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OZARK
FOOTHILLS
REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION



**2023
ANNUAL
REPORT**

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



mission statement

The **Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission** improves the quality of life in, and promotes the development of Butler, Carter, Reynolds, Ripley and Wayne Counties through social, cultural, educational, public infrastructure, housing, economic development and recycling programs.

history

The OFRPC was designated by the Governor of the State of Missouri in 1967 under Missouri's State and Regional Planning and Community Development Act.

The Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission was created to facilitate the cooperative effort of its member municipalities and

counties in solving problems and planning the future development of human, natural, and economic resources of the Ozark Foothills region. The Commission serves as a guide to local units of government in accomplishing a coordinated and efficient development of the region and the promotion of its public

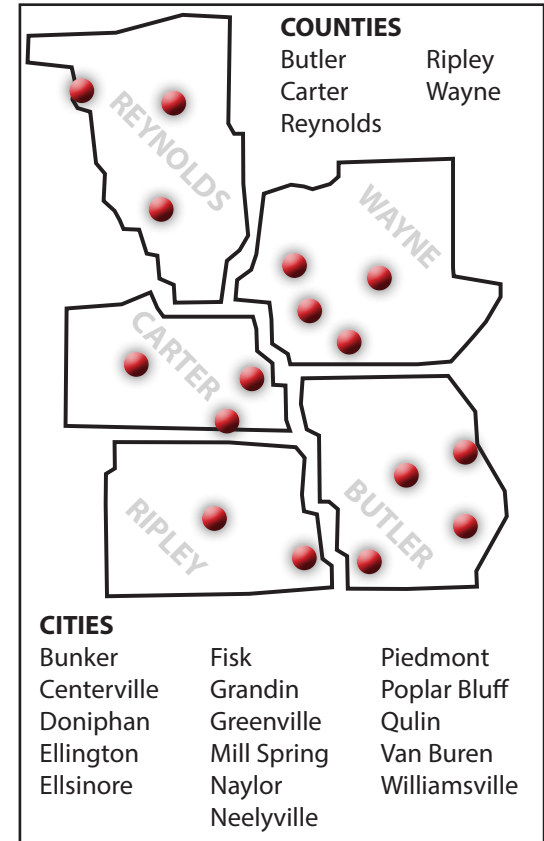
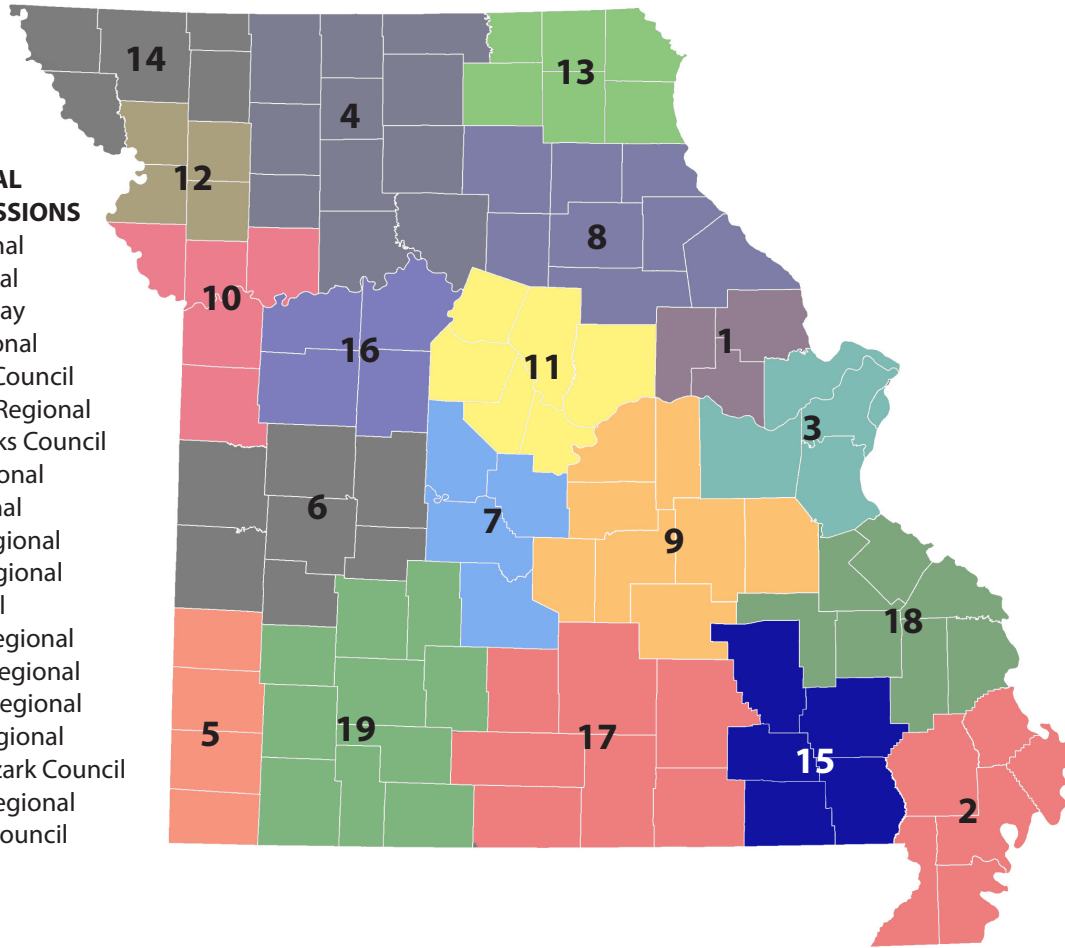
health, safety, general welfare, and economic prosperity in accordance with the area's existing and future needs.

