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City of Truesdale Bruer Park Project Receives Grant Funding



With a strong desire to provide a park for its residents, City of Truesdale officials purchased property and established Bruer Park in October 2018. Named after the community's former mayor, the space provides a place for residents to gather, play, and enjoy outdoor recreation.

Working with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), the city has been successful in leveraging funding to make many park improvements. BRPC prepared a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant application through DNR. It was announced in September 2019 that the City of Truesdale project was selected for funding in the amount of \$118,250. Funding will be used for playground equipment, walking trails, safety fencing, and additional parking.

The city received more good news on October 9, 2019 with the announcement that it has been awarded grant funds of approximately \$1.6 million. Grant funds will be used for the construction of a 6,300 sq. ft. safe room on the east side of Bruer Park. The safe room will provide residents with much needed shelter during tornados.



In addition, the City of Truesdale was awarded a DNR Scrap Tire Materials Grant for the purchase of picnic tables and benches made from recycled tires.

Congratulations to the City of Truesdale! If your community is interested in similar projects or applying for other grants, please contact BRPC.

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Director's Update

BRPC is working through the summer and into autumn in Missouri River Country. Workforce development continues to be the number one priority need for economic development in the region. Staff members have worked on multiple projects for an advanced training center, partnerships with local organizations and job seekers, and a community college initiative to bring more training opportunities to the area.



Missouri delegation of regional planning commissions with EDA Director Angela Martinez

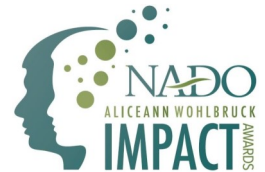
Recently, we attended the EDA regional conference *Economic Brilliance and Resilience*. This was a chance to meet with EDA regional office director and staff members, learn about Broadband mapping, opportunity zone incentives, housing and brownfield tools, best practices with CEDS, new revenues and lessons learned on cannabis for state and local governments, regional innovation, and economic diversification projects.

As a reminder, if you have new projects to discuss or grant applications in mind, please contact us. It is never too early to start the conversation and planning for the required tasks and documents.

BRPC is here for you. If you have questions, need assistance, or would like a staff member to attend one of your meetings, please don't hesitate to call (636) 456-3473 or email ceggen@boonslick.org.

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Receives NADO Impact Award

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) is a recipient of the 2019 National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Impact Awards. The Impact Awards program honors NADO members for their creative approaches to advancing community and economic development and improved quality of life initiatives.



BRPC received the Impact Award for its role in the establishment of workforce development projects at Tight 360 Tool and Machine, LLC to address needs in the Boonslick region. Tight 360 opened in the City of Jonesburg and was in need of skilled workers. BRPC coordinated meetings with the employer and the following workforce partners: Missouri Job Center staff, the U.S. Department of Labor, Missouri Department of Economic Development, Vocational Rehabilitation, and God Cares Ministries (a local agency that works with veterans). All partners reviewed what resources they could offer the business and put together an action plan.

BRPC brought in the Northeast Missouri Workforce Development Board (NEMO WDB) and representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor to work with Tight 360 to establish a certified apprenticeship program. Newly-hired employees can learn about advanced manufacturing and those who are eligible can participate in an On-the-Job Training program through the Job Center, with up to 50% of these employees' wages being reimbursed to the employer. The NEMO WDB partnered with BRPC to secure additional grant funds from the Missouri Division of Workforce Development for equipment for the business. BRPC also assisted Tight 360 with a loan through the Revolving Loan Fund.

Tight 360 planned to create fourteen jobs and use the apprenticeship program to train workers. This is excellent opportunity for local job seekers to learn valuable skills while earning a paycheck.

Impact Award recipients were recognized at a special reception during NADO's 2019 Annual Training Conference, scheduled for October 19-22.



