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Mound City Bridge Replacement

Mound City's bridge replacement over Davis Creek is now complete and opened to the public. The city recently held their closeout public hearing to discuss the past performance by the city in carrying out their Community Development Block Grant Project. The city received a \$500,000 grant from the Missouri Department of Economic Development to replace the deteriorating bridge near the south edge of the city limits located on State Street.

The new bridge will provide a safe and reliable route into the city for many years. The project included the removal of the existing bridge, construction of a 90' span pre-stressed concrete I girder bridge, a new sidewalk, asphalt roadway, seeding and mulching.

Boone Construction from Columbia was the contractor, Snyder & Associates, St. Joseph the engineering firm and Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments in Maryville served as the city's grant administrator. The total project costs to replacement the bridge was approximately \$798,000.



Expanded Broadband Access in Rural Northwest Missouri

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments is partnering with the University of Missouri Extension (MU) and local economic developers to expand broadband access in northwest Missouri. Utilizing the Digitally Connected Community program through MU as a guide, the group hopes to bring affordable, reliable, high-speed internet to the community and encourage the use of internet-based applications. This work will help transform the community's health, education, agriculture, and economic opportunities. As part of the planning process, the partners will hold public forums, conduct surveys, and reach out to government, business, and nonprofit organizations — including internet service providers. The goal is to forge a coalition of public and private resources and tailor a proposal to address our five-county region's broadband access and use needs. Public forums to discuss broadband access will be held throughout the region. All forums are open to all interested persons in Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties. Each meeting will include a general presentation and specific information a sector of the economy. For more information on regional broadband planning efforts, please contact Kim Mildward, Economic Development Planner with the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments at kim@nwmorcog.org or 660-582-5121, ext. 2. Dates/times/locations for the public forums can be found under the Upcoming Events section below.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections Scheduled for April 2 and May 14

The Nodaway County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Site will be open Saturdays, April 2, and May 14, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The HHW Collection Site is located at the Nodaway County Maintenance Barn, 1516 East Halsey Street, Maryville, Missouri. Brochures are available at the Nodaway County Administration Building, the Regional Council office, or online at www.nwmorcog.org. Residents of Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth Counties are welcome to participate (ID required). There is no fee to drop-off; it is FREE for residents only. No commercial or business waste can be accepted.

Examples of HHW include: household chemicals (bleach, ammonia, and cleaners) fertilizers, pesticides, brake fluid, transmission fluid, household waxes, Ni-cad, lithium, and lead acid batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, florescent tubes, antifreeze, oil base paint, and varnish. No latex paint accepted. Latex paint can be dried and put into the trash. Directions provided upon request. Keep materials in the original container. Do not mix household hazardous wastes together. For further information, contact Robin Davidson at 660-582-5121, ext. 4 or email: robin@nwmorcog.org.

Coming Soon: FY23 NAP Application Cycle

The Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) application cycle will open soon, with applications due April 29, 2022. To assist organizations with the application process, the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) will be hosting a virtual application workshop for all organizations interested in this program. A NAP Application Workshop will be held Tuesday, April 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neighborhood-assistance-program-fy-23-application-workshop-tickets-292658107277>.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Makes ArcGIS App Available for Locating Well Logs and Related Information

The Missouri Geological Survey, a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, recently made it easy to locate well logs in Missouri using a new ArcGIS application. Well logs contain detailed construction information about wells and the subsurface geology at the well site. This includes stratigraphy (named rock layers), lithology (rock type), mineralogy and groundwater information. Well drilling contractors provide well cuttings (small pieces of rock collected as the well is drilled) to the department for most public water supply wells drilled in Missouri. These cuttings are reviewed and interpreted by staff geologists to determine the nature of the subsurface geology. Well logs are important records that provide the department with information about the well's location, contractor, owner of the well, stratigraphy, distance to groundwater, materials used to construct the well and other related information. Many of the actual well logs are associated with rock cuttings and cores housed at the department's McCracken Core Library and Research Center in Rolla. The facility contains nearly 8 million feet of geologic subsurface material, which is made available to anyone interested in the subsurface geology of the state. Learn more online at dnr.mo.gov/land-geology/geology/mccracken-core-library-research-center. Access well logs using the Well Drilling Logs app online at modnr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0e701223578b4cb1bc15e4a160cc0230.

Grant City Receives CDBG Funds

The City of Grant City was notified in December that they were the recipients of a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The city is proposing to rehabilitate their three-cell lagoons to add lagoon-based treatment alternatives. The city is currently working with Snyder & Associates on the design phase and intend to have the final specifications and plans ready in the near future. The total project cost is estimated at \$3,049,900. The city proposes to contribute \$5,000 in cash, and USDA Rural Development will contribute \$2,230,000 in a low-interest loan and \$319,900 in grant funds.

