

Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance
Annual Report for the Period
July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021

Activities in Support of the Scope of Services:

- (1) Members continued discussions with the State of Tennessee's grant management team to discuss the new grant for FY21-23. Part of the discussion centered around possible budget modifications to shift some funding among categories due to the COVID-19 pandemic, e.g. travel to public education and outreach. A revised FY21 budget was submitted to TDEC in December and approved.
- (2) Members prepared the quarter grant reports, as well as financial statements, to submit to the State of Tennessee in support of the ORRCA scope as described in ORRCA's approved work plan and the Tennessee Oversight Interlocal Agreement.
- (3) Staff from member jurisdictions continued to meet to discuss and plan public education and outreach activities for the FY 21 grant period. Leveraging assets among the parties, including the National Park Service, continues to promote efficiencies and collaboration in the delivery of ORRCA scope. A Request for Proposals (RFQ) in support of public education and outreach scope was drafted, reviewed, and revised by the team in preparation for advertisement by the City of Oak Ridge in January 2021. The selection of a consultant was made and approved by the ORRCA Board in March 2021. All requirements and procedures for public advertisement and award were followed.
- (4) Members reviewed progress and issues related to the State's monitoring of DOE activities, including environmental sampling and progress toward resolving disputes and achieving Federal Facilities Agreement milestones.
- (5) ORRCA members participated in a series of virtual roundtable meetings that traced the progress of DOE's Vision 2020 at the East Tennessee Technology Park.
- (6) ORRCA members continued to participate in detailed planning for DOE's annual Intergovernmental Meeting, which was held virtually in November 2020. The National Governor's Association served as the key planning organization, along with the Energy Communities Alliance. Topics for the meeting include ORRCA-related scope such as waste management, environmental cleanup, risk communication and impacts of COVID pandemic on work across the DOE complex. Several ORRCA members were invited to serve as panelists.

- (7) Members participated in a virtual conference roundtable with the National Park Service, New Mexico, and Washington officials to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of the establishment of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.
- (8) Members participated in virtual conference roundtable discussions about Workforce Development and potential opportunities and obstacles that could impact the DOE's Environmental Management program.
- (9) Members reviewed proposed plans pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act for the remainder of K-25 interpretation, which includes plans for the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.
- (10) Members continued to monitor studies and activities related to DOE on the agency's proposed plan for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF).
- (11) Members continued to review appropriations bills for FY2021, which contained funding for Oak Ridge DOE programs.
- (12) Members participated in meetings and planning for the proposed Oak Ridge Airport to be located at the East Tennessee Technology Park.
- (13) Members participated in planning for the DOE National Cleanup Workshop.
- (14) Members participated in numerous virtual meetings with DOE, Energy Communities, and other stakeholders to discuss nuclear waste management, DOE's Vision, and proposed projects, NEPA studies, and related topics that may impact DOE's programs in Oak Ridge.
- (15) Member jurisdictions continued to monitor DOE's proposed interpretation of the high-level radioactive waste definition. This issue could have implications for waste disposal across the DOE complex.
- (16) Members participated emergency response planning activities related to the Oak Ridge Reservation, including work toward updating disaster recovery plans, participation in meetings, and exercises.