

Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance
FY 2020 Quarterly Report for the Period
April 1 thru July 31, 2020

Numerous activities in support of the ORRCA grant scope of work took place during this **fourth quarter** of the FY20 grant period.

Q4 Activities in Support of the Scope of Services:

- (1) Due to Safer at Home and other emergency orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person meetings of ORRCA were not held this quarter, though communications regarding ORRCA activities were ongoing.
- (2) ORRCA members reviewed TDEC's annual environmental monitoring report.
- (3) ORRCA members participated in planning for DOE's annual Intergovernmental Meeting to be held in November. The meeting will be "virtual," and will continue to be organized by the National Governor's Association
- (4) ORRCA members participated in planning for the 2020 National Cleanup Workshop to be held on September 16th. Most ORRCA members will participate in the meeting, which will be held virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (5) Members participated in monthly Board and other subcommittee meetings of the Energy Communities Alliance, with focus on environmental management and monitoring activities.
- (6) Members continued to meet with the State of Tennessee's grant management team to prepare and submit the grant application for FY21-23. Authorization for the City of Oak Ridge to continue management of the grant was approved unanimously by the Oak Ridge City Council on May 11th. Updating briefings for ORRCA members were held; the State of Tennessee approved the ORRCA grant application.
- (7) Members began reviewing DOE's draft Environmental Assessment on the Oak Ridge Enhanced Technology and Training Center (ORETTC), which will train and serve emergency responders.
- (8) Members participated in meetings with the National Park Service and member communities to discuss Manhattan Project National Historical Park (MAPR)

status and plans. Members discussed options to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of MAPR, which will be in November 2020.

- (9) Members continued to work with education and outreach partners on planning and implementation efforts for ORRCA scope.
- (10) The quarterly meeting among DOE/TEMA/TDEC/Contractors and Local Governments regarding emergency planning and response activities for the Oak Ridge Reservation was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However all ORRCA members remained in communication regarding with federal and state partners regarding COVID-19 impacts on ORRCA-related mission and scope.
- (11) Members reviewed reports regarding Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act compliance meetings related to the K-25/East Tennessee Technology Park.
- (12) Members continued to monitor studies and activities related to DOE's on the agency's proposed plan for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF).
- (13) Members continued to review appropriations bills for FY2020, which contained funding for Oak Ridge DOE programs.
- (14) Member jurisdictions continued to monitor information pertaining to DOE's proposed interpretation of the high-level radioactive waste definition. This issue could have implications for waste disposal across the DOE complex.
- (15) Members prepared grant reports and financial statements to submit to the State of Tennessee in support of the ORRCA mission.
- (16) Members reviewed progress and issues related to the State's monitoring of DOE activities, including environmental sampling and progress toward FFA milestones.