

# Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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# **About NWARPC**

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), serving as both a *Council of Governments* and the region's *Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)*, leads collaborative efforts to shape a safe, connected, and resilient region - supporting communities through innovative planning, transportation choice, and responsible growth that enhances quality of life across Northwest Arkansas.

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission is a governmental organization established pursuant to A.C.A. § 14-56-501 et seq. and was formed in 1966 through a cooperative agreement among local governments. NWARPC has since grown to include 38 member jurisdictions and public agency partners.

As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region since 1983, NWARPC leads performance-based, federally mandated, coordinated transportation planning. This includes long-range visioning, short-term investment planning, and ongoing performance measurements to ensure the regional transportation network meets the needs of a growing population.

After the region's population exceeded 200,000 in 2010, it was designated a federally recognized Transportation Management Area (TMA), with NWARPC tasked with administering federal formula funding allocated to the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, ARMO Urbanized Area. Each year, the NWARPC Board of Directors awards approximately \$15 million in federal formula funding – Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBGP-A), Transportation Alternatives (TAP), and Carbon Reduction (CRP) Programs.

Between 2013 and 2025, NWARPC administered over *\$130 million* in awards to support regionally significant transportation projects that improve safety, connectivity, and resiliency across the region.

In addition, the agency has recently secured more than **\$100** million in competitive federal discretionary grants for transformative infrastructure initiatives, including the following:

- Razorback Greenway \$15 million TIGER Grant (2010)
- Arkansas-Missouri Connector/Bella Vista Bypass \$25 million BUILD Grant (2018)
- Northwest Arkansas Green Network \$36.25 million CPRG Grant (2024)
- Highway 112 Corridor Improvement Projects (Bentonville to Fayetteville)
   \$25 million RAISE Grant (2025)

NWARPC staff also provide administrative and planning support to the **Regional Mobility Authority (RMA),** further aligning regional transit and mobility priorities with long-term planning.

Through its planning leadership, funding stewardship, and collaborative approach, NWARPC has built a durable track record of advancing regional priorities and delivering meaningful outcomes for the communities it serves.

Anticipating the future needs of such a dynamic and rapidly growing region requires foresight, data analysis, determination, and constant adjustments. Put simply, plans evolve as needs change. The input of members, partners, and residents alike helps to form and guide our work, and will always be a critical driver of NWARPC's mission.





NWARPC continues to offer space for important regional discussions, mediate and coordinate between local governments and other agencies, and promote cooperation and consensus on key issues facing the region. It will also proactively identify, track, and advocate for strategies that lessen the negative effects of vital infrastructure projects throughout Northwest Arkansas.



"As Northwest Arkansas continues to grow, our strength lies in collaboration. At NWARPC, we're committed to helping communities work together to plan wisely, invest strategically, and preserve the unique character of our region. By aligning resources and priorities across jurisdictions, we're not just managing growth—we're shaping a more connected, resilient, and vibrant future for everyone who calls this region home."

- Tim Conklin, NWARPC Executive Director

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# **Programmatic Highlights**

### **Title VI Program Update:**

The 2021 NWARPC Title VI Program was updated through a public comment process and approved by the RPC/Policy Committee on January 24, 2024. The final program was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) through TrAMS on January 30, 2024.

### **FTA Triennial Review:**

NWARPC received the FFY 2024 FTA Triennial Review Report on June 13, 2024, with no deficiencies found in any of the 16 compliance areas.

### **Funding Programs and Project Awards:**

NWARPC tracked and coordinated existing project designs and costs through its funding programs: STBGP-A, TAP, and CRP. On May 22, 2024, the RPC/Policy Committee awarded \$15 million in FFY 2025 funding to eligible projects.

### **Performance Targets:**

On October 2024, the RPC/Policy Committee approved Resolution #2024-15 supporting the 2025 ARDOT and MoDOT performance targets for:

- Safety (PM1)
- Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2)
- Travel Time Reliability (PM3)

### **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):**

NWARPC developed the FFY 2025–2028 NARTS TIP, coordinated with FHWA, FTA, state DOTs, transit agencies, and local planning partners, and it was adopted by the RPC/Policy Committee on August 28, 2024. This approved TIP includes all transportation improvements planned or programmed within the MPA that will utilize federal funding for all or part of their implementation costs. The purpose of the TIP is to assist in coordinating the use of these funds for area-wide transportation improvements and to ensure that the projects that are the recipients of these federal funds are in conformance with the 2045 NWARPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2045 MTP) adopted on March 24, 2021.