In an effort to comply with these provisions, the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission has developed a number of associated organizations.

ozark foothills service area

MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS

- 1.... Boonslick Regional
- 2.... Bootheel Regional
- 3.... East-West Gateway
- 4.... Green Hills Regional
- 5.... Harry S Truman Council
- 6.... Kaysinger Basin Regional
- 7.... Lake of the Ozarks Council
- 8.... Mark Twain Regional
- 9.... Meramec Regional
- 10.. Mid-America Regional
- 11.. Mid-Missouri Regional
- 12.. Mo-Kan Regional
- 13.. Northeast MO Regional
- 14.. Northwest MO Regional
- 15.. Ozark Foothills Regional
- 16.. Pioneer Trails Regional
- 17.. South Central Ozark Council
- 18.. Southeast MO Regional
- 19.. Southwest MO Council



what we do

The Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission (OFRPC) manages its internal activities, as well as the activities of the

Ozark Foothills Development Association,
the **Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation,**
the **Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District** and
the **Ripley County Public Housing Agency.**



The OFRPC's core service is providing grant preparation and administrative services to its five member counties and 16 member cities. During Fiscal Year 2023, OFRPC staff prepared **58** grant applications and brought **\$13,938,330** in grant awards into the Ozark Foothills Region.

committee membership

Vince Lampe, Butler County

Shane Cornman, Poplar Bluff

Doug Mosbey, Fisk

Rhonda Burson, Neelyville

Justin Parks, Quilin

Ron Keeney, Carter County

Dawn Hood, Ellsinore

Laura Beth Smith, Grandin

Mike Hoerner, Van Buren

Steve Chitwood, Reynolds County

Gary Conway, Jr., Bunker

Stanley Barton, Centerville

Paul Wood, Ellington

Jesse Roy, Ripley County +

Dennis Cox, Doniphan

Dale Day, Naylor

Brian Polk, Wayne County *

Jason Hill, Greenville

William Kirkpatrick, Piedmont

Angela Clyburn, Mill Spring

Sandy Joy, Williamsville

Wayne Gibbs, agriculture

Paul Johnson, retired/senior services **

Bill Moriarty, retired/senior services

Darrell Dement, business ***

Russell French, professions

Dr. Jim Jones, professions

Margaret Carter, finance #

Brandon Woolard, finance

Rebeca Pacheco, social agency +

Reverend Gregory Kirk, social agency

Teresa Lee, education

Chad Henson, solid waste management

*Chairman

**First Vice-Chairman

***Second Vice-Chairman

#Secretary/Treasurer

+Executive board member

goals and progress

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Maintain 100% Membership

✓ **100% MEMBERSHIP MAINTAINED**

Complete grant proposals for member communities & nonprofits

✓ **SUBMITTED 58 GRANT PROPOSALS**

Increase investment within the region

✓ **BROUGHT \$13,938,330 INTO REGION BY 30 FUNDED PROPOSALS.**

Conduct staff retreat

✓ **STAFF RETREAT HELD IN JUNE 2023.**

grants, contracts received

APPLICANT	FUNDING AGENCY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Greenville	MO DED CDBG	Paving improvements	\$487,774
Butler County	MO DED CDBG	Harviell paving improvements	\$142,601
Piedmont	MO DED CDBG	Paving improvements	\$496,622
Greenville	MO DED CDBG	Paving improvements	\$487,774
Mill Spring	MO DED CDBG	Paving improvements	\$189,802
Poplar Bluff	MO DED CDBG	Storm water improvements	\$500,000
Ripley PWSD No. 2	MO DED CDBG	Emergency water well and line improvements	\$500,000
