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Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission

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MMRPC Completes EDA Peer Evaluation/Site Visit

On Monday September 24, the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission hosted Jodi Duncan, Program Specialist of the Economic Development Administration; Tom Bliss, Executive Director of the MO-KAN Regional Planning Commission; and Brian Tapp, Executive Director of Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, as the trio conducted a site visit and peer evaluation of the MMRPC's

economic development program.

The evaluation included a review of MMRPC project and financial management systems, interviews with Board members Kenny Kunze, Pat Cunningham, Lowell Eaton, and Mike "Pee Wee" Forck, interviews with MMRPC staff, and a review of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Mid-Missouri Region.

The group also discussed regional economic conditions with Bernie Andrews, President/ REDI and Mary Paulsell, Director/ University Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and reviewed current and potential EDA projects in the area, including the Life Science Business Incubator at Monsanto Place on the University of Missouri campus, and the Garth-Sexton Mixed-Use Development Project in Columbia.

Missouri Heritage Properties Program

Governor Matt Blunt and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks/State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have made funds available for the Missouri Heritage Properties Program; the focus of this grant is the preservation of historic buildings in public, government ownership. Funding for this grant program comes from the Missouri State Historic Preservation Loan Fund (the Fund). The Fund was created under RSMo. 253.400 to 407.

The Missouri Heritage Properties Program has been created to address the historic resources of Missouri that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places or eligible properties that cannot utilize other funding opportunities

such as state and federal tax credits. The first round of funding will be for the preservation of county courthouses, depending on the success of this round, statewide need, and the availability of future funding the SHPO hopes to be able to open the funding to include "publicly owned buildings such as historic courthouses (Sturgeon Court of Common Pleas), city halls (Boonville City Hall), municipal auditoriums, and libraries (Fayette's Carnegie Library), etc." Eligible activities include Pre-construction planning and Construction activities.

The buildings must be on the National Register of Historic Places or have been previously determined eligible, listed individually or as a contributing element of a National

Register Historic District. All activities must meet the Secretary of Interior Standards for Historic Preservation.

The maximum amount of grant dollars that can be applied for/awarded is \$100,000.00 with a matching share of 30% in cash, in kind or both and **applications must be received by 5 p.m. November 30, 2007 to the Missouri SHPO.** Every county is encouraged to apply, it is important to establish the need for this kind of funding throughout Missouri. For more information or questions regarding the Missouri Heritage Properties Program go to www.dnr.mo.gov/shpo/HeritageGrants.htm or contact Colleen Vollman at (573) 657-9779.

Preparing for Census 2010

Through the month of September, the United States Census Bureau conducted training workshops around the state of Missouri in order to inform county and local governments about the upcoming 2010 census, the changes in the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program and changes that have occurred since the 2000 census.

Based on information received at the workshop the top official for each county and local government should have received a registration packet in the mail. If the registration packet was not received call the LUCA Line

at (866) 511-5822 to request the registration materials.

Upon registering, the county or city will receive a LUCA packet that contains the residential addresses (if requested) and geocodes (state, county, census tract, and census block). The information will be available in paper or computerized versions. If a community chooses to update information by computer the US Census Bureau will provide the computer software that allows the user to update address information. The maps will be available to update in computerized format for counties or local governments that have GIS

capabilities. Please note: If the county or local government has more than 6,000 addresses they will have to complete the address updates on the computerized version of LUCA but the maps can still be updated on the paper version. If resources are an issue the county or local government can designate another level of government or an agency such as a regional planning commission that can assist with the LUCA materials.

Registrations must be submitted by October 31, 2007, for more information go to www.census.gov and click on 2010 Census or call Colleen Vollman at (573) 657-9779.

Announcements

Outdoor Recreation Grants The Missouri Department of Natural Resources offers a grant program- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) available to cities, counties, and school districts to be used for recreation projects. Projects require a 55 percent match. The FY2008 grant application period is August 31 thru November 15, 2007. Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 15. For additional information contact MoDNR at 573.751.0848 or see www.mostateparks.com/grantinfo.htm

Mid Missouri Solid Waste District Grants MMSWD has announced that the Application and Guidance Document for the FY-2008 District Grant cycle is now available. Large grant application deadline is 11/16/07 (preliminary) and 01/04/08 (final). Small grant (up to \$5,000) deadlines are 9/28/07, 1/04/08, and 3/28/08. To receive a packet or for additional information contact Cindy Jolly, District Coordinator at 573.874.7574 or e-mail crj@GoColumbiaMo.com or visit the MMSWMD web site at www.mmswmd.org.

MMRPC Annual Dinner — Wednesday, November 28, 2007
American Legion Hall, Ashland, Missouri

Calendar

October 8-Columbus Day-MMRPC closed.

October 9-MMRPC Economic Development Advisory Council-10:00 am. Meeting will be held at the Columbia Regional Airport. Contact the MMRPC at 573.657.9779 or www.mmrpc.org.

October 16-Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC). 1:30pm. Meeting to be held at Cole County Fire Station #4. 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City. Contact the MMRPC for more information.

October 24-MMRPC Board of Directors. 5:00pm. MMRPC Office. For details contact the MMRPC at 573.657.9779 or see www.mmrpc.org.

Conferences and Events

October 21 - 22: Missouri Community Betterment Conference Conference will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Presentation titles include: Youth Empowerment Program, Community Projects Using Creative Financing, Show Me the Resources, Valuable Living, and Searching for Seeds. Information is available at www.mocommunitybetterment.com/2007registration.pdf.

November 7- 9: Missouri Chapter American Planning Association Conference.-St. Louis. - The Missouri State Chapter of the American Planning Association will hold its statewide annual planning conference November 7-9 at the Cervantes Convention Center at America's Center, St. Louis. The conference, Reality Planning: Performance in the

Public Interest, will feature four tracks: Survivor: Lessons from the Trenches; America's Next Top Model: What's Working in Rural Communities, Cities and In-between; Dancing with the Stars: Lessons in Collaboration; Home Improvement: The Planners' Toolbox. Session topics include integrating growth with environmental and historic preservation, redevelopment projects, rural planning issues, transportation projects and the relationship between planning and related professions. Two pre-conference in-depth training workshops and mobile workshops round out the program. Hotel accommodations are available at The Roberts Mayfair - A Wyndham Historic Hotel, 806 Saint Charles Street, St. Louis (314) 421-2500; www.wyndhammayfair.com. Go to

www.mo-apa.org for additional information and to register.

November 8. Missouri Water and Waste Conference-Columbia. Includes updates by representatives of USDA Rural Development, MoDNR, MODED, on water and waste issues impacting Missouri communities. Contact Nonie Dudley, USDA, at 573.876.9324 or nonie.dudley@mo.usda.gov.

November 13-14: Hawthorne Institute-Advanced Grantmanship-Jefferson City. Training opportunity exploring the best practices for application and administration of grants. Space is limited. For additional info contact the Hawthorn Institute at 573.659.9066 or e-mail staff@1hawthorn.com.

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