

# RPO Project Regional Collaborative Efforts

## FORT RILEY COMMUNITY RELATIONS PARTNERSHIP

<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b></p>	<p><b>Big Red One and Fort Riley Community Update:</b> This regular newsletter provides updates on Fort Riley units, deployed and deploying units, training highlights, Fort Riley news and latest population numbers, jobs and contracting and more. Sign up today to receive the newsletter via e-mail! Look for the "Big Red One and Fort Riley Community Update" list under "PAO."</p> <p><b>FORT RILEY SPEAKERS:</b> Fort Riley speakers offer the opportunity for the Central Flint Hills Region to learn more about the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley. Speakers are available for a variety of community events, such as ceremonies and local meetings to discuss Fort Riley's past, present and future. Speakers can range from military officials to civilian subject matter experts.</p> <p><b>Fort Riley Newsletter:</b> BRO &amp; Ft Riley Comm. Updates Newsletter</p> <p><b>Fort Tours:</b> The public may request tours of Fort Riley.</p> <p><b>CEREMONIES:</b> Fort Riley welcomes the public to attend fort ceremonies.</p> <p><b>FORT RILEY POST NEWSPAPER:</b> This weekly newspaper provides information on 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley units and agencies, feature and sports articles and the latest Army news.</p>
<p><b>PARTNERS</b></p>	<p>The Office of Media Relations is the primary link between Fort Riley and the news media. Our goal is to increase public awareness and understanding of Fort Riley and its Soldiers, Family members and training missions. Resource: Press Kit, providing overview of units at Fort Riley.</p>
<p><b>DATE INITIATED</b></p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p><b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b></p>	<p>7 County area</p>
<p><b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b></p>	<p>Community outreach coordinated and centralized</p>
<p><b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b></p>	<p>Single-point of Contact for Fort Riley, increasing effectiveness</p>
<p><b>CONTACTS</b></p>	<p>Fort Riley's Community Relations Office at <b>(785) 239-3410</b>  <a href="http://www.riley.army.mil/NewsViewer.aspx?id=1786">http://www.riley.army.mil/NewsViewer.aspx?id=1786</a></p>

## FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b></p>	<p><b>The Public Affairs Office</b> fulfills the Army obligation to keep the American people and the Army informed and helps to establish the conditions that lead to confidence in America's Army and its readiness to conduct operations in peacetime, conflict and war. The primary public affairs functional areas are Command Information, Media Relations and Community Relations.</p> <p><b>The Community Relations Office</b> acts as an ambassador for the installation, sending Soldiers throughout the Central Flint Hills Region and beyond to take part in celebrations, parades, historical events and funerals. Additionally, it coordinates group tours and handles community noise concerns. The CR Office publishes a monthly community newsletter and training advisories in an effort to keep the Central Flint Hills Region informed.</p> <p><b>The Command Information Office</b> produces Riley TV, the 1st Infantry Division Post, Fort Riley Guide and Directory, Fort Riley Map, and Electronic Messages at its entrances.</p> <p><b>The Media Relations Office</b> is the liaison between civilian media and Fort Riley. It answers media queries, keeps the command group informed about media issues that affect the post and produces news releases and media advisories. MR also coordinates media interest for VIP, congressional visits and press conferences. Additionally, it helps Soldiers get information about their accomplishments into their hometown newspapers.</p>
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<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	7 County area
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Extends Fort contacts to larger seven county region
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Coordinate with central officer on Post
<b>CONTACTS</b>	<b>Public Affairs Officer: (785) 239-3410</b>

**FORT RILEY ARMY COMMUNITY COVENANT**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The Army Community Covenant is tailored at the local level, with civic leaders at both local and state levels participating in covenant signings, commencing on 17 April 2008, recognizing the strength of Army Soldiers and their Families and the support of their local Community. Listed on the fort website at <a href="http://www.riley.army.mil/">http://www.riley.army.mil/</a> are Community Covenant best practices and featured programs of support to soldiers and family members provided by America's communities.</p> <p>The site allows the visitor to explore the many opportunities to get involved or donate to the Army's Soldiers and Families.</p>
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	7 County area
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	<b>Support for soldiers' families</b>
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Communicates Fort goals to community for regional strategic planning
<b>CONTACT</b>	<p><b>Email: ACSIMcommunitycovenant@conus.army.mil</b></p> <p><b>Phone: (703) 601-1945</b></p>




**KANSAS RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION**

	<p>A foundation was formed to serve as a vehicle for local community improvement funds. The community foundation manages 22 funds; 15 of which directly serve communities and causes in Pottawatomie County, including: Belvue Community Improvement Fund, Blue Valley Foundation Fund, Leisure Land Playground Fund (Onaga), PCEDC Fund, Pottawatomie County Historic Preservation Fund, Pottawatomie-Wabaunsee Regional Library Fund, R-Tech Tool and Machine Scholarship Fund, St George Historical Society Fund, St Marys Masonic Memorial Scholarship Fund, St Marys Friends of the Park Fund, The Ties That Bind Fund (Onaga), Wamego Telephone Company Donor Advised Fund and the Westmoreland Community Improvement Fund.</p>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>All the board members are residents of Pottawatomie County; most are bankers and business people. The foundation has a full range of informational brochures and handouts developed for communities to use in informing potential donors and board members are beginning to reach out to potential donors in a focused manner.</p>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	<p>Multiple Organizations in Pottawatomie County and throughout the state</p>
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	<p>501(c)3 approved in 2006</p>
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	<p>Statewide</p>
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	<p>established scholarships, built new community playgrounds, assisted families who have children with disabilities, and aided historical preservation, to name a few.</p>
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	<p>Grant funding and applications coordinated more at the regional level</p>
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<p>René Eiche, executive director          Kansas Rural Communities Foundation          P.O. Box 25          1004 Lincoln Ave.          Wamego , KS 66547          Phone: 785.456.8444</p>
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<p><a href="http://thekrcf.org/">http://thekrcf.org/</a></p>