PB R-I / Butler County	MO DED CDBG	Culinary Arts Center building addition/remodel	\$500,000
Bunker	MO DED CDBG	Grant admendment increase, paving improvements	\$24,294
Williamsville	MO DED CDBG	Grant admendment increase, paving improvements	\$31,991
Butler County	MO DED CDBG	Grant admendment increase, paving improvements	\$163,976
Doniphan	MO DED CDBG-MIT	Grant admendment increase, water line improvements	\$132,060
Doniphan	MO DED CDBG-DR	Grant admendment increase, bridge replacement	\$35,595
Van Buren	DELTA REGIONAL	Gap funding construct public safety building	\$313,323
Ripley PWSD No. 1	MO DNR ARPA	Water storage & distribution upgrades	\$1,165,709
Ripley PWSD No. 2	MO DNR ARPA	Well, waterlines and storage tank	\$4,813,350
Ripley / Purman VFD	AFG	Equipment purchase	\$36,512
Carter County	MO DNR-DERA	Dump truck replacement (25% funding)	\$45,504
Ripley Public Housing	HUD	Support the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program	\$51,436
OFRPC	MO DED	Assist state Office of Broadband Development	\$26,316
Carter County	MO DED ARPA	Historic Courthouse Welcome Center (50/50 match)	\$630,454
Naylor	MO DED ARPA	Gap funding, new nutrition center building	\$753,551
Poplar Bluff	MO DED ARPA	Demolish old city hall building	\$306,000
PB Parks & Recreation	MO DED ARPA	Soccer complex expansion	\$250,120
Ripley / Doniphan R-I	MO DED CDBG	Interior of new shop building at Career Center	\$614,000
Williamsville	MO DED CDBG	Roof replacement on community center hall	\$260,280
Three Rivers College	DELTA REGIONAL	Collaborative Workforce Ready Program	\$402,392
Ripley Public Housing	FCC-ACP OUTREACH	Two-year coordinator to assist enrolling in ACP	\$125,000
OFRPC	EDA-PARTNERSHIP	Financial assistance (3 years) to EDDs	\$210,000
Ripley PWSD No. 2	MO DED CDBG-CV	Grant amendment increase, water distribution	\$241,894

Students around the region planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs as part of a project to celebrate the Community Foundation of the Ozarks' 50th anniversary.



foundation

The **Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation**, established in November 2011, is the charitable arm of the Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission.

The mission of the Foundation is to establish endowments that enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by reinvesting in the five counties and 16 cities of the Ozark Foothills Region of Missouri.

The foundation's 11-member Board of Governors is led by Russell French, chairman; secretary and treasurer vacant.

As of June 2023, the Foundation held funds with total assets valued at **\$2,448,676.82**.



development

The Ozark Foothills Development Association is an IRS-defined nonprofit charged with enhancing economic development in the five county region. The association administers the **Ozark Foothills Business Incubator**.

The Small Business Incubator, constructed in 1988 and expanded in 2018, provides 30,000 square feet of affordable operating space to start-up or expanding enterprises. During FY 2023, the Ozark Foothills Development Association maintained **100%** occupancy within its original incubator and **85%** within the expansion area.



GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Maintain 100% Incubator occupancy

✓ 94% OCCUPANCY MAINTAINED. ONE UNIT EXPANSION SPACE WAS ONLY LEASED FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS.

