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2016 - 2017

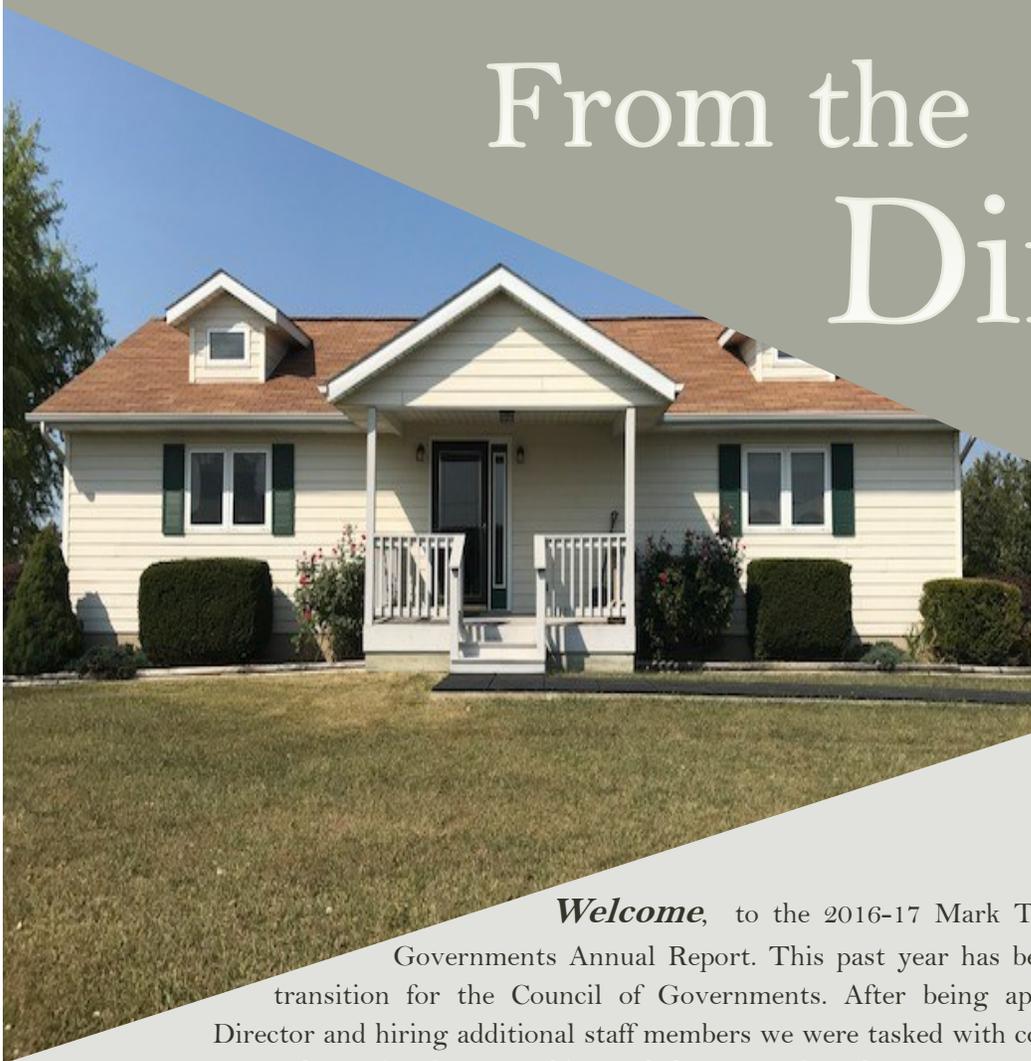
ANNUAL REPORT

AUDRAIN • MACON • MARION • MONROE • PIKE • RALLS • RANDOLPH • SHELBY

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From the Director

“If your actions inspire others to *dream* more, *learn* more, *do* more, and *become* more, you are a *leader*.”

- John Quincy Adams

Welcome, to the 2016-17 Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments Annual Report. This past year has been full of excitement and transition for the Council of Governments. After being appointed as the Executive Director and hiring additional staff members we were tasked with continuing to be seen as the center for regional partnerships and the go-to place for services to enhance communities and counties. Having started at the Council of Governments nine years ago as a Community Planner and later the Fiscal Officer, I was able to develop firsthand knowledge of working with communities in all aspects. The Council of Government staff continually strive to exceed the expectations of all the partners we work with.

From community development block grant and transportation planning, to homeland security initiatives and solid waste projects, the Council of Governments connects community and county leaders across the 8 county service area. Due to the commitment of our executive board members and staff, we have made significant improvements on being more visible and accessible throughout the region.

In the upcoming fiscal year, we are implementing new initiatives to connect with our communities and counties through frequent contact and assigning each county a liaison from the Council of Governments. Additionally, we are undertaking the challenge of learning how we can provide services to not only sustain but rather enhance the day to day lives of those residing in the communities we serve.

The coming year is a big one for the Council of Governments as we will be celebrating 50 years of services to the Mark Twain region. We look forward to continuing to work with our communities to strengthen and grow the 8 counties that we serve. We have high hopes and plans for the year ahead and cannot wait to share it with you.

Cindy Hultz
Executive Director

Meet the Team



Cindy Hultz
Executive Director

Cindy Hultz has been with the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments for nine years and was recently appointed as the Executive Director. Cindy has done well in every program she has managed and her success as director is only just beginning. She has transitioned into the position with ease and has already made a tremendous impact in our region in her first year as director. She is not just a leader but is a teacher as well, and has a desire to see all of her team succeed.



Samantha Diffenderfer
Transportation Planner

Starting January 2017, Samantha Diffenderfer has quickly found her place within the Council of Governments. She has a passion for learning and is driven towards the success of her community.



Chandra Beaver
Fiscal Officer

New York native, Chandra Beaver, joined the team in March 2017. Chandra's organization and dedication to her programs have been a valuable asset. Her work ethic is "right on the money" as the new fiscal officer.



Dustin Wasson
Community Planner

Dustin Wasson has been with the MTRCOG since August 2016 but transitioned to a part time position in September 2017. Dustin is the man with many talents and is always eager to fill any role where he is needed.



Devyn Windsor
Solid Waste Planner

Devyn Windsor is the newest member of the team, starting in October 2017. Her positive attitude and willingness to help has been a wonderful addition to the team. We look forward to seeing her thrive within our organization.