**FLINT HILLS TOURISM COALITION**


	<p>The Flint Hills Tourism Coalition is an alliance of tourism marketing agencies from the 22 counties along with Flint Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&amp;D), and the Kansas Division of Tourism. The alliance is focused extensively on increasing tourism in the region by promoting and enhancing Flint Hills attractions.</p>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Partners providing financial support include Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation, Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau, Morris County ED , Cowley County (Consortium); Chase County (Consortium), Wabaunsee County; Marshall County; Lyon County; Butler County; and others.</p>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	<p>Multiple Organizations, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Corporations, Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureaus, Counties, and businesses</p>
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	<p>2005</p>
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	<p>East Central Kansas</p>
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	<p>Raising tourism awareness within the state of Kansas and beyond</p>
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	<p>Joint grant funding and applications with larger 22-county tourism efforts</p>
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<p>Linda Craghead, Executive Director PO Box 244 Alma, KS 66401 Phone: 785.765.2622 Toll Free: 866.660.2622 Cell: 785.341.2159 lindacraghead@fhrd.net</p>
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<p><a href="http://kansasflinthills.travel/">http://kansasflinthills.travel/</a></p>

**FLINT HILLS HORSE PARK AND EVENTS CENTER STUDY**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Kansas Rural Communities Foundation collected private donations to conduct a study for the analytic and design work for a regional Horse Park and Events Center that was intended to be located on University land in the Northeast quadrant of Manhattan.</p>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	<p>Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation, KSU Foundation, City of Manhattan, Riley County, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, City of Junction City, and others.</p>
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	<p>Study completed in 2007</p>
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	<p>3 County Area</p>
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	<p>There is a great deal of work to do to go from the concept stage to the final product, but if the region shows the type of cooperation shown in creating the feasibility study, the project is sure to be a success and a major economic driver for the entire region.</p> <p><i>- Little Apple Business Review / February 2007, Volume 3, Issue 2</i></p>
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<p><a href="http://flinthillshorsepark.com/fhhp/">http://flinthillshorsepark.com/fhhp/</a></p>



**FREEDOM'S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**


 <b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The National Heritage Area was established by an act of Congress in 2006 and contains 29 counties in eastern Kansas and 12 counties in Western Missouri (31,000 square miles).</p> <p>The National designation provides a powerful partnership for marketing and to promote tourism in the region as a unique place in the world. A Management Plan will tell stories in many related themes: Early Exploration, Anti-Slavery Conflict, Native American Conflict, Westward Migration, the Influence of the Military, Early Settlement, the Rise of the Railroads and Agriculture, and others. From "Bloody Kansas" to "The Pottawatomie Trail of Death" to "Brown vs. the Board of Education."</p>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Lawrence CVB, Kansas Territorial Alliance, KU, KS State Historical Society; The counties of Atchison, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Miami, Linn, Bourbon, Crawford, Cherokee, Labette, Neosho, Allen, Anderson, Franklin, Douglas, Jefferson, Jackson, Shawnee, Osage, Coffey, Woodson, Wilson, Montgomery, Chautauqua, Wabaunsee, Pottawatomie, Riley, Geary and Clay. 12 counties in Missouri. Numerous individual sites throughout.
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	Created in 2006
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Links bi-state region for larger tourism and educational opportunities
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	<p>Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area is a model for regional cooperation. The project Mission Statement says:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"FFNHA is dedicated to building awareness of the struggles for freedom in western Missouri and eastern Kansas. These diverse, Interwoven, and nationally important stories grew from a unique physical and cultural landscape. FFNHA inspires respect for multiple perspectives and empowers residents to preserve and share these stories. We achieve our goals through interpretation, preservation, conservation, and education for all residents and visitors."</p> <p>The 3-county RPO project would be hard-pressed to find a better model than this mission statement: "respect for multiple perspectives" and "empowering residents to preserve and share stories."</p>
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<p>Judy Billings or Debbie White                      Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area                      P.O.Box 526                      Lawrence, KS 66044                      785.865.4499 or 785.856.5300</p>
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<a href="http://www.freedomsfrontier.org/">http://www.freedomsfrontier.org/</a>

**TRI-CITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The Economic Development Committee was formed to serve the cities of Havensville, Onaga and Wheaton to provide local resources and to carry out the priorities identified in the "Vision 20" study. The Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation facilitated the "Vision 20" planning exercise with individuals from the three communities.
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Cities of Havensville, Onaga, and Wheaton, and Pottawatomie County Economic Development Committee
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	2005
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Pottawatomie County
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Brought smaller communities to the regional planning table
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Local committee with which to coordinate
<b>CONTACTS</b>	Bob Cole, Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation



**WASHBURN UNIVERSITY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC)**

 <b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The SBDC provides advice, counseling and technical assistance to small business startups and expansions throughout northeast Kansas. Services are provided to entrepreneurs and small businesses located in the counties of Brown, Geary, Jackson, Marshall, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee, and Wabaunsee. The Washburn SBDC main center is located in Topeka, with an outreach center located in Manhattan. The Manhattan outreach center serves clients in Geary, Pottawatomie, and Riley counties.</p>
<b>LOCAL PARTNERS</b>	Junction City / Geary County Economic Development, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Pottawatomie County Economic Development
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Northeast Kansas – Brown, Geary, Jackson, Marshall, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee, and Wabaunsee Counties
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Regional resource extended to Manhattan region
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Outreach beyond 3-county and 7-county region for resources
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<p>Washburn University KSBDC            120 SE 6th Ave., Ste. 100            Topeka, KS 66603            785.234.3235  <a href="mailto:ksbdc@washburn.edu">ksbdc@washburn.edu</a></p>
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<a href="http://www.washburn.edu/sbdc/">http://www.washburn.edu/sbdc/</a>

**KANSAS ENTREPRENEURIAL CENTER INC (KEC) BUSINESS INCUBATOR**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The KEC business incubator provides facilities and administrative support for local, technology-based start-up companies. Effectively a subsidiary of MACC, the KEC is sponsored by the City of Manhattan, Riley and Pottawatomie Counties, the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, and Kansas State University; in cooperation with the North Central Kansas Community Network Co. (NCKCN) and North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC).</p> <p>The purpose of this incubator is to provide a location to recruit early stage bioscience and other high-tech businesses for incubation for a 2 year period of time, with the goal of helping them become fully profitable growth enterprises. In return, the goal is to increase high-value employment and job creation and some potential for equity harvest in the event some entities are incubated for equity shares rather than cash rent.</p> <p>A business plan and a memorandum of understanding among the participating entities govern the operation. Work continues on upgrades to the building its operating systems. Each of the participating entities has pledged or completed cash investments, in order to bring the facility to adequate quality and to continue recruitment of potential enterprises.</p>
<b>LOCAL PARTNERS</b>	Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, City of Manhattan, National Institute for Strategic Technology Acquisition and Commercialization (NISTAC), Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation, Pottawatomie County, in cooperation with the North Central Kansas Planning Commission
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	3-County area
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Provides mechanism to take advantage of Kansas Rural Business Development Tax Credits awarded by Kansas Department of Commerce.
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Closer working relationships with the City of Manhattan, Riley and Pottawatomie Counties, the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, and Kansas State University.
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<a href="http://www.manhattan.org">www.manhattan.org</a>



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<b>KANSAS RIVER LANDINGS</b>	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Several projects are being undertaken up and down the Kansas River to make it accessible as a recreational corridor throughout its length from Junction City to Kansas City. River landings are planned about every 10 miles along the Kansas River from Junction City to Kansas City. The most recent recreational river landing constructed opened at the Riverfront Park in Wamego. Other completed river landing projects are located in St George, the Highway 177 bridge south of Manhattan, LeCompton, DeSoto, and Edwardsville.
<b>LOCAL PARTNERS (WAMEGO PROJECT)</b>	Wamego Community Foundation, Wamego Chamber of Commerce, City of Wamego, Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Along Kansas River from Junction City to Kansas City
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Coordinated locally with the Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Grant funding and joint applications; promotion
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	René Eiche, executive director Wamego Community Foundation 529 Lincoln Ave.   P.O. Box 25 Wamego, KS 66547 785.456.8444
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<b>NA</b>

<b>WAM-SAG-MAN RECREATIONAL TRAIL</b>	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The WAMSAGMAN (Wamego - St George - Manhattan) recreational trail is in the early planning stages, with land access rights and engineering plans still in the works. The trail concept would include a 10-foot wide walking trail with shoulders for bike riders from the Blue River, to Wamego, through Saint George roughly paralleling the Old Military Trail Road. An extensive opinion and fundraising survey was conducted from which it appears that there is widespread regional support for this project.
<b>LOCAL PARTNERS AND ADVOCATES</b>	Pottawatomie County, Wamego Chamber of Commerce, Wamego Community Foundation, Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation, Rock Creek School District, City of St George, City of Wamego, Manhattan, KSU, KDOT, Sunflower Foundation, and trail advocates throughout the region.
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Pottawatomie County and eastern Manhattan
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Coordinated locally with the Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Coordinate on local projects for trail funding through KDOT and other funding sources
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corporation
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<b>NA</b>





<b>KANSAS BIOSCIENCE ORGANIZATION</b>	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The Kansas Bioscience Organization is a not-for-profit organization serving as the voice of the biosciences in Kansas. KansasBio is focused on enhancing the business and research climate and working with leaders across the state to attract and retain bioscience talent, companies and funding. The Organization represents the bioscience continuum from the university laboratories to the established pharmaceutical, animal health and crop science companies, and all the entrepreneurial ventures, start-ups and service providers in the heart of the continuum.
<b>LOCAL PARTNERS AND ADVOCATES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Bayer CropScience</li> <li>■ Bayer Healthcare LLC, Animal Health Division</li> <li>■ Beckloff Associates, Inc.</li> <li>■ CyDex, Inc.</li> <li>■ Hill's Pet Nutrition</li> <li>■ ICM Inc.</li> <li>■ Johnson County Community College</li> <li>■ Kansas Bioscience Authority</li> <li>■ Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute</li> <li>■ Kansas State University</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation</li> <li>■ Labconco Corp.</li> <li>■ Nanoscale Corporation</li> <li>■ SAFC Biosciences, Inc.</li> <li>■ Schroer Manufacturing Company</li> <li>■ University of Kansas</li> <li>■ University of Kansas Medical Center</li> <li>■ Vasogenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc.</li> <li>■ Wichita State University</li> </ul>
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	statewide
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Serving as the voice of the biosciences in Kansas
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Help Coordinate Regional and Statewide Funding Applications
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	<a href="http://02a3db0.netsolhost.com/news/eNews/BioBuzzEnewsletter.htm">http://02a3db0.netsolhost.com/news/eNews/BioBuzzEnewsletter.htm</a>
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<a href="http://www.kansasbio.org/">http://www.kansasbio.org/</a>