Get Ready: The Transition to the Unique Entity ID (SAM) is Almost Here

By April 4, 2022, the Federal government will transition from using the DUNS Number to using the new Unique Entity ID (SAM) as the entity identifier for Federal awards. The Integrated Award Environment (IAE) will soon transition to SAM.gov and other IAE systems (FPDS, eSRS, FSRS, FAPIIS, CPARS) to use the new Unique Entity ID (SAM). Register now for the forum on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 12 noon to see what the change to the new identifier means for you and your work in IAE systems. Register here: <https://interact.gsa.gov/node/467968>

In this forum, you will see how searching in SAM.gov will look using the Unique Entity ID (SAM). For entity administrators, we will demonstrate upcoming changes to the registration and renewal process.

How do you know if you already have a Unique Entity ID (SAM)?

- If you have an entity registration (even if your registration has expired), you already have a Unique Entity ID (SAM). You can find it by signing into SAM.gov and selecting the Entity Management widget in your Workspace or by signing in and searching entity information.
- If you use the DUNS Number today with your federal contracts or grants, check this interactive guide to see if you need to take action to get your Unique Entity ID (SAM) before April 4, 2022. Once you select the guide link, look for the document in your downloads -

https://www.fsd.gov/sys_attachment.do?sys_id=af05f8fb1b44851006b09796bc4bcb6d

Go to fsd.gov and select the green Help on UEI Transition button at the top of the page to learn more.

MML Elected Officials Training Conference Scheduled for June

MML's Elected Officials Training Conference provides a nuts and bolts review of the myriad of important issues municipal officials face on a regular basis, from Sunshine Law to fraud, ethics and budgets to leadership and more. The conference will be held June 9 & 10, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.mocities.com/Web/Events/Elected-Officials-TC/Web/Events/EOT%20Event%20Display.aspx?hkey=2cf92f8f-776d-4e64-861f-7c3491504d76>

Solid Waste Management District, Regional A Update

Our FY22 Solid Waste grant projects are all in progress. The Stanberry school launched the Bulldog Recycling Initiative. They have purchased recycling bins and other items made from recycled materials to showcase how recycled materials can be transformed into other products. Holt County has obtained two enclosed trailers which are being used for collection, storage and transport of recyclables collected at various sites throughout the county. Nodaway County Recycling has completed site improvement that enhanced the safety and security of the current recycling operation facilities.



For the educational components, two books were added to the Recycling Reading Series and delivered to all District school librarians along with bookmarks. And, the recycling digital ads have been distributed district-wide. Earth Day activities will include schools participating with students building a Recycling Creation made from recycled materials. Prizes would be given for 1) the most creative and 2) the best recycling message. The top projects will be posted on our media pages and information to area papers.

WORTH COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE APPROVED

The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have approved the Worth County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The Plan will be in effect for five years and will expire March 4, 2027. The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments conducted meetings with city and county officials, emergency management agencies, school leaders, stakeholders, and other interested individuals to update the hazard mitigation plan and reduce the negative impacts of natural hazards in the future. With an approved plan, Worth County's participating jurisdictions will be eligible for state hazard mitigation grant funding opportunities. The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments would like to thank everyone who participated in the Plan update process. To view the Plan, please access it on the Regional Council's website at <https://nwmorcog.org/programs/hazard-mitigation/>. If you have any questions regarding the Plan, please email them to Amy Dowis, Regional Planner, at amy@nwmorcog.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21: 6 p.m., Broadband Public Forum, Worth County School Library, 510 East Avenue, Grant City. Emphasis on entrepreneurship.

March 24: 6:30 p.m., Broadband Public Forum, T.J. Hall Community Center, 104 South Main Street, Oregon. Emphasis on e-learning.

March 24: 7 p.m., RCOG Quarterly Board Meeting, RCOG Office, Maryville, and virtual via Zoom.

March 29: 3 p.m., Broadband Public Forum, Nodaway County Administration Building, 403 North Market, Maryville. Emphasis on manufacturing.

March 30: 6 p.m., Broadband Public Forum, Hundley-Whaley Extension and Education Center, 1109 South Birch Street, Albany. Emphasis on telehealth.

April 2: 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Household Hazard Waste Collection Site OPEN, 1516 E. Halsey, Maryville.

April 5: 7 p.m., Broadband Public Forum, Velma Houts Building, 201 East US Highway 136, Rock Port. Emphasis on precision agriculture.

April 13: 5:30 p.m., Solid Waste Executive Board Meeting, RCOG Office, Maryville.

April 15: RCOG Office CLOSED