

**105 Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission  
2024 CEDS Annual Progress Report**

**Grantee: Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission**

**Project Number: ED21DEN3020026**

**Period covered by the report: July 1, 2023-March 31, 2024**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Total Budgeted (from SF425)</b>	<b>Federal Funds Expended</b>	<b>Match Funds Expended</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	\$205,122	\$78,021	\$78,021
Fringe Benefits	\$71,050	\$26,444	\$26,444
Travel	\$13,104	\$4,988	\$4,988
Equipment*	\$0	\$3,187	\$3,187
Supplies	\$13,500	\$1,754	\$1,754
Contractual/Subaward*	\$17,800	\$15,992	\$15,992
Other	\$64,424	\$29,568	\$29,568
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
Direct Costs	\$385,000	\$159,954	\$159,954

***2022 CEDS Improvements***

During the June 29, 2021, scheduled EDA peer review of the Pioneer Trails RPC 2017 CEDS, expansion on the following items was recommended by Iowa Area 15 RPC staff.

- 1. The Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) section could become updated with a change from Threats to Challenges.*

The SWOT analysis was discussed among regional stakeholders and the Challenges section was incorporated into the previously submitted outline in place of Threats.

- 2. The Action/Implementation Plan needs to include a measure providing communities with opportunities to develop better planning for housing.*

The 2022 CEDS included a measure to extend Comprehensive Plans through updates and re-certification and a measure about offering complete Comprehensive Planning services to smaller communities.

### ***Resilience & Significant Changes in the Region's Economic Condition***

Many opportunities arose throughout the Pioneer Trails Region in the past 7 months. As documented by the GPRA report standards:

Jobs created	128
Jobs retained	4010
Public investment	1,724,700
Private investment	13,973,000

Significant opportunities include:

- Missouri Highway 23 crossing of the Blackwater River at the Perry Conservation Area has undergone a hydrogeological study to ameliorate storm water flooding of the direct route between Whiteman AFB and Interstate 70. Funding opportunities to remedy the repetitive flooding are being explored.
- Saline County tourism became addressed through an EDA Tourism grant award of \$1,600,000 for a Visitor Center at Marshall Junction. This project will improve Saline County tourism revenues to reach equivalence with the other three counties, and to spur economic development at the US Hwy 65 interchange with Interstate 70.
- In 2019, the Air Force completed the Strategic Basing Process announcing Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota; Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri; and Dyess Air Force Base, Texas are the preferred locations for B-21 main operating bases.
- The I-70, US-65, and US-50 Corridors provide freight connections all over the country. EV infrastructure expansion in the future potentially will allow opportunities for economic development and growth as vehicles on the roadways transition to alternative fuels.

This past year saw a handful of shocks to the PTRPC economic system. These occurrences may impact future strategy adjustments or regional outcomes.

- Covid-19 has had long lasting various economic effects on our region including, but not limited to workforce reduction, inflation, supply chain difficulties and material shortages.
- The longest lasting Covid-19 economic effect on the PTRPC region appears to be the significantly diminished availability of childcare for workers in all four counties.
- I-70 Community Hospital in Sweet Springs Missouri closed in 2019 and has experienced multiple failed attempts from various organizations to reintroduce medical facilities.
- Housing costs continued to increase sharply throughout the region. Available housing inventory decreased significantly with no signs of correction.

- Lengthy periods of drought have impacted crop yields in both the soybean and corn markets, which is one of the major exports of our region. The heat and dry conditions also contributed to cattle being sold off to reduce the burden on regional farms who were unable to provide adequate feed or water.
- A lack of qualified workforce has led to prolonged vacancies across all industries and occupations.
- Aging and under capacity electrical infrastructure poses a threat to attracting businesses that are looking to locate within the region. Request for Information (RFI) documents show an increase in electrical capacity needs they may exceed the region's capabilities.

### ***CEDS Oversight***

1. Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission Board (attachment 2)
2. PTRPC CEDS Committee (attachment 3)
3. PTRPC Staff (attachment 4)

## CEDS Goal Evaluation

### Goal 1: Encourage entrepreneurship, business development, and business expansion within the region

#### Objective 1: Foster efficient business development, expansion, diversification, job growth, and entrepreneurial activity throughout the region

Strategy 1: Assist and support attraction and retention of all commercial, retail, and/or industrial businesses

Strategy 2: Promote access to affordable early-stage capital for regional businesses – particularly for start-up businesses

Strategy 3: Provide technical support and infrastructure necessary to support start up, relocation and recruitment of businesses by supporting initiatives such as (but not limited to) 1 Million Cups, co-working spaces, and a regional incubator or accelerator

Strategy 4: Actively work to make available local, state and federal resources for business expansion/retention programs in the region

Strategy 5: Provide a comprehensive package of business development resources to the region's established and emerging businesses

Strategy 6: Utilize centralized, web-based tool that defines resources available to enhance job/business creation in the region such as (but not limited to) Location One

#### Measures

##### 1. *Increase the number of new businesses attracted to the region*

As presented in the GPRA worksheet, 26 Economic Development projects (facility construction/renovation, infrastructure, planning, or technical assistance) were completed in the region in the reporting period.