By the numbers...

76

houses demolished in

4

communities using CDBG funding.



25%
OF FUNDING

for the 19 open CDBG projects in our region came from CDBG funds.

669 returned surveys

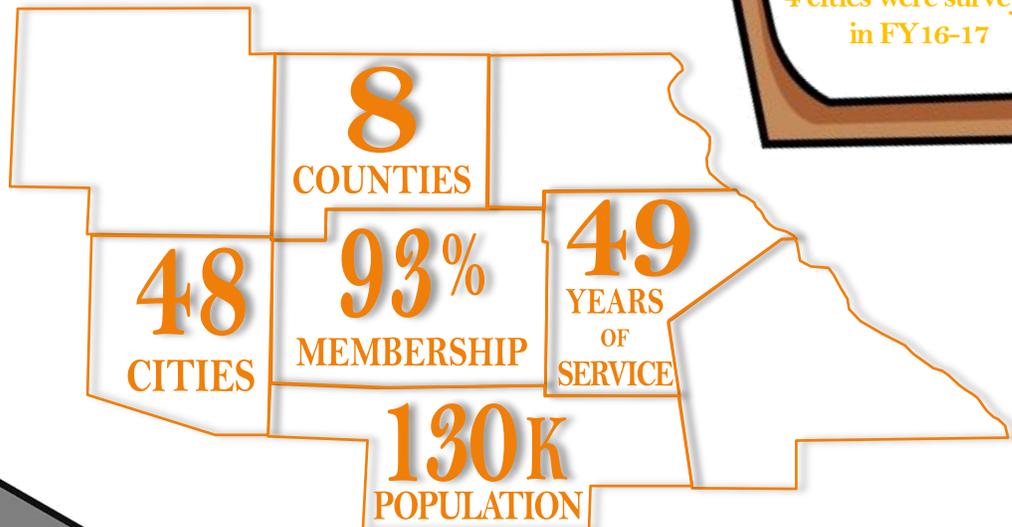
784 total surveys sent

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85%

Response rate on LMI surveys.

4 cities were surveyed in FY16-17



13.5

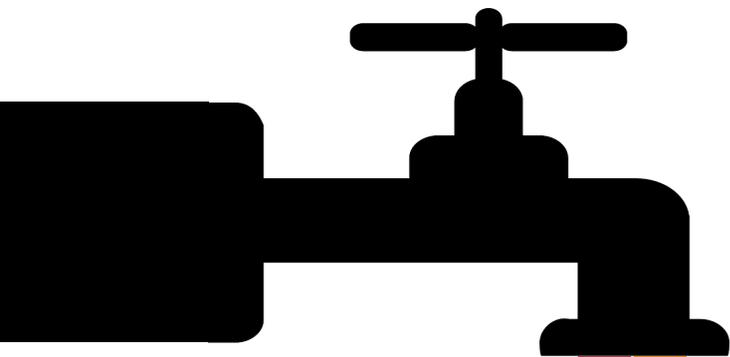
TONS

of E-Waste collected/recycled

35

NEEDS RANKED

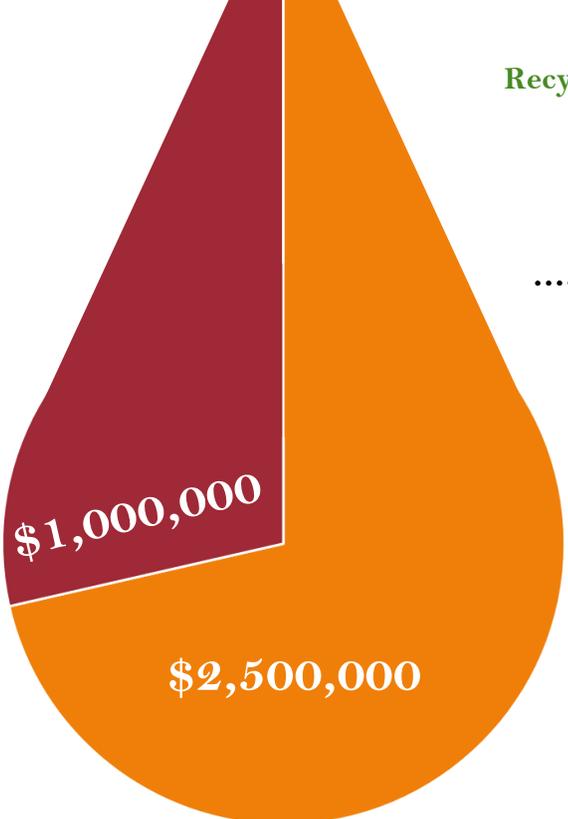
By the Transportation Advisory Committee



Recycling containers open for
400 HOURS 

29%

of the Water and Waste Disposal Program funds invested into the Mark Twain Region were for **Water System Projects** (2 total projects)

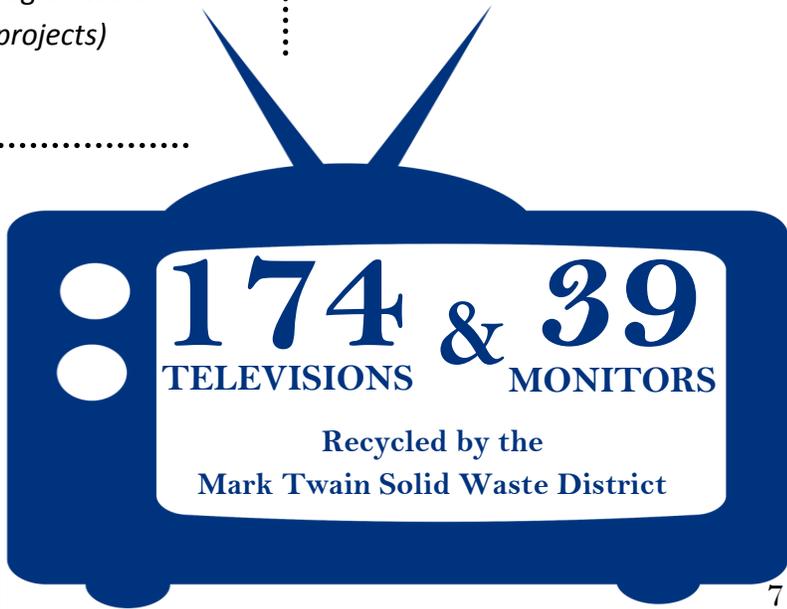


71%

of the Water and Waste Disposal Program funds invested into the Mark Twain Region were for **Wastewater Projects**. (5 total projects)



286
FISHERMEN
Participated in the Bud Light Buddy Bass Tournament
September 2016



Community Development Block Grant

About CDBG:

The Community CDBG program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously ran programs at HUD. CDBG is an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities. The CDBG program has made a difference in the lives of millions of people and their communities across the Nation.

