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Permanent HHW site scheduled to open spring 2017

What is a permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Site?

A local collection site where residents can drop off HHW including: 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, fluorescent tubes, mercury, antifreeze, oil base paint, varnish, etc.

The site will provide a convenient location for safe storage and disposal that is available more than just one day per year.

What is the purpose of a permanent HHW Collection Site?

To replace the costly annual HHW Collection events by providing a place that is permanent and easy to access from the region for residents to drop-off HHW.

To educate our residents about the dangers of contamination of our soils and waterways by improper and careless disposal of common household chemicals.

Where will the new site be located?

Nodaway County, through a grant from the Solid Waste Management District, will be opening a site at the Nodaway County Maintenance Barn.

When will the new collection be open?

A date has not been set yet, but the project is scheduled to begin this summer. Watch for notice of the opening of the drop-off site next spring.

Who will be eligible to use the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site?

The Regional Permanent HHW Collection Site will serve the residents of Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth Counties. No business or commercial waste accepted.



Council to apply for funds for youth WorkKeys testing

The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments is leading an effort to get Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth counties certified as Work Ready communities. In December 2015, under the guidance of elected officials, economic and workforce developers, chambers, business and education representatives, the Regional Council

submitted a regional application to the Missouri State Workforce Development Board. On January 14, 2016, the counties were recognized as Work Ready Communities in Progress.

To achieve the designation as a Certified Work

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WorkKeys funds available to test youth in five counties

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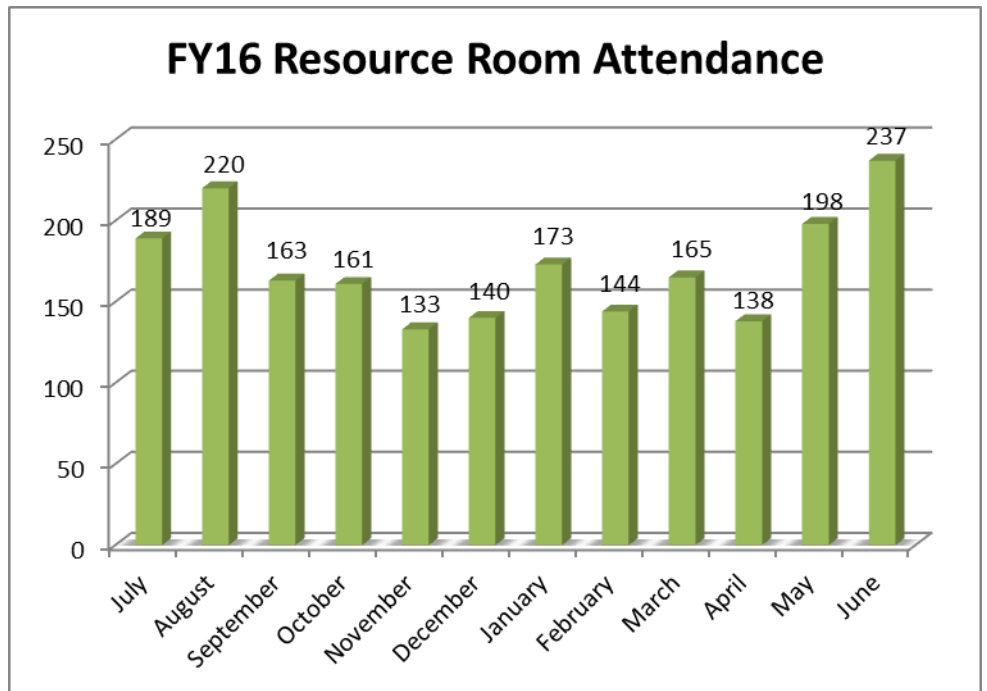
Ready Community, counties must individually reach goals related to employer engagement and testing. Each county is working with the Regional Council to achieve their goals. During the application process, the committee had to identify barriers to achieve the designation. The barrier identified was the lack of current funding streams in the region to assist with the testing of high school students to help students obtain their National Career Readiness Certificate and to reach each county's goals.

"Last year we were able to identify and received funds from the Division of Workforce Development's Certified

Work Ready Communities grant to pay the fees related to testing high school students. We were able to test over 110 students in the Spring using this funding source. We are hoping to obtain funding again this year to complete our testing goals for the Emerging Workforce (high school students)," says Kim Mildward,

Functional Leader of the Missouri Job Center office in Maryville.

School districts in the five-county, area who are interested in participating in the initiative, can contact Kim Mildward at kim@nwmorcog.org or (660) 582-8980.