Lead Agency: Regional Economic Development Organizations, regional municipalities.

Funding source: Public & private investment

Time frame: FY24

Jobs created (FT): 128

Jobs created (PT/Seasonal):

Jobs retained: 4010

Jobs lost: 0

Event Participants: 105

##### 2. *Increase the number of new startups served by the SBDC.*

SBDC helped start 17 businesses in the region for an estimated capitalization of \$3,900,000.00 invested between July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023 and March 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Lead Agency: SBDC

Funding source: SBA & SFCC

Time frame: July 1, 2023 – March 15, 2024  
Jobs Created: 75

*3. Increase the number of counseling sessions provided by the SBDC.*

During the reporting period, the SBDC provided 1806 counseling hours to 265 clients.

Lead Agency: SBDC  
Funding source: SBA & SFCC  
Time frame: July 1, 2023 – March 15, 2024  
Jobs Created: n/a

*4. Increase the amount available for capitalization.*

In reporting period 2024, JCEDC Micro-loan program didn't receive any applicants for this year.

Lead Agency: JCEDC  
Funding source: Public/Private  
Time frame: FY2024  
Jobs Created & retained:

*5. Increase regional participants in entrepreneur support programs such as 1 million cups.*

1 Million Cups meets on the first Wednesday allowing entrepreneurs to present their startup companies to their communities and learn how their community can help support their business to flourish.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
July 2023	0
August 2023	16
September 2023	17
October 2023	19
November 2023	21
December 2023	19
January 2024	0
February 2024	24

Lead Agency: Various  
Funding source: n/a  
Time frame: FY2024  
Jobs Created: Unknown

*6. Support job skills training in the region with relevant and pertinent programs.*

SFCC & SBDC provided 105 training opportunities to 1,014 participants. Additionally, SFCC established the Advanced Manufacturing Task Force to collect input quarterly concerning workforce training and entrepreneurial needs in the region, PTRPC has participated in the Task Force.

Lead Agency: SFCC-Learning Force & SBDC

Funding source: MOAMP, MO One Start Training Program, Private

Time frame: FY2024

Jobs Created: n/a

Additional FY 2024  
Accomplishments

- *(Sedalia, Pettis County) Allens Industries has renovated their existing building to expand the manufacturing facility and headquarters. The capital investment is \$8,000,000.00 and will be adding 48 new jobs while retaining the 48 existing jobs.*
- *(Sedalia, Pettis County) T & P agriculture has purchased an existing manufacturing facility to allow the business to expand into the Sedalia market. The capital investment of \$3,000,000.00 will retain the existing business and 3 employees with an anticipated addition of 5 new jobs.*
- *(Sedalia, Pettis County) The EDSP hosted the 2023 Works for you Banquet in Sedalia to recognize companies of 5-year milestones of doing business in the Sedalia & Pettis County areas. Highlighted were the achievements of 23 manufacturers with over 200 community and business leaders in attendance.*
- *(Warrensburg, Johnson County) Johnson County Economic Development Corporation (JCEDC) executed a contract with McClure Engineering to complete a Brady Commerce Park-Phase 2 Master Plan to activate the remaining 170 acres of Brady Commerce Park. The JCEDC 100% managed and paid for this project.*
- *(All counties in our region including Henry County) The Central MO Economic Development Alliance (CMEDA) executed Phase 3 of the contract with REsimplifi. Phase 3 adds back-end editing directly to the REsimplifi generated available sites/building profiles and talk with the City of Odessa and Saline/Marshall EDC about LOIS champion in the amount of \$11,000. CMEDA 100% managed and paid for this project.*

## Goal 2: Plan for Regional Prosperity

**Objective 1: Support initiatives that remove barriers to employment including, but not limited to: education, child care, housing and healthcare**

Strategy 1: Better communicate and coordinate regional resources by increasing awareness of Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission services

Strategy 2: Support funding initiatives for primary, secondary and higher education

Strategy 3: Partner to support increases in services and accommodations for senior citizens and/or socially or economically disadvantaged persons

Strategy 4: Work with employers, state, and local housing and development agencies, banks, and private developers to encourage the development of affordable housing on a regional basis

Strategy 5: Work with communities to implement aggressive housing rehabilitation and demolition programs

Strategy 6: Identify strategies to address public transportation

Strategy 7: Promote and support ESL, literacy, and basic life skills educational opportunities

### Measures

1. *PTRPC will catalog and communicate key resources and services provided by the RPC.*

PTRPC has completed the process of updating its website to include more usable links and resources, as well as schedules of services as they become available. In addition, PTRPC distributes a monthly service bulletin and newsletter containing funding opportunities, project intake forms, and description of RPC services.

Lead Agency: PTRPC

Funding source: EDA

Time frame: By end of FY2024

Jobs Created: n/a

2. *Number of educational initiatives that received increased programming funds*

Five multi regional training facilities received the Workforce Training Grant in the amount of \$8,047,157. Pettis, Saline, Johnson, & Lafayette counties are listed as counties served by this grant.

