
City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

April 18, 2014, Edition No. 124

WEEKLY UPDATE:

1. Blue Zones: Please see the following link for the press release from Healthways that was recently published in the Wall Street Journal regarding our complete streets policy.
2. Washington Street: DOT's asphalt contractor, Illowa, will begin milling Washington (Park Ave. to the City limits) on Thursday, April 24th. They anticipate overlay work on Monday, 28th.
3. Bi-State: Please see the attached *Commission in Review*.
4. TIF: See the attached TIF information sheet for your use. On side one is a TIF 101 introduction to TIF and side two contains some good information on the use of TIF in Iowa.
5. Personnel: For those who have not heard, Community Development Director Steve Boka will be retiring in July and our Golf Pro, Dan McGinn, has taken a job in Wisconsin at a 27 hole private facility. We have begun the hiring process for both positions.
6. Spring Clean Up week: Attached is the Greener Side of Spring 2014 from the City of Muscatine's Solid Waste Division of Public Works. Inside you will find out information on Spring Clean Up Week for the City of Muscatine and Fruitland and other upcoming events in May.
7. CIAT: Please see the attached invite from CIAT. You are invited to the year-end Presentations and Celebration from the University of Iowa, Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities. See attachments for details. Come and listen to the creative ideas and the research conducted by the students. Please respond to Gracie Weiersheuser at gracie.weiersheuser@kentww.com or call 563-264-4307 if you plan to attend the presentations and/or the celebration event.



Commission in Review

March 2014

Serving local governments in Muscatine and Scott Counties, Iowa;
Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties, Illinois.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Wed., Apr. 23, 2014
3:30 p.m.

Scott Co. Admin Bldg.
6th Floor Conf. Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

APA TRAINING SERIES

" Jane Jacobs Legacy
and New Urbanism "
Wed., May. 14, 2014
3-4:00 p.m.
Third Floor Conf Room
1504 Third Ave., R.I.
Call (309) 793-6302,
Ext. 138 or e-mail
ppearson@bistateonline.org
to register.

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Mission Statement:

*To serve as a forum
for intergovernmental
cooperation and
delivery of regional
programs and to
assist member local
governments in
planning and project
development.*

I-74 Corridor Construction Schedule and Statistics

Current Schedule:

Final Design Complete: 2014

Iowa Right of Way (ROW) and Demolition Complete: 2014

Bettendorf/Moline Central Business District Project Construction: 2015/16

Illinois ROW and Demolition: 2010-2016

Final Construction: 2018-2021*

***(Central Bridge Section from bluff to bluff
to begin no later than calendar year 2017.)**

Economic Effects:

- \$88+ million federal funding received
- Potential for discretionary federal funds
- Create/retain up to 1,137 construction jobs/643 induced jobs (may change with accelerated construction)
- A total of 9 construction contracts are anticipated plus specialty contracts



Concept drawing of new I-74 bridge.
For more information, visit
<http://www.iowadot.gov/I74corridor>

Accelerated Construction/Innovative Delivery/Value Engineering:

- Maintains costs and reduces traffic disruption
- Construction period reduced from 8 to 4 years or less
- Reconstructed I-74 Bridge will have increased protection for seismic occurrences and barge collisions
- I-74 Bridge replacement is being engineered to last 75 to 100 years

Freight Effects:

- Provides redundancy for I-80/280 Mississippi River Crossing
- Most reliable Mississippi River Crossing in the Iowa/Illinois, once complete
- Full shoulders help improve travel reliability during traffic incidents
- Part of the National Highway System and National Freight Network

Multi-Modal Aspects:

- Includes multi-purpose trail for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Provides direct access to the Quad Cities International Airport and Passenger Rail Station

I-74 Mississippi River Corridor Public Meetings

April 23, 2014 – 4:00-7:00 p.m.

I Wireless Center 1201 River Drive, Moline, IL

April 24, 2014 – 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State Street, Bettendorf, IA

Bi-State Supports Clean Air and Balanced Approach

Denise Bulat, Executive Director reported the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is undertaking a reconsideration of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone in the range of 0.070 to 0.060 parts per million (ppm). EPA's proposed range would result in a large portion of the United States being classified as nonattainment. Lowering the 0.075 ppm standard to the lower end of the proposed range of 0.060 ppm would result in almost tripling the number of counties being designated in non-attainment in the U.S. The National Association of Counties (NACO) has determined that 96% and 76% of current monitors would fail at the 0.060 and 0.070 ppm standards, respectively (compared to 48% at the 0.075 ppm standard). All monitored areas in Iowa and Illinois would be classified as non-attainment if the 0.060 ppm standard were adopted. All but six of the 51 monitors in Iowa and Illinois would be in non-attainment at a standard of 0.065 ppm.

