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## ***BIG NEWS***

### **BLUEGRASS AREA HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION APPROVED**

On September 8, the Bluegrass ADD received notification from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security that the FY 2004 Homeland Security grant application, submitted on the behalf of 13 counties and 31 municipalities, had been approved in the amount of \$777,076. This is a collective amount for all jurisdictions involved.

The ADD is currently awaiting arrival of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. This MOA should outline the method that has been approved for expenditure of these funds. It is the intention of the ADD that when further specifics are attained, ADD staff will notify and inform everyone who joined in the application.

ADD staff would like to thank all the jurisdictions involved for their cooperation and continued support of the ADD's regional homeland security efforts. For more information concerning these efforts, please contact Shane New, Josh Ayoroa, Lora Littleton, or Matt Belcher.

## ***STAFF NEWS CORNER***

### **CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Lenny Stoltz has been appointed the Assistant Executive Director for Bluegrass ADD. Lenny has served as our Chief Financial Officer for 12 years. He will be assisting the Executive Director in various administrative affairs of the office. He will continue to be the CFO as well overseeing the overall daily operations as assigned by the Executive Director.

In addition, Ms. Jayne Combs has been promoted to be the Chief of the Division of Grants-in-Aid Programs in the Department for Community and Economic Development. This division will be responsible for developing and maintaining an inventory of all Federal, State and foundation grant programs. She will also maintain and keep up to date all federal, state grant-in-aid projects funded in the Bluegrass ADD.

Mr. Don Hassall has been appointed as the Director of Infrastructure Development.

My heartfelt congratulations go to these individuals.

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## ***CDBG ACTIVITIES***

### **ANDERSON COUNTY**

#### **LAWRENCEBURG CONSIDERS SANITARY SEWER SERVICE EXTENSIONS TO SERVE STRINGTOWN AREA**

Immediately south of Lawrenceburg's southern corporate limits along US 127 Business Route are more than 100 homes that lack sanitary sewer service. Lawrenceburg officials have canvassed the area in an attempt to determine if Stringtown Area residents would be interested in receiving Lawrenceburg sanitary sewer service. The results of that survey of area residents have encouraged city leaders to believe that not only is sewer service desired by most Stringtown residents, partial grant financing might also be available from the HUD Community Development Block Grant program, and from other sources as well.

ADD staff are working with Lawrenceburg Mayor Bobby Sparrow and others and are prepared to initiate grantsmanship efforts as requested by the city.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

### **BOURBON COUNTY**

#### **MILLERSBURG TOBACCO DEVELOPMENT PROJECT NEARS END**

The City of Millersburg is approaching the conclusion of its Tobacco Development grant project funded by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. The \$320,000 grant has been used for new water lines and new water valves in the downtown area, a new master meter at the water treatment plant, and a new truck.

In addition to the construction and equipment purchases, approximately \$156,000 of the funding has been used to retire bonds recently sold on behalf of the USDA's Rural Utility Service. For additional information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

#### **MILLERSBURG FINISHES CONSTRUCTION OF 2-PHASE WATER EXTENSION**

Construction began on the Millersburg water line extension project in October of 2003, and now the 7.74 miles of water line installation is complete and the two new high water service pumps are in place. Tap-ons were installed for 63 households. This waterline extension component part of the project cost approximately \$612,300 and was financed in part by a HUD Community Development Grant in the amount of \$454,000. The balance of the funds was made available through a Rural Development grant/loan.

The second phase of the project included the installation of two new high service pumps at the water treatment plant as well as the installation of 500 feet of 6-inch diameter service line in the downtown area. The second portion of the project cost \$127,800.

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Some clean-up remains to be finished as the contractor continues work on Millersburg's Tobacco Development Project.

### **CITY OF NORTH MIDDLETOWN TO CONDUCT INCOME LEVEL SURVEY FOR WASTEWATER/WATER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

The City of North Middletown is seeking funds to rehabilitate deteriorated sewer lines and water lines throughout the city. Funding requests will be made to USDA Rural Development (RD) and the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. It is anticipated that funding for the project will consist of a combination of grants and a loan.

At present the city is eligible to receive HUD CDBG funds, however, a survey will be required to determine the city's eligibility for an RD grant. The 100% survey will verify median household income for approximately 300 sewer/water customers. RD requires that all households to be served by the proposed project be surveyed. Households declining to respond are automatically considered over-income.

The survey will be conducted with the assistance of the Bluegrass Community Action Agency under the Rural Community Assistance Program. The nonprofit agency will coordinate the survey with local residents and provide the results to Bluegrass ADD.