Since States are in the best position to know, and to respond to, the needs of local governments, Congress amended the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCD Act) in 1981 to give each State the opportunity to administer CDBG funds for non-entitlement areas. Non-entitlement areas include those units of general local government which do not receive CDBG funds directly from HUD. Non-entitlement areas are cities with populations of less than 50,000 and counties with populations of less than 200,000.

Elmer Community Center

The City of Elmer was awarded a CDBG grant for the purpose of building a community center. The MTRCOG wrote the application on their behalf and was selected as the grant administrator for the project. Construction on the building was completed in the fall of 2016. The Elmer Community Center is a 36'x44' wood frame building with metal siding and a metal roof. The center can seat approximately 60 people in a dining arrangement and 85-100 people in a conference arrangement. There is an area designated for food preparation and serving as well as accessible toilets and mechanical room. The facility also has a small basement that will be used as a storm shelter. The building was built in the Elmer City Park. Parking was also included in the project. CDBG provided \$180,000 in grant funding.



Community Building in Elmer, MO



**Water Tower
Frankford, MO**

Low Water Crossings in Ralls and Monroe County

The Missouri Association of Councils of Government was awarded \$1.2 million to fund three projects that will help Missouri communities respond to disasters. The funding through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program will strengthen regional coordination and response asset sharing, identify key infrastructure and resources to mitigate disasters before they strike, and bolster long-term recovery planning.

Element three of this grant varies across Missouri. MTRCOG's project scope has two phases. The first phase was to identify and locate all of the low water crossings in each county and create a map that can be distributed to all of the counties as needed. This map has been completed and is now available on the MTRCOG website. Detours and alternate routes were also mapped. There are 153 low water crossings in the Mark Twain Region that were mapped.

The second phase of the project is identifying and mapping all storm shelters as well as evacuation and recovery centers in the region. Details about the emergency locations will be collected and placed on the MTRCOG website as well as distributed to local officials, schools, and EMDs.

The second phase of the project is to be completed by January 1, 2018.



BEFORE



AFTER

CDBG Demolition Project in Callao, MO

Open CDBG Projects in FY 16-17

Demolition

City of Shelbina.....	\$117,500.00
City of Bevier.....	\$90,100.00
City of Huntsville.....	\$83,600.00
City of Higbee.....	\$70,450.00
Village of Ethel.....	\$67,880.00
City of Callao.....	\$62,570.00
City of New London.....	\$46,250.00
City of Madison.....	\$55,585.00
City of Laddonia	\$72,500.00
TOTAL	\$666,435.00

Community Facility

Village of Elmer.....	\$180,000.00
Bowling Green/PCADD.....	\$249,200.00
TOTAL	\$429,200.00