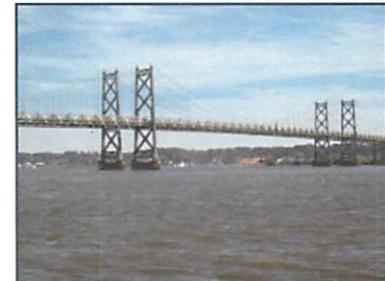


Few of the total U.S. counties are monitored. Locations without monitors such as smaller urban and rural areas, would continue to be able to attract businesses and industries following the change in the standard. The existence of monitors themselves creates a system of advantaged and disadvantaged communities, counties, and states.

Biogenic sources of ozone and its precursors should be examined because plants give off volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which is a precursor to ozone. Agricultural fields in very rural areas are reading in non-attainment. With the Midwest as one of the world's greatest sources of food crop production, the very nature of this agricultural role may be contributing to the region's higher background ozone levels.

Air emission reductions have been occurring in the U.S. Significant progress has been made in reducing ozone levels and improving air quality in general. Between 1980 and 2012, total emissions in tons of the six principal air pollutants dropped by over 65% and measured ambient concentrations of ozone dropped 25% since 1980 (see <http://www.epa.gov/airtrends/aqtrends.html>). In addition, Tier 3 vehicle emission and fuel standards will take effect in 2017 and will achieve significant reductions in air emissions through cleaner fuels and vehicles. These federal level programs have a greater potential to improve air quality in the nation.

Bi-State Region local governments have demonstrated their commitment to clean air and the protection of health. The Bi-State Region will continue to educate the public and encourage voluntary measures of local governments, businesses, and individuals to improve air quality, similar to efforts that have been established over the past 10 years for ozone through the Bi-State Air Quality Task Force. Activities have included: "Aware of Air" brochure development and dissemination, alternative fuels workshop, teacher training workshop, travel demand management information, newspaper advertisements, the development of a voluntary ozone flex plan, CNG buses and biodiesel buses, trip chaining television advertisements, public and private employer outreach projects and meetings, QC Transit web portal development, transit marketing and ambassador program and fair, a "Make Indoor Air Quality Visible" campaign, and the Alcoa "Make an Impact" campaign. An area-wide pledge program to commit to projects and activities that improve air quality was launched in 2010.



2014 CEDS Progress Report Kicks Off

Mark D. Hunt, Project Manager, provided a brief update on the status of the 2014 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report. Mr. Hunt began by noting that over the past seven-years, EDA funding had accounted for \$8.7 million in federal investment across the Bi-State Region and \$17 million when local match is included. He noted that the CEDS process was a key component in making the region eligible for EDA funds. The CEDS is updated annually and fully redeveloped every five years. The strategy must be completed for the region to receive federal funds from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The EDA has partnered in funding several projects over the past years as shown below.

- Bi-State Regional Commission/QC Chamber Innovation Hub Plan, \$162k Federal
- Henry-Rural Rock Island-Mercer County Economic Development Consortium (2012), \$195k Federal
- Rock Island Ridgewood Sustainable Business Park (2011), \$1.5 mil. Federal
- Davenport Rail Port at Eastern Iowa Industrial Center (2010), \$5.1 mil. Federal
- Mercer/Muscatine RLF (2010), \$750K Federal
- East Moline Economic Development Plan (2009), \$50k Federal
- Moline RiverTech (2007), \$1 mil. Federal

The CEDS also serves as a unifying economic development strategy that broadly incorporates goals and projects from across the region. Annual updates track the progress of these goals and projects. Bi-State staff will bring a final draft of the 2014 CEDS Progress Report to the Commission in May for approval. New for this year's CEDS will be a ramped up public input process, including public meetings and a web-based social media software called MindMixer. MindMixer will allow citizens to discuss regional economic development topics at their convenience via computer, smart phone or tablet. If MindMixer is successful, Bi-State staff may utilize it more fully in the 2016 CEDS update.

You are encouraged to participate by visiting <http://bistateregion.mindmixer.com/>.

There's still time to submit your Bi-State survey

If you received a survey in the mail, we want to hear from you!

To complete the survey online, visit www.bistateonline.org. Go to Member Government Survey at the top right-hand side of the homepage.

If you prefer to complete the form, return it to Bi-State Regional Commission, PO Box 3368, Rock Island, IL 61204-3368, or fax to (309) 793-6305.

BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION
FY 2013-14 Program Budget Status Report
Through Month of February – 67% of Year

ADOPTED BUDGET:	\$2,155,265.00	EXPLANATION:
EXPENDED THROUGH FEBRUARY:	\$1,358,307.82 (63.0%)	
STAFF LEVEL BUDGETED:	25.25 F.T.E.	
STAFF LEVEL STAFF LEVEL MAINTAINED:	23.75 F.T.E.	

MEMBER GOVERNMENTS SERVED DIRECTLY AND ACTIVITIES DURING FEBRUARY

ALEDO – Website Support; RLF Coord. & Brochure Update; Transit Mobility/HSTP Plng; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Economic Develop. Strategic Plan Presentation.

ALPHA – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

ANDALUSIA – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Website Support; Grant Assistance.

ANDOVER – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; OSLAD Grant Inquiry.

ATKINSON – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

BETTENDORF – Joint Purchasing; Scott Co. Housing Council; IAQC Transit Planner Coord. & Transit Issues; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; Drug/Alcohol Testing Consort.; RLF Loan Admin./Marketing; Trail Coord.; DOJ Interoperability; Air Quality Asst.; NSBP/EDA Apps.; QCICNet; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; STP Evaluation Process and Forest Grove Road/Drive Coordination.

BLUE GRASS – Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

BUFFALO – Trail Planning Asst.; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

CAMBRIDGE – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

CARBON CLIFF – RICWMA Staffing; Joint Purchasing; Trail Planning; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; OSLAD Grants Inquiry

COAL VALLEY – Joint Purchasing; RICWMA Staffing; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Village Board Strategic Planning.

COLONA – Joint Purchasing; Utilities GIS/Mapping.; OSLAD Grant Inquiry.

CORDOVA – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council & Riverfront Planning; Website Support.

DAVENPORT – Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council; RiverVision; Scott Co. Housing Council; Solid Waste Coord.; RLF Loan Admin.; Transit Funding & NTD Asst.; IAQC Transit Planner Coord.; QCICNet Interoperability Project; BRAC/OEA Coord.; Air Quality Asst.; Davenport Schools Haz. Mit. Plan; Legislative Priorities Asst.; IMCP/EDA Grant with QC Chamber; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; STP Evaluation Process and Forest Grove Road/Drive Coordination; STAR Communities Rating Information Asst.; RiverVision Input Mtg.

EAST MOLINE – IL QC Intergov. Comm.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purch.; RICWMA Staffing; RMS Coord.; Riverfront Cncl.; Interoperability Proj.; RLF Admin.; MUNICES; Air Quality Asst.; Trail Plng; Consol. Disp. Study Asst.; QCICNet; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; STP Evaluation Process.

ELDRIDGE – Solid Waste Coord.; Drug & Alcohol Consort.; Website Support; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; STP Evaluation Process.

GALVA – Broadband Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; HCEDP Participation.

GENESEO – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; PARC & OSLAD Grants Inquiry.

HAMPTON – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Website Support; Shared Policing Agreement Assistance.

HENRY COUNTY – Joint Purch.; HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Plan; Trail Coord.; Workforce Dev. Board; Legislative Priorities Asst.; Comprehensive Plan; EDA/USDA Grant; Evacuation Plan; Fact Sheet Update; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Plan for HCEDP Springfield Trip; Floodplain Coord. Efforts.

HILLSDALE – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

Kewanee – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

LECLAIRE – Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

LONG GROVE – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Zoning Map Update.

MCCAUSLAND – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord., Solid Waste Coord.

MILAN – Joint Purchasing; RICWMA Staffing; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; E9-1-1 Coord.; RMS Coord.; RLF Admin.; Interoperability Project; MUNICES Coord.; Cons. Dispatch Study Asst.; QCICNet; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

MOLINE – MUNICES Coord.; IL QC Intergv. Comm.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purch.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; RICWMA Staff.; RMS Coord.; Riverfront Cncl; RLF Ln Adm.; Trails Coord.; Interop. Proj.; Rail Coord.; Air Qual. Asst.; Park/Rec Plan; Cons. Disp. Study Asst.; QCICNet; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

MUSCATINE CITY – Trail Planning; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Joint Purchasing; Air Quality Asst.; RLF Coord. & Brochure Update; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Community Development-Housing Assessment.

MUSCATINE COUNTY – Trails Planning; Website Support/Development/Redesign; Reg. 9 Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Joint Purch.; Transit Mobility Coord.; Hazard Mitigation Plan; Air Quality Asst.; OEA Grant Coord.; EDA RLF Coord. & Brochure Update; Comprehensive Plan; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

NEW BOSTON – Website Support; Grants Inquiry.