Lead Agency: State Fair Community College

Funding source: MO One Start, Workforce Training Grant

Time frame: ongoing

Jobs Created: n/a

3. *Identify and distribute Housing Development best practices to the region.*

In FY2023 the City of Lexington invited PTRPC staff to hold a public forum on housing issues and offer a variety of potential state and federal programs from which to choose solutions for the local community. City leaders collected public comments and program information to set new policies for housing improvements in the city. The follow-up housing policy meeting in Lexington was scheduled for August 2023.

Lead Agency: PTRPC

Funding source: City contracts for comprehensive planning and mapping services

Time frame: FY2023 – FY2024

Jobs Created: n/a

4. *Inventory routes and ridership on public transportation systems.*

Due to the abbreviated reporting timeline, fiscal year 2023 data is unavailable.

Fiscal Year 2022 OATS rider and rideshare data.

	Riders	Rides
<b>Pettis</b>	1,578	54,027
<b>Lafayette</b>	586	16,285
<b>Johnson</b>	1,028	16,386
<b>Saline</b>	458	13,674
<b>PTRPC</b>	<b>3,650</b>	<b>100,372</b>

<b>Objective 2: Improve the overall capacity of the region to make long-term capital investment decisions</b>
Strategy 1: Develop and/or update local planning efforts including, but not limited to: comprehensive, infrastructure improvement, Hazard Mitigation Planning, land use, economic development, parks and recreation, capital improvement, beautification, housing plans and permitting processes

**Measures**

1. *Increase the number of community, county master plans and other strategic plans.*

See Appendix 5 for a current list of regional plans. The Comprehensive Plan for the City of Knob Noster is nearing completion and is expected to be approved by the end of March 2024. The City of Holden has contracted with the RPC to provide recertification and updates to their current plan during FY24. Future Comprehensive Plan updates scheduled for The City of Odessa in FY25.

Lead Agency: PTRPC and various others



Funding source: City and county contracts for planning and mapping services  
Time frame: Current plans (2023-2025)  
Jobs Retained: n/a

2. *Increase number of subscribers to the monthly service bulletin.*

At the beginning of the reporting period, PTRPC staff prepared and introduced a new Project Proposal Intake Form to make improved use of the funding opportunity information distributed monthly through the Service Bulletin. Service Bulletin subscribers numbered 84 in March of 2024.

Lead Agency: PTRPC  
Funding source: EDA (employee time)  
Time frame: Annual  
Jobs Retained: 1

3. *Host at least one workshop in the region on economic development for all officials and clerks.*

In July of FY2023 CMEDA, Evergy, and State Fair Community College sponsored the Next Move Group learning workshop titled “Making Economic Development Happen in Your Community”. Elected officials from Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, and Saline Counties were invited at no charge. Twenty-five participants took advantage of the workshop.

In FY2023 the PTRPC Fiscal Officer provided clerks in the region one on one meetings for economic development and city record custodian issue discussions.

Lead Agency: CMEDA and PTRPC  
Funding source: EDA (employee time), CMEDA and Evergy  
Time frame: FY2024  
Jobs Retained: 1

<b>Objective 3: Promote and preserve the region’s rich cultural and historic resources and support local festivals and special events for the educational, economic, and community benefit of residents and visitors</b>
Strategy 1: Support promotional efforts to attract visitors and encourage the utilization of year-round recreational and tourist sites and attractions
Strategy 2: Support agri-tourism in the region
Strategy 3: Support the development of new tourism venues, attractions, and destinations

**Measures**

1. *Increase the number of tourism or historic preservation related applications.*

In FY2023, Saline County Commissioners engaged PTRPC staff to prepare an EDA Tourism application for a Visitor Center at Marshall Junction. Organizations involved in tourism throughout the region joined in support of the proposed center. The application yielded the county \$1,600,000 in construction grant funds for the project. No new applications were requested in the abbreviated reporting period.

Lead Agency: PTRPC, Saline County and various other entities  
 Funding source: EDA (employee time)  
 Time frame: ongoing  
 Jobs Retained: n/a

2. *Measure the economic impact of visitors in the region through the NAICS codes from the county Department of Tourism data.*  
 2024 data is unavailable due to the abbreviated reporting period.

According to the Missouri Department of Tourism, the dollars associated with the tourism NAICS spending code in the Pioneer Trail Region are listed below:

<b>County</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease from previous year (baseline 2022)</b>
Lafayette	\$35,503,829.49	35,779,733.49	-	-
Johnson	\$84,115,352.24	87,198,213.42	-	-
Pettis	\$87,662,866.04	94,943,862.35	-	-
Saline	\$28,513,570.79	30,892,067.20	-	-

In addition, the table below lists large-scale attractions, events, and destinations that drew visitors to the region during the reporting period.