Economic Development

Macon County.....	\$620,000.00
TOTAL	\$620,000.00

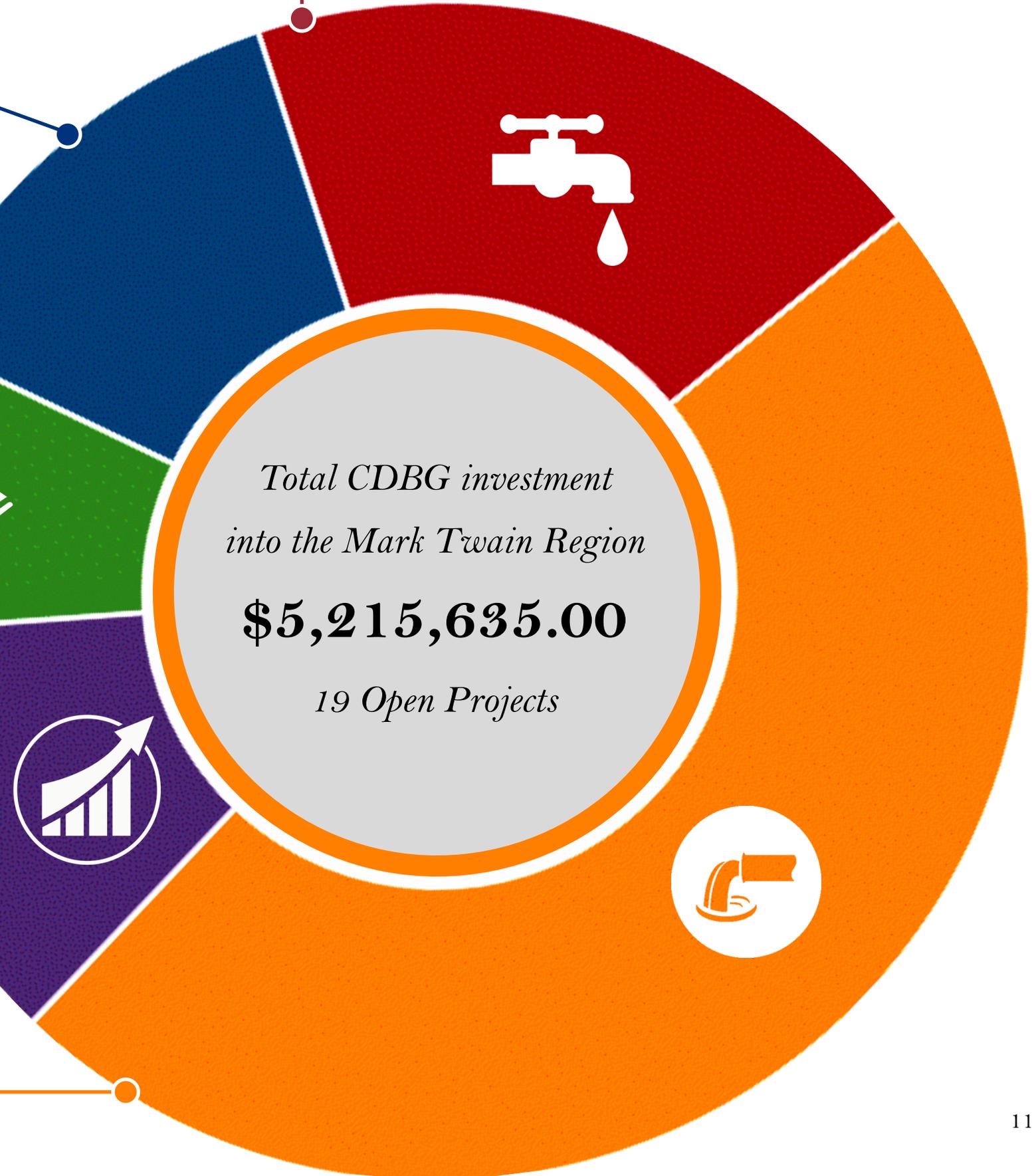
Wastewater

City of Shelbyville.....	\$500,000.00
City of Huntsville.....	\$500,000.00
City of Callao.....	\$500,000.00
City of LaPlata.....	\$500,000.00
City of Madison.....	\$500,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,500,000.00



Water

City of Frankford.....	..\$500,000.00
City of Clarksville.....	..\$500,000.00
TOTAL\$1,000,000.00



Economic Development

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

The COG's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is designed to bring together the public and private sectors to create an economic vision to diversify and fortify the region's economic climate.

The CEDS analyzes the regional economy and serves as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding sources. The document is updated every five years and amended as necessary.

The most recent *Mark Twain Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* can be viewed online at:

<http://www.marktwaincog.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/MTRCOG-2014-2019-CEDS.pdf>

Revolving Loan Fund

As part of the Economic Development Administration's Economic Assistance Program, EDA's regional offices award competitive grants to establish Revolving Loan Fund's. The RLF recipient, in turn disburses money in the form of loans to small businesses or to businesses that cannot otherwise borrow capital. As the loans are repaid, the grantee uses a portion of the interest earned to pay administrative expenses and adds remaining principal and interest repayments to the RLF's capital base to make new loans.

The Mark Twain Revolving Loan Fund, Inc. is designed to provide gap financing to new or expanding businesses, which will induce participation from private lenders. Loans may also be utilized for retention efforts.

The RLF can provide up to 30% of the monies necessary for a project and has a maximum loan amount of \$150,000.00.

Paris
Ready Mix and
Precast, LLC
\$20,000

Economy
Autoworks
\$8,121

Creed Archery
\$100,000

Clean Touch
\$48,000

Hazard Mitigation



The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 (as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000), required that after November 1, 2004, as a condition for local governments to receive federal disaster funds, they must have in place an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The plan must include the process for identifying hazards, assessing risks and vulnerabilities and identifying and prioritizing mitigation actions. Public involvement of local units of government, public agencies and the private sector is a large part of the planning process. The development of the initial plans for the region began in 2003, with updates to many of the plans now underway.

Due to extreme risks of flooding and other given natural disasters, the Counties of Marion, Pike and Ralls were among the first counties in the state to be requested to prepare plan updates. SEMA is providing 75% of the costs associated with the updates in the form of a grant, while the remaining 25% is provided by the local governments.

The Marion, Ralls and Pike County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plans were successfully updated. MTRCOG staff worked with County Commissioners and local jurisdictions to insure the plan included actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from hazard events.

Marion County

Participating Jurisdictions:

Marion County Commission
Palmyra School
City of Hannibal

Ralls County

Participating Jurisdictions:

Ralls County Commission
City of Perry
City of New London
City of Center

Pike County

Participating Jurisdictions:

City of Louisiana	City of Bowling Green
City of Clarksville	Boncl R-5
City of Frankford	Pike Co. R-III/Pike-Lincoln Tech
City of Curryville	Pike County Commissioners
Louisiana R-II	





Solid Waste Management

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments provides administrative services for the Mark Twain Solid Waste Management District Region G. The District serves as a regional solid waste planning agency for the counties of Macon, Shelby, Marion, Randolph, Monroe, Ralls and Pike. Region G Solid Waste District is designated with the purpose of assisting in the development of local and regional waste reduction by providing assistance through grants to individuals, private and non-profit sectors.

The Executive Board for the Solid Waste District is comprised of a County Commissioner from each of the seven counties. The Executive Board provides guidance in the development of policies that pertain to the management of solid waste. The District is working towards setting goals within the seven counties that will promote recycling and the use of earth friendly products. Education programs are being developed that will teach the importance of recycling to school age children. The Mark Twain Solid Waste Management District is funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.



Made with
15.37 tons
of tires



District

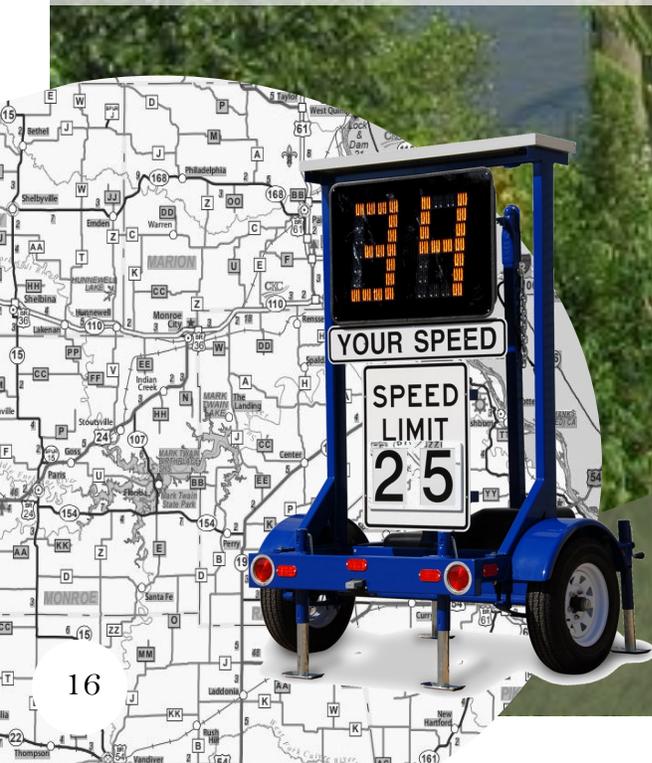
Grants Awarded	Funding
Mark Twain Solid Waste Management District Secure collection and recycling of Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste	\$75,000.00
Bowling Green School Green inspired playground structure and colorful tiles constructed from recycled tires	\$40,000.00
NEMO Workshop Outside collection bins for recyclables and new forklift to move recyclables to processing operations	\$30,000.00
Press Journal Excess news paper will be recycled utilizing a new forklift	\$11,000.00
Macon Workshop New collection bins to protect recyclables from harsh weather conditions	\$1,536.97
TOTAL	\$157,536.97