<b>TALLGRASS PRAIRIE PRESERVE</b>	
 <b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Tallgrass prairie once covered 140 million acres of North America. Within a generation the vast majority was developed and plowed under. Today less than 4% remains, mostly in the Kansas Flint Hills. The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve protects a nationally significant remnant of the once vast tallgrass prairie and its cultural resources. The preserve is located in northern Chase County, Kansas 2 miles north of intersection U.S. 50 and Flint Hills National Scenic Byway 177 (K-177) west of Strong City.
<b>LOCAL PARTNERS AND ADVOCATES</b>	Kansas Park Trust, National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy, Kansas Geological Society, Chase County
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Chase County
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	First national park in state of Kansas; special events, such as the inaugural "Symphony on the Prairie"
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Coordinate public information with the KONZA Prairie Project
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	Rte #1, Box 14 Strong City, KS 66869 620-273-8139
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<a href="http://www.kansasflinthills.org/">http://www.kansasflinthills.org/</a> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/tapr/index.htm">http://www.nps.gov/tapr/index.htm</a>





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**BAYER ANIMAL HEALTH CORRIDOR**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p><i>From the KC Business Journal, May 2009 – Thinking globally and acting locally isn’t just a green slogan. The phrase also captures the business philosophy of Bayer Animal Health and its president, Joerg Ohle, who took the helm of the Shawnee-based company in January 2005, after John Payne retired. Ohle has been instrumental in the establishment of the animal health corridor between Manhattan and Columbia, which supporters say is home to more than 13,000 employees and more than 125 animal health companies that account for about 34 percent of sales in the \$16.8 billion global animal health market. Ohle said his commitment to the animal health corridor is important for Bayer and personally gratifying. Building up the region’s animal health strength helps Bayer recruit workers, he said, because potential hires might be more inclined to mover here if they see other career opportunities, as well. More life sciences companies in the region also mean more potential business partners for Bayer, Ohle said. Bayer’s regional partners include Kansas State University, and K-State officials said the company is a real asset for the university and the animal health corridor. Lisa Freeman, associate vice president of K-State’s Olathe Innovation Campus, and Ralph Richardson, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, said the animal health corridor would not have come together without Ohle’s leadership. They said that Bayer’s presence is important to the development of the business-oriented Olathe campus and that the company is a valuable training resource for veterinary students. “They really reach out into the community extremely well as an entire company,” Richardson said. Community involvement is part of the job description, Ohle said. But Ohle’s devotion to the animal health corridor also stems from the welcome he has received here – which, he said, has been “one of the easier transitions h have ever experienced” in more than 30 years with Bayer. “So, it took me in,” he said of the region. “It made me part of it, and I enjoyed it.” Ohle’s postings have included Singapore, Kenya, El Salvador and Chile, and he purposely has internationalized the local management team. “I have a high appreciation of different cultures and different thinking and different ideas,” he said, “and I like these patchworks of ideas that come together.” Bayer doesn’t release sales figures for regional operations like the one in Shawnee, which serves North America, but the Animal Health Division had worldwide sales of \$1.4 billion last year. Ohle said the Shawnee facility has boosted its manufacturing output by 30 percent since mid-2005 by contracting with outside companies, including Pfizer Inc. and TEVA Animal Health Inc., as well as with other Bayer divisions that produce human pharmaceuticals and consumer products. The manufacturing facility was built to handle growth, but Ohle said the fixed costs of the plant were too high because of the amount of time it was idle. The goal is to be at as much as 80 percent capacity by 2011. The company declined to reveal how much capacity it is using now or how much of its business comes from external sources. Ohle said the company anticipates adding as many as 50 manufacturing jobs this year.</i></p>		
<b>LOCAL PARTNERS AND ADVOCATES</b>	<p>Agri-Laboratories Aspen Veterinary Resources Durvet, Inc. General Pet Supply Phoenix Pharmaceutical Vedco, Inc. Webster Veterinary Supply Wheatbelt, Inc. Adaptive Ozone Solutions, Inc. Ag Processing, Inc. Amark Packaging Systems Casey Products, Inc. Cereal Byproducts Co. Cereal Food Processors, Inc. Cereal Ingredients, Inc. Chem-Tronics, Inc. CII Laboratory Services Columbian TecTank, Inc. Crest Flavor Co. Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. Darling International, Inc. Douglas Products &amp; Packaging Fairbanks Scales Fastpro Int'l Garvey Processing, Inc. Gateway Packaging Co. of Missouri</p>	<p>Datacore Marketing The Duff Company ECTO Development Corp. Farm Journal Media Fleishman-Hillard, Inc. Food 360, Vance Publishing Food-Chain Communications, LLC Frederick Sales, LLC Fresh Perspective, Inc. Geoff Howe Marketing Communications George Butler Associates, Inc. Germinder &amp; Associates Global Prairie Harris Construction Herschel J. Gaddy &amp; Associates H.F. Wood High Plains Journal Hoefer Wysocki Architects, LLC Integrated Management Information Global JE Dunn Construction Kelly Scientific Resources Kforce Scientific Staffing KHC Wealth Management Services Lockton Companies LLC</p>	<p>Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine SouthWestern Association Stowers Institute for Medical Research The National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame University of Kansas University of Kansas Medical Center University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine DeLaval, Inc. Kennel-Aire, LLC Labconco Corporation Pulse Needle Free Systems Shor-Line/Schroer Mfg Stone Manufacturing Supply Co. ACH Foam Technologies Bayer HealthCare, Animal Health Division Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Centaur, Inc.</p>