Old Drum, Warrensburg (Missouri’s Historical Dog)	Missouri State Fair	Arrow Rock
UCM Homecoming	Scott Joplin Festival (Sedalia)	Concordia Fall Festival
Johnson County Fair	Old West October Fest (Lexington)	Pub-Crawl (Sedalia)
Lexington Saint Patrick’s Day Event	Johnson County Rodeo	Sedalia Showcase (Sedalia)
Lafayette County Fair	Dickens Christmas	MO State Corn Husking Championship
UCM Get the Red Out	UCM Parent Weekend	Saline County Fair
Crossroads: Change in Rural America Exhibit		

Lead Agency: Missouri Department of Tourism, Chambers of Commerce  
 Funding source: various  
 Time frame: Annual update  
 Jobs Created: Multiple; various industries.

3. *Measure economic impact of the regional Visitor Welcome Center after 2024 opening.*

The Visitor Center has not yet been constructed as of March 2024. Site preparation is underway. A Phase 1 Archeological site review has been requested by a tribal government and will need to be completed prior to the construction of the wastewater lagoon.

Lead Agency: Saline County Commission  
 Funding source: Various  
 Time frame: Update annually  
 Jobs Created: Unknown

<b>Objective 4: Ensure the future availability of a skilled and flexible workforce prepared to meet the needs of both existing and emerging industries and technologies.</b>
Strategy 1: Foster coordination of business and educational resources to ensure the needs of the region’s employers are met, and encourage effective input from employers on course and program development
Strategy 2: Support certificate and technical/vocational programs as an important educational option for middle school and high school students, and the unemployed, underemployed, disabled, and the economically disadvantaged
Strategy 3: Promote job training and retaining services to close employment “skill gap” and meet the employment needs of the region.

### Measures

1. *Increase access to the number of shared apprenticeship opportunities and professional skills training and certifications.*

The table below lists current data through February 29, 2024. *Source:*  
<https://www.workreadycommunities.org/MO>

County	Certified Workforce Ready?	No. Employers Supporting	Bronze NCRC	Silver NCRC	Gold NCRC	Platinum NCRC	NCRC Plus
Pettis	Yes	80	304	677	375	89	65
Johnson	No	11	277	436	227	68	27
Lafayette	In progress	12	49	93	39	12	+
Saline	Yes	58	74	167	71	15	16

Lead Agency: SFCC  
Funding source: None  
Time frame: FY2024  
Jobs Retained: Unknown

2. *Identify new training opportunities and certificate skills unique to the region.*

SFCC received funding to train 105 companies and instruct 1,014 individuals. Baseline established for comparison.

Lead Agency: SFCC  
Funding source: MOAMP, Missouri One Start Training Program, Private  
Time frame: July 1, 2023- March 15, 2024  
Jobs Created: Unknown

3. *Establish baseline workforce analysis of the region.*

PTRPC Workforce Participation Rate ranged from 53.6% in Johnson County to 65.4% in Lafayette County with unemployment ranging lower than the remainder of the state at 2.9% or less in each county during the reporting period.

Lead Agencies: West Central Missouri Workforce Investment Board and Argonne National Laboratory NERDE  
Funding source: State of Missouri Dept. of Economic Development  
Time frame: FY 2024

Additional FY 2024  
Accomplishments

- *(Douglas School Project, Lafayette County) Freedom Frontier National Heritage Grant was received for cleaning up buildings and grounds to prepare for restoration.*
- *(City of Sweet Springs, Saline County) The Downtown Revitalization Committee received ARPA dollars for community restoration.*
- *(City of Sedalia, Pettis County) Federal Historic Preservation Funds were received to help plan & produce design guidelines for use by Sedalia's Historic Preservation.*
- *(Boys and Girls Club -West Central MO) A Taco Bell Foundation Grant was received to help kids discover career opportunities, gain workforce development opportunities and readiness skills, and receive academic enrichment to pave their path to their great future.*
- *(Sedalia School District-Pettis County) The Sedalia School District obtained a \$293,500.00 grant from DESE to bolster their eligible local competency-based education initiatives.*

- *(Warrensburg Area Career Center, Johnson County) The WACC received a grant to allow for expansion that will create space for The Construction Technologies program and allocate space for potential future programs.*
- *(Trails Regional Library, Johnson and Lafayette County) Trails Regional Library is launching an Excel Adult High School Program. This program is for ages 18 and older and provides a beneficial solution for those who may need extra academic assistance and learning style flexibility.*

**Goal 3: Promote Infrastructure Improvements throughout the Region**

<b>Objective1: Expand the role of technology in the region’s economy</b>
Strategy 1: Increase provider awareness of regional gaps in service and potential for opportunities to expand coverage
Strategy 2: Encourage the use of GIS mapping throughout the region
Strategy 3: Explore technology-related opportunities available for expansion to the region.

**Measures**

1. *Establish services for small communities available through GIS capabilities provided by the RPC.*

PTRPC staff created a service flyer outlining the RPC’s GIS capabilities and schedule of services. GIS capabilities are offered as opportunities become available in public meetings, and networking events. Services are also applied when applying for grants to strengthen applications, bringing much needed funding to the region.