Ensure lease agreements are current for all tenants

✓ LEASE AGREEMENTS EXECUTED WITH 9 OF 9 TENANTS DURING FY 2023

recycling



A new baler helped the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center compress cardboard and other recyclables into bales for transportation.

recycling

The **Ozark Foothills Solid Waste Management District**, Region Q, in partnership with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, funds the Ozark Foothills Materials Recovery Facility, the Recycling Center. In doing so, it provides region-wide recycling services to Butler, Carter, Reynolds, Ripley and Wayne Counties. During FY 2023, the Ozark Foothills Recycling Center diverted **729.74** tons of aluminum, tin, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, white paper, white goods, tires and electronics from landfills.



GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Continue solid waste management in region

✓ SUBMITTED A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CONTINUATION PROPOSAL TO MDNR

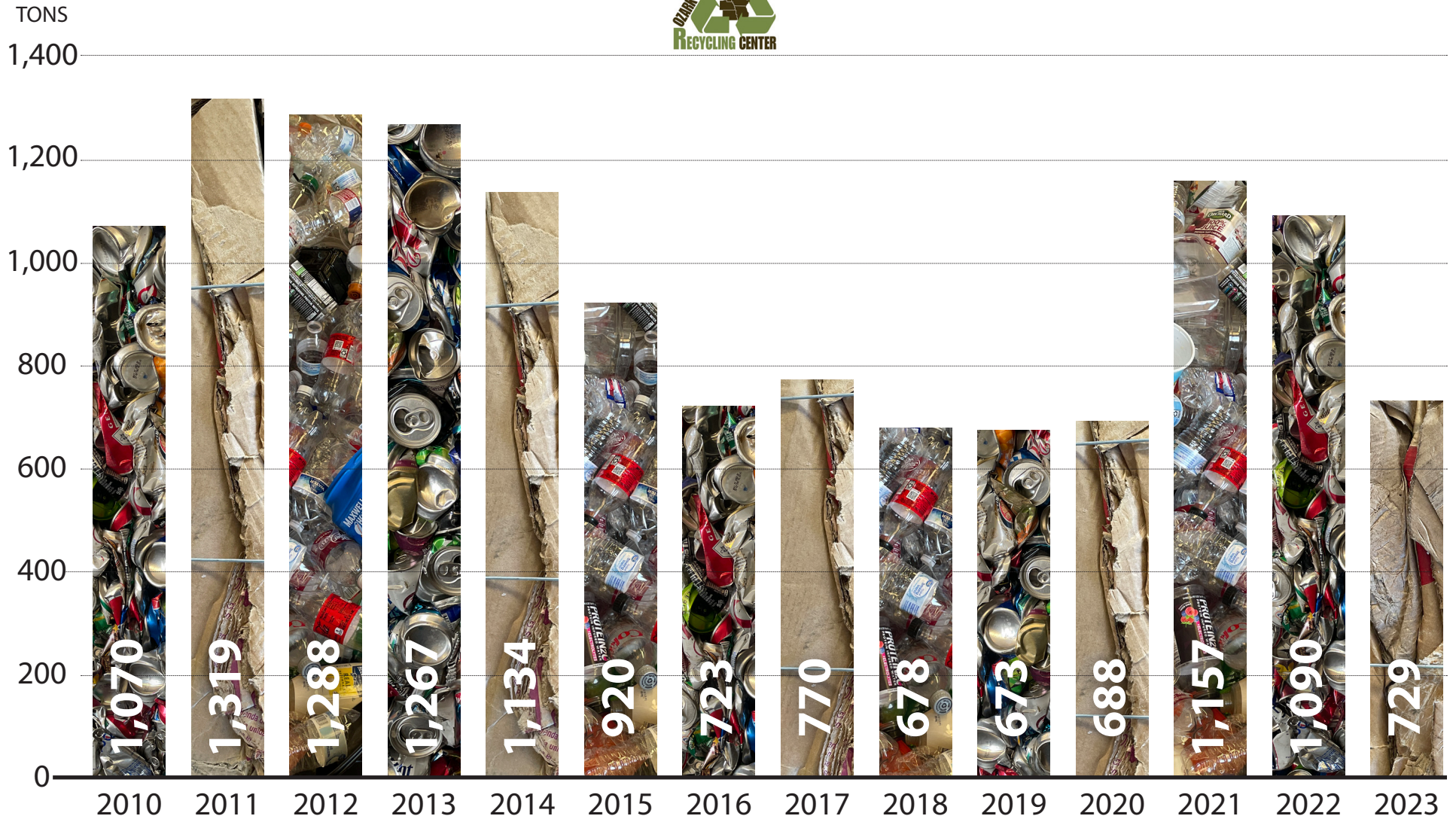
Continue to support region-wide solid waste diversion