Transportation Planning

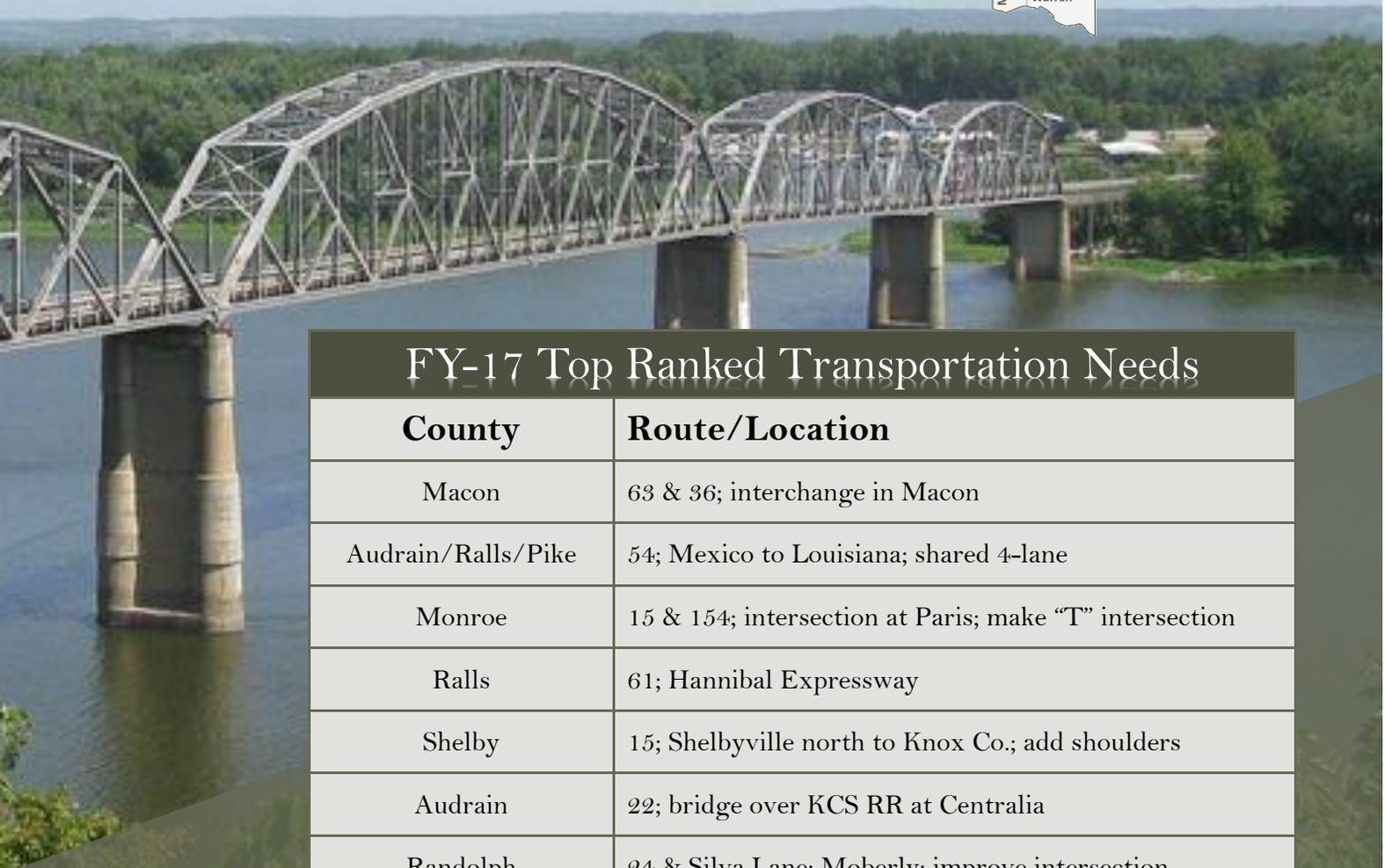
The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, in coordination with the Missouri Department of Transportation Northeast District are committed in their efforts to expand the relationship between units of local government while developing an effective, efficient, and resilient statewide transportation network.

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments is designated as a “Transportation Planning Partner”. This designation allows the Council the opportunity to assist units of local government in various transportation planning activities. This includes GIS mapping services, updating of the Regional Transportation Plan, and assisting our communities/counties with Transportation Alternatives grant applications.

The MTRCOG provides an avenue for the public to be actively involved in the planning process and prioritization of transportation projects throughout the area. This is accomplished by receiving public input through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) which meets on a quarterly basis. The TAC plays an important role in the transportation planning process. The TAC is assigned the duty of identifying and prioritizing transportation needs within the region and then presenting them to MoDOT for consideration in the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is a tool used by MoDOT to make critical transportation investments in the State of Missouri. The TAC consists of two representatives from each county that are appointed by the County Commission.



The MTRCOG is diligent in providing services to the cities and counties in our region. One service that has been especially beneficial is the production of up to three maps a year for members as a thank you for their continued support and membership. There were numerous maps produced throughout the region this year. Also, available to members is the use of the Speed Awareness Monitor (or Speed Trailer). In FY-17 a new Stalker Radar SAM trailer was purchased and is now available for use. The new unit was purchased in part by the MTRCOG as well as the NE Coalition for Roadway Safety. The MTRCOG also has multiple traffic counters that can be used by members as well.