Lead Agency: PTRPC  
Funding source: EDA  
Time frame: By July 1, 2024  
Jobs Retained: 1 (PTRPC GIS Planner)

2. *Pilot one community broadband survey to identify gaps in service and improve connectivity through grant research and applications.*

In FY2023, a broadband needs online survey was conducted through the University of Missouri Extension office. This survey was mailed and electronically mailed to stakeholders in the RPC’s region. Two in-person regional meetings were facilitated by PTRPC staff with the state office to follow-up the survey with discussions of broadband needs and development plans. Monthly broadband updates are distributed via email to stakeholders in coordination with the Missouri Office of Broadband.

Lead Agency: Office of Broadband & University of MO Extension  
Funding source: Missouri Dept. of Economic Development  
Time frame: Ongoing  
Jobs Created: 1 (PTRPC Community Development Planner)

3. *Market preliminary project planning services available from Milken through EDA.*

Knob Noster chamber of commerce and city staff requested preliminary market and project planning services from PTRPC staff. EDA and ESRI data sources were gathered and analyzed by staff to present a grocer initiative to attract a replacement mercantile food supply service for the city.

Lead Agency: PTRPC

Funding source: EDA and city contract services arrangement

Time frame: FY 2023 - FY2024

Jobs Retained: 3

<b>Objective2: Improve and expand major transportation infrastructure networks to provide a safe transportation system</b>
Strategy 1: Work with MoDOT to improve and expand major regional highways to provide adequate roads within the region
Strategy 2: Support the coordination of regional highway coalitions to support additional road improvements and road safety funds
Strategy 3: Identify opportunities to improve the safety of community members while they utilize the transportation system.
Strategy 4: Identify opportunities to expand or develop infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists

### **Measures**

1. *Make a regional Transportation Plan available by 2027.*

A regional Transportation Plan is updated annually. The 2024 plan is expected to be completed and approved by the PTRPC Board of Directors in May, 2024.

Lead Agency: PTRPC

Funding source: MoDOT

Time frame: Annual update

Jobs Retained: 1 (PTRPC Principal Planner)

2. *Develop a Public Transit Human Services Coordination Plan for regional counties by 2023*

The plan was approved July 7, 2023, and will expire in 2028.

Lead Agency: PTRPC

Funding source: MoDOT

Time frame: December 2023

Jobs Retained: 1 (PTRPC Principal Planner)

- 3. Increase the number of improvements addressed on the regional transportation needs list.*

The table below outlines the total MoDOT investment per county in FY2024

<b>County</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Investment</b>
Johnson	2024	\$4,749,000
Lafayette	2024	\$29,498,000
Pettis	2024	\$3,597,000
Saline	2024	\$150,000

Lead Agency: PTRPC

Funding source: MoDOT

Time frame: Annual update

Jobs Retained: 1 (PTRPC Principal Planner)

- 4. Increase the number of participants in regional coalitions.*

Attendance outlined below. PTRPC staff will increase outreach efforts, namely through the monthly Service Bulletin.

<b>Coalition</b>	<b>FY2023 Attendance Average</b>	<b>FY2024 Attendance Average*</b>
<b>TAC</b>	18.25	18
<b>Destination Safe</b>	40	Unavailable

\*April through June 2024 are not reflected in totals.

Lead Agency: PTRPC

Funding source: MoDOT

Time frame: Annual update

Jobs Retained: 1 (PTRPC Principal Planner)

- 5. Compile and distribute funding opportunities for transportation needs.*

Funding opportunities distributed to relevant parties directly, during public meetings and the PTRPC monthly Bulletin.

Lead Agency: PTRPC



Funding source: MoDOT  
 Time frame: Ongoing  
 Jobs Retained: 2

6. *Increase the number of TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant Applicants*

2022 applications recorded for baseline. Of the 8 applications, 6 from the PTRPC region were funded \$1,839,647.

The 2024 application period had not closed at time of report.

TAP Applicants	
2022	2024
8	-

Lead Agency: PTRPC  
 Funding source: MoDOT  
 Time frame: 2024  
 Jobs Retained: 1 (PTRPC Principal Planner)

<b>Objective 3: Improve the public infrastructure of the region in order to support and sustain a viable economy and environment</b>
Strategy 1: Assist the counties and communities in the region with the improvement of their infrastructure including (but not limited to) roads, sewer, water, sidewalks, bridges, and telecommunication
Strategy 2: Identify local, state, federal, and private funding sources for capital improvement

**Measures**

1. *Increase the number of EIERA, EPA and DNR Brownfield grant applications.*

	# of Applicants	Awarded	Award undetermined	Funding source
FY2024	0	n/a	n/a	n/a

Lead Agency: PTRPC  
 Funding source: EIERA, EPA, DNR  
 Time frame: FY2024  
 Jobs Retained: 2 (Executive Director and Community Development Planner)

2. *Coordinate and host public education or certification opportunities when available.*

Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources and Kansas State University staff worked with JCEDC staff and Holden city staff to prepare a \$40,000 application for a Brownfields Market Analysis on behalf of the Holden Business Park project. PTRPC staff participated with JCEDC staff and city staff in the analysis sessions provided by EPA for the city of Holden in August and October of 2022 and January 2023.

