



Sustainable Rural Communities from Kansas to California February 2017

# **Doniphan Vitality – Who We Are**



Creative Placemaker using the power of art, culture and creativity to ignite positive change and economic growth



**Building partnerships** to create a better place to live, work, and play, with a careful balance of **preservation and progress** 

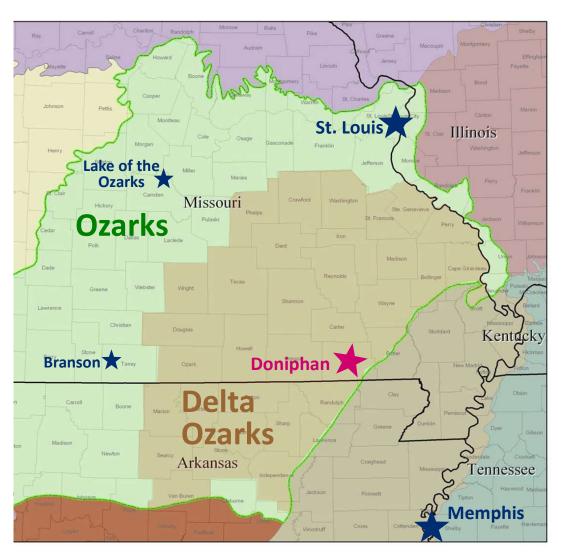


Helping to **showcase talent**, engage **youth**, **beautify** Doniphan, and build **appreciation** and support for the Arts





# In Ripley County, Missouri, halfway between St. Louis and Memphis











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Focused on understanding needs and opportunities in the community, building partnerships and helping others succeed



Community Wish List: If you could have anything in Doniphan, what would it be?



**Earth Day Extravaganza**: Major collaboration to bring Art, Music and fun to Doniphan



4<sup>th</sup> Friday Art Walk: Bringing the ultimate showcase of talent to downtown events





#### We helped bring over \$1.6 million in grant funding into Doniphan

#### **Grants applied**

Over \$1.7 million















#### **Funding Received**



# Ozark Artisan Innovation Hub Working with local Artisans to strengthen the region

#### **Funding Received for Others**



**Doniphan R-I Before and After School Program**Free program for K-12 students in Ripley County



**Civil War Heritage Map Project** 

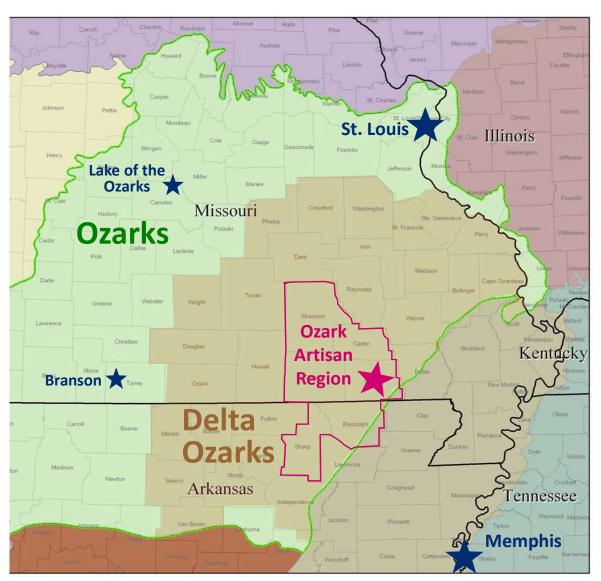
Digital maps and marketing to attract tourism

# Ozark Artisan Innovation Hub – 2017 Feasibility Study Funded by Delta Regional Authority





# How to help local Artisans earn a better living and strengthen the region



### **Concepts Being Explored:**

1. Business Incubator Entrepreneurship Support

2. Shared Makerspaces
Places to Create and
Collaborate

3. Marketing and Distribution of Ozark Branded Products



### For more information...





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