



## Nodaway County Hazard Mitigation Plan Kickoff Meeting March 1

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments (RCOG) is hosting the first gathering in a series of meetings focusing on the 5-year update for Nodaway County’s Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. **The Kickoff meeting will be held Wednesday, March 1, at 4 p.m., at the Maryville Public Safety Building, located at 101 N. Vine, Maryville.** All interested citizens and public officials of Nodaway County are invited to attend. Nodaway County is susceptible to many types of natural hazards. Tornadoes, winter storms, and flooding have shaped the landscape, history, and economy of the county. Hazard mitigation planning is the process of developing sustained actions to reduce or eliminate the long-term risks associated with these potential disasters. The plan, funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the communities of Nodaway County, will utilize a committee of first responders, elected officials, and public volunteers to gather community- and county-specific information. The Hazard Mitigation Plan, currently under revision by the County and RCOG, is a requirement to access federal mitigation funds in the event of a natural disaster. The Committee will discuss existing hazards, community profiles, and the general plan update process as well as reviewing the Risk Assessment. The Public Survey is still open and can be accessed online at <https://forms.gle/2u8mc8TyYsfqXi6MA>. If you haven’t done so, please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Results are incorporated into the plan update. An RSVP is requested for anyone planning to attend. Please contact Amy Dowis at the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, (660) 582-5121, ext. 3 or by e-mail at [amy@nwmorcog.org](mailto:amy@nwmorcog.org) with questions and RSVPs.

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection March 4

The Nodaway County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Site will be open Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 8:00 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](http://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 Jerri Dearmont at (660) 582-5121 ext. 7 or email: [jerri@nwmorcog.org](mailto:jerri@nwmorcog.org).

## Workshop Registration is Now Open

MoDOT announces a return to in-person annual oversight training! In March 2023 and April 2023, MoDOT is hosting **mandatory training** for all FTA Section 5309, 5310, 5311 and 5339 recipients. MoDOT staff will also be attending these workshops. MoDOT has engaged Milligan Consulting, LLC (Milligan) to conduct the workshops and oversight reviews. Milligan provides technical assistance throughout the review process to achieve compliance with the FTA requirements. The training addresses federal grant requirements and MoDOT’s compliance review approach for the Sections 5309, 5310, 5311, and 5339 programs. Throughout the oversight cycle, Milligan provides technical assistance to assure compliance with the requirements.

To register for the workshop in St. Joseph, please visit the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-mandatory-annual-oversight-workshops-tickets-523779938897>. Registration is due by March 17, 2023.

Monday, March 20, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	MoDOT NW District Office 3602 North Belt Hwy St. Joseph, MO 64506	NW Conference Center Room	<b>Monday, March 20, 2023</b>
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## Holt County U.S. Route 159 pavement improvement project resumes

A pavement improvement and flood remediation project on Holt County U.S. Route 159 is expected to resume Monday, Feb. 27. The Missouri Department of Transportation has contracted with Phillips Hardy, Inc., to complete the project. Crews began the project in May 2022 before pausing due to winter weather. As a flood remediation measure, erosion control is being installed from the Missouri River near Rulo, Nebraska, to the Little Tarkio Creek near Fortescue. During construction, temporary traffic signals will be in place to guide motorists through the one-lane work zone, starting east of Del Rio Road going west in approximately 1-mile sections. All work is expected to be completed in November 2023. This project also includes pavement improvements from Missouri Route 111 one mile west of Route 118 to Route 118 which is planned to begin in July. All work is weather-permitting, and schedules are subject to change.

## E-Waste Collection Held February 18 next Collection Set for March 18

The second of five E-Waste and White Goods Collections was held on Saturday, February 18 in the communities of Rock Port, Fairfax, Tarkio, and Burlington Junction. Approximately 700 pounds of goods were collected and hauled by the contractor, Nodaway County Recycling, Maryville, MO for proper disposal. The next E-Waste/White Goods collection is scheduled for Saturday, March 18 in King City, Stanberry, and Jefferson School District. **The collection is open to all residents in Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties are welcome to participate (ID required).** The event flyer will soon be available on the Regional Council website at [www.nwmorcog.org](http://www.nwmorcog.org) under Announcements. There is no fee to dispose of any goods. Please drop-off only during the collection times for each site. No commercial or business waste can be accepted. Examples of E-Waste and White Goods include computers, cell phones, refrigerators, cooking stoves, small appliances, washers, dryers, air conditioners, water heaters and dishwashers. **ABSOLUTELY NO TV'S, MONITORS OR PRINTERS!** For further information, contact Jerri Dearthmont at (660) 582-5121 ext. 7 or email: [jerri@nwmorcog.org](mailto:jerri@nwmorcog.org).