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	<p>H.C. Davis Sons Mfg Co., Inc. Hantover, Inc. Harcros Chemicals - Organics Div. Hutchinson Salt Company, Inc. Hyalogic, LLC IodiTech North American Salt Company Industrial Fumigant Co. International Processing Corp. JEM International, Inc. KC Supply Co. Lansing TradeGroup LLC MAC Equipment Midwest Grain Products Ingredients MWI Veterinary Supply Co. North American Salt Company Paulo Products Co. Pioneer Container Corp. Searles Valley Minerals Southwest Mill Supply Co. Tabco, Inc. AdFarm ADVANSTAR Veterinary Healthcare Communications AGD Insurance AGRI-Associates Alpha Scouts American Micro Co. Anderson Fallon Bank Midwest Benchmark Biolabs, Inc. Bill Barr &amp; Co., Inc. Blasdel Cleaver Schwalbe Communications, Inc. BOK Financial Bryant Lahey Barnes Callahan Creek Clark Enersen Partners Covansys-Global BPO Services CRB Engineers &amp; Builders</p>	<p>Market Directions Marlen Research Corp. McCormick Company McCownGordon Construction McKinley Communications, Inc. Midwest Research Institute NAVC Clinician's Brief Nicholson Kovac Osborn &amp; Barr Communications PGAV Architects Physicians Reference Laboratory, LLC Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus PC Prism Business Media R.A. Wylan &amp; Company Shook, Hardy &amp; Bacon LLP Sinclair Research Ctr., Inc. Sonnenschein Nath &amp; Rosenthal LLP Spencer Reed Group, LLC Stanger Industries Stephens &amp; Associates Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP Treanor Architects Turner Construction Two West, Inc. Walton Construction Walz Tetrick Advertising Whitworth Ballou Woodruff Sweitzer World Grain American Angus Association American Hereford Association American International Charolais Association American Royal Association</p>	<p>CEVA Biomune Conklin Company Dechra Veterinary Products USA Felton Medical, Inc. Fort Dodge Animal Health IdentiGEN North America, Inc. Intervet/Schering Plough Animal Health IVX Animal Health Ivy Animal Health Norbrook, Inc. USA PBI/Gordon Corp. SAFC Biosciences Sparhawk Laboratories Synbiotics Corporation Thornell Corp. West Agro, Inc. •ADM Milling Co. Ameri-Pac, Inc. Bartlett and Co. Grain Bartlett Milling Co. BioZyme, Inc. Cargill, Inc. CyberAg Feed Co., Inc. Del Monte Pet Products (Topeka) Del Monte Pet Products (Lawrence) Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. IDEXX Labs Land O'Lakes/Purina Mills Manna Pro Corp. MFA Feed Nestle Purina PetCare Nestle Purina Product Technology Ctr Purina Mills, Inc. S&amp;M NuTech LLC Star Labs / Forage Research, Inc. Veterinary Specialty Products ZuPreem</p>
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Along I-70 from Manhattan, KS to Columbia, MO		
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Defined concept of the animal health corridor between Manhattan and Columbia.		
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Bi-state regional funding coordination		
<b>WEB SITES</b>	<a href="http://www.bayer-ah.com">www.bayer-ah.com</a> <a href="http://www.kcanimalhealth.com/">http://www.kcanimalhealth.com/</a>		



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<b>FLINT HILLS REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN</b>	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The purpose of the Flint Hills Regional Growth Plan (FHRGP) is to enable local communities and service providers to coordinate the foundational steps necessary to absorb significant population and economic growth over the next five years. To inform decision-making, the plan assesses current conditions, determines the future needs of an increased population, identifies short term and long term priorities, and establishes a clear set of action steps for regional stakeholders.</p> <p>The planning team conducted two rounds of public meetings to gather feedback from the communities and to refine recommendations. The first round of public meetings were held in three different locations (Manhattan, Junction City and Wamego) and included interactive exercises to prioritize actions.</p> <p>The FHRGP divides findings and recommendations into 12 separate sections representing major resource areas: Land Use; Housing; Utilities and Infrastructure; Education; Transportation and Transit; Public Safety; Health Care and Mental Health; Social Services and Child Care; Workforce; Quality of Life; Regional Collaboration and Fiscal Impacts. – Flint Hills Regional Growth Plan Executive Summary</p>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Manhattan, Junction City, Wamego, and Riley, Geary and Pottawatomie Counties.
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	The project was initiated in May 2006 when the City of Manhattan submitted the grant application, on behalf of the Flint Hills Regional Task Force, to the Office of Economic Adjustment- Department of Defense; Once a consultant was selected and under contract, the consultant's scope of work began December 19, 2006. – Quoted from Eric Cattell.
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	3 County area
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Planned for growth in more comprehensive context, including demographics, housing needs and social services
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Background information on goals and objectives of the region, as well as provides data on past trends and projects.
<b>CONTACTS</b>	Eric Cattell, City of Manhattan Assistant Director for Planning; Technical Management Team for the Flint Hills Regional Growth Plan. E-mail: CATTELL@ci.manhattan.ks.us Phone: 785-587-2412

