena Kazi



Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is pleased to announce that Drew Struttman has been hired as a planner for the organization. In this position, one of his main responsibilities will be the oversight of Region C Homeland Security activities. This will involve coordinating the investment of Homeland Security grant funds to enhance the capacity of local emergency response. He will also assist with other projects, including grant writing, as needed.

Drew holds a Bachelor of Science degree in geography, with a minor in economic development from Northwest Missouri University; and a Master's degree in urban and regional planning from Eastern Washington University..

"I'm super excited to start work for Boonslick RPC as a new planner. It's always tough being the one tasked with replacing someone with as much practical knowledge and general business wherewithal as Mark Cunningham; so I've been diligently trying to soak up his valuable insights while shadowing him during his brief time left in the office," shares Drew. "Growing up in a rural community nearby has shown me how much of a positive impact regional planning commissions can have locally. I look forward to working with local communities and organizations to continue progressing and improving upon their unique situation."

We welcome Drew and are happy that he will be able to assist with some key programs at BRPC. He can be contacted at dstruttman@boonslick.org.

BRPC welcomes Sareena Kazi to the team. She has been hired as the mobility assistant for the MO Rides program. In this role, Sareena will take calls from individuals seeking transportation assistance and follow up with them to see if they were successfully able to find a ride. She will help track data related to calls, which will provide insight regarding locations that lack transportation alternatives for residents, particularly those who are elderly or disabled. Researching transportation providers within the state so they can be added to the MO Rides website will also be a part of her responsibilities.

Sareena has expressed empathy for those who face challenges involving transportation, and a passion for helping others. We are happy to have her as part of the team, and you can reach her at skazi@boonslick.org.



Warren County National Night Out



The City of Truesdale is hosting a National Night Out on August 6, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event will take place in Bruer Park at 800 Smith Street in Truesdale.

The night of family fun promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. The evening will feature a free acoustic concert with Aaron Goodvin, an award-winning country artist. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Truesdale City Hall at (636) 456-3166

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Wright City Chamber of Commerce Celebrates 80th Anniversary



July marks the 80th anniversary of the Wright City Chamber of Commerce. The organization celebrated this milestone on July 23, 2019 in Diekroeger Park.

State Representative Bryan Spencer and Wright City Mayor Dan Rowden each presented a proclamation to Chamber of Commerce President Kim Arbuthnot, and expressed their appreciation for the many ways in which the Chamber benefits the community.



Past Chamber President
Karen Girondo

Wright City Clerk Karen Girondo, who is the longest serving president of the Chamber of Commerce, received the Ambassador Award. Karen shared some of the history of the organization, which initially consisted of 39 members and has grown to more than 80. Farmers & Merchants Bank (now FMB Bank), the only charter member that is still in existence, was presented with a Legacy Award.

The Wright City Chamber of Commerce looks forward to continued growth and to supporting businesses and residents. BRPC appreciates the many leaders who make our rural communities such wonderful places to live, and extends congratulations to the Wright City Chamber of Commerce.



Wright City Mayor
Dan Rowden

Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

July

- 2 Job Center outreach, Reach Church, Montgomery City, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 3 Job Center outreach, Chamber of Commerce, City of Troy, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 4/5 BRPC closed in observance of Independence Day
- 9 Job Center outreach, City of Wellsville, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 17 Community Agency Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 17 Job Center outreach, City of Winfield, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 24 Human Resource Staffing Hiring Event, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 27 City of Old Monroe Bicentennial Commemoration, 10:00 a.m.

August

- 6 Job Center outreach, Reach Church, Montgomery City, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 7 Job Center outreach, Chamber of Commerce, City of Troy, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 13 East Central SWMD Executive Board meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 13 Job Center outreach, City of Wellsville, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 15 BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- 17 Community Agency Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 21 Job Center outreach, City of Winfield, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Missouri Job Center-Warrenton offers free workshops each month for job seekers. If you are interested in receiving a calendar, please call (636) 456-9467.



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