### **Subrecipient Oversight and Compliance:**

NWARPC completed the FTA Section 5339 Subrecipient Oversight Review and finalized the FY 2024 Compliance Review Report for UA Razorback Transit.

### **Public Participation:**

NWARPC worked on updatating the Public Participation Plan (PPP) developed to engage the public in transportation planning and decision-making processes. The Plan outlines procedures that are designed to promote and encourage public participation and involvement in the transportation planning process. These procedures will provide opportunities for citizens, employers, and transportation providers to contribute ideas and opinions early and at every stage of the planning process.

### **Transportation Studies and Projects:**

- Ongoing collaboration with ARDOT on several studies, including:
- Highway 59 and Highway 72 Corridor Study
- Highway 412 PEL Study
- Highway 612 Bypass
- XNA Airport Access Road
- Highway 112 Improvements (Fayetteville to Bentonville).
- Coordination with MoDOT on transportation planning for the entire metropolitan area, as well as with Pineville, Jane, and McDonald County, Missouri on alternative transportation planning.

# Housing, Infrastructure, and Transportation Planning:

NWARPC worked with local partners to develop tools and strategies to improve housing, infrastructure, and transportation choices. The goal was to reduce transportation costs, improve commute times, and enhance access to public transportation, shopping, schools, and community amenities.

# Forward2050 Plan Update

Forward2050, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update started in the fall of 2023 and continued in 2024. The planning items incorporated in the MTP will include: the Travel Demand Model upodate, which includes a more robust growth scenario analysis, the Transit Alternatives Study, the 2022 Congestion Management Process (CMP), the 2023 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture Plan, the 2023 Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Plan, the 2023 Regional Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), the (forthcoming) 2024 NWA Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, the 2025 NWA Energy and Environment Innovation (EEI) Comprehensive Action Plan and the (forthcoming) NWA Strategic Communications Plan for Mobility.

### The Forward2050 Plan is:

- Aspirational, collaborative, comprehensive, and regional.
- Respectful of and integrates with local plans.
- Focused on protecting and enhancing the quality of life in Northwest Arkansas.

### Forward2050 Plan Goals:



**G1:** Maintain a safe, efficient, and reliable transportation system.

**G2:** Advance an integrated, accessible, and multimodal transportation system.

**G3:** Promote plans and policies that enhance residents' quality of life, respect the natural and human environment, and connect transportation with land use.

**G4:** Foster collaboration and reinforce economic competitiveness through investments that maximize public resources, improve system performance, and support freight movement.

# Forward2050 Development Schedule:



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# **Transportation Plans/Projects**



NWARPC provides essential planning services to local governments in the region, many of which are critical for accessing federal and state funding. It also facilitates cooperative planning efforts, encourages cross-sector partnerships, and supports regional initiatives that would be difficult for individual jurisdictions to undertake alone. Through active communication, data sharing, and coordinated dialogue, regional planning efforts help communities identify practical solutions and leverage available resources to address shared challenges.

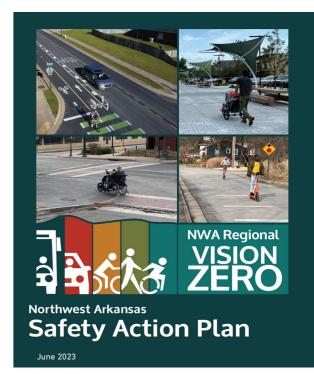
The following list highlights recent and ongoing plans and projects.