FY-17 Top Ranked Transportation Needs

County	Route/Location
Macon	63 & 36; interchange in Macon
Audrain/Ralls/Pike	54; Mexico to Louisiana; shared 4-lane
Monroe	15 & 154; intersection at Paris; make "T" intersection
Ralls	61; Hannibal Expressway
Shelby	15; Shelbyville north to Knox Co.; add shoulders
Audrain	22; bridge over KCS RR at Centralia
Randolph	24 & Silva Lane; Moberly; improve intersection
Macon	D; bridge over BNSF RR at LaPlata
Marion/Ralls	36; Mississippi River to "Rocket"; make interstate
Marion	61/24 & F intersection; south of Palmyra
Pike	79; north & south of Louisiana; elevate flood prone areas
Ralls	D; bridge over Purdey Creek near Monroe Co. line

Champ Clark Bridge in Louisiana, MO

Construction on new bridge to begin in Fall 2017

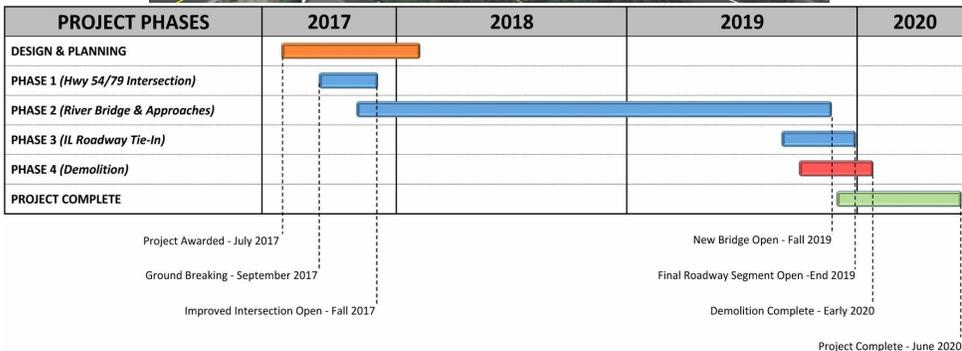


The Better Coalition



One of the major events this past year for the Better 54 Coalition was the selection of the contractor for the new Champ Clark Bridge in Louisiana, Missouri.

Massman Construction Company, headquartered in Kansas City, was selected as the best value proposer to design and construct the new Champ Clark Bridge by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. Replacement of the bridge is a partnership between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Missouri Department of Transportation. The construction of the new bridge is significant for the coalition, as it's completion is just one step closer to the ultimate goal of a shared four lane on Highway 54.



The Better 54 Coalition is a group of individuals from cities, counties and development organizations along the Better 54 route. The group proposes a shared four-lane highway from Mexico, MO to Louisiana, MO. Meetings are held monthly by the coalition and representatives of the group are commonly seen in attendance at local, state, and federal meetings to promote the discussion of a shared four lane on highway 54. The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments is in attendance at the monthly meetings.



Information about the coalition can be found at www.abetter54.com



Perry Sesquicentennial Days
August 2016

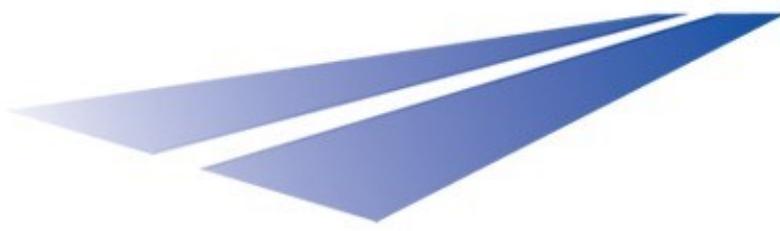


South Shelby High School Docudrama
October 2016



Moberly Speedway Arrive Alive Booth
June 2017

Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety



ARRIVE ALIVE
SAVEMOLIVES.COM



The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety is a large group of safety advocates who banded together in 2004 to create Missouri's Blueprint for Safer Roadways. Partners include law enforcement, educators, emergency responders, and engineers who have launched statewide efforts to reduce fatalities and create safer roads in Missouri. With the innovative efforts of these agencies, more Missourians are arriving safely to their destinations, and fewer tragedies are occurring on Missouri roadways.

The MTRCOG Transportation Planner is a member of the Northeast Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety board and is actively working with the coalition to increase roadway safety in the Mark Twain region.



Atlanta High School
Educational Campaign Winner & Bronze Banner Winner with 93% seat belt usage

Regional Homeland Security

Oversight Committee

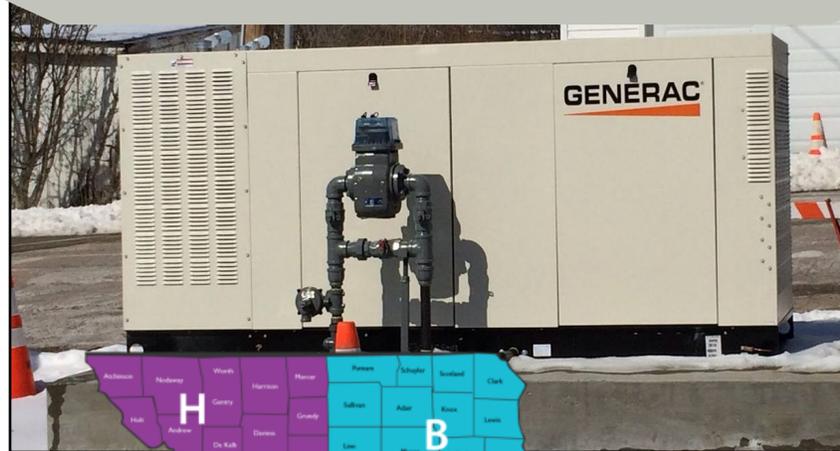
Region B



In 2006, the State of Missouri established eleven Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees (RHSOCs) in the State for the purpose of developing regionally focused Homeland Security programs. The Region B RHSOC includes the Counties of Adair, Chariton, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Linn, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Putnam, Ralls, Randolph, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby and Sullivan. The Mark Twain Regional COG serves as the Lead Regional Planning Commission for Region B RHSOC. As a result, the Council serves as the fiscal agent and oversees the day to day operations of the Committee.

The Region B RHSOC is comprised of fifteen individual disciplines, each having a primary and alternate representative. The Committee's primary goal is to make critical decisions on how to expend localized grant funding and to insure that these decisions are made on a regional level, improve working relationships among regional emergency managers, develop local leadership capabilities and expand the number of disciplines that participate in the field of emergency management. The Region B RHSOC meets quarterly.

Proactive efforts of the Region B RHSOC have directly benefited the citizens in the sixteen county region. The Region B RHSOC has provided representation on a number of state committees, provided training for agricultural risk mitigation and funded updates to critical mapping data for 911 Centers.



