

- **CVPD Board of Director's Meetings** are generally the 3rd week of each month.
- **Next issue: August 2012**
- **Development of Technical Board for CVPD**

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# Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council

## Appanoose Co. Comm. Railroad – Receives \$500,000 in EDA Federal Funding for \$1 million rehabilitation project

APNC, also known as Appanoose County Community Railroad, based in Centerville, used LOST tax receipts Centerville residents redirected to them in 2009 to replace bridge No. 10 in Albia, the cost to replace the bridge was estimated at \$362,601. APNC received a 50/50 matching grant from the Economic Development Administration, which makes APNC's share to replace the bridge \$181,300. Osrose Railroad Services Inc., based in Madison, Wis., was hired to replace the bridge. The construction was completed in the Fall of 2011.

APNC owns and operates 34.5 miles of rail line that starts approximately one to two miles northwest of Moulton in Appanoose County and ends in Albia in Monroe County. Ray Cummins, president of the APNC board, said the replacement of bridge No. 10 is vital to the railroad's operation and the board thanks the community for its continued support.

Heather Clark, APNC office manager, said LOST money has also been used to replace approximately 10 miles of wooden-cross ties and rock on the rail. LA Colo, of Geneseo, IL

was awarded the \$464,122. project.



Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council assisted this project with the administration of funds, as well as state & federal regulations in this process.

## Community Development Block Grants

Through the Iowa Economic Development Authority the Community Development Block Grants are designed to assist communities with Community Facilities and Services, Housing Needs, and Public Facilities.

Grant funding is available to support the communities sustainability in maintaining the existing infrastructure and assist with new development in areas such as day care facilities, senior centers, as well as stormwater projects. Primarily benefiting the low-moderate income persons. Applications are usually due in January with award decision in March. Eligible applicants are the local city or county entities. Communities with population of less than 1,000 may receive up to \$300,000, those between 1,000 and 2,500 may receive up to \$500,000, and those over 2,500 to 15,000 may receive up to \$600,000. Anyone larger may receive up to \$800,000. For communities less than 300, limits

are \$1,000 per capita.

Through the State's annual CDBG allocation from HUD competitive housing applications can be submitted for owner-occupied rehabilitation for low to moderate income households. The assistance to single-family homeowners are able to rehabilitate those homes to bring them up to the Minimum Housing Rehabilitation Standards. Applications from the community sponsored area are usually due in December with award decision in March.

The maximum per unit for rehabilitation is \$37,500 which includes hard costs of rehab work, technical services, including lead hazard reduction and temporary relocation. Hard costs are limited to \$24,999 for construction.

Sustainable communities view their water resources as a valuable natural resource. Communities may apply for water/sewer funding through a com-

petitive process through the CDBG program. Assisted activities include sanitary sewer system improvements, water system improvements, water and wastewater treatment facilities, storm sewer projects that are related to sanitary sewer system improvements and rural water connections.

Applications are usually due in November and award decision announced in March.

Eligible applicants compete with every other city and county eligible for funding. Communities with populations less than 1,000 may receive up to \$300,000, 1,000 to 2,500 may receive up to \$500,000, and those with populations between 2,500 to 15,000 up to \$600,000, greater than 15,000 up to \$800,000. Less than 300 population are limited to \$1,000 per capita.

Those communities that would like to apply for any CDBG grant, only need to contact our office at 641-437-4359 and request a meeting to discuss the project.

## Hazard Mitigation Plans



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Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe and Wayne counties have all 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 better be prepared and what steps could be taken. This is a lengthy process the committee participants work through to create an inclusive document. It is intended to be

a useful guide that will give communities direction to disaster prevention, preparedness, and safety.

The plans are overseen by Iowa's Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

When the plans are federally approved the participating cities and county may be eligible for grant funding to accomplish the outlined goals and strategies.

A recent example is the Mystic

Property Acquisition and demolition of flooded structures. Mystic possess a single jurisdiction plan that allowed them to apply for state and federal funds to purchase and demolish destroyed homes in the floodplain of the city.

Monroe County plan was approved by FEMA in September 2011. Appanoose and Lucas county grants were approved in December 2011 and January 2012. Wayne County will have an approved plan in 2012.



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## CVPD Housing Rehabilitation Program

Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council recently added a new program to its list of services. The Housing Rehabilitation Program was created to assist communities with the struggles of an aging housing stock. Rehabilitation grants are offered by HUD and Iowa Economic Development Authority. Communities demonstrate their needs through a

competitive application process. The grant monies assist owners in bringing their property up to meeting the Iowa Home Safety Standards. This is an income qualifying program that can provide rehabilitations for roofs, siding, foundation repair, lead reduction, windows, etc.

CVPD wrote and are assisting the City of Seymour that re-

cently receive a housing grant to rehabilitate six homes in 2011.

Grant administration is also now being provided to the City of Chariton and the City of Russell for an existing Housing Rehab grant. CVPD is diligently working with the cities and residents to closeout the completed project.



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## Iowan's Helping Iowan's

The summer of 2010 left the area recovering for several different disastrous situations. Residents of Appanoose, Lucas, and Monroe Counties were able to apply for financial assistance from FEMA and a state program entitled "Iowan's Helping Iowan's".