- NWARPC received a \$300,000 USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant to support additional safety planning efforts, including a Regional Complete Streets Design Guide and local Safety Action Plans. The region's Vision Zero Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP)—aiming to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes by 2038—also positioned multiple jurisdictions to pursue SS4A funding, including Fayetteville (\$25M) and Springdale (\$5.2M).
- NWARPC continued the development of the Forward2050
   Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). In July 2024 NWARPC
   signed a contract with WSP consultants to begin the Travel Demand
   Model (TDM) update and Transit Alternatives Study (TAS). The
   Forward2050 Steering Committee kicked off in October 2024,
   followed by the first Stakeholder Group meeting in December 2024.
- NWARPC continued to collect, develop, and update demographic
  and emplyment data for the Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ)
  utilized by the Northwest Arkansas Travel Demand Model, and
  continues to review and improve the model as more information
  becomes available from the 2020 Census or from local sources.
- NWARPC continued to work with ARDOT on the Highway 59 and Highway 72 Corridor Study; Highway 412 PEL Study; Highway 612 Bypass; XNA Connector; and Highway 112 Corridor Improvements from Fayetteville to Bentonville.
- NWARPC maintained the FFY 2023-2025 NARTS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the TIP was reconciled with the STIPs through Amendments #2-6, approved by the RPC/Policy Committee.
- In coordination with FHWA, FTA, state DOTs, transit agencies, and local planning partners, NWARPC developed the FFY 2025–2028 NARTS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which was adopted by the RPC/Policy Committee on August 28, 2024.

# **NWA Vision Zero Plan**

In June 2023, NWARPC completed the *Northwest Arkanansas Vision Zero Safety Action Plan*. Following the plan's recommendations, cities across the region set Vision Zero goals to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes. With targets in place, cities in the region have secured funding to implement projects that reduce crashes and improve safety.







USDOT SS4A - 2024 City of Springdale Application

### **Planning Leads to Implementation:**

In 2024, the City of Springdale was awarded a \$5.2 million SS4A Implementation Grant to complete the final segment of Dean's Trail, connecting to the Razorback Greenway. This multi-use trail will provide a safe, dedicated route for pedestrians and cyclists, addressing a critical safety gap.





# **NWARPC Funding Programs Project Awards**

In 2024, NWARPC awarded approximately **\$15 million in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 Urban Area funding**. This included:

- \$12.1 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program—Attributable (STBGP-A) funding for 11 projects
- \$1.5 million in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding for 6 projects
- \$1.4 million in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding for 4 projects

Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	NWARPC Award	
Bentonville-Centerton	Greenhouse Road	ROW/Utilities	\$	461,928
Fayetteville	Millsap Rd / College Ave Intersection Impvts.	Construction	\$	1,900,000
Lowell	Hwy. 264 Razorback Greenway Tunnel & Trail Realignment	Construction	\$	2,481,309
Rogers	Hwy 265 & W. Pleasant Grove Rd Roundabout	Design/Enviro	\$	36,984
Rogers	Hwy 265 and Hwy 94/New Hope Rd Roundabout	Design/Enviro	\$	50,536
Tontitown	US412 and Klenc Road Traffic Signal Installation	Construction	\$	501,436
Washington County	Wheeler Rd. Bridge Replacement-Clabber Creek Str. & Apprs.	Design/Enviro	\$	200,000
		Total EXISTING		\$5,632,19
Bentonville	I-49/ J Street Interchange - Tiger Blvd to I-49	ROW/Utilities	\$	2,500,000
Springdale-Lowell	Apple Blossom Ave Impvts.	Design/Enviro	\$	2,800,000
Fayetteville	Stephen Carr Memorial Dr / I-49 Interchange Impvts.	Design/Enviro	\$	650,000
Lowell	Hwy. 264 Widening - Goad to Bellview Rd.**	Design	\$	504,000
		Total NEW		\$6,454,00
		TOTAL STBGP-A		\$12,086,19

CRP Project Applications					
Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	NWARPC Award		
Lowell	Honeysuckle Street Sidewalk (ARDOT TAP)	ROW/Utility/Const	\$	389,591	
Rogers	Hwy. 62 (Hudson Rd) Sidewalk Impvts. (P2)	Construction	\$	81,355	
Rogers	US-71B Pedestrian Impvts. (P3)	Design/Enviro	\$	328,000	
Centerton	City Wide Sidewalk Infill (2)	Construction	\$	227,000	
Pea Ridge	Hwy. 94 (Pickens Rd) Sidewalk Connection	ROW/Utility/Const	\$	164,193	
Fayetteville	Rupple Trail Lighting	Construction	\$	315,193	
		TOTAL CRP		\$1,505,332	

