



NORTHWEST NEWSFLASH

NORTHWEST MISSOURI REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Looking Forward to the New Year

Wow, what a year 2020 was!! We are excited and relieved to put 2020 behind us as we look ahead to bigger and better things in 2021!!! Our office remains closed as we do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Job Center is also closed but staff is seeing people by appointment only. We look forward to exciting new projects in 2021, whether it's securing funds for new wastewater treatment facilities and bridge replacement projects or facilitating the process to update Hazard Mitigation Plans and hosting Household Hazardous Waste drop offs.

For more information about the Regional Council and some of the services, we provide, please visit our website at www.nwmorcog.org. If your community has a project we can assist with, please reach out to us. That's what we're here for. We are excited to put COVID-19 behind us and to help the 5-county region recover from the effects of this pandemic.

Wishing you all a prosperous and productive 2021!



Solid Waste Management District Announces Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Availability

Applications accepted from February 1, 2021 through April 1, 2021

The Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District has grant funds available from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Solid Waste Management Program to distribute to both public and private entities throughout Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties. The grant funds are intended to reduce the amount of waste entering the local waste stream and facilitate recycling. Some examples of projects include the purchase of woodchippers, aluminum and cardboard balers, forklifts, trailers, recycling bins, composting and other organic recycling projects. District Grant funds have also been used for outdoor classrooms, recycling education, rubberized track and recycling business expansion. Those individuals or entities interested in applying for funds for a waste reduction or recycling project may contact Robin Davidson at (660) 582-5121 ext. 4, or e-mail robin@nwmorcog.org. The application is posted online at www.nwmorcog.org.

Applications must be received by Thursday, April 1, 2021, by 3:00 p.m. at the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, 114 W. Third St., Maryville, MO 64468

NORTHWEST MISSOURI REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, REGION A HAPPENINGS

Assessment Inventory

The gathering of information for the Assessment Inventory is in progress. This information will be used to ascertain the current recycling infrastructure present in our region and will serve as a guide in the development of local recycling opportunities.

Solid Waste Plan Implementation Education Events

This project will offer educational events regarding City-Wide Recycling. The events will be held in each of the following school parking lots. Information will be posted on the Regional Council website at www.nwmorcog.org and Facebook page. The events are scheduled as follows:

March 5: Stanberry 10 a.m. to 12 noon and King City 1 to 3 p.m.

March 12: Burlington Jct. 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Tarkio 1 to 3 p.m.

March 17: Grant City 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Ravenwood 1 to 3 p.m.

March 25: Oregon 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Graham 1 to 3 p.m.

HHW Collection

The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection is Saturday, April 3 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at 1516 E. Halsey Street in Maryville.

2020 TAP Call for Projects

Transportation Alternatives Program - Notice of 2020 Statewide Call for Rural Projects - Applications due January 29, 2021

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is seeking projects to be funded using Rural Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds. This program call will award \$3.9 million of federal TAP funds. Local Public Agencies (LPAs) that reside within the Metropolitan Planning Organizations of OTO, MARC, and East-West Gateway are not eligible for this program call.

Eligible projects include:

- Construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting, and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
- Construction of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs;
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users; and
- Construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school, including sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities, and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools.

Awarded projects will be funded with a maximum 80 percent federal funds and require a minimum 20 percent local match. A project must seek a minimum of \$100,000 of federal reimbursement. The maximum federal reimbursement is \$400,000. Applications are due to the respective District Office by **Friday, January 29, 2021**.

Awards are anticipated to be announced in late March 2021. For additional information, contact Amy at

amy@nwmorcog.org.

COVID-19 WASTEWATER ANALYSIS OPPORTUNITY

AquaVitas, LLC, a wastewater analysis company, is looking for wastewater systems in Missouri that would be interested in joining a study for COVID-19 wastewater analysis. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are conducting this study to provide information for wastewater-based epidemiology efforts. Please refer to [this](#) website for more information about the project and sampling requirements. This study requires that participants ship one 24-hour influent sample to their laboratory for analysis. AquaVitas provides and funds all supplies. If your community and treatment plant are interested in participating in this study, please reach out to [AquaVitas](#) as soon as possible and mention the HHS Project. They are currently recruiting participants for their Phase 2, in which “additional treatment plants will be enrolled to cover at least 30 percent of the US population and continue testing for an additional nine weeks.” They expect to reach their targeted number of samples by early February. Final decision for participation will be made by HHS.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10: Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM

February 15: RCOG and Job Center Closed

February 16: FY21 3Q TAC Meeting, 6 p.m. via ZOOM

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