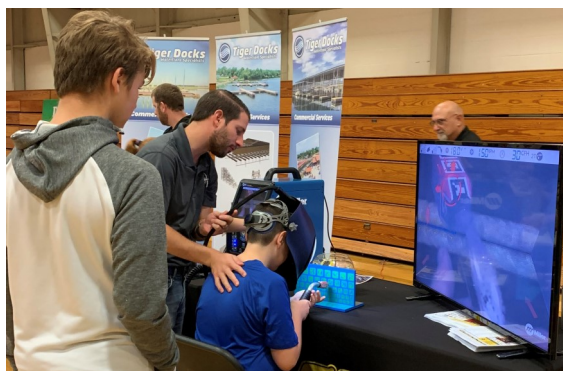
Warren County Manufacturing Day

Warren County hosted its Manufacturing Day on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Black Hawk Middle School in Warrenton. The event is designed to inspire the next generation of employees and make them — as well as their parents, teachers, counselors, and administrators —aware of the incredible opportunities available in manufacturing. Twenty-three manufacturers within the Warren County and St. Louis Metro area participated.



The event involved over 400 youth from the Warren County R-III and Wright City R-II School Districts, as well as Liberty Christian School. Eighth grade students from all schools participated. Students began the day by being able to visit sites which included Cascades Plastics, CertainTeed, Coca Cola, EPC, Homeyer Precision Manufacturing, Metso Minerals, Mittler Brothers, Schwoeppe Tool, Tiger Docks and Tight 360 Tool & Machine. Site visits gave students a unique perspective, enabling them to see what some of the plants are like and get an idea of the type of work done.

Manufacturers set up displays in the fieldhouse at Black Hawk Middle School showcasing their facilities and the products they make. Students had the opportunity to visit with the employers and ask questions. Employers were able to share the many types of occupations available in manufacturing facilities, including production, engineering, design, purchasing, accounting, human resources, and more.



Presenters from the Greater Warren County Economic Development Council and the local business community discussed the many opportunities available for those interested in a career in manufacturing. They also explained the importance and value of taking STEM classes during high school.

Warren County Manufacturing Day demonstrates the value of collaboration. The event is an opportunity for businesses and educators to provide career information to future workforce participants as they work together to address local hiring needs. Manufacturing Day events were also held in Lincoln and Montgomery counties.

SAVE THE DATE

East Central Missouri
Solid Waste Management District—
Region I Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019
Starts at noon with
lunch being served!



SAVE THE DATE

Boonslick Regional
Planning Commission
Annual Meeting



Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019

This year's meeting will be held in Lincoln
County. Location will be announced.

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Increasing Driver Awareness



City of Middletown

Recently, the cities of Middletown and Truesdale made use of BRPC's speed trailer. Placing the trailer on a street in your community can bring awareness to drivers who may not realize



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how fast they are traveling through a particular area. Speed is especially a concern around areas such as school zones. If you would like to use the trailer in order to make drivers more aware, please contact BRPC at (636) 456-3473.

A New Look for MO Rides!

The MO Rides program has been updated with a new look and website. Users have provided positive feedback, with many expressing the opinion that the site is very easy to navigate. MO Rides connects those who need transportation to providers across Missouri. Check out the new website at morides.org. For information about the program, contact BRPC Mobility Manager Cory Schmitt at cschmitt@boonslick.org.



Calendar of Events

October

- 2 Job Center Outreach, Troy Chamber of Commerce
- 7 Warren County Municipal Team meeting, BRPC, 11:30 a.m.
- 10 Manufacturing Day, Warren County, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- 14 BRPC closed in observance of Columbus Day
- 16 Community Agency Partnership meeting, BRPC, 9:30 a.m.

November

- 5 Job Center Outreach, Montgomery City
- 6 Job Center Outreach, Troy Chamber of Commerce
- 11 BRPC closed in observance of Veterans Day
- 19 East Central Missouri SWMD Annual Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- 20 Community Agency Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 21 BRPC Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- 28 BRPC closed in observance of Thanksgiving

December

- 4 BRPC Annual Meeting **Please note:** This year the annual meeting will be held in Lincoln County. Location to be announced.