

Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance
FY 2022 Quarterly Report for the Period
October 1 thru December 31, 2021

Numerous activities in support of the ORRCA grant scope of work took place during this **second quarter** of the FY22 grant period.

Q2 Activities in Support of the Scope of Services:

- (1) Members continued discussions with the State of Tennessee's grant management team to discuss the grant for FY22. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, recommended budget modifications include shifting some funding among categories. These modifications were approved by the unanimous vote of members at ORRCA's November 1 meeting. The in-person meeting was held at the TDEC office in Oak Ridge, was advertised in regional media and open to the public.
- (2) Members prepared the 1st quarter grant reports, as well as financial statements, and submitted to the TDEC 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 collaborate on public education and outreach activities. The vendor selected for the public education and outreach project attended the November 1 meeting and presented an update and the project videos. Members made positive comments and encouraged the staff members from the ORRCA jurisdictions to proceed with the balance of the project scope.
- (4) ORRCA members continued to review DOE's draft Record of Decision for the proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF), which DOE released in mid-July. The City's technical consultant reviewed the draft and prepared a report that analyzed responses to issues raised at DOE's official public hearing. A number of recommendations were included in the report, including the need for ongoing public input, transparency, and field demonstration studies to obtain additional groundwater data. Copies of the report were provided to ORRCA members, TDEC, and DOE officials. DOE's representative at the November 1 meeting indicated that the date to issue the revised ROD had been pushed to December. The revised document has not yet been released.
- (5) ORRCA members continued to participate in detailed planning for DOE's annual Intergovernmental Meeting, which was scheduled for November 16-18 in

Nashville. However, after a determination was made that an in-person meeting was not feasible, the National Governor's Association, in conjunction with other groups including the Energy Communities Alliance, State and Tribal Working Group, and several other federal and state organizations, canceled the meeting. While virtual briefing on various topics may be scheduled in 2022, it is unlikely that a formal meeting will be held until November 2022.

- (6) Several members participated in the DOE National Cleanup Workshop, which was held in-person December 7-10 in Alexandria, VA.
- (7) Members reviewed and commented on draft final plans for the remainder of K-25 interpretation pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act. The Oak Ridge City Council adopted the revised Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that finalizes the commitments at their June business meeting; DOE finalized the MOA in August 2021.
- (8) Members continue to monitor activities related to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park; an ECA meeting is tentatively planned for late summer 2022.
- (9) Members continue to track DOE's proposed budget for FY2022, which contains funding for Oak Ridge DOE programs. Members are concerned that the proposed budget for Oak Ridge EM is \$83 Million less than the enacted FY21 budget. Still operating under a continuing resolution, it is uncertain whether new FY22 appropriations bills will be passed.
- (10) Members continued to participate in meetings and planning for the proposed Oak Ridge Airport to be located at the East Tennessee Technology Park.
- (11) Members participated in several webinar meetings with DOE, Energy Communities, and other intergovernmental groups on topics that may impact DOE's programs in Oak Ridge.
- (12) 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.
- (13) 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.

- (14) Members participated emergency response planning activities related to the Oak Ridge Reservation, including work toward updating disaster recovery plans and annual emergency response exercise.