Lead Agency: DNR

Funding source: DNR; individual jurisdictions

Time frame: FY2023

Jobs Retained or to be created: Unknown

Additional FY 2024  
Accomplishments

- *(City of Marshall, Saline County) Representative Kurtis Gregory obtaining funds through the MO State Budget for the city's water infrastructure.*
- *(City of Sedalia and Pettis County) Fastwyre Broadband is providing their services to the Sedalia and LaMonte areas.*
- *(Johnson and Lafayette County) These two counties in our region will receive funding Goodwill of Western MO and Eastern Kansas-Bridge to Technology and careers in Greater KC.*
- *(Pettis and Saline County) Branch Towers LLC received funding from the Cell Tower Round 2/ARPA dollars for 11 counties that will be 5 projects including areas in Pettis and Saline County.*
- *(Concordia, Mo -Lafayette County) Keseman Tool & Die received a USDA Grant for a REAP solar array project.*
- *(Marshall, MO -Saline County) The Marshall Public Library received a Secretary of State Summer Library Grant for enhancing the educational and recreational experiences for the community during the summer months.*
- *(City of Higginsville) Received a subgrant award for climate pollution reduction.*

## Goal 4: Preserve Regional Quality of Place

### **Objective 1: Improve and expand park and recreation facilities such as hiking and biking trails**

Strategy 1: Assist communities in planning for park and recreation facilities

Strategy 2: Support the maintenance and expansion of recreational park facilities

Strategy 3: Support or assist in the development of county-wide hiking and biking trail networks

### Measures

1. *Record and track trail use in the region.*

Trail use and visitor data was unavailable during the reporting period.

<b>Trail</b>	<b>2022 Visitors (Base Established)</b>	<b>2023 Visitors</b>	<b>2024 Visitors</b>
Katy Trail – Rock Island Spur	<b>8,401</b>	<b>5,044</b>	-
Katy Trail – Knob Noster Trailhead	<b>18,105</b>	<b>34,165</b>	-
Knob Noster State Park	<b>309,723</b>	<b>231,257</b>	-
Spirit Trail	Not collected	Not collected	-
Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site	<b>41,259</b>	<b>41,092</b>	-
Arrow Rock State Historic Site	<b>80,967</b>	<b>80,561</b>	-
Van Meter State Park	<b>38,528</b>	<b>30,732</b>	-
Confederate Memorial State Historic Site	<b>98,631</b>	<b>106,796</b>	-
Battle of Lexington State Historic Site	<b>40,594</b>	<b>41,769</b>	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>636,208</b>	<b>571,416</b>	

Source: [https://mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/Final\\_2022\\_Attendance.pdf](https://mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/Final_2022_Attendance.pdf)

Lead Agency: Johnson County  
Funding source: DNR  
Time frame: 2023-2024  
Jobs Created: 20 full-time; 61 part-time

*2. Market GIS services as a planning tool among smaller communities*

Several small cities requested GIS services to update their outdated city zoning maps. Some of the cities had PTRPC staff scan their old, paper utility maps using the flatbed scanner, with a view towards digitizing those maps later.

Lead Agency: PTRPC  
Funding source: MoDOT, EDA, Odessa, Knob Noster, Alma, and other contracts  
Time frame: Annual update  
Jobs Retained: 1

*3. Market Comprehensive Plan recertification among small communities and counties.*

City of Knob Noster Comprehensive Plan scheduled to become completed in 2024, with planning contracts pending with the City of Odessa.

Lead Agency: PTRPC  
Funding source: EDA, City contracts  
Time frame: FY2024  
Jobs Retained: 2

*4. Communicate funding opportunities to relevant parties in the region for improvements to park and recreational facilities.*

Funding opportunities are distributed and discussed as they become available.

Lead Agency: PTRPC  
Funding source: State Dept. of Natural Resources and other various  
Time frame: FY2024  
Jobs Retained: 2

*5. Incorporate trail use tracing technology*

Technology purchased but not implemented to date.

Lead Agency: PTRPC  
Funding source: MoDOT, Varies  
Time frame: FY2024

Jobs Retained: 1

<b>Objective 2: Recognize the opportunity to sustain and grow local emergency preparedness planning</b>
Strategy 1: Sustain regional emergency management assets
Strategy 2: Encourage PTRPC Staff to gain the required expertise to provide first-class technical assistance to potential grant applicants
Strategy 3: Create Hazard Mitigation Plans for the region and make them accessible to constituents
Strategy 4: Explore Hazardous Materials Planning

### Measures

1. *Deliver one (3) Hazardous Materials plans – one each for Lafayette, Johnson, and Pettis County*

Pettis County plan under review by FEMA; March 13, 2024. Lafayette and Johnson Counties plans were approved by FEMA and will expire in 2028.

