

ISSUE 5

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING UPDATES

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Hazard Mitigation Plans are critical documents that assist jurisdictions in preparation for disasters and/or funds for disaster recovery.

In 2011 Appanoose, Lucas, and Monroe counties received federal grant funding to assist with the preparation of county-wide Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plans. The plans allow each county to evaluate what hazards could potentially happen in the region, how the county could be better prepared and what steps could be taken.

Developing the initial plan was a lengthy process that could reap great rewards. The intent of the plan is to be a useful guide that will give communities direction to disaster prevention, preparedness, and safety.

When the plans were federally approved, the participating

cities and counties became eligible for grant funding to accomplish the outlined goals and strategies.

Example of one community who benefitted is Centerville with new early storm warning sirens.

Five year updates to the plan are required and it is now time to begin the updating process for each of these documents. It is critical that each city, school or identified entity participate in this process to be eligible for grant money or disaster recovery funds.

Meetings and work will begin late summer through the local LEPC meetings and public meetings to identify those concerns and new disaster events. Draft documents will be completed by the end of 2015 for each county to review and approve.

Tentative LEPC dates are:

September

9/5 Appanoose County

9/9 Lucas County

9/16 Monroe County

October

10/3 Appanoose County

10/14 Lucas County

10/21 Monroe County

10/29 Regional Mtg @ ADLM

November

11/7 Appanoose County

11/18 Lucas County

11/18 Monroe County

Contact ADLM @ 724-3223 with questions

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CDBG Water/Sewer Applications are due in **November**
- CDBG Housing Applications are due in **December**
- CDBG Community Facilities Applications are due in **January**

Other grant opportunities can be distributed to communities in a separate mailing.

Please contact CVPD soon for assistance to apply.

PASSENGER TRANSIT PLANNING

One of the five planning elements that Iowa DOT requires from local planning agencies is the Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP). It is designed to promote joint coordinated passenger transportation planning programs that further the development of the local and regional public transportation systems. Public transportation systems in Iowa include the 35 public transit systems PLUS a wide array of human service and private transportation providers.

CVPD is the program administrator for transportation funds in the RPA 17 region. In April & May, two PTP public meetings were held to discuss transit needs of

the area. The combined attendance total was about 20 people.

Topics and issues discussed included:

*The need for transportation of individuals back home when they are released from local hospitals.

*The challenge of getting transportation to medical appointments but providing the required 72hr notice for the broker.

*Concerns of availability of transportation during times that are committed to preschool rides.

*Discussion of the affordability to Title 19 residents that need service.

*All local Senior Centers are responsible for making their own transportation appointments.

*The Affordable Healthcare act made the management of both transit agencies more difficult.

*The number of buses & drivers available per county was discussed.

Future discussions with transit agencies will be held to continue with updates.

Future meetings with the 10-15 Transit and Southern Iowa Trolley directors are planned to keep information updated.

ALLERTON & SEYMOUR FINISHING HOUSING REHABILITATION



Before



After

The cities of Allerton and Seymour were each awarded \$239,994 in 2013 from IEDA. The housing grant funding allowed for the rehabilitation of 6 Owner Occupied homes in each community. Those homes were inspected and needs were identified to ensure the chosen low to moderate income families and individuals will live in quality housing that meets Iowa's Minimum Housing Safety Standards.

This exciting process offers homeowners energy efficient windows, insulation, new roofs, siding and numerous other improvements to their residence. The program strives to improve the efficiency of the structure to help residents lower their energy bills and create more affordable and safe living.

Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments Housing division is committed to providing safe and stable homes for residents of Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe and Wayne counties. CVPD works with communities to apply for and administer Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) offered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the State of Iowa (IEDA). CDBG funds are partnered with local funds to promote general economic prosperity with local contractors and improved welfare to local residents.

Other participating funding sources may include USDA Rural Development, Wayne County Housing Trust and Chariton Valley Regional

Housing Trust Fund.

If your community has an interest to participate in the program, residents need to contact their local city councils to express their needs and communities should contact Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments to learn more about the application process.