TAP Project Applications					
Jurisdiction	Project	Phase	NWARPC Award		
Rogers	Hwy. 94/US71B Pedestrian Impvts. (P1)	Construction	\$ 109,769		
Fayetteville	Drake St. Trail Connections	Construction	\$ 500,000		
Rogers	Hwy. 62 (Hudson Rd) Sidewalk Impvts. (P2)	Construction	\$ 700,000		
Centerton	City Wide Sidewalk Infill (1)	Construction	\$ 94,955		
		TOTAL TAP	\$1,404,724		

# **Public Transportation Planning**

NWARPC is the designated recipient for the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers AR-MO Urban Area and Formula Grants apportioned by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The Northwest Arkansas region is serviced by two transit agencies: Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) and the University of Arkansas Razorback Transit.

### **Transit Planning Support in 2024:**

### Enhancing Equitable Transit Connections in Northwest Arkansas

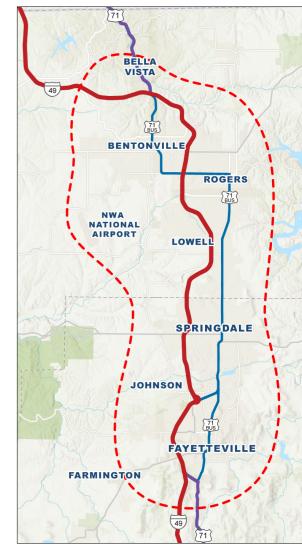
NWARPC, in cooperation with Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) and Razorback Transit, was awarded an \$180,000 FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) Grant for the Enhancing Equitable Transit Connections in Northwest Arkansas bus stop improvement project. NWARPC, in cooperation with Ozark Regional Transit (ORT), Razorback Transit and consultant, Toole Design started work on the project in December 2024.

### Razorback Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Plan

NWARPC, in cooperation with Razorback Transit, the City of Fayetteville, and consultant Olsson, continue to develop the Razorback Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Plan, a grant funded by the Walton Family Foundation.

### **Transit Alternatives Analysis**

In 2024 NWARPC hired WSP consultants to develop a Transit Alternatives Study (TAS) and incorporate new transit modes in the ongoing Travel Demand Model update. The project will include an assessment of alternative transit improvements to better connect Bentonville, Rogers, Lowell, Springdale, Johnson, and Fayetteville with a rapid transit service. The TAS will examine the benefits and costs of fixed rail, bus rapid transit, and light rail to best meet the needs of residents and visitors of the growing NWARPC region. The study will be completed by the end of 2025 and will be incorporated in the forthcoming Forward 2050 MTP Plan.



Transit Alternatives Study - Project Area





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# **Active Transportation**

NWARPC continued to lead the Active Transportation Committee (ACT) with open participation from cities, counties, local organizations, and citizens interested in advancing active transportation in the region.

The reach of our region's bicycle and pedestrian network has grown significantly, with new miles of shared use paved paths, sidewalks, and on-street cycling facilities linking the region's neighborhoods, parks, and downtowns like never before. The 2014 Plan, Walk Bike Northwest Arkansas, is currently being updated to incorporate these changes and continue pushing the development of our region's robust active transportation and recreational trail networks forward.

The plan update will integrate design best practices to guide the ongoing development of safe, connected, and accessible streets and trails for people of all ages.



### Attractiveness

Routes take people through lively areas and connect them to places where they want to be



**Directness** 

Minimizing distances and trip times

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### **Unbroken Flow**

Intersections were prioritized to reduce the perception of barriers and minimize wait times



### Cohesion

Reducing distances between parallel and intersecting bicycle



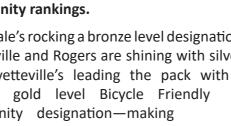




### **League of American Bicyclists Rankings**

NWA is soaring in the League's Bicycle Friendly Community rankings.

Springdale's rocking a bronze level designation, Bentonville and Rogers are shining with silver, and Fayetteville's leading the pack with a dazzling gold level Bicycle Friendly Community designation—making it the most bike-friendly city in all of Arkansas!



# **GIS and Mapping Support**

NWARPC continued to assist member jurisdictions with mapping and other planning activities and aid in the public dissemination of reports and maps relevant to transportation planning. NWARPC shared a REPLICA subscription with all member jurisdictions in an effort to provide data and analysis support via the REPLICA platform and collected datasets.