Chariton Valley Planning & Development has dispersed approximately \$60,000 to multiple residents throughout the region. This has allowed home owners to continue their recovery and insure their home is a safe structure.

The funding is awarded as a 5 year forgivable loan to qualified home owners. Should the home be sold the remaining balance of the loaned money will be due at that time.

# Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation

Chariton Valley Planning and Development Council administers programs for the Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation (CVTPA). Critical elements include the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP), the Public Involvement Plan (PIP), Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Passenger Transit Plan (PTP) and General Administration. All of the documents are developed through the cooperation of city and county governments in the counties of Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne Counties as well as City of Centerville, 10-15 Transit and Southern Iowa Trolley, known as the CVTPA Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) 17. Economic development organizations, special interest groups, the 2 transit agencies as

well as the general public were also consulted through a public participation process in compliance with the SAFETEA-LU to adopt each document.

The TIP outlines projects supported and sponsored federal aid as well as those recommended by RPA 17. Projects included in the program include multimodal and transit planning activities, federal aid bridge and highway projects, Transportation Enhancement projects, and transit capital improvements as sponsored directly by the RPA 17 or funded by federal dollars. Funding sources for the program activities include Federal Transit 5311 funding, Surface Transportation Program (STP) dollars, bridge replacement and rehabilitation funds, Transportation Enhancement monies, and State Planning and Research (SPR) resources.

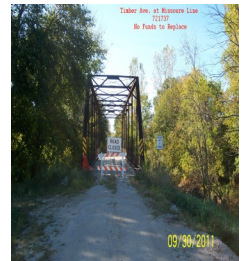
Activities included in the TPWP represent the commitment to develop, monitor, maintain, and to complete the work elements contained the each work program for the upcoming fiscal year. A program to identify and direct the RPA's transportation planning activities is completed annually.

LRTP is the transportation planning process intended to be comprehensive, collaborative and continuing. The RPA has determined that a multi-modal plan and specific modal plans will be providing a comprehensive plan for the region.

PIP outlines RPA 17's commitment to implement a viable, active, and productive public involvement process for transportation planning input and product development activities. Updated in 2011 the previous PIP plan last updated in 1999.

PTP includes the preparation and development of passenger transit plan (PTP) with the support of transit planning agencies.

Members of the CVTPA Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and Transit Advisory subcommittee contributed to elements of each document, which in turn was submitted and reviewed with the Technical Advisory Committee and approved by the Policy Board. General information was distributed to the public. All meetings were open to the public.



*There are hundreds of bridges in the CVTPA region that need of repair or replacement. At the current rate of funding, this replacement process will take decades and will not be complete before many of the bridges become deficient or deteriorated beyond repair.*



## New Director Excited about New Opportunities

The planning and development organization represents continued and consistent growth by the council of governments to support the technical needs of city and county governments in Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe and Wayne counties in southern Iowa.

Moore, a native of Appanoose County, was promoted by the CVP&D board of directors for her strong work ethic, outstanding program support and dedication to the region. Nichole, along with her husband Jeff, also a native of Appanoose County, continue to raise their two

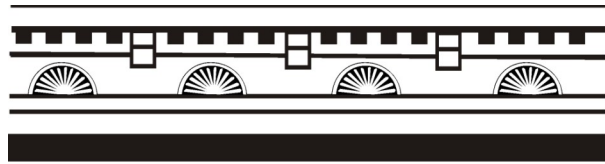
daughters, Kelsey and Kaitlyn, with those family values.

"I am very excited about the new position and look forward to continuing the work in our communities," Moore says. "Since taking over my position, our organization has added Housing Rehabilitation to our services and we helped establish the new Chariton Valley Regional Housing Trust for the region." In addition to the housing areas, CVP&D also provides community grant writing assistance, program administration, regional transportation planning assistance, and regional planning and devel-

opment for hazard mitigation. Prior to the promotion Moore worked for CVP&D as a program support specialist where she gained valuable research and communication experience. "The unique combination of experience, intelligence, personality, and dedication is what we look for in our director," Dean Kaster explains. "We believe that Nichole will promote growth, reliability and help move forward our council of governments within our communities."



**Nichole L. Moore**  
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*Watch for a new enhanced website  
at*

*[www.charitonvalleyplanning.com](http://www.charitonvalleyplanning.com)*

## Recent CVPD Activities

Chariton Valley Planning & Development hosted an open house in June 2011 and were welcomed by several chamber members! The new location is on the west side of the historic Centerville square at 308 North 12th Street. Please feel free to stop by and see us at the newly renovated office!

CVPD staff are working with Iowa Homeland Security and FEMA to close out the City of Mystic Acquisition and Demolition Project. This grant was funded by those sources and a CDBG grant from IDEED.

Those funds allowed the community to purchase and demolish severely flood damaged homes within the city limits.

The staff of Chariton Valley Planning & Development have assisted three communities in preparing sanitary sewer grant applications for Community Development Block Funds. The competitive applications were submitted on November 2nd and the announcements of the awards will be in March/April 2012.

Additional grant applications are being prepared for the City of Moravia to apply for Housing Rehabilitation funds.

It is also the time of year that the CVTPA Long Range Transportation Plan must be approved to assist our region with the projections of future needs related to highways, bridges, aviation, rail, trails, and transit.