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Holt and Worth county hazard mitigation planning meetings scheduled

Currently the Regional Council is working on Hazard Mitigation Plan updates for the counties of Holt and Worth. The plans were originally written in 2005, updated in 2011 and now will be updated in 2016.

Currently all of the public meetings are set for both counties and the plan is in full swing. Each jurisdiction (town/school) within the county has received a Memorandum of Understanding stating that they will participate in the update. They received a worksheet requesting

information about mitigation actions they already have in place.

The public meetings for both counties will be held over the next three months, and elected officials, businesses, and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Holt County

- Monday, August 15, 6 p.m.: Mound City City Hall
- Tuesday, September 20, 6 p.m. UM Extension Building, Oregon

- Thursday, October 13, 6 p.m.: Maitland City Hall

Worth County

- Monday, August 8, 6 p.m. Fair Grounds Building, Grant City
- Tuesday, September 13, 6 p.m. Sheridan City Hall
- Tuesday, October 4, 6 p.m.: Allendale Community Building

For more information, contact Jackie Spainhower at jackie@nwmorcog.org.

Solid Waste District to release second call for grant projects

The Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District has grant funds available from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to distribute to both public and private entities throughout Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties. The grant projects are intended to reduce the amount of waste entering the local waste stream and facilitate recycling. Some examples of projects include the purchase of wood chippers, aluminum and cardboard balers, forklifts,

and recycling bins. District Grant funds have also been used for electronic and household hazardous waste collections, outdoor classrooms, recycling education and recycling business expansion. Those individuals or entities interested in applying for funds for a waste reduction or recycling project may contact Linda Laderoute at (660) 582-5121 or e-mail linda@nwmorcog.org for more information. Application may also be found online at www.nwmorcog.org.

Applications must be received by Monday, October 3, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Please deliver or mail original and seven copies of the completed application to: Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District, Region A 114 West Third St., Maryville, MO 64468



FY'17 Solid Waste District grants awarded

Two sub-grants were approved to receive FY'17 Solid Waste District grant funding. The two grants are:

- **A2017-003 - \$15,340, Regional Permanent HHW Collection Site**
Nodaway County will open a local Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site (See Page 1 for more

information.)

- **A2017-004 – \$446.35, You are the Difference-Recycle!**
Collection bins to be placed in five Maryville schools to recycle plastic bottles by the Technical School Honor Society

\$54,080.13 remains in the Solid Waste Community Grant Fund for FY'17; therefore, a second grant call will be held to make the funds available to the community for recycling and waste diversion projects. (See information above.)

Household Hazardous Waste collections held spring 2016

Holt and Nodaway counties sponsored Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections in April. The Holt County collection, held in Oregon, on April 2, 2016, had nine participants from seven different communities. The Nodaway County collection held on April 9, 2016, in Maryville, had a total of 73 participants including 17 from a satellite collection held in Albany and brought to Maryville for disposal. The collections were free this year and the participation from 2015 was doubled to a total of 82 residents.



Recycling education program well attended

A total of 344, 3rd and 4th graders and their teachers attended the Solid Waste Management District's education program, *Recycling is in the Bag!* Six schools from the region participated: Eugene Field, Craig, St. Gregory, Virginia E. George, Jefferson and West Nodaway. Stan Slaughter was the performer/educator. To continue the environmental message, the students

toured the Missouri State Arboretum, guided by Arboretum Staff, as they walked between the Performing Arts Center and the Pellet Plant. This is where Northwest Missouri State University operates the machinery to make pellets for the boilers out of recycled paper, cardboard and scrap wood products. The Pellet Plant site is also the location of the

recycling operations for the campus and the food composting program.



Status of active grants

CDBG GRANTS	STATUS
Albany	Design Phase
Nodaway County Emergency Water	Construct to begin August 1
Stanberry Wastewater Treatment Facility	Design Phase
Sheridan—Water Distribution Improvements	Design Phase
Big Lake Dredging & Drainage Improvements	Under Construction
NAP TAX CREDIT	STATUS
Lettuce Dream	100% of Credits Sold-Construction of Green Houses in Spring '16

Joint Northwest TAC training held at MoDOT in June

The annual meeting of the Joint Transportation Advisory Committees (TAC) was held at the MoDOT Northwest District Office in St. Joseph on June 3, 2016.

The day-long training brought together TAC members from Northwest Regional Council, Mo-Kan Regional Planning Commission and the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, hosting a variety of speakers from MoDOT Central Office and the St. Joseph District Office.