✓ PROVIDED GRANT FUNDING TO OFRPC FOR OPERATION OF RECOVERY FACILITY

Conserve limited grant resources by minimizing expenses

✓ CONTINUED CONTRACT WITH OFRPC FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ON AN ACTUAL COST REIMBURSEMENT BASIS

solid waste tonnage diverted from landfills



housing

The **Ripley County Public Housing Agency** is authorized to provide HUD Section 8 rental and, if applicable, utility subsidies to **470** families throughout the five-county service area. As of June 30, 2023, there were **64** families enrolled in the agency's Family Self-Sufficiency and Homeownership Programs, while **429** families were receiving Section 8 rental assistance.



GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Maintain number of Section 8 vouchers when funding permits

✓ NUMBER OF VOUCHERS INCREASED FROM 423 TO 428 DUE TO HUD PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INCREMENTAL VOUCHERS.

Maintain maximum monthly administrative fee eligibility

✓ MONTHLY ADMIN FEE ELIGIBILITY AVERAGED \$27,416 WHILE AVERAGE EXPENSES TOTALED \$25,367

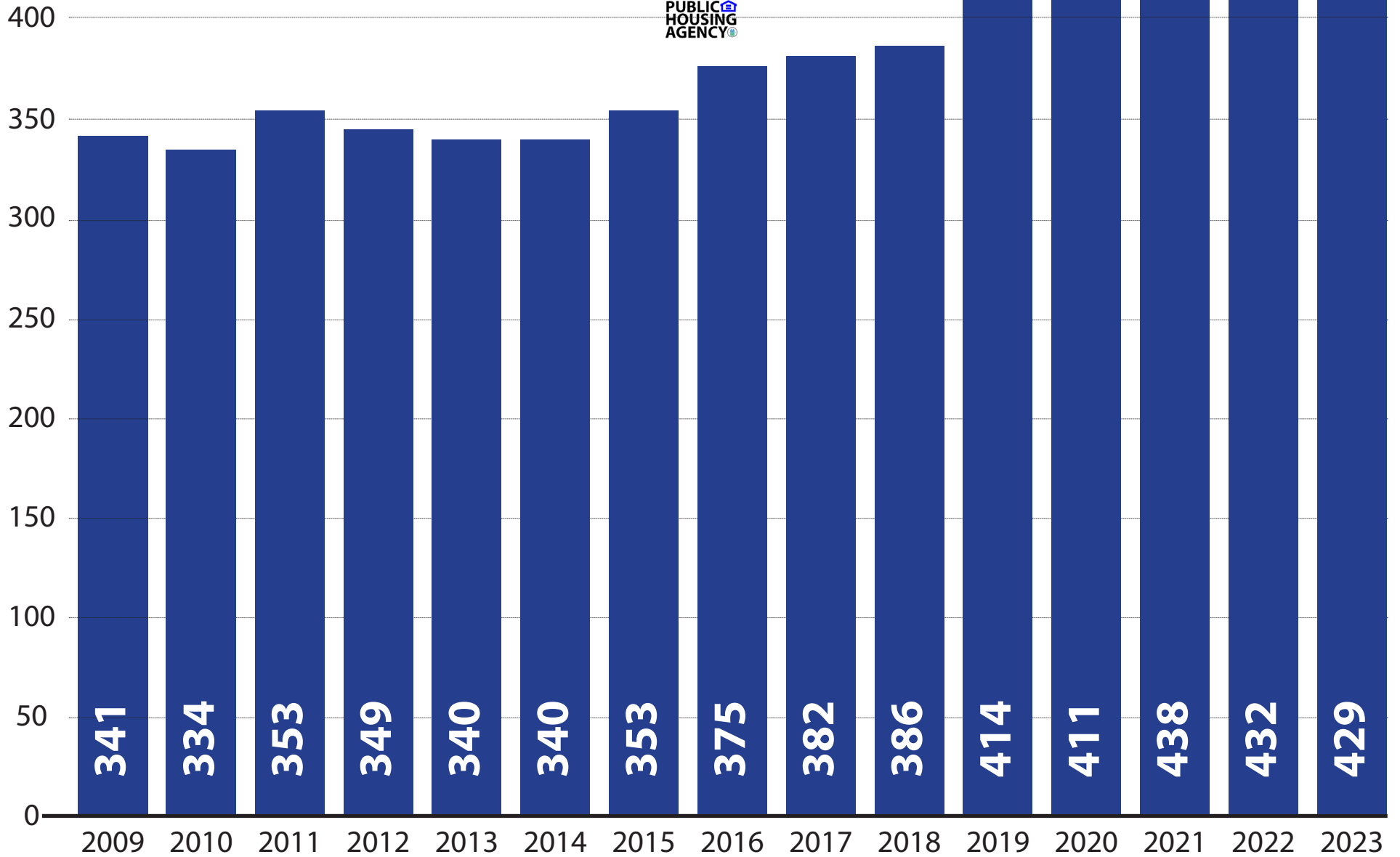
Maintain family participation levels above required minimum within the FSS program