Region B RHSOC Projects

Description	Receiving Jurisdiction	Amount Budgeted
Region B ID Badge Development	Adair County Health Dept.	\$39,882.50
Sustain NE MO MRC	Adair County Health Dept.	\$14,900.00
MOSWIN Capable Radios & Command Center	City of Kirksville	\$15,800.00
Response Tow Vehicle	City of Kirksville	\$39,145.68
Generator	Schuyler County Sheriff	\$18,399.00
Lighting for safety	Ralls County EMD	\$12,319.00
Sustain Schuyler County MRC	Schuyler County Health Dept.	\$11,643.00
Air Bags & Struts	New London Vol. Fire	\$17,744.95
Generator	City of Hannibal	\$8,016.30
	TOTAL	\$177,850.43



Health Departments continue to receive funding for emergency preparedness. Pictured left is a trailer that was awarded to Schuyler County Health Department in the past. Similar equipment continues to be funded.

Funding has allowed several opportunities for the purchase of new equipment and updating of previously purchased equipment. Sustainment of equipment is essential in ensuring equipment is deployable in the event of a disaster. The New London Fire Department requested and was granted funding for new struts and air bags for Fire Trucks such as the one pictured to the right.





WATERSHED

An area of land defined by ridges, from which water flows into a particular water body

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments has partnered with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to form a Watershed Advisory Committee for the South Fork and North Fork Salt River Watersheds. The South Fork watershed includes parts of seven counties including Macon, Randolph, Shelby, Monroe, Audrain, Boone and Callaway counties. This watershed makes up 42% of the entire Salt River Basin. The North Fork watershed includes parts of six counties and serves as the source of water for the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission, which provides drinking water to over 74,000 people in northeast Missouri.

The goal is to engage local residents and stakeholders in the identification of priorities and ideas for solutions to issues within this watershed. Ultimately, creating a healthy watershed strategy that will help guide local leadership and future planning for water quantity and quality in this area.

This effort is not about regulation, enacted or proposed. It is about sharing information with the goal of developing the understandings and relationships necessary for the creation of a Watershed Advisory Committee and Healthy Watershed Plan for the South Fork Salt River Watershed.

The North Fork Salt River Healthy Watershed Plan was updated in September 2016 and can be found online at www.marktwaincog.com

The South Fork Salt River Watershed process concluded in March of 2017.

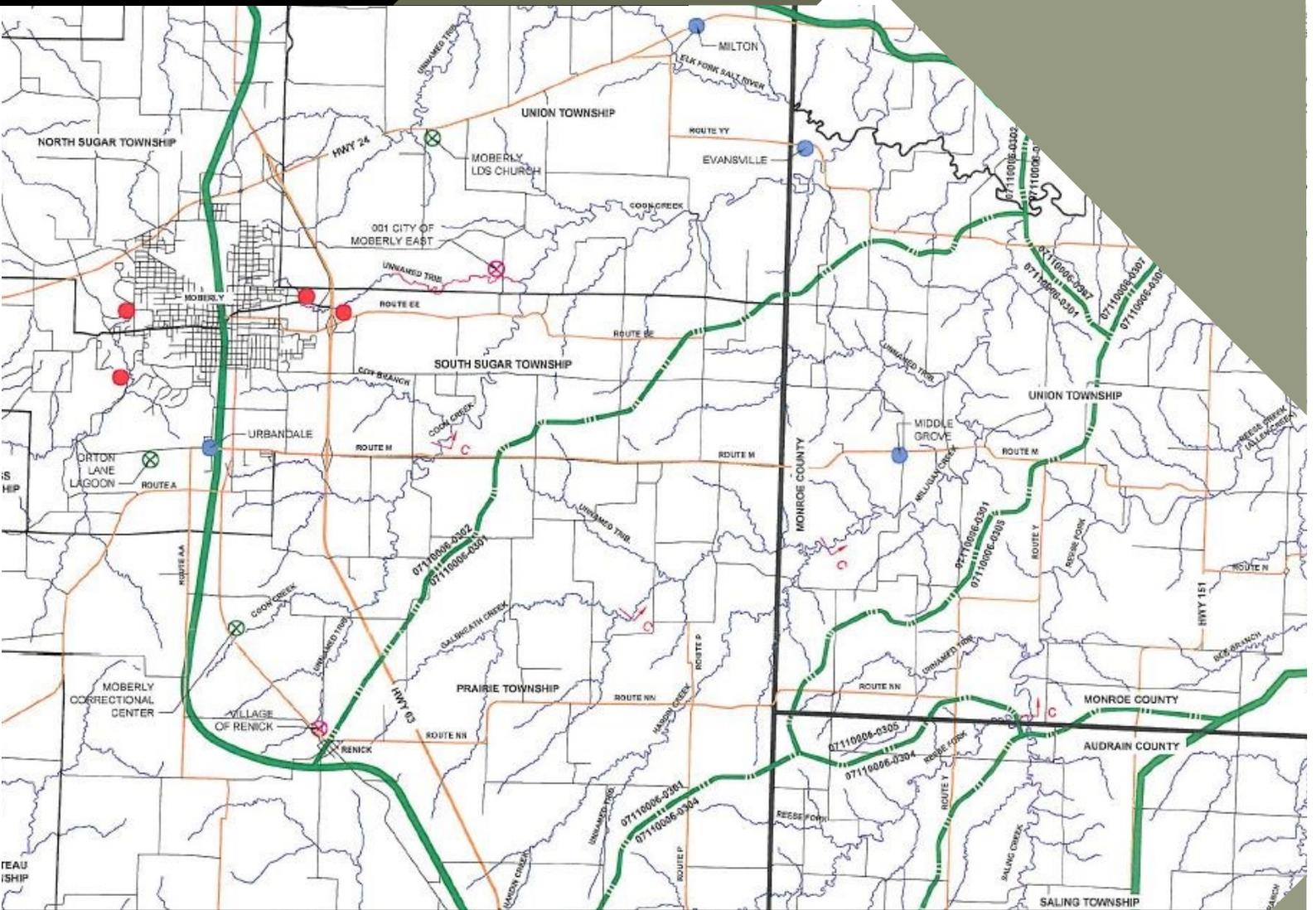


**South Fork
Salt River
Watershed**



**North Fork
Salt River
Watershed**

▶ 604B Wastewater



East Randolph County Regional Wastewater Management System Feasibility Study

A grant in the amount of \$97,900 will support the two-year project to examine the feasibility of providing regional wastewater treatment under the framework of watershed planning in eastern Randolph County. A regional water system may make wastewater treatment more manageable and more affordable, remove the disincentives to economic development that the lack of reliable wastewater treatment represents and improve water quality for Randolph County residents.