TRANSPORTATION DAY AT THE CAPITOL

A coalition of groups supporting better roads in Iowa met for a "Transportation Day" at the Iowa Capitol on Jan. 29, 2014 to lobby for increased road funding that could include a hike in the state's gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.

While the group did not advocate for a single method of raising the needed revenue, there was an emphasis on increasing the "fuel user fee" (which is another term for gasoline and diesel fuel taxes) as the smartest, fairest, and easiest solution, organizers said. DOT officials say the state faces a \$215 million annual shortfall for the most critical needs on the state's road systems, and a 10-cent increase in the motor fuel tax would generate about \$230 million

annually. The current Iowa user fee was established in 1989. The condition of the rural roadways in RPA 17 have continually deteriorated during this time and an obvious need of more funding has arose.

RPA 17 representatives who participated included: Tom Andersen (Clarke County), Nichole Moore (CVPD), Julie Pribyl (CVPD), Denny Ryan (Monroe County), David Grove (Davis County), Jeremiah Selby (Monroe County) & John Goode (Monroe County).

Participated but not pictured: Dean Kaster (Appanoose County), Neal Smith (Appanoose County) and Jody McDanel (Appanoose County)



Pictured are representatives from RPA 17 with Sen. Mark Chelgren & Representative Ken Rosenboom.

INCREASING NEED FOR SEWER REHABILITATION

When communities were established in southern Iowa the best available resource for sewer systems was vitrified clay tile. This product served the residents well for many decades but now the integrity of the lines has diminished. Most have become brittle, thus, causing communities to deal with collapsing lines and I & I (inflow & infiltration) concerns.

Funding is available through USDA Rural Development, SRF, and the CDBG program to assist communities in developing and maintaining their public facilities and/or general community infrastructure.

The CDBG application process is an annual competitive grant pro-

gram that has applications due in November. IEDA has categories that assist cities and/or counties with sanitary sewer system improvements, water system improvements, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storm sewer projects related to sanitary sewer system improvements and rural water connections.

Currently, three communities in our region are utilizing CDBG grant funds to assist with the rehabilitation or replacement of this critical service infrastructure.

Community Development Block Grant Summary:

Availability of Funds: Annual applications due in November with funding decisions announced in March/April of the next year.

Eligibility: Communities with populations between 1,000 and 2,500 could receive up to \$500,000. Communities with populations between 2,500 and 15,000 could receive up to \$600,000

CVPD can assist with preparing the grant application and the administration if awarded.

Current sewer projects include Moulton and Seymour. A new contract for a grant application has been signed with Allerton.

How to Apply: Any potential community interested in this program should call CVPD @ 641-437-4359.

CVPD WORKING WITH COUNTY & COMMUNITIES EVENTS: OVER THE PAST 6 MONTHS

Appanoose County

Assisted the City of Cincinnati with the acquisition of new community center/city hall; Met with Pathfinders RC&D about the enhancement of Historic Hills Scenic Byway; Administration of Moulton Sewer grant; Implemented contract with county for Hazard Mitigation Planning; Centerville Safe Routes to School has local funding support by CVTPA; Ongoing administration of APNC railroad rehab; Hosted 2 Legislative Coffee with Legislators; ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers & transit providers.

Lucas County

Support service to the City of Chariton Trails Committee & CVTPA awarded funding; Hosted 2 Legislative Coffee with Legislators; ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; met with the City of Chariton's Administrator about better partnership and Implemented contract with county for Hazard Mitigation Planning.

Monroe County

Support service to the Albia Area Improvement Association for the expansion of local trails in Albia for CVTPA funding; contract with the county for grant writing to fund new communication tower; Prepared an Emergency Plan for City of Lovilia; Hosted 2 Legislative Coffee with Legislators; ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers, & transit providers; and beginning Hazard Mitigation Plan update discussions.

Wayne County

Administering current CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grants in Allerton & Seymour; Administering current CDBG Sewer improvement grant in Seymour; Contract signed with Allerton to prepare a CDBG sewer grant application; working with City of Seymour for potential funding opportunities to construct a new fire station; Hosted 2 Legislative Coffee with Legislators; and ongoing transportation administration to county, county engineers & transit providers.