## **BOYLE COUNTY**

### **DANVILLE AND JUNCTION CITY SET TO JOINTLY SEEK HUD FUNDS FOR SEWER LINE CONNECTOR**

Since it became a sewer community more than 30 years ago, Junction City has always pumped its collected wastewaters to Danville for treatment before their discharge to Clarks Run Creek. In recent years the sewage pumping station and pressure sewer line that connects the two Boyle County communities has not been capable of transporting all of the collected wastewaters. This has been particularly noticeable during and following periods of rainfall. As a result, the City of Junction City has been operating under an Agreed Order with the Kentucky Division of Water that directs the city to deal decisively and soon to find a cure to the problem of frequent sewage overflows to area streams. Junction City's inability to finance an affordable cure to the problem of sewage overflows led several months ago to the sale of the Junction City water and sewer utility to the City of Danville.

At the present time, Danville and Junction City, acting cooperatively, are preparing to seek HUD Community Development Block Grant assistance to enable Danville to undertake the installation of a large diameter gravity sewer interceptor sewer to eliminate the problem of the Junction City's undersized sewage pumping station and pressure sewer line. The estimated cost of the sewer project is \$4.0 million. Assistance has been offered by the ADD to seek through the Governor's Office for Local Development a HUD grant that would compliment a \$500,000 grant offer already available from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

## **JESSAMINE COUNTY**

### **NORTH JESSAMINE SEWER PROJECT PLANNING CONTINUES**

Four years ago, the Congress approved a USEPA earmark grant of \$2,850,700 to be applied to the construction of sanitary sewers in northeastern Jessamine County to serve some 650 households—many of them mobile homes. The EPA grant was a matching grant and could only be made in its entirety if the total eligible cost reached at least \$5.2 million. Such a project has been identified. Wastewater facilities planning has been completed and approved by USEPA.

Finally, the time is approaching when Jessamine County and the Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water/Sewer District could seriously seek other grant and loan funds that would round out the project financing. A well-attended public hearing on this project was held in mid-summer. The hearing seemed to indicate broad based support for a community sewer system to serve mobile home parks and subdivisions adjacent to Ashgrove Pike and Tates Creek Road.

Lexington-Fayette is prepared to accept the collected wastewater from the proposed project area into its West Hickman Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant is located in northern Jessamine County and actually within sight of some of the Jessamine County residents for whom sanitary sewer service is proposed.

Action on a Rural Development grant/loan application is pending. Jessamine County is prepared to submit a HUD Community Development Block Grant application as soon as several threshold issues can be resolved on older HUD Block Grant projects. The ADD has sought to provide technical assistance and advice to advance the project to and through the various funding steps and on to construction commencement.

For further information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

## **LINCOLN COUNTY**

### **EFFORT TO CONSTRUCT MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY IN LINCOLN COUNTY UNDERWAY**

The Bluegrass ADD assisted the Lincoln County Fiscal Court in writing its application for a USDA-RD Rural Utilities Service grant. The proposed project will provide necessary funds to construct a fire station and a state of the art community center, the purpose of which would be to provide local residents and patrons of the center with access to high speed Internet technology. Final site selection and preliminary architectural plans for the multi-purpose facility are currently underway. As the grant application indicates, there are plans to bring broadband Internet to the facility and preliminary estimates have been attained from a local firm. The long-term component to this effort is to extend broadband Internet to the surrounding rural areas that are currently not served with respect to high speed Internet. The value of bringing a facility such as this one to this area

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should be underscored. Broadband connectivity of these rural areas enables a better quality of life for the local residents through availability and access to employment opportunities, education, job training, the online retail market, news and entertainment. If funded, the proposed project would not only benefit the residents of Lincoln County by providing them with extended fire protection, but it would offer them a venue for community activities and access to broadband internet. For more information, please contact Matt Belcher at the ADD.

## MADISON COUNTY

### **BEREA CONTINUES PROGRESS**

The City of Berea continues work on its Wastewater Treatment Plan Expansion Project and is in the fourth month of construction. The project is being funded in part by a \$1.0 million HUD Community Development Block Grant, which is being applied to this \$10.145 million project to expand the municipal wastewater treatment plant. The J.C. Chambers Wastewater Treatment Plant will be expanded from its present capacity of 2.34 million gallons per day (MGD) to a new and larger capacity of 4.3 MGD. A Kentucky Infrastructure Authority low interest loan of \$5.0 million and \$4.145 million in local cash reserves complete the financial package. For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

## MERCER COUNTY

### **MERCER COUNTY FISCAL COURT RECEIVES CDBG FUNDS**

Recently the Mercer County Fiscal Court received word from the Governor's Office of Local Development of a \$334,000 Community Development Block Grant (CBG) award. These grant funds will be applied toward the construction of an addition to the Mercer County Senior Citizens Center. The new addition will house the Senior Adult Daycare Program. Local funds of \$75,000 will combine with the CDBG for a total project cost of \$409,000. Construction should begin in the early part of 2005. For more information, contact Jayne Combs at the ADD.

### **MERCER COUNTY SALT RIVER TORNADO CLEANUP UNDERWAY**

The Mercer County Fiscal Court is utilizing a HUD Community Development Block Grant