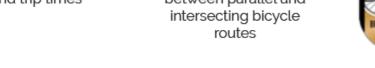
NWARPC continued to also collaborate with Northwest Arkansas planning partners to establish the tools, capacity, and public support to address housing, infrastructure, and transportation mode choices to reduce transportation costs and commute times to work and improve access to public transportation, shopping and services, neighborhood schools, and community amenities.

### **2024 GIS Day Celebration**

NWARPC, in partnership with the City of Fayetteville and the Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies (CAST) at the University of Arkansas, organized and hosted a GIS Day event on November 21, 2024. The event took place at the Fayetteville Public Library. Approximately 50 attendees from various municipalities and organizations in Northwest Arkansas participated in discussions and shared their latest advancements and applications using GIS technologies.







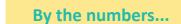
# **Stormwater Education**

For the past 20 years, 17 cities, Benton and Washington Counties, and the **University of Arkansas** have been partnering with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service and NWARPC on a proven and cost-effective way to meet EPA Phase II Stormwater Management Permit requirements. Of the six minimum control measures required by the EPA, the program fulfils the requirements of public education and outreach, public participation/involvement, and the employee training portion of the pollution prevention and good housekeeping.

In 2024, the yearly education program emphasis was automotive maintenance and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) to prevent pollutants from entering the storm drain system and degrading water quality. The stormwater education program included activities such as:

ZIPS Car Wash Program - Developed a video on car washing Best storm drains.

**Creek Cleanups** – There were 16 creek cleanups with 722 volunteers who removed litter from creeks and recreational areas.



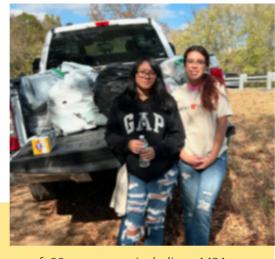
919 Adults participated in at least one of 33 programs including: MS4 municipal employees training, Master Gardeners training, University of Arkansas food science, environmental science and engineering quest lectures, water industry conference, community courses, and more.

**713 Youth** across NWA participated in our programs at area schools, summer camps, local library programs, and 4-H programs.

**952 NWA Residents** interacted with us at 12 community events.







# **Regional Stormwater Management Coordination**

In 2024, NWARPC continued to lead regional discussions on stormwater management and planning in collaboration with key partners, including the Illinois River Watershed Partnership (IRWP), Beaver Watershed Alliance (BWA), the University of Arkansas Extension Office, and cities across the two-county region.

As Northwest Arkansas experiences rapid growth, stormwater challenges such as sediment flow, nutrient loading, and flooding are becoming increasingly prevalent. These issues must be addressed through a regional approach to protect water quality, public safety, infrastructure, and the local economy.

The working group met throughout 2024 to advance key considerations:

- Advancing watershed management plans and studies.
- Identifying sustainable funding mechanisms for regional assessments and infrastructure projects.
- Defining a comprehensive regional stormwater management strategy.
- Exploring stormwater utility fee structures.
- Establishing proactive compliance measures and risk reduction strategies related to water quality.







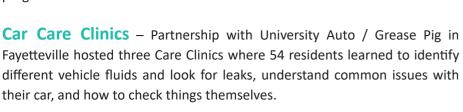
**Beaver Lake** 

**Drinking Water** 

Source for **Northwest Arkansas** 







Management Practices (BMPs) and partnered with ZIPS on a drawing for free car washes. A social media campaign resulted in 128 residents pledging to adopt vehicle BMPs like repairing fluid leaks and using car washes where the wash water is treated instead of hand washing where pollutants can flow into



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# **Arkansas Tri-Region Coaltion CPRG Grant**

InJuly 2024, the Tri-Region Arkansas coalition—Metroplan (Little Rock), the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC), and the City of Fort Smith—was awarded a \$99.99 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant. This transformative grant, supported by over 50 partner agencies, will fund environmental and energy innovation projects across Central Arkansas, Northwest Arkansas, and the Arkansas River Valley, directly benefiting half of the state's population.