OAK GROVE – E9-1-1 Coord.; Consolidated Dispatch Study.

ORION – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Water System Mapping.

PORT BYRON – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Zoning Administration.

PRINCETON – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Zoning Map Inquiry.

RAPIDS CITY – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council.

RIVERDALE – Riverfront Council; Trail Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Haz Mit Plan.

ROCK ISLAND CITY – IL QC Intrgv. Comm.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purch.; Riverfront Cncl; RiverVision; RICWMA Stfg.; MUNICES Coord.; RMS Coord.; RLF Loan Adm.; Interop. Proj.; Air Quality Asst.; Workforce Dev. Bd.; Consol. Dispatch Study App; QCICNet; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Status of EDP Appl.; STP Eval. Process, Comp Plan Open House.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY – E9-1-1 Coord.; LEPC Committee; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; RICWMA Stfg & Website Support; Joint Purchasing; Trail Coord.; WIB Part.; RMS Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Passenger Rail; Floodplain Coord. Efforts; Air Quality Asst.; Legislative Priorities Asst.; QCICNet; Evacuation Plan; Hazard Mitigation Plng. Appl.; QC Health Initiative; STP Evaluation Process; Graphics Asst. – Sheriff's Dept., Forest Preserve Brochures; Grants Inquiries; Highway Safety Plng.

SCOTT COUNTY – Financial Management – Scott Co. KIDS; Scott Co. Hsg. Cncl.; Joint Purchasing; I-74 Bridge Coord.; Trail Plng.; RLF Admin.; Reg. 9 Transportation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Interop. Project; Goals Booklet; OEA; Passenger Rail; Housing Assessment; Budget Report; Air Quality Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; QC Health Initiative.

SHERRARD – Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Joint Purchasing Council Info.

SILVIS – E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purchasing; IL Intergov. Comm. Coord.; RICWMA Stfg.; RMS Coord.; Trail Planning; Consol. Dispatch Study App.; QCICNet; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Mapping Asst.; Utilities GIS/Mapping; Grants Inquiry.

VIOLA – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; CDAP Grant Inquiry.

WALCOTT – Reg. 9 Transportation; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord.; RLF Marketing; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Zoning Map Update.

WEST LIBERTY – Reg. 9 Transp.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Muscatine Co. Haz Mit Plan; Air Quality Coord.; Muscatine Co. Comp Plan; Fact Sheet Inquiry.

WILTON – Reg. 9 Transportation; Solid Waste Coord.; Muscatine Co. Haz Mit Plan; EDA Application; Air Quality Coord.; Zoning Map Update.

WINDSOR – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

WOODHULL – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

Bi-State Report – February

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Attended Henry County Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) meetings. Continued administration of Economic Development Administration/United States Department of Agriculture Rural Jobs and Innovation Challenge Grant Program on behalf of multiple member governments in Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties. Attended IA RELAT meetings. Attended Iowa Regional Council, Illinois Regional Council, and Northwest Municipal Association meetings. Assisted members with legislative priorities. Held steering committee and task force meetings for the Regional Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership Program in partnership with the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce. Continued work on a grant application for a Mississippi Riverfront Land Use and Economic Development Analysis.

DATA/GRAFICS/MAPPING/ON-LINE SERVICES:

Data Center: Staff responded to approximately 7 data and map requests in February 2014 including 5 from local governments, 1 from an academic institution, and 1 from a business. The data section of the Bi-State website had 34 page views. The data warehouse site (www.greaterqcregion.org) had 213 visits and 436 page views. Staff completed the 1st Quarter ACCRA cost of living survey for the region, provided data for two member's comprehensive plan updates, and continued work on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Graphics/Mapping: 2014 Aerial Photo Flyover Coordination; 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Coordination; Distribution of 2008-09 QC Street Map (Folded & Wall Versions); Eastern Iowa Community College District Mapping; Joint Purchase Program Graphics Assistance; Surface Transportation (STP) Ranking Assistance; Transit Development Plan Mapping; Travel Model Data and GIS Assistance; Update/Maintain GIS Data for Street Centerlines, Traffic Counts, MPA Boundary, Federal Functional Class Routes, Urban Areas, Corporate Limits, Landmarks, Rail, Trails, and other layers.

www.bistateonline.org. Total pages viewed for February 2014 was 2,310 and top pages viewed included: Home Page (742); Joint Purchasing Council & Bid Tabulations (259); Documents Section (91); Our Staff (89); Contact Us (52); Careers (40); Who We Are (38); and QC Metro Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) (36).