<b>HIGHWAY 24 CORRIDOR STUDY</b>	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Overview: The purpose of this study is to develop a Corridor Management Plan, which will allow this segment of US-24 to grow in a structured manner by taking a comprehensive look at transportation issues, favorable land use configurations, local regulatory policies/ordinances, local infrastructure and general economic conditions within the study area.</p> <p>Goals of the Corridor Management Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyzing existing and future traffic conditions and recommending improvements that will help maintain/improve traffic safety and operations as the corridor further develops.</li> <li>• Creating an "Access Management" plan that provides safe, reasonable access to adjacent development.</li> <li>• Identifying favorable land use patterns that complement US-24 and benefit the community as a whole.</li> <li>• Analyzing recent economic trends to determine what growth the local economy can reasonably expect in the coming years.</li> </ul> <p>Sponsorship: This \$350,000 study is jointly sponsored by the project partners, with the lead agency, Pottawatomie County, providing 20 percent of its costs. KDOT is providing 65 percent, Manhattan is providing 10 percent, and Wamego and St. George are each providing 2.5 percent.</p> <p>Public responses: The US-24 Study Team has heard a great deal from the public so far through a community questionnaire, e-mail, the Citizens Advisory Group, stakeholder outreach and other public contacts. For the most part people feel at least somewhat safe and are satisfied with the time it takes to travel on the corridor.</p> <p>Public suggestions for improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower/enforce speed limits</li> <li>• Acceleration/Deceleration Lanes</li> <li>• More turn lanes</li> <li>• Bike/pedestrian trail</li> <li>• Flush Road Signal</li> <li>• Columbian Road Signal</li> </ul>



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<b>PARTNERS</b>	<p>Project Partners: Pottawatomie County, Kansas Department of Transportation, City of Manhattan, City of St. George, City of Wamego</p> <p>Consultant team: HWS Consulting Group (Project Management, Engineering, Public Involvement), George Butler &amp; Associates (Traffic Engineering), Gould Evans (Land Use Planning), Richard Caplan &amp; Associates (Market Analysis), Stinson, Morrison &amp; Hecker (Regulatory Policies)</p>
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	<p>June 2008</p> <p>Tentative Schedule:</p> <p>June 2008: Study kickoff</p> <p>Aug: Information Gathering; Advisory Group Community Workshop</p> <p>Oct: Alternatives Development; Advisory Group Community Workshop/Open house</p> <p>Nov: Alternative Evaluation; Advisory Group Community Workshop/Open house</p> <p>Jan 2009: Preferred Alternatives; Advisory Group Community Workshop/Open house</p> <p>Feb: Draft Management Plan &amp; Policy Development</p> <p>May: Final Corridor Management Plan &amp; Policy Adoption by Partners</p>
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Riley and Pottawatomie Counties
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Set access management and land use policies for the highway corridor
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Guide future grant funding application for implementation of land use and access management objectives
<b>CONTACTS</b>	<p>Andrea Bopp or Jen Rahne, HWS Consulting Team</p> <p>E-mail: us24@hws.com</p> <p>Phone: 785-539-2202</p> <p>Fax: 785-539- 2393</p>



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**NATIONAL BIO AND AGRO- DEFENSE FACILITY (NBAF)**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The proposed National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) will research high-consequence biological threats involving zoonotic (i.e., transmitted from animals to humans) and foreign animal diseases. It will allow basic research; diagnostic development, testing and validation; advanced countermeasure development; and training for high-consequence livestock diseases. The new and unique government bio-containment infrastructure would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• integrate those aspects of public and animal health research that have been determined to be central to national security;</li> <li>• assess and research evolving bioterrorism threats over the next five decades; and</li> <li>• enable the Departments of Homeland Security and Agriculture to fulfill their related homeland defense research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&amp;E) responsibilities.</li> </ul>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Lyle Butler, President and CEO, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce; Charlie Gregor, Executive Vice President, Kansas Bioscience Organization Angela Kreps, President, Bioscience Organization Michael Maddox, President, Northeast Kansas Region, INTRUST Bank Tom Romig, Dean, Washburn School of Law
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	January 2009 – Kansas selected as the site for NBAF construction February 2009 – Decision to locate NBAF in Kansas reaffirmed by Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano 2010 – Construction of NBAF will begin 2015 – NBFA is expected to be operational
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Locally, regionally and statewide
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Proposal not yet funded, but has political backing
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Ongoing focus for bio- and agro-business funding applications
<b>CONTACTS</b>	Kansas Bioscience Authority 25501 West Valley Parkway, Suite 100 Olathe, KS 66061 913-397-8300 Email: <a href="mailto:info@kansasbioauthority.org">info@kansasbioauthority.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.nbafinkansas.org/">http://www.nbafinkansas.org/</a>  NBAF Program Manager S&T DOR STOP 0217 Department of Homeland Security 245 Murray Lane, SW Washington, DC 20528-0217 <a href="mailto:nbafprogrammanager@dhs.gov">nbafprogrammanager@dhs.gov</a> Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/xres/labs/editorial_0762.shtm">http://www.dhs.gov/xres/labs/editorial_0762.shtm</a>



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**GEARY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The Board of Health was established by a joint resolution of the City &amp; County Commissioners. The board consists of seven members: one County Commissioner, one City Commissioner, one Medical Consultant from the Geary County Medical Society, and four at large members from the community. Vision statement: "Promoting and Protecting the Health of the People and their Environment."</p> <p>Mission statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prevent disease</li> <li>• To investigate communicable diseases</li> <li>• To monitor the health status of the community</li> <li>• To educate the community about health issues</li> </ul> <p>- Information taken from the Junction City/Geary County Health Department's website</p>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Junction City Commission and Geary County Commission
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	July 1, 1949
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Geary County
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Coordinated regional services
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Grant applications; public information; coordinate regionally beyond immediate service area
<b>CONTACTS</b>	<p>1212 West Ash Junction City, KS 66441 785-762-5788 <a href="http://00001pl.previewcohosting.com/index.htm">http://00001pl.previewcohosting.com/index.htm</a></p>

**ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The staff consists of a Director, two full-time and two part-time Kennel Workers. It is their policy to ensure, as far as possible, that domestic animals are properly confined and cared for and that domestic animal owners voluntarily comply with the City Ordinances governing the care and treatment of their Animals. For their assistance please call 785-238-1359</p> <p>Lisa Younghans is the Director of the Junction City-Geary County Animal Shelter. Captain Chuck Leithoff of the Community Involvement Unit (CIU) is the direct supervisor of the Animal Control Officer (ACO). The ACO is a City of Junction City employee and is dispatched through the Police Department. The purpose of the joint board is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide humane care and treatment for all animals.</li> <li>2. Provide humane euthanasia for all animals that qualify.</li> <li>3. Seek and return lost animals to their owners.</li> <li>4. Find suitable homes for animals without owners.</li> <li>5. Maintain the shelter facility for the animals in accordance with all laws.</li> </ol> <p>Additional responsibilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hiring and supervision of the animal control director, its employees and expenditures</li> <li>2. Overseeing budget</li> </ol>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Mayor of Junction City, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the Chief of Police of Junction City, one member of the Friends of Animals Organization of Junction City, one veterinarian from Junction City/Geary County
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	February 2006
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Geary County
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Rural and urban shared services
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Grant coordination; public education
<b>CONTACTS</b>	<p>2424 N. Jackson St. Junction City, KS 66441 785-238-1359 <a href="http://www.jcks.com/publicsafety/police/aco.html">http://www.jcks.com/publicsafety/police/aco.html</a></p>



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**NORTH CENTRAL-FLINT HILLS AREA AGENCY ON AGING, INC.**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (NCFHAAA) is a private, not-for profit organization that serves older Kansans and their families in an 18-county region of Kansas. As one of 655 Area Agencies on Aging in the nation, we are charged under the Older Americans Act to create a "comprehensive and coordinated system" of services that meet the needs of older Kansans and their families. In our work to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of services, we are also required under the Older Americans Act to advocate for policies that are in the best interest of older Kansans in our region, with particular attention to those who have the greatest economic and social needs. NCFHAA provides the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information and Assistance services help seniors and caregivers with age-related problems, paper work and consumer issues.</li> <li>• Older Kansans Employment Program helps people 55 or older find work.</li> <li>• Medicare counseling helps with Medicare and other insurance issues.</li> <li>• Keynotes News Magazine is mailed to older Kansans and their families.</li> <li>• Housing Assistance provides opportunities for low-income families to obtain adequate rental housing in rural areas.</li> <li>• Case Management and Senior Care Act help older Kansans use in-home services.</li> <li>• Resource coordination and development supports services for older Kansans.</li> <li>• Foster Grandparents Program connects older Kansans with at risk children in schools.</li> <li>• Friendship Meals offer fun, food and activities at 43 area Senior Centers.</li> </ul>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Counties: Chase, Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Geary, Jewell, Lincoln, Lyon, Marion, Mitchell, Morris, Ottawa, Pottawatomie, Republic, Riley, Saline, and Wabaunsee.
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	Designated as an Area Agency on Aging in 1973
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Geary County and partner counties
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Created a comprehensive and coordinated system of services
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Grant funding and public education
<b>CONTACTS</b>	North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging 401 Houston St. Manhattan, KS 66502 (785) 776-9294 ncfhaaa@ncfhaaa.com <a href="http://www.ncfhaaa.com">http://www.ncfhaaa.com</a>





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**GEARY COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Responsibilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Junction City must confine and incarcerate prisoners committed to jail from the authority of the Junction City Municipal Court or after an arrest for violation of a City Ordinance</li> <li>2. The sheriff of Geary County has the responsibility to 'receive all prisoners committed by the authority of the city and keep them safely until they are released in accordance with the law</li> <li>3. The county maintaining such prisoners shall receive from such city compensation for the maintenance of city prisoners and the city committing prisoners to the jail shall provide payment</li> </ol> <p>The rest of the contract provides for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Designating costs (food, kitchen, payroll, electricity, etc.)</li> <li>2. The procedure for releasing inmates</li> <li>3. Who is responsible for medical services and billing</li> <li>4. Procedure for dealing with the death of a prisoner</li> <li>5. Legal proceedings</li> <li>6. Keeping and maintaining inmate records</li> </ol>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	City Commission of Junction City, Board of County Commissioners of Geary County, Sheriff of Geary County, and Geary County.
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	1987
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Geary County
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Regional cooperation to confine and incarcerate prisoners
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Grant funding
<b>CONTACTS</b>	Acting City Manager Junction City, KS (785) 238-3103 ext. 300 James A. Jenson, Geary County Sheriff

**EMS JOINT AGREEMENT**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Junction City, KS and Geary County, KS filed a joint agreement to establish emergency medical services. Junction City, KS provides EMS to the citizens of the city as well as all inhabitants of Geary County and their responsibilities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to employ personnel to effectively operate an ambulance service</li> <li>2. to provide a location for the EMS operation</li> <li>3. to provide adequate liability and malpractice insurance</li> <li>4. to charge rates for the ambulance service that cover the expenses of running EMS</li> <li>5. to keep monthly reports of disbursements and expenses</li> <li>7. to split costs of acquiring equipment (1/3 Junction City; 2/3 Geary County)</li> </ol>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Board of County Commissioners of Geary County; City of Junction City
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	1967
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Geary County
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Grant funding
<b>CONTACTS</b>	Acting City Manager Junction City, KS (785) 238-3103 ext. 300



