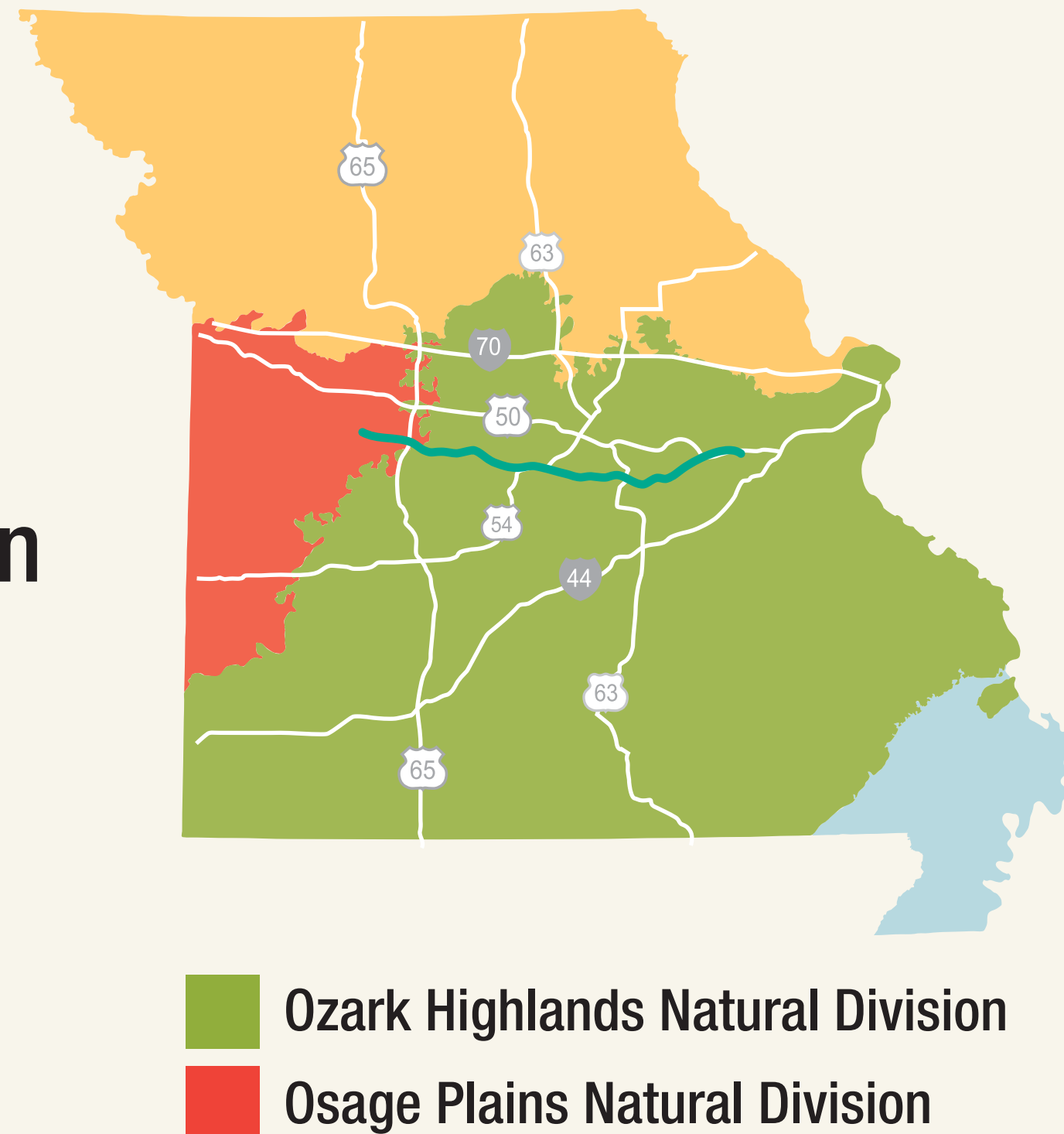


Natural Resources

Missouri is divided into four natural divisions. The Rock Island Line Corridor falls in two of those divisions.

The Ozark Highlands Natural Division with a varied topography and elevation, allows for many natural communities. This results in a large variety of plants, animals and birds.

The Osage Plains Natural Division borders the vast expanse of the Great Plains to the west, and is characterized by deep soils and gently rolling topography decorated by seasonal wildflowers and grasses up to 10 feet tall.



POTENTIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Wetlands
- Natural Habitats
- Federally endangered species may be found in the corridor, such as the Indiana bat, Northern long-eared bat and Niangua darter.

Cultural Resources

Did You Know?

— The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad built the corridor between 1902 and 1904, and the engineering of the track bed, tunnels and bridges remains as built more than a century ago.

— At least ten of the bridges were designed by the firm A. J. Tullock, a bridge-building firm of national, and even international reputation. All are still in place and display all types and lengths of bridges required to span anything from a small stream to a major river.

— The corridor includes three railroad tunnels, three deck truss bridges, five through truss bridges, four I-Beam bridges and twenty deck plate girder bridges.