ENVIRONMENTAL, RECREATION, RIVERFRONT SERVICES: Responded to inquiries & assisted with trail/recreation project funding assistance/grants. Served RICWMA with coordination of meetings, oversight and management of waste disposal and recycling programs, reporting, and overall agency administration. Responded to Rock Island County Waste Management Agency telephone inquiries from general public & media concerning solid waste and recycling issues. Attended River Action meetings. Continued coordination of issues related to Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership and strategies for emission reduction. Continued "Make Air Quality Visible" strategic plan update process. Continued multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning. Organized bi-monthly meeting of Quad City Riverfront Council.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUMS AND REGIONAL SERVICES: Continued assistance to the Joint Purchasing Council (JPC). Worked on the following bids: Turf Chemicals and Seed; Spring Paper; Janitorial; Can Liner; and Food Service Supplies. Staffed Quad Cities Area intergovernmental forums and meetings of area recreation directors, managers and administrators, and chief elected officials. Continued coordination and planning for the awarded Department of Justice interoperability grant. Assisted with Rock Island Arsenal issues.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF): Administered Bi-State RLF Program: Prepared meeting cancellation notice and financial summary report. Provided information to potential applicants. Continued receiving job creation information from active companies. Administered Mercer/Muscatine RLF Program (MMRLF): Provided information to potential applicants. Assisted in MMRLF Board recruitment.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: Attended related meetings, presented information, and continued staff coordination of river crossing issues. Monitored progress of household travel survey and continued travel model enhancements project with consultant team. Worked on urban *2045 Long Range Transportation Plan* travel model development. Continued IL Region evacuation planning effort. Participated in Iowa QC interdisciplinary traffic safety team meeting and held Illinois QC meeting with ILDOT. Monitored status of MAP-21 implementation. Prepared monthly reports of federal transportation programs and coordinated related funding/reporting. Continued air quality emission reduction efforts of Air Quality Task Force. Worked on connections of American Discovery Trail (ADT)/Grand Illinois Trail and Mississippi River Trail, and attended related meetings, as well as other trail planning and grant assistance. Organized bi-monthly meeting of the Bi-State Regional Trails Committee. Coordinated Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium, prepared Request for Proposal, and continued random testing program. Monitored urban and Iowa Region 9 FY14 Transportation Planning Work Program and FFY14-17 TIPs, and need for data entry in Iowa TPMS as part of transportation improvement programming. Initiated MPO FY15 Transportation Planning Work Program. Conducted Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Surface Transportation Program project selection process. Administered IAQC and Illinois Region 2 transit coordinator positions. Facilitated MAP-21 transit funding issues and assisted with NTD data analysis. Prepared Regional Transit Development Plan update. Presented Quad Cities MPO Long Range Transportation Plan public involvement outline. Served inquiries and assisted with transportation funding programs and transportation information for legislative efforts. Participated in Iowa Bicycle Summit and Quad Cities Air Service Committee. Participated in transportation webinars on various topics.

The Greener Side of Spring...

Spring 2014 Edition

Publication by the City of Muscatine, Solid Waste Division of Public Works



Spring... It is Finally Here!
Laura Liegois, Solid Waste Manager

I am not the first to say this, but this past winter went on forever. Yes, the calendar gives a start and end date to each season; however, Mother Nature didn't care what the calendar said!

Just as all of you are excited for spring and warmer weather, we are too! This season is always a busy one for the Solid Waste Division of Public Works in the City of Muscatine. Spring Cleanup, opening of the Compost Site, Earth Day, and other cleanup events are just some of the upcoming activities.

This year we are doing something different with the large Earth Day Celebration. The Living Green in Muscatine Celebration will be held on Friday, May 16, 2014. Information is included in this newsletter. Due to the Easter holiday, Spring Cleanup Week, and the past history of weather, the event was moved to May. Please mark your calendars and join us.

Keep Muscatine Beautiful will be hosting a cleanup event on Saturday, May 17, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This event is similar to ones in the past and will help spruce up our community. If you would like to get a team together or just volunteer on your own, please send an e-mail to lliegois@muscataineiowa.gov or call me at 563-263-9689.

Spring is here so don't forget Spring Cleanup Week! Information on this event, which takes place April 21 -25, 2014, is included with this newsletter.

We welcome the warm weather and it is good to see some **GREEN** on the ground again.

Earth Day: Want to know more about it?



Visit www.earthday.org

Refuse Collection Pilot Program Update: An In-Depth Discussion



This past year, containers for garbage collection were delivered to a pilot program route. At this point in time, staff has noticed the pilot route areas look cleaner, there are less injuries on the pilot route, and that a 65 gallon container will work for a majority of the people's waste disposal needs.

