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## Wastewater Planning

New wastewater regulations requiring lower levels of ammonia in wastewater discharge have become a pressing issue for our local governments. Nearly all discharging entities (cities, subdivisions, mobile home parks, etc.) will be impacted by these new regulations. Communities with aeration wastewater treatment plants can typically meet ammonia limits; however, existing wastewater treatment systems that do not use aeration will likely need to be upgraded in order to meet these regulations. In particular, lagoon based treatment systems are at a high risk of failing to meet these new ammonia discharge limits.

When a community faces wastewater treatment issues, a successful outcome is often more dependent on the process the community follows to address the issue than it is on the wastewater treatment technologies available to them. The goal of the community leaders is to help determine a viable solution to the wastewater disposal problem in the community. To achieve this goal, there is the necessary process of planning, financing, and finally construction the wastewater improvements or system.

Mid-MO RPC is a resource to help your community work through a thoughtful process that can result in a viable solution. The steps in the process include an assessment, selecting a consultant/engineer, preliminary design, financing, construction, and maintaining capability. These steps occur whether the community is planning to build a new facility, upgrade an existing facility, or extend services to areas currently without sewer service.

### Steps:

**Assessment:** An evaluation of the current system including technical capability, financial ability, managerial ability, and regulatory requirements.

**Selecting a Consultant/Engineer:** One of the most important decisions in the project – the engineer will prepare a preliminary engineering report examining alternatives for a viable solution, prepare a cost estimate, assist with financing options, do final design drawings, and possibly provide construction inspection services once construction begins.

The selection should follow a Request for Qualifications process.

**Preliminary Design:** Includes the evaluation of wastewater technologies, a comparison of costs, and a recommended solution.

**Financing:** An evaluation of the cost of improvements and the community's ability to pay. Includes assessing the severity of need, current financial situation, ability to pay for new improvements, developing an estimate of the costs, both capital and operation and maintenance. User fees may include user fees, loans, grants, and possibly bonds.

**Construction and Maintaining Capability:** a commitment to managerial and financial support throughout the useful life of the system.

## Website Launched for Transportation Coordination Council

The Mid-Missouri Transportation Coordination Council (MMTCC) has launched their new website. This regional council is a

coordinated effort by transportation providers and human service agencies to work towards coordinating transportation planning in the Mid-MO RPC region. The MMTCC website ([www.midmotcc.org](http://www.midmotcc.org)) is a way for Mid-Missouri agencies and staff to find contact info, advertise regional projects and archive the planning effort.

The mission of the MMTCC is to: "Sustain a regional partnership for better community access through transportation coordination and mobility management".

The first year of this planning effort was funded through a grant awarded to Mid-MO RPC by the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council (MODDC). (continued on page 2)



## Website Launched for Transportation Coordination Council (continued from page 1)

The Mid-MO RPC staff is working alongside several regional stakeholders to identify needs, goals, and priorities in the region. The first year of the planning effort, Phase I, focused on stakeholder outreach, planning, and development of an implementation strategy. Phase II will consist of another grant application to the MODDC to use the knowledge gained from the planning phase to start an implementation project. Current implementation projects being considered range from education and advocacy to technology upgrades and training.

MMTCC holds meetings on a semi-monthly basis. Please contact Katrina Williams ([katrinawilliams@mmrpc.com](mailto:katrinawilliams@mmrpc.com)) or James Stowe ([stowejd@health.missouri.edu](mailto:stowejd@health.missouri.edu)) with any questions.

## FY14 State Homeland Security Grant Program Application Timeline

An application workshop will be held at 10:00 a.m. on July 15, prior to the Region F Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Cole County Fire Station #4 Training Room, 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City.

If you believe you have a project within the scope of Homeland Security funding, please feel free to attend the July 15th workshop or call the RPC and staff can assist you.

July 15	Application available on WebGrants
July 15	Regional application workshop
August 15	Application due in WebGrants
August 15-September 15	Applications scored review
September 15	Award/Compliance workshop

## Calendar of Events

### July 4, 2014 - RPC Office Closed - Fourth of July

#### Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) Meeting

July 15, 2014 – 1:30 p.m. Cole Co. Fire Station #4, 5206 Monticello Rd., Jefferson City.

#### Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC)

July 23, 2014 – 3:30 p.m. Southern Boone County Public Library, Ashland.

#### Regional Planning Commission

July 23, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. - location to be determined.

#### Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

August 12, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. - location to be determined.

#### Board of Directors Meeting

August 27, 2014 - Dinner at 5 p.m. Meeting at 5:30 p.m., 206 E Broadway, Ashland.

### September 1, 2014 - RPC Office Closed - Labor Day

#### Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC)

September 24, 2014 – 3:30 p.m. Southern Boone County Public Library, Ashland.

### October 13, 2014 - RPC Office Closed - Columbus Day

Remember....grant opportunities and regional activities can be found on our website at [www.mmrpc.org](http://www.mmrpc.org).

## Howard County Courthouse Preservation

Howard County has been awarded a Missouri Heritage Properties Program (Round 3) grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Grant monies will be used to repair and brace two large roof trusses and rebuild a second floor window arch of the Howard County Courthouse. These repairs were recommended by a 2010 structural study of the building funded by an earlier grant from the Heritage Properties Program (Round 2).

The structural report on the courthouse, while outlining the needed repairs, noted that "...building maintenance over the years has been good and this has contributed to the preservation of the structure." Total project cost for the current repairs is estimated at \$38,500; the grant will provide \$26,950 with the County adding \$11,550 in local match. Mid-Missouri RPC staff prepared the grant application on behalf of Howard County.

The Missouri Heritage Properties Program assists in the preservation of historic buildings in public or governmental ownership. The Howard County Courthouse, built in 1887, is on the National Register of Historic Places along with thirty-four other buildings in the Fayette Courthouse Square Historic District.

## New Broadband Initiative Focuses on Public Safety

The Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission will be hosting a series of meetings related to the First Responder Network Authority or FirstNet. FirstNet will be the first nationwide high-speed wireless broadband data network dedicated to public safety. It will enable faster, more informed decision making by providing mission-critical high-speed data services to supplement the voice capabilities of today's land mobile radio (LMR) networks.

The purpose of these meetings is to reach out to the public safety/first responder community and elicit feedback on how first responders might use the network and what capabilities the network should have in order to meet these needs.

All individuals with an interest in public safety and/or broadband expansion in the Mid-Missouri region are encouraged to attend. Meetings will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at Cole County Fire Station #4, 5206 Monticello Rd, Jefferson City. Meeting dates are **September 3, 2014, December 3, 2014, March 4, 2015 and June 3, 2015.**

Please RSVP by contacting David Bock or Lee Ann Jestis at [mmrpc@mmrpc.org](mailto:mmrpc@mmrpc.org) or 573-657-9779.



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