### **NWA Green Network**

Of the total CPRG award, \$36.25 million is dedicated to the "NWA Green Network"—a coordinated set of projects and programs aimed at protecting and restoring natural cores and corridors, while connecting these areas to a robust regional active transportation network.





NWARPC is leading the coordination of 17 projects across nine cities, along with two region-wide programs:

- **E-Bike Incentive Program** Designed to increase access to sustainable transportation options and reduce vehicle emissions.
- Workforce Training Program Focused on building local capacity for green infrastructure and environmental restoration.

Together, these initiatives support a unified regional vision that enhances ecological resilience, promotes active lifestyles, and improves transportation access throughout Northwest Arkansas.

### By 2030 the NWA Green Network will:

- Restore and preserve 2,158 acres of high-quality natural open space
- Restore 35,728 feet of degraded stream channel
- Permanently protect 916 acres of restored green network lands
- Construct 2.5 miles of trails connecting in or connecting to low-income areas
- Issue approximately 2,922 E-bike incentive vouchers
- Implement a workforce training program to build capacity in the area



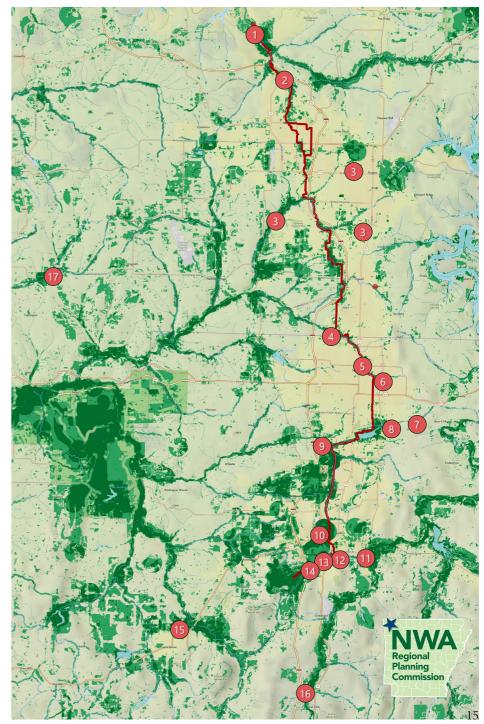






### NWA Green Network Projects Legend

- Razorback Greenway Corridor Stream and Riparian Restoration
- Razorback Greenway and Town
  Branch Corridor Forest and Riparian
  Restoration
- Osage/Blossom Way Creeks Stream and Wetland Restoration,
  Preservation, and Trail Construction
- Spring Creek at Thunder Chicken Wetland, Stream, and Riparian Restoration and Preservation
- Spring Creek at The Greenway Forest Stream and Riparian Restoration and Preservation
- 6 Spring Creek at Downtown Preservation
- Willie George Park Wetland
  Restoration and Trail Construction
- 8 Lower Clear Creek Stream Restoration and Preservation
- Johnson Park Riparian, Prairie, and Forest Restoration
- University of Arkansas Oak Ridge Hillside Prairie and Forest Restoration and Trail Construction
- River Commons Floodplain, Prairie, and Riparian Restoration, Preservation, and Trail Construction
- Town Branch Corridor Stream and Riparian Restoration and Preservation
- University of Arkansas Research and Tech Park Floodplain, Prairie, and Forest Restoration
- University of Arkansas Oak Knoll Wetland, Prairie, Forest, Stream, and Riparian Restoration
- Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park Wetland, Prairie, and Riparian Restoration
- West Fork White River Wetland, Prairie, Stream, and Riparian Restoration and Preservation
- 17) Springtown Reforestation Projects