However, there are residents who feel the need for a larger container or possibly a second container. Also we have people who want to know when they will be getting a container. Both are good questions, and we want to address them for our residents. Please plan to attend the Muscatine City Council In-Depth meeting at Muscatine City Hall on Thursday, May 8, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is also aired on MPW public access channel 2.

Please let us know your questions ahead of the meeting so that they can be addressed at the in-depth meeting. If you prefer, you can contact Laura Liegois, Solid Waste Manager at 563.263.9689 or you can e-mail her at lliegois@muscataineiowa.gov.



Litter is ugly. No one likes to live where there is litter. Neighborhoods with a litter problem usually have higher crime, lower property values and less pride in their neighborhood. Litter begets litter. A place that is littered tends to encourage more litter i.e. a dropped off washing machine soon encourages other debris and a dump site is formed. So, the quicker dropped litter is picked up, the less chance it has of accumulating.

Source: Department of Transportation

Education Opportunities

Please join us at the following events:

Friday, May 16, 2014

Living Green in Muscatine Celebration
4:00-7:00 PM
Discovery Park
3300 Cedar St. Muscatine, Iowa

Saturday, May 17, 2014

Keep Muscatine Beautiful Cleanup

Fall 2014– Great Mississippi River Cleanup

City of Muscatine Yard Waste Bags

Yard waste picked up by the City of Muscatine must be a City of Muscatine Yard Waste Bag.

Bags can be purchased at local retail stores or at the Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station for \$1.00 each.



Muscatine Compost Site Open for the 2014 Season

Compost Site Hours are
Sunday-Friday—Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday—9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Yard waste, grass clippings, leaves, tree debris are accepted at no cost.

Wood mulch and compost available at no cost. Please call ahead of time for compost availability.

563.263.9689
1000 S. Houser St. Muscatine, Iowa

Recycle The Dress Event - Prom 2014

Another Great Success!

For the past three years, Muscatine County residents have dropped off dresses they no longer need to the Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station during the month of January.



This year approximately 120 girls received dresses for prom events in Muscatine County. Styles and colors varied, and the girls had a wide selection to choose from. Many of the dresses still had tags on them and many girls went home with dresses they only dreamed about having. A few girls had repurposing ideas for their dresses. Over the past three years, 350 dresses have gone home for another night out on the town for prom!

Once again, the community provided prizes that were given away in a drawing. Thank you for the following donations:

Lifetime Dentistry

Salvatore's

The Flower Gallery

Benjamin William Fix—Salon Incognito

Lia Sophia by Alyssa Jirak

Be Dee Design

Thank you also to the ladies who helped make the event happen:

Muscatine County Boxing Club - Princess

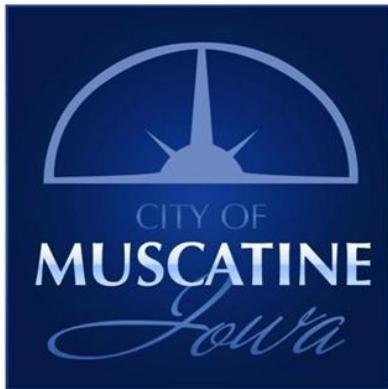
Prom, Marlene Anderson, Julie Stauffer

Connie Doak, Kelly See, Kathy Chalupa, Millie Morris, Emily Arp, and Dee Bocchino



A special thank you to Katie Stern and Rachel Turner. Both girls are graduating this year from Muscatine High School and have been our Recycle the Dress models for the past three years.

Best of luck ladies in your future. We will miss you in our program!



April 21-25, 2014

Residents (No Businesses) will have the opportunity to participate in Spring Clean Up Week on their regular collection day during the week of April 21-25, 2014.

Items Accepted:

- Large items such as: furniture, building materials in small amounts, dismantled swing sets, and other misc items.
- Up to 8 Tires (Car and Light Truck Tires) - **No Tires From Businesses**
- Up to 4 Appliances (Please remove doors on refrigerators and freezers)
- Electronic Waste-(Computers, televisions, and any item that contains a circuit board).

Items Not Accepted:

- Car bodies
- Large trees
- Excessive amounts of concrete and building materials
- Paint and other hazardous chemicals (Accepted at the Transfer station)
- Motor Oil (Accepted at the Transfer Station)
- Camper refrigerators and Air Conditioner

Yard Waste: All yard waste must be in a City of Muscatine yard waste bag. Brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter and 4ft. In length.