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**PLANNING, ZONING AND CODES AGREEMENT**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The purpose of this agreement is to establish the organizational and structural arrangement between Geary County, KS and the City of Junction City, KS in the establishment of a Planning and Zoning program for all of the land within the country lying outside any incorporated city and all of the land within the corporate limits of the city.</p> <p>The planning and zoning program is known as the Geary County/Junction City Joint Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC). The MPC is comprised of three representatives appointed by the county, three representatives appointed by the city, and one member jointly appointed by both the county and the city. The MPC is responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. preparing and updating a comprehensive improvement plan</li> <li>2. preparing a capital improvement plan</li> <li>3. preparing and recommending zoning regulations</li> </ol>
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Board of County Commissioners of Geary County; City of Junction City
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	March 3, 2009
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Geary County
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	Cooperative administration of planning and zoning between the city and county
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	Single point of contact for city and county planning
<b>CONTACTS</b>	Contact: David Yearout 238-3103 ext. 113

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The Junction City-Geary County Economic Development Commission (EDC) is an eleven member Board appointed by the Mayor of Junction City and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board consists of: accomplish these purposes
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Geary County; City of Junction City
<b>DATE INITIATED</b>	February 7, 2006
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	Geary County
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	
<b>CONTACTS</b>	



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<b>FORT RILEY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM</b>	
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	THE FORT RILEY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM IS BUILT AROUND THE INSTALLATION STRATEGIC SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (ISSP), AND IS ONE OF THE SUSTAINING OPERATIONS WITHIN THE FORT RILEY CAMPAIGN PLAN. THE ISSP DRIVES FORT RILEY’S EFFORTS TO BECOME A SUSTAINABLE INSTALLATION, FOCUSED ON THE “TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE, PLUS” OF MISSION, COMMUNITY, AND ENVIRONMENT, PLUS COST. THE ISSP HAS THREE GOAL AREAS: INFRASTRUCTURE, LOGISTICS, AND COMMUNITY AND HUMAN CAPITAL. IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS WILL INCLUDE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES, WASTE REDUCTION, WORKFORCE SUCCESSION, AND MANY OTHER INITIATIVES.
<b>AREA OF INFLUENCE</b>	7 COUNTY AREA, AND POTENTIALLY BEYOND
<b>ACCOMPLISHMENTS</b>	<b>LAND USE PLANNING FOR FORT RILEY</b>
<b>POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RPO</b>	SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH GOAL WILL REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES, ACADEMIA, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE CENTRAL FLINT HILLS REGION. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE REGION PARTICIPATED IN OUR GOAL-SETTING AND OBJECTIVE –IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS. MANY ACTIONS IDENTIFIED THUS FAR WILL REQUIRE THE COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION OF THE REGION TO BE REALIZED.
<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>CRAIG PHILLIPS</b> <b>SUSTAINABILITY PLANNER</b> <b>EMAIL: CRAIG.PHILLIPS@US.ARMY.MIL</b> <b>PHONE: (785)239-0948</b>

<b>AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN AND OTHER LOCAL ENTITIES</b>	
<b>ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES (MULTIPLE MUNICIPALITIES AND POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY)</b>	<b>Manhattan Contact:</b> _____ (785) 587-2783
<b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND CONVENTION &amp; VISITORS BUREAU)</b>	Manhattan Contacts: Ron Fehr, City Manager Lauren Palmer, Asst. City Manager (785) 532-0375 Chamber Contacts: Economic Development – John Pagen, Vice President Convention & Visitors Bureau – Karen Hibbard, Vice President (785) 776-8829
<b>KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY (PROPERTY ANNEXATION, FIRE STATION LOCATION, FIRE PROTECTION, STUDENT FIRE FIGHTERS, CITY/UNIVERSITY PROJECT FUND)</b>	Manhattan Contact: Don Francis, Asst. Director of Operations (785) 587-5404 <b>University Contact:</b> _____
<b>RURAL WATER DISTRICT #1 (PROVISION OF WATER)</b>	<b>Manhattan Contact:</b> left message (785) 587-4532
<b>KDOT (TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS)</b>	Manhattan Contact: Rob Ott, PE, City Engineer (785) 587-2415
<b>POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY (SANITARY SEWER SERVICE TO BLUE TOWNSHIP)</b>	<b>Manhattan Contact:</b> _____
<b>RILEY COUNTY SANITARY SEWER SERVICE ON K-177 COOPERATIVE PLANNING (MANHATTAN URBAN AREA PLANNING BOARD) MANHATTAN/RILEY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILDCAT CREEK ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Manhattan Contact:</b> _____ <b>Manhattan Contact:</b> _____ <b>Manhattan Contact:</b> _____ <b>Manhattan Contact:</b> _____
<b>FORT RILEY (MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION)</b>	Manhattan Contact: Jerry Snyder, Fire Chief (785) 587-4504
<b>RILEY COUNTY FIRE DEPT. AND BLUE TOWNSHIP FIRE (AUTOMATIC AID)</b>	Manhattan Contact: Jerry Snyder, Fire Chief (785) 587-4504
<b>STATE FIRE MARSHAL’S OFFICE (REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE)</b>	Manhattan Contact: Scott Clark, Fire Training Officer (785) 587-4504
<b>USD 383 USE OF BUSES</b>	USD Contact: John Maberry, Dir. Of Transportation/Maintenance



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