# **Nature-Based Soultions Map**

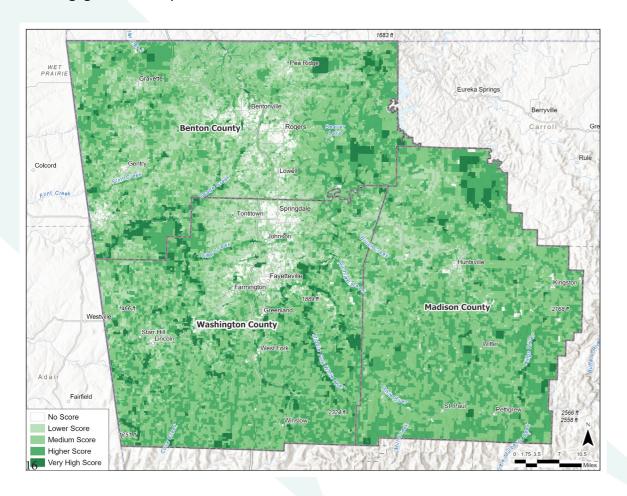
The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission strives to improve environmental quality in the region to ensure a bright future for its residents. To this end, and as a component of the **EEI Comprehensive Action Plan (Phase 2)** work deliverables, NWARPC developed a geospatial analysis and model – based on the City of Fayetteville's Climate Resilience Mapping Tool – to better understand the distribution, condition, and vulnerability of natural infrastructure across Northwest Arkansas.

By mapping and analyzing these crucial assets, the region will gain valuable insights into how to best protect, restore, and enhance natural resources for the benefit of both people and the environment. This platform helps policymakers, planners, and community members understand Northwest Arkansas' natural infrastructure in order to:

- Inform land-use planning decisions
- Evaluate environmental impacts
- Prioritize green infrastructure investments
- Engage community members.







# **2024 Conferences and Workshops**

South West Transit Association (SWTA) Conference & Expo - Tulsa, OK, February 5-6

American Planning Association (APA) Conference - Minneapolis, MN, April 13-15

Southern Association of Highway Transportation Officials (SASHTO) Conference - Rogers, AR, August 17-20

Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Conference - Salt Lake City, UT, September 23-27

American Planning Association (APA) Quad State Conference - Fayetteville, AR, October 7-9

FHWA- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Peer to Peer Event - Portland OR, October 21-25

Urban Land Institute (ULI) Place Summit - Bentonville, AR, November 19-21





# **Clearinghouse Reporting**

NWARPC is the federally designated review agency and Clearinghouse for Washington and Benton County portion of the Fayetteville/Springdale/ Rogers, Arkansas, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The purpose of this designation, which is made pursuant to Executive Order #12372, is to ensure that requests for federal funding are reviewed to determine compatibility with local and regional plans, and that such funding will not be used for duplicative purposes. In 2023, federal-aid grants were submitted and were cleared in order to ensure that proposed uses were consistent with, and in furtherance of the goals, objectives and planned development for the MSA.

# **NWARPC Membership**

**AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE** 

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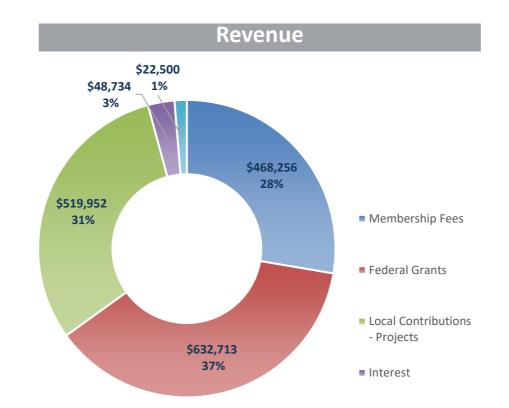
Nat Airport Authority Aaron Burkes

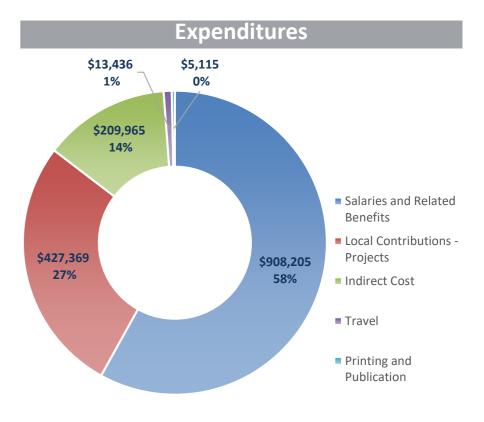
### Arkansas Highway Commission

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) **Human Service Agencies** Arkansas Missouri Railroad

Ozark Regional Transit Authority

Total Revenue = \$1,692,155 Total Expenses = \$1,558,975





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**Non-Voting Transportation Planning Partners:** 

**Financial Report** 

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