Questions regarding Spring Clean Up Week can be directed to the Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station at 263.9689 or lliegois@muscataineiowa.gov

2014 Living Green In Muscatine Celebration



Join the City of Muscatine, Muscatine County Conservation Board, Muscatine Power and Water, and all of our friends at this year's celebration.



Kids and Adults!
Take the Rock Climbing Wall Challenge or jump on the Green Bus!
Sponsored By:



**Program on
Iowa Weather
And Storm Chasing
5:30 PM**

Friday, May 16, 2014

4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Discovery Park

3300 Cedar Street Muscatine, Iowa

The Environmental Learning Center will be open until 7:00 pm on May 16th. in honor of Living Green in Muscatine Celebration



Earth Day Cleanup

May 17, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch Provided

Volunteers can meet at the Carriage House Carpet One at 9:00 a.m. or at their designated cleanup spots. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. at Boonies.

To sign up contact

Laura Liegois - 563-263-9689

lliegois@muscataineiowa.gov

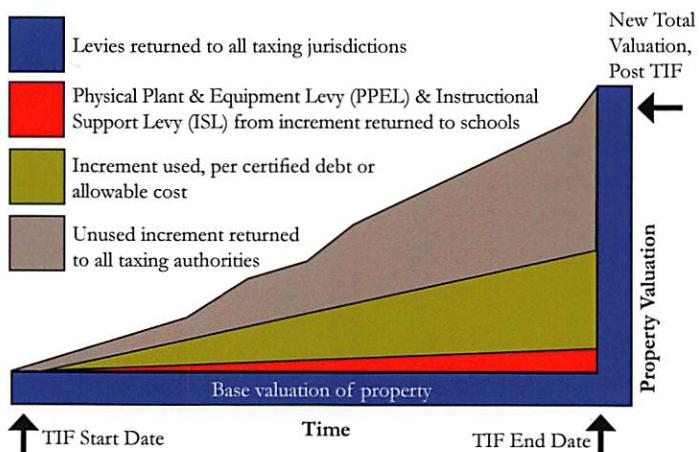
Tax Increment Finance 101

TIF Mechanics in Brief

Tax increment finance (TIF) is a method to promote urban renewal efforts in an area by directing the property tax revenues generated from property value increases within a designated TIF district to finance the costs of improvements made in the district. TIF addresses a lack of state and federal programs.

Iowa cities, counties and community colleges may establish TIF districts. Although the terms urban renewal areas and TIF are often used interchangeably, TIF districts are established within approved urban renewal areas (URA). URAs often contain a larger geographic area than the TIF district that is established, and URA can contain more than one TIF district.

When a TIF district is created, a “base” valuation of the property value is established. It accounts for assessed values prior to the TIF designation. The tax revenue from this base value remains with all taxing authorities. Increases in the assessed value over time over and above the base are called the “increment.” The TIF authority may access the tax revenue generated by the increment, or may choose to release some or all of this revenue back to the traditional taxing authorities.



TIF Goals

TIF districts can be created to accomplish different goals, per *Code Section 403.2*. Success may look different depending upon whether a TIF was set up to address slum and blight, or economic development.

Slum and Blight

Address issues related to:

- the safety, health and welfare of an area
- areas experiencing impaired growth
- housing challenges
- increasing criminal activity
- traffic problems or hazards

Economic Development

Address the need for:

- creating economic development partnerships
- strengthening and revitalizing the economy of the state and municipalities
- providing jobs and housing (including LMI)

TIF Legislative Timeline

1957	Legislature authorized urban renewal (<i>SF184</i>)	1985	TIF law was expanded in 1985 to include allowable economic development purposes.	1999	Legislature required annual reporting about TIF activity annually, including information on each TIF area and its projects (<i>HF776</i>).	2006	HF2777 required more detailed reporting and accounting of TIF revenue and expenditure, to be included in the annual budget process, replacing the 1999 and 2003 reporting requirements.
1969	TIF was authorized under urban renewal law (<i>HF562</i>)	1995	Urban renewal areas designated as economic development areas are limited to 20 years' duration, if not also designated as slum or blight. Those URAs designated prior to 1995 are not limited in duration.	2003	The 1999 TIF reporting requirements were removed and instead required a semi-annual report on outstanding TIF obligations, to begin in 2003.	2012	HF2460 replaced the 2006 requirement, with a more detailed reporting process due December 1 of each year. Cities and counties must submit a compliant report to the State prior to annual budget certification.



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Tax Increment Finance: Important Statistics

All raw data obtained from Iowa DOM for FY12 unless otherwise indicated.

