Missouri State Recycling Program

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MO State Recycling Program Overview

- A part of the Office of Administration, General Services Division.
- Established in 1992.
- The Recycling Manager and Communications Coordinator primarily work with the MO Interagency Recycling Committee to advance recycling and waste reduction within state government.
- Self-funded through sale of scrap materials.
- Our mission …
  - To Partner with state employees and agencies to facilitate fiscally and environmentally responsible strategies for reuse and recycling of state property.

MO REUse

State Property Reuse Resource

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Division of General Services

Before MOREuse

- The idea started about 10 years ago – inspired by 100s of 3-ring binders being landfilled.
- Initially a managed email list (Purchcomm) and very informal.
- The membership list grew through word of mouth – no formal promotion.
- Property exchanged was non-tagged property and there was no charge.
- Over the past several years state agencies saved at least $250,000 / year and membership was sustained at over 500 state employees.

Before MOREuse | Lessons Learned

- In general people don't like to landfill useable items. Observations suggested that a substantial amount of non-tagged, unwanted property was being landfilled.
- The simplicity of being able to email hundreds of employees throughout the state about items that were no longer needed made this tool very popular.
- The turnaround time for finding homes for surplus property was significantly reduced from the traditional surplus property disposal process.
- We started identifying internal reuse networks for items such as 3-ring binders and paper clips.
- Management started to take note as the annual savings figure continued to grow each year.
- We also started identifying accountability gaps.

User Testimonial

PurchComm/Listserv tops Amazon! I needed a bulletin board and had one in less than 5 minutes!

Thank you!

MOREuse Overview

- **What**
- Recently launched – new web-based application
- **Why**
- Promote Sustainable Materials Management practices across Missouri state government
- Increase, streamline and promote the reuse of unneeded property between state agencies
- Better pair agencies with unneeded or unwanted property to agencies that need property
- Save taxpayer dollars by avoiding purchase of new property
- Assist state agencies with surplus property policy compliance
- Assist state agencies with recycling opportunities and resources
- **When**
- July 18, 2019

System Comparisons

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ListServ (Old System)	New System
Any state team member can subscribe to listserv.	Agencies can determine system roles and level of oversight they want.
Outdated email notifications with very little information.	Emails from system will have links to posted property for easy access.
Volume of email a deterrent to participation.	Users can customize the amount of email notifications they receive on posted or requested property.
Property reservations handled manually.	Property reserved within the system so status of the property changes immediately.
Manual effort to track volume of property transferred.	Automated dashboard so all system users can see the volume of savings generated by using the system.

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New System Functionality

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- Post Property (I want to give something away.)
- Request Property (I need something.)
- Reserve Property
- Customize User Profile/Email Notifications

System Roles

- Agency Administrator
- Giver – can post available property
- Taker – can reserve property
- Browser – view only access

MOREuse Homepage

Property Listing

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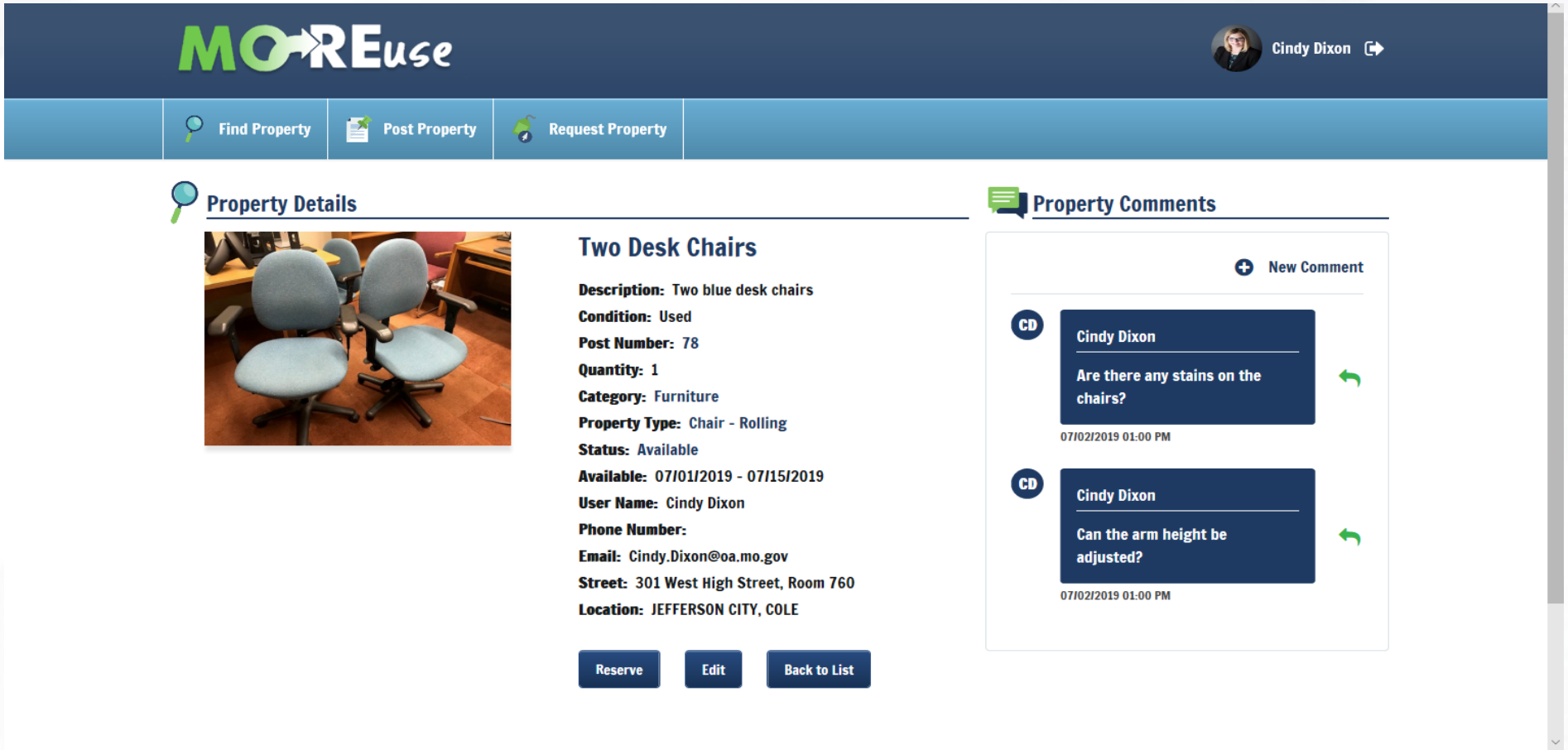