Lead Agency: PTRPC

Funding source: SEMA / County EMA

Time frame: December 2024

Jobs Retained: 1 (PTRPC Principal Planner)

2. *Recruit stakeholder engagement in the Hazard Mitigation Process.*

	<b>2018 Participation</b>	<b>2023 Participation</b>
<b>Lafayette</b>	81%	80%
<b>Johnson</b>	100%	71%
<b>Pettis</b>	69% (2019)	100% (2024)

Lead Agency: PTRPC

Funding source: SEMA / County EMA

Time frame: 2024

Jobs Retained: 3

3. *Increase the number of FEMA or other resilience grant applications.*

The Knob Noster School District has a two-phase plan underway. Various communities have inquired about funding and have been guidance to communicate with SEMA to coordinate an application.

Lead Agency: PTRPC

Funding source: SEMA / County EMA

Time frame: 2024  
Jobs Retained: 3

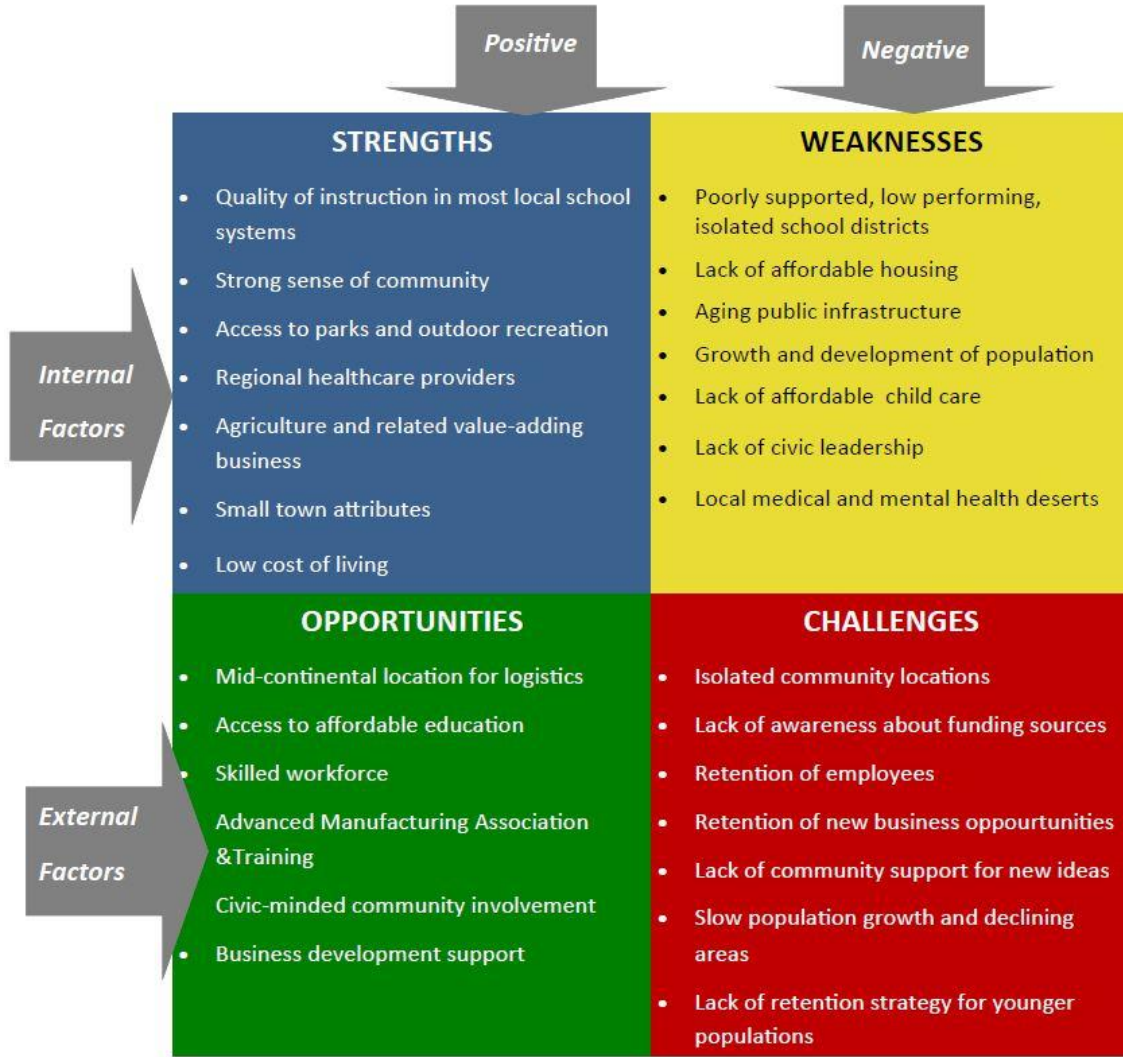
Additional FY 2024  
Accomplishments

- *(Arrow Rock, MO- Saline County) DNR dollars were received for RV park and campground upgrades.*
- *(Pettis, Saline, Johnson, and Lafayette Counties) Twenty-one public and private schools in our region received funding from the DESE-School Safety Grant Program to support safety improvements at their facilities.*
- *(Saline County Commission) Emergency State Management Agency @Emergency Performance Grant (EMPG) was received by the Commission for emergency planning and equipment.*

## **Future Plan of Action**

- Implement new 5-year plan goals and objectives.
- Increase the amount available for capitalization.
- Increase regional participants in entrepreneur support programs.
- PTRPC will catalog and communicate key resources and services provided by the RPC.