Non-revenue Producing Projects

48 percent of projects are non-revenue producing, 80 percent of these are in the category of road and bridge infrastructure improvement.

Public buildings can lead to economic growth or stabilization in a slum or blight area. An example of a public building that receives TIF funds is a building for public safety that will serve a TIF area.



410 of 946 cities in Iowa use TIF. There are 1,011 urban renewal areas and 2,528 TIF districts among all local governments. Of these, 58 percent had a statutory end date reported. 496 had a slum or blight designation.



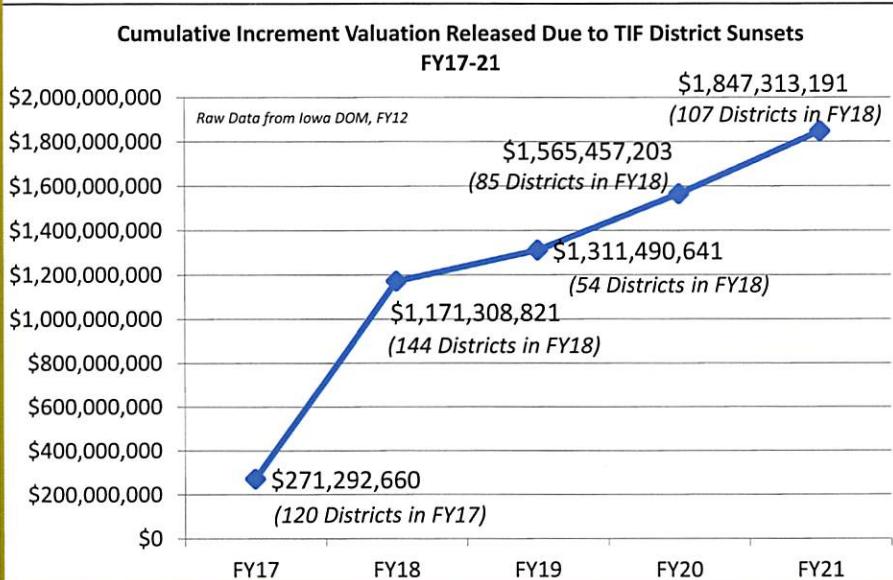
TIF increment (not discounting for increment returned) accounts for 6.2 percent of total taxable property valuation. 9.2 percent of city taxable property valuation is derived from TIF sources.



54 percent of TIF increment is returned to all tax authorities. This equates to about \$10-11B valuation, or roughly \$400M in unused increment.

Sunsetting TIF Districts: Increment Valuation Returned to All Tax Authorities

Many TIF districts will be expiring over the coming years, and valuations will return to all tax authorities. Of those established after 1995, 73 percent reported a statutory end date. The chart shows this trend over the next 10 years:



Partnering with IEDA

Local governments have partnered with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to promote business development projects in their communities.

From January 2011 through December 2013 IEDA awarded direct financial assistance and/or state tax incentives to 189 projects that are expected to result in \$7.5 billion in capital investment. Of the 189 projects 64.6 percent also received either TIFs, tax abatements, or tax exemptions from the local communities in which they are planning to locate. TIF, tax abatements and tax exemptions are often used to provide "local match" and are essential economic development tools for Iowa's communities, helping them to attract job creation projects to their area.

Data provided by IEDA



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Summary of League Frozen Water Mains and Service Lines Survey

Cold temperatures this winter have resulted in a very large number of water main breaks and frozen service lines throughout Iowa. The League was asked to distribute a survey on such issues to help record the extent of these issues. The survey was sent to all city clerks, and participation was open from February 28 – March 7, 2014.

- 448 cities completed the survey
- 2,004 water main breaks were reported from 12/1/2013 to 3/10/2014
 - This is an approximately 62% increase over reported averages for water main breaks (although there was a significant amount of data issues within the “averages” question...this number will be very rough)

Here is a quick breakdown by population range:

Population Range	Water Main Breaks	Frozen Service Lines
Under 500	104	94
501 to 2,000	287	325
2,001 to 5,000	285	27
Over 5,000	1,328	330
Totals	2,004	776

- 776 frozen service lines were reported in the survey
- Several cities noted in their comments:
 - In addition to the frozen water mains and service lines, other related systems could also freeze or break, including: frozen meters, water hydrants, sewer lines, and water towers. At least 3 cities cited a water tower freeze as a very significant issue.
 - Many cities noted as the freeze/frost lines deepen as weather warms, additional water main and service line issues are anticipated.
 - Costs to repair related issues varies greatly based upon type of break or freeze, severity, location and access to complete repair or thaw.