

MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



MOVRC Monthly Newsletter
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Executive Director Carol Jackson's Message

On June 23, 2021 MOVRC celebrated its 50th birthday. Thanks to everyone who made it to the event to help us recognize 50 years of service to the region. Back in 1971 when the WV legislature created all 11 of the WV Regional Councils it was inconceivable that the level of assistance each would bring to their respective regions. MOVRC has managed over a billion dollars of infrastructure improvements for the eight counties bringing water, sewer, public facility and other funding to assist in projects that would have otherwise been unable to occur. The MOVRC programs have changed over time to best address the needs of the region at the time. Stay tuned for a more historical story of our last 50 years but in the meantime the video is available for viewing and sharing on the MOVRC website.

MOVRC's EDA RLF loan fund one of the first program in nation to become defederalized. The US Economic Development Agency notified MOVRC on June 24, 2021 that the federal interest/control of the \$3.1million EDA Revolving Loan Fund has been released. This loan program has been in operation since the mid 1980s. These funds will remain with the MOVRC as a loan program just without all the burden of federal reporting. Davis Bacon Wage requirements still remain in effect for the funds, but the MOVRC Loan Review Committee will be making the decisions on the loans financed through this program and able to set the interest rates and terms based upon their analysis of the loan applications.

The MOVRC Loan Committee reached an all-time high in fiscal year 2021 with \$3,828,501 in new loans closed. This eclipsed the previous record set in 2020 with \$2.5 million loans closed. The MOVRC loan committee has been committed to assisting new and existing businesses grow and during 2021 assisted many with working capital to help alleviate issues caused by the COVID 19 shut down.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development staff worked with City of Spencer to develop two projects for the CDBG-MIT program, for which Roane and Jackson Counties were eligible in our region.

City of Spencer - CDBG – Mitigation (MIT) Projects

Submitted 7/6/2021

Wastewater System Improvements Project

Total Cost \$3,940,000

CDBG MIT request \$3,880,000

City Commitment \$60,000

Project Summary: Construct improvements to the existing Spencer Sanitary Sewer System including relocating approximately 600 l.f. of sewer line in Front Street and adjacent to Spring Creek due to damage by flood waters, replacement of the sewerline crossing beneath Spring Creek at Elm Street due to subsidence, rehabilitation of approximately 72 manholes under the influence of adjacent streams, construction of additional surge storage of excess inflows at the treatment plant during wet weather and/or storm events, relocation of approximately 1,500 l.f. of sewerline out of the Spring Creek channel along US Route 119 Bypass, requiring the construction of a lift station and grinder station and the installation of miscellaneous appurtenances. Removing these city sewer assets from immediate threat of harm and influence by flooding and storm/ stream water will decrease the danger of damage and make the overall wastewater treatment system more resilient through reduction of intake and infiltration (I&I). During severe flood events, trees, branches, and other debris can strike manholes and sewer lines located in and near Spring Creek. High, quickly moving water can also quickly erode, subside, and collapse creek banks, and once exposed, sewer lines are vulnerable to breakage or becoming disconnected. This would lead to heightened environmental hazards in the form of raw sewage discharge and high cost system repairs. The intake and infiltration of storm water or flood waters into the sanitary system causes the treatment system and total capacity to be stressed to the point that untreated sewage is leaving the plant and going straight back into Spring Creek. Some of that untreated sewage will find its way into yards, roads, and public areas.

Miletree #1 Dam Modifications Project

Total Cost \$585,000

CDBG MIT request \$535,000

City Commitment \$50,000

Project Summary: The Miletree Run Dam No. 1 was constructed in the 1930's has a normal design capacity of approximately 10 million gallons and its current use is strictly recreational. The WV Dam Safety Office is concerned that the failure of Miletree Run Dam No. 1 may cause the subsequent overtopping and failure of Miletree Run Dam No. 2 resulting in a potential loss of human life downstream, substantial loss of property, harm to the public health or welfare, or cause significant harm to the environment.

The City is currently under Order from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to modify (or remove) this Dam in order to comply with current governmental regulations. The City has determined that it is in the public's best interest for it to modify this structure in lieu of abandonment. This is the mitigation activity required to lessen the likelihood of Dam failure, flooding, and loss of life, property, and community assets.

Planned modifications include the installation of drainage structures within the existing embankment along with associated clearing, grubbing, excavation, embankment, concrete work, slope protection, removal of existing concrete spillway, seeding and mulching, and other miscellaneous items. These modifications would lower the permanent pool elevation of the impoundment by 10 feet. The proposed drainage structures consist of twin, seven-foot diameter, circular pipes with cast-in-place concrete slopewalls at their entrance and exit. Estimated quantities of work include 950 c.y. of excavation, 200 l.f. of 7' diameter culvert, 480 c.y. of No. 57 limestone pipe bedding, 30 c.y. of cast-in-place concrete, 420 c.y. of 12"-18" limestone riprap, 600 s.y. of filter fabric, 950 c.y. of embankment, and 4,000 s.y. of seeding and mulching. Miscellaneous work items include mobilization, demolition of existing concrete spillway and training walls, temporary pollution control, and demobilization.



Community Development updates...

The Elizabeth Munday Road Water Extension project has recently been completed. The project provided public water service to approximately 100 households on Munday, Creston, Fish Hatchery, and Enterprise roads.

Appraisals are underway for the Spencer FEMA project. The City of Spencer hopes to make offers in the next few months.

The Paden City ECWAG project has recently been completed, offering relief and mitigation against contamination of the city's water supply.



WV AmeriCorps Seniors Staff Support Mountaineer Food Bank

MOVRC AmeriCorps Staff members, Becky, Janet, MariJo and Michelle participated in packing 376 food boxes at the Mountaineer Food Bank in Gassaway, WV. The WV AmeriCorps Directors Association donated \$1,000 to the Mountaineer Food Bank to assist in fighting hunger in WV. Chad Morrison, CEO of the Mountaineer Food Bank praised the group for their continued support. Morrison stated, “Without you, we would not be able to reach as many hungry friends and neighbors as possible.”



“In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock” – Thomas Jefferson

Do You Have Questions About
IDENTITY THEFT?
ROBOCALLS?
OTHER CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES?

ask the

West Virginia
Attorney General

at a Consumer Protection Town Hall

Date: Monday, July 19, 2021

Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm

Location: Judge Black Annex
317 Market Street, Parkersburg

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