The key note speaker was Machel

Watkins, MoDOT Transportation Planning Director. Ms. Watkins spoke about asset management and the most recent round of funding from the federal government, the FAST Act. Other speakers included Shannon Kusilek, NW District Planner, who spoke about the Transportation Alternatives Program, and Mike Rinehart, NW District Area Engineer, provided an overview of the Northwest area including bridges and other aspects of transportation. The day was ended with a quick update from representatives of the

Federal Legislature who briefly touched on the FAST act. Over 50 people were in attendance for another successful Joint TAC Training.



Blueprint for Roadway Safety grant funds, applications now available

Annual grant funds to improve safety on Northwest Missouri roads are now available for regional transportation safety programs from the Northwest Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. This is the seventh year the funds have been available for interested applicants as part of the Coalition's effort to reduce injuries and fatalities on roadways in Northwest Missouri's 20 counties.

"We're working towards zero fatalities on Northwest Missouri roadways," says Marcia Johnson, chair of the coalition's Northwest Region. "We've made great strides in that department, but we have a long way to go. By funding projects at some of the great agencies and organizations around our region, we're

able to help them complete traffic safety programs that may otherwise have to be shelved due to lack of funding."

Organizations eligible to apply for these funds include schools, community groups, law enforcement, health departments, and others. Online grant applications are available at <http://savemolives.com/regions-connect/northwest>. Completed applications are due by the close of business on Friday, September 16, 2016, with award announcements following soon thereafter. All awarded funds must be spent by June 15, 2017.

To be eligible for the grants, programs must address at least one of the

Blueprint-identified emphasis areas including serious crash types, high-risk drivers and occupants, special vehicles, vulnerable roadway users, and special roadway environments. The more widespread the impact the program has, and the longer it lasts, the better chance it has to receive some of the limited funds. Further information on these emphasis areas is available in the Blueprint for Safer Roadways available for download at www.savemolives.com.





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On-site wastewater funds available

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has recently provided revolving loan funds to assist homeowners with improvements or replacement of their on-site wastewater treatment systems in Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth counties. These funds are eligible based on income and may fund up to 50% of the project costs through grant or loan proceeds. For more information, contact the Regional Council at (660) 582-5121.

Important dates

- Aug 8 Worth Co. Hazard Mitigation Meeting, Fair Grounds in Grant City, 6 p.m.
- Aug 9 TAC Meeting, Regional Council, 6 p.m.
- Aug 11 Great NW Wholesale Water Commission, Cameron City Hall, 2 p.m.
- Aug 15 Holt Co. Hazard Mitigation Meeting, Mound City City Hall, 6 p.m.
- Sep 5 Labor Day, Regional Council and Job Center Closed
- Sep 8 Great NW Wholesale Water Commission, Cameron City Hall, 2 p.m.
- Sep 13 Worth Co. Hazard Mitigation Meeting, Sheridan City Hall, 6 p.m.
- Sep 14 Solid Waste Executive Meeting, Regional Council, 5:30 p.m.
- Sep 20 Holt Co. Hazard Mitigation Meeting, Oregon City Hall, 6 p.m.
- Sep 22 Regional Council Annual Dinner, Countryside Bistro, 6 p.m.
- Oct 4 Worth Co. Hazard Mitigation Meeting, Allendale Community Center, 6 p.m.
- Oct 10 Columbus Day, Regional Council and Job Center Closed
- Oct 12 Solid Waste Executive Meeting, Regional Council, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 13 Great NW Wholesale Water Commission, Cameron City Hall, 2 p.m.
- Oct 13 Holt County, Maitland, Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting, 6 p.m.



RCOG staff annual road trip

The Regional Council Staff Retreat this year was a road trip tour of Atchison County. It was a fun filled day visiting our Atchison County communities and stopping to tour, shop, and eat. Here is a brief outline of the day's activities:

1. Tarkio College: Tour of Rankin Hall – renovation, restoration, reclamation
2. Hurst Greenery – Westboro's claim to fame in entrepreneurship; plant shopping
3. KJ's Diner in Westboro – great food with local flair
4. Atchison County Memorial Building and Walk of Honor – impressive display, community spirit, much-needed gathering space
5. I-29 Welcome Center – a few new contacts for RCOG; playground; points-of-interest brochures
6. Fairfax – tasty Dairy Diner fare

The results of our day was a RCOG fact-finding mission that taught us all about Atchison County. Our presence in Atchison County showed our neighbors that the Regional Council employees care about what activities are going on in our region and that we are looking for ways to support the needs of Atchison County communities. It was a fun, insightful day!