# Attachment 1: Updated SWOC





## Attachment 2: Pioneer Trails Board

Name	County	Position
Tracy Brantner	Johnson	City/Village Caucus
Marsha Corbin	Lafayette	Stakeholder
Brad Maclaughlin	Lafayette	Lafayette County Commissioner
Troy Mathews	Johnson	Johnson County Commissioner
Stephanie Gooden	Saline	Saline County Commissioner
Israel Baeza	Pettis	Pettis County Commissioner
Jim Marcum	Pettis	Private Sector
Allan Rohrbach	Pettis	City/Village Caucus
Beth Hanson	Lafayette	City of Lexington
Greg Swift	Saline	Private Sector
Tracy Dyer	Lafayette	Private Sector
Danielle Dulin	Johnson	City of Warrensburg Representative
Ron Kumm	Lafayette	City of Higginsville (Ex-Officio)
Shawna Davis	Lafayette	City of Odessa Representative
Mitchell Moon	Johnson	Stakeholder
Jessica Craig	Pettis	Stakeholder
JD Kehrman	Saline	City of Marshall Representative
Kit Lindsay	Johnson	Private Sector
Vacant	Lafayette	City/ Village Caucus
Becky Plattner	Saline	City/ Village Caucus
Vacant	Saline	Stakeholder
Kelvin Shaw	Pettis	City of Sedalia Representative

### Attachment 3: CEDS Committee

Name	Organization	County
Tracy Brantner (Chair)	Johnson County Economic Development	Johnson
Cheryl Barnson	Equity Bank	All
Catherine Neuner	University of Missouri Extension	Lafayette
Marsha Corbin	Old Trails Regional Tourism Partnership	Lafayette
Amy Jackson	State Fair Community College	Pettis
Kelly Asbury	Small Business & Technology Development Center at State Fair Community College	Pettis
Jessica Craig	Sedalia - Pettis County Economic Development	Pettis
Missy Edison	West Central Missouri Workforce Development	Pettis
Mitchell Moon	University of Missouri Extension	Johnson

## Attachment 4: Pioneer Trails Staff

Name	Position
Norman W. Lucas, MPPA	Executive Director
Debbie Brackman	Homeland Security Planner
Nathan Cooley	GIS Planner
Christopher Hess	Deputy Director
Susan Flandermeyer	Fiscal Officer
Janet Luetjen	Community Development Planner

## Appendix 5: Current Regional Plans & Studies (2022-2024)

CMEDA Labor Basin Study	Pettis County Firefighting Capability Plan
Crooked Creek Watershed Plan (In Progress)	Pettis County Floodplain Management Plan
Higginsville Comprehensive Plan	Pettis County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Higginsville Local Emergency Plan	Pettis County Mass Care Sheltering Plan
Higginsville Master Connectivity Plan	Pettis County Recovery Plan
Higginsville Park Master Plan	Pioneer Trails Broadband Availability and Adoption Strategic Plan
Holden Broadband for Business Survey	Pioneer Trails Public Transit Human Services Coordination Plan
Johnson County Critical Facilities Plan	Pioneer Trails Transportation Plan
Johnson County Economic Development Plan	Region F Solid Waste Management District 5 Year Plan
Johnson County Emergency Plan	Saline County Communication Emergency Alert Plan
Johnson County Hazard Mitigation Plan	Saline County Critical Facilities Inventory
Johnson County Innovation District Corridor Study*	Saline County Evacuation Plan
Johnson County Recovery Plan	Saline County Family Reunification Plan
Knob Noster Main Street Connection Plan (in progress)	Saline County Hazard Materials Plan
Lafayette County ADA Compliance Report/Plan	Saline County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Lafayette County Comprehensive Plan	Saline County Vulnerability Assessment
Lafayette County Emergency Plan	Saline County Vulnerable Population Inventory
Lafayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan	Sedalia ADA Compliance Report/Plan
Lafayette County Health Dept. Comprehensive Plan	Sedalia Capital Improvement Plan
Lafayette County Land Use Plan	Sedalia Comprehensive Plan
Lafayette County Recovery Plan	Sedalia Debris Management Plan
Lexington Comprehensive Plan	Sedalia Economic Development Plan
Lexington Economic Development Plan	Sedalia Land Use Plan
Lexington Master Connectivity Plan	Sedalia Local Emergency Plan
Odessa Master Connectivity Plan	Sedalia Storm Water Management Plan
Pettis County Communication Emergency Alert Plan	Slater Annual City Plan
Pettis County Critical Facilities Inventory	Sweet Springs Comprehensive Plan
Pettis County Debris Management Plan	Warrensburg Comprehensive Plan Update
Pettis County Emergency Operations Plan	Region F SWMD 5 Year Plan
Pettis County Event Security Plan	Lexington Rail to Trail Plan
Saline County Emergency Operations Plan	Holden Storm Water Plan
WALC Housing Assessment Plan	Concordia Comprehensive Plan
Blackwater River Watershed Study	