## Freight Summit Returns after 2-Year Hiatus

The Northwest Missouri Freight Summit is back after a two-year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 3rd Annual event will be held Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the Remington Nature Center Conference Room located at 1502 McArthur Drive in St. Joseph, MO. The event will be from 9 am to 3 pm., with breakfast and lunch provided. Some of the topics on the agenda for this year's Summit include Operating a Port in Missouri, Changes with CDLs, a SWOT Analysis, and more.

The Freight Summit is being hosted by: The St. Joseph Metropolitan Planning Organization, Mo-Kan Regional Council, Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, and the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments. The Freight Summit is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. For additional information, please reach out to Max Schieber at the St. Joseph Metropolitan Planning Organization, at 816- 236-1471.

## Governor Parson Announces Funding Available for New Partnership Programs between Businesses and Child Care Providers

Governor Mike Parson announced that new grant funding is available through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Childhood for eligible childcare providers and businesses and/or community partners who want to work together to expand childcare in their local community. The Innovation Start-up Grant application is now open on the [Child Care Relief Funds website](#) and must be submitted by May 31, 2023.

## Atchison County I-29 traffic to move head-to-head

### *Joint repair planned for northbound Nishnabotna River bridge*

The northbound bridge over the Nishnabotna River will close Wednesday, March 6, for a joint repair. Crews from Phillips Hardy, Inc., working with the Missouri Department of Transportation, are completing the repair following a rehabilitation project of the north and southbound bridges located just south of the Iowa state line. During the northbound bridge closure, crossovers will be utilized to direct traffic head-to-head in the southbound lanes of Interstate 29 at the bridges. A 15-foot width restriction will be in place for northbound traffic. The joint repair is expected to be completed in early May. This bridge, along with the southbound bridge, is included in Gov. Mike Parson's \$351 million Focus on Bridges program, which will repair or replace 250 bridges across the state. All work is weather-permitting, and schedules are subject to change.

# GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Solid Waste District Announces FY2024 Grant Availability

*Applications accepted from February 1, 2023, through April 3, 2023*

The Northwest Missouri 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 can crushers, recycling trailers, aluminum and cardboard balers, forklifts, recycling bins, composting and other organic recycling projects. Grant funds have also been used for outdoor classrooms, recycling education, rubberized track, and recycling business expansion. The application is posted online at [www.nwmorcog.org](http://www.nwmorcog.org), along with the Grant Evaluation Criteria and Application Guidance by February 1, 2023. Individuals or entities interested in applying for funds for a waste reduction or recycling project may contact Jerri Dearmont via phone at (660) 582-5121 ext. 7; or via email at [jerri@nwmorcog.org](mailto:jerri@nwmorcog.org). Applications must be received by Monday, April 3, 2023, by 3 p.m. at the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments office located at 114 W. Third Street in Maryville.

## Coming Soon: FY2024 NAP Round 1 Application Cycle

The Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) Round 1 application cycle will open on March 20, 2023, with applications due April 26, 2023. 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 on **March 28, 2023**. Potential applicants are encouraged to attend the training session to learn how to write the best application possible. To register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-neighborhood-assistance-program-application-workshop-tickets-558014064087>.

## FY 2022 SAFER Grant Application Period is Now Open

FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters' Grant program is accepting applications for FY 2022 SAFER grants. Applying for an award under this program is a multi-step process and requires time to complete. Applicants are encouraged to register early as the registration process can take four weeks or more to complete. Therefore, registration should be done in sufficient time to ensure it does not impact your ability to meet required submission deadlines. Start your application today by reviewing the FY 2022 SAFER Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and associated tools posted on the FEMA website at [www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer/documents](http://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer/documents). For more information, please view the [FY 2022 SAFER NOFO](#).

## Other Upcoming Events

March 1: Nodaway County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update kickoff meeting, 4 p.m., Maryville Public Safety Building, 101 N. Vine, Maryville

March 4: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site OPEN, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1516 E. Halsey Street, Maryville

March 7: Northwest Workforce Development Board meeting, 4 p.m., virtual

March 8: Solid Waste Executive Board meeting, 5:30 p.m., RCOG Office

March 18: E-Waste Collection Event, 8 a.m., King City

March 18: E-Waste Collection Event, 10 a.m., Stanberry

March 18: E-Waste Collection Event, 12 noon, Jefferson C-123

March 23: RCOG Personnel Committee meeting and Board meeting, 6 p.m., RCOG Office

April 7: RCOG Office closed