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Find Property

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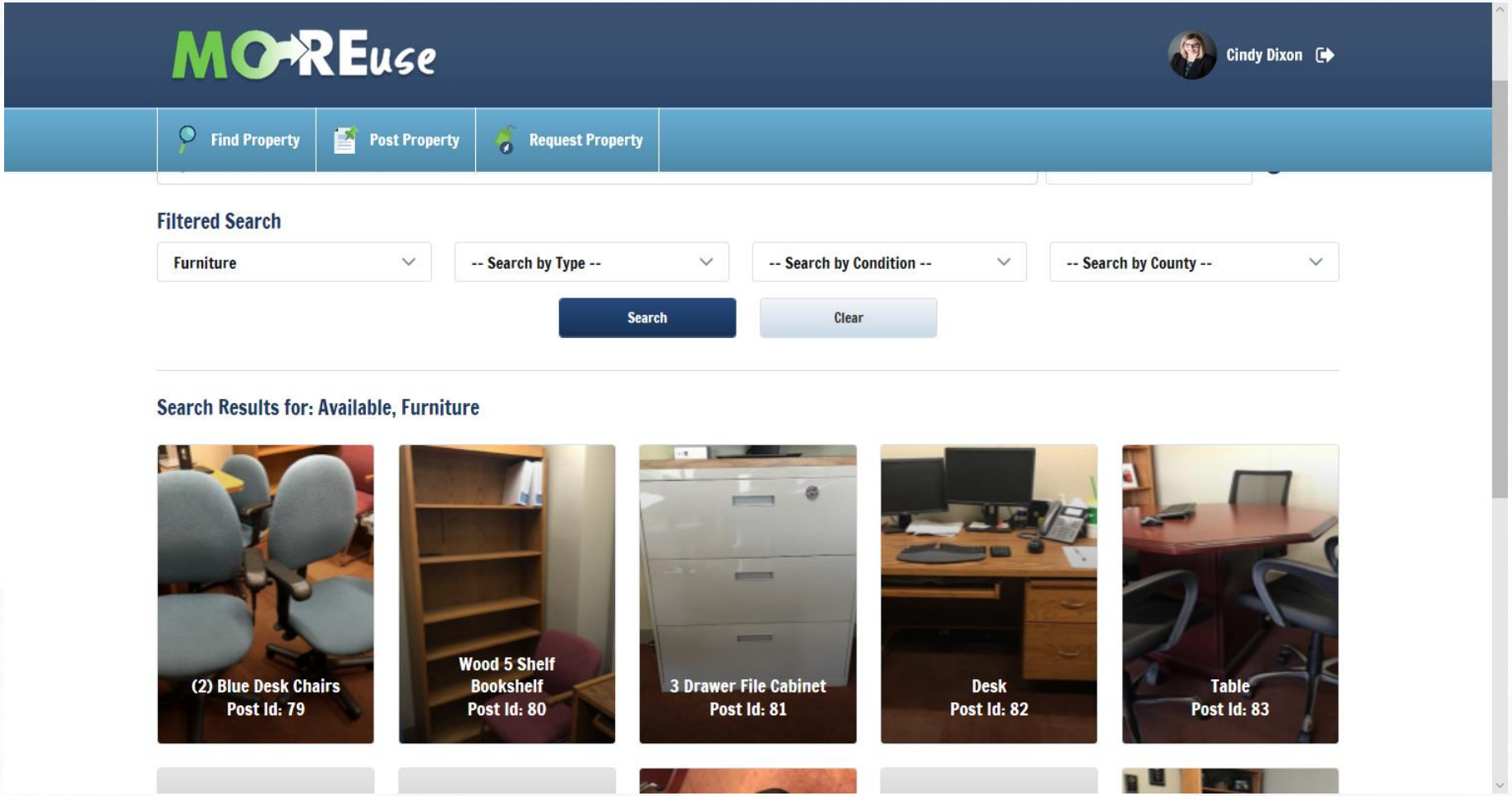