MARK TWAIN LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments provides administrative services to the Mark Twain Lake Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is made of up representatives from eight communities many of which are neighbors to the Mark Twain Lake. Currently, the Chamber has a membership consisting of 56 individuals, organizations and service establishments combined.

The Council of Governments is responsible for providing administrative oversight to the Chamber. This includes preparing monthly agendas, minutes, mailing out vacation guide packets, answering the telephone, updating memberships, accounting services and various other day to day duties.

Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Mark Twain Lake Chamber of Commerce, and the Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program have joined together to provide motorcycle rider training using the most respected programs available - the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Beginning Riders Course (BRC) and the Experienced Riders Course (ERC). These proven programs add two elements to your riding:

1. SAFETY - Learn how to avoid and deal with unsafe situations.
2. FUN - Learn new skills while building confidence in your riding



2016 Halloween Walk



The Mark Twain Lake Chamber of Commerce participated in the 2017 Big Bam bike ride across Missouri. The 2017 route took riders across four counties in the MTRCOG region all the way from Moberly to Louisiana, Missouri. There were hundreds of participants in the event which brought attention to the attractions and landmarks unique to the Mark Twain Lake and surrounding areas. The Chamber hosted a wine tasting event at the Mark Twain Lake Visitor's Center, Live entertainment, a beer garden, food vendors, as well as camping accommodations for the evening.



Bud Light Buddy Bass Tournament

Each year the Mark Twain Lake Chamber of Commerce has assisted in the administration of the Golden Eagle Bud Light Buddy Bass Tournament. MTRCOG staff has handled boater entries, sent out boat numbers, furnished manpower, advertised, collected prizes, and communicated with the community to make this tournament a success. This year, after 31 years of holding the tournament, the Bud Light Tournament Committee made the decision forgo the tournament. The Mark Twain Lake Chamber of Commerce was informed by another party that they would like to host a similar tournament in lieu of the Bud Light Buddy Bass Tournament. Plans were arranged for the first annual Mark Twain Lake Classic to be held in September 2017.

Board Members

Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments

Executive Board



Steve Hobbs, Chairman
Presiding Commissioner | Audrain County



Wiley Hibbard, Vice Chairman
Presiding Commissioner | Ralls County



Chuck Herron, Secretary/Treasurer
Virtual Images | Monroe County



Roger Young | Audrain County



Bruce Slagle | City of Mexico | Audrain County



Alan Wyatt | Presiding Commissioner | Macon County



Vicky McLeland | City of Macon | Macon County



Steven Begley | Commissioner | Marion County



Loren Graham | Mayor of Palmyra | Marion County



Mike Minor | Presiding Commissioner | Monroe County



Roch Buckman | City of Monroe City | Monroe County



Chris Gamm | Presiding Commissioner | Pike County



John Truesdell | Presiding Commissioner | Randolph County



Debbie Miller | Moberly Chamber of Commerce | Randolph County



Tom Shively | Commissioner | Shelby County



Troy Renner | EDC | Shelby County

Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments

Transportation Advisory Committee



Glenn Eagan, Chairman

Presiding Commissioner | Shelby County



Alan Winders | Commissioner | Audrain County



Kensey Russell | Mexico Dir. Of Public Works | Audrain County



Alan Wyatt | Presiding Commissioner | Macon County



Steven Begley | Commissioner | Marion County



Skip Wilson | Pepping Stone, Bach & Associates | Marion County



Mike Minor | Presiding Commissioner | Monroe County



Phillip Shatzer | Monroe County



Bill Allen | Commissioner | Pike County



Patrick Stinnett | Alliance Water Resources, Inc. | Pike County



Tom Sanders | City of Moberly | Randolph County



Wayne Wilcox | Commissioner | Randolph County



Wiley Hibbard | Presiding Commissioner | Ralls County



Dennis McMillen | City of Center | Ralls County



Charles Krieg | Shelby County

Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments

Solid Waste Management District

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- **Mike Minor, Vice Chairman**
Commissioner | Monroe County
- **John Truesdell, Secretary**
Presiding Commissioner | Randolph County
- **Wiley Hibbard, Treasurer**
Presiding Commissioner | Ralls County
- **Steve Begley** | Commissioner | Marion County
- **Chris Gamm** | Presiding Commissioner | Pike County
- **Tom Shively** | Commissioner | Shelby County

Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments

Revolving Loan Fund, Inc.

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Ralls County
- **Russell Runge** | City of Mexico | Audrain County
- **Rusty Neill** | Macon/Atlanta Bank | Macon County
- **Ryan Rapp** | Commerce Bank | Marion County
- **Troy Vaughn** | Paris National Bank | Monroe County
- **Mike Meyers** | HNB Bank | Pike County

Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee

Region B



Mike Kindle, Chairman

Director Macon County 911 | Macon County



Margaret Lees | 911



Dick King | Commissioner



John Hark | EMD



Tom Yates | EMS



George Albert | Fire



Jim LaBaron | Health



Damon Jaeger | HSRT



Dana Tarpening | Mayor/City Administrator



Tom Bunnell | Police



Glenn Balliew | Public Works



Kevin Shoemaker | Sheriff



Zach Jones | Utility



Sheila McCartney | Volunteer



Mike Hale | Hospitals



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Dear Friends,

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments would like to say a warm, “Thank You” for your continued support and dedication to our organization. The past year has been one full of changes and new beginnings. Your patience and understanding during those times has been outstanding. The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments strives to make an impact daily in our region, our counties, our cities, and with our neighbors. It is your membership and participation that makes it all possible and for that we THANK YOU! The coming year has several exciting projects in the area and we look forward to serving your community!

Sincerely,

Mark Twain Regional

Council of Governments



THANK YOU!

The Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments

will be celebrating

50 years
of service

to our eight county region. We are very excited about this monumental milestone for our organization and look forward to sharing in the celebration with you at the 2018 Annual Meeting. We hope to see you there!

Celebrating our past. Inspiring our future.



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