✓ FSS CASELOAD INCREASED FROM 26 FAMILIES TO 64 FAMILIES. MINIMUM CASELOAD REQUIREMENT REMAINED 25

Conduct an internal program review

✓ REVIEW COMPLETED - MTW AGENCIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ANNUAL SEMAP REVIEW.

families served



transportation

The **Ozark Foothills Transportation Advisory Committee** (TAC) consists of 25 members who meet quarterly to identify, discuss and prioritize the region's transportation needs.

Prioritized needs are relayed to MoDOT for potential inclusion within the five-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which is updated annually.

GOALS	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Continue regional transportation planning program	✓ FY 2023 MODOT WORK PLAN SUBMITTED AND APPROVED FOR \$77,205. ⁸⁸
Maintain a full-time transportation planning coordinator	✓ FULL-TIME TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COORDINATOR MAINTAINED
Conduct quarterly TAC meetings	✓ FOUR TAC MEETINGS HELD
Solicit public input regarding regional transportation needs	✓ PUBLIC COMMENTS COLLECTED AT FIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS
Conduct regional project prioritization	✓ SUBMITTED A REGION-WIDE PRIORITIZATION OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS TO MODOT



Ozark Foothills Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
FY 2023 OVERALL PROJECT PRIORITIES

1. Highway 21 South at Briar Creek, bridge replacement (Ripley County)
2. Highway 67 from Highway 160 to state line, four lane (Butler County)
3. Highway 49, safety shoulders, widen box culverts (Wayne County)
4. Highway D, overlay and add shoulders (Carter County)
5. Highway C, overlay and add shoulders (Carter County)

staff

Agency Administration

Alan Lutes	Executive Director
Andrew Murphy	Assistant Director & Transportation Planning Coordinator
Camille Donnell	Fiscal Officer
Brooke Hinklin	Executive Secretary
Amy Baugus	Project Officer
Rachel Coleman	Project Officer
Amber Hornbeck	Project Officer
Raamin Burrell	Community Development Specialist
Felicity Ray	Planner
Lydia Keller	Disaster Recovery Coordinator
Hannah Barnett	Disaster Recovery Coordinator
Brian Rosener	Disaster Recovery Coordinator
Carolyn Meeks	Environmental Review Specialist

Rental Assistance & Family Self-Sufficiency

Niki Harp	Housing Coordinator
Shaquana Ferguson	FSS Coordinator
Ilene Ward	Housing Coordinator
Carolyn Meeks	SPC Coordinator

Recycling Center

Jamie Lansford	Recycling Supervisor
Davey Hicks	Recycling Technician
Kevin Allen	Recycling Technician



STAFF RETREAT June 29, 2023

Pictured, from left, (front) Camille Donnell, Raamin Burrell, (middle) Brian Rosener, Amy Baugus, Niki Harp, Amber Hornbeck, Brooke Hinklin, Alan Lutes, (back) Davey Hicks, Kevin Allen, Shaquana Ferguson, Andrew Murphy, Ilene Ward, Jamie Lansford and Rachel Coleman.

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