Reserve Property

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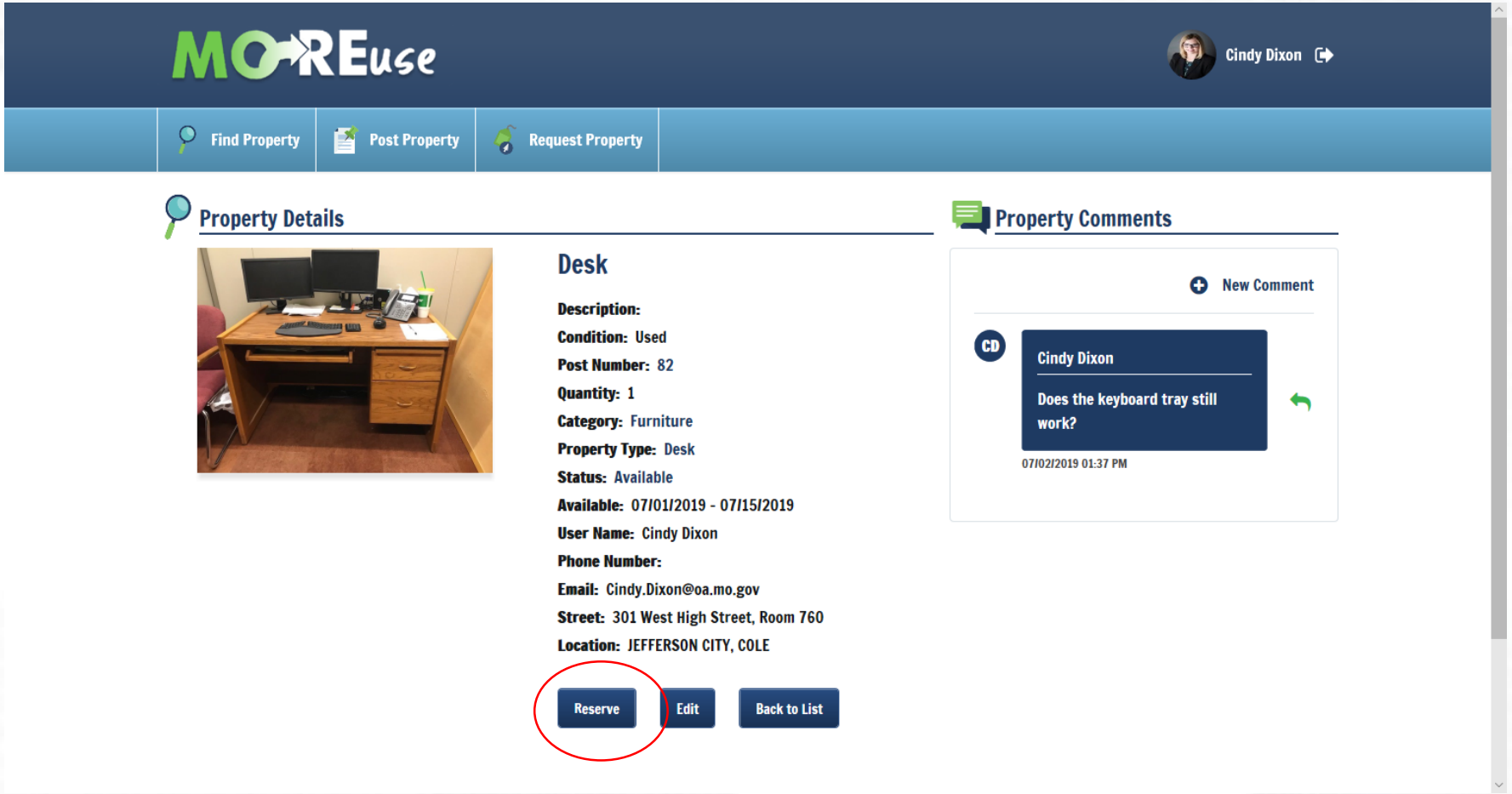

Final Thoughts

- State employees are enthused about MOREuse because …
  - They get to be helpful in a concrete way.
  - No red tape – instant gratification.
  - They are able to help the state save tax dollars.
  - They feel good about not having to landfill stuff.
  - There is a spirit of camaraderie in the MOREuse world.
  - They are promoting a culture of reuse.

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