Legislative Coffee hosted by CVPD

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING & PLANNING FOR RPA 17

CVPD SERVES AS THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNER FOR APPANOOSE, CLARKE, DAVIS, DECATUR, LUCAS, MONROE AND WAYNE COUNTIES ALONG WITH 10-15 TRANSIT, SOUTHERN IOWA TROLLEY AND CITY OF CENTERVILLE.

As part of the transportation planning elements, CVPD prepares a Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which includes four (4) years of roadway, street and bridge improvement programs, the urban transit capital and operating programs, the transportation alternative program funding and information on other federal funding programs. It provides details on all significant transportation projects in the area that are receiving federal aid, including costs, aid received and the stage of completion.

The region's roadway and bridge projects are programmed into the TIP in an attempt to be fiscally constraint. The estimated targets of available federal funds over the four (4) years reflect on increase of 4% in future years for those needs. Each county engineer is responsible for estimating each year for expended costs of their roadways and bridges projects. Transit directors are asked to estimate vehicle program costs and project a 3% increase for future years.

Once the local TAC & Policy Boards have reviewed and approved this process a local TIP is submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation where the information becomes part of the overall Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is then submitted to FHWA/FTA to be approved and finalize federal funding.

Fiscal years 2015-2018 CVTPA programmed an estimated \$ 30,870,600 in federal funding for roadways, bridges, transportation alternatives, transit projects and planning needs. The CVTPA board held a public hearing on July 2, 2014 to approve and submit the TIP to the Iowa Department of Transportation for inclusion into the STIP.

The final RPA 17/CVTPA FY15-18 TIP can be found at: www.charitonvalleyplanning.com



Pictures are of projects throughout the CVTPA region.



CVTPA TAP APPLICATIONS

Iowa DOT distributes Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds to local transportation planning regions throughout Iowa. Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation (CVTPA), which is administered by CVPD, has deemed that eligible projects include Safe Routes to Schools, Trails, bicycle trails, environmental, and scenic & historic projects.

Applications will be due to Chariton Valley Planning & Development by **November 15, 2014**. The CVTPA TAP committee will then review and score all applications received. The announcement of grant funds awarded will occur near the end of March and actual funds will be distributed in the next fiscal year.

Visit: www.charitonvalleyplanning.com to download the application.

Previously funded projects include recreational trails in Albia, Chariton, & Centerville, historical depot restoration in Osceola and Leon, and a Safe Routes to School in Centerville. Entities that have potential projects in Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, or Wayne counties need to contact CVPD.



UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Small Town Sign Replacement Program through Iowa DOT is ongoing.
- ◆ Communities need to contact Emergency Management Coordinators about possible FEMA grants.
- ◆ Monroe County Endowment Fund applications are due in the fall.
- ◆ Contractor Lead certification classes can be provided by CVPD, please contact the office.
- ◆ CDBG Housing & Sewer grant applications are due at the end of the year, however the process needs to begin this summer. Begin the process now by contacting CVPD to get on the calendar!!
- ◆ REAP grants to improve parks & recreation facilities due in August.
- ◆ Alliant Energy Foundation for non-capital projects are due in September.
- ◆ Transportation Alternative Program accepts applications in November for projects such as trails, scenic byway, Safe Routes to School, etc.
- ◆ CITR fund grants in October for advertising of local tourism & promotion of Iowa tourism.
- ◆ Any additional projects you are interested in, please contact CVPD for funding research.

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*Thank you for your interest in our
organization and our projects. Hope everyone
has a Safe & Fun Summer!!!*

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Fat Baggers, Inc.—Custom Motorcycle Company from Chariton Wins State Award

Fat Baggers, Inc. (FBI) was named the 2014 Vision Iowa Business of the Year. The Vision Awards are created to honor entrepreneurship in a 10-county region served by Indian Hills Community College. To be considered for this award an individual or business must have received a nomination from the public. Fat Baggers, Inc. is owned by Gary and Amy Chipp and are celebrating their 10th Anniversary in 2014. F.B.I. has a full manufacture facility marketing many customized parts and accessories for FLH Harley Davidsons. According to the Iowa Economic Development Authority there have been 38 jobs created at this facility. Congratulations to Fat Baggers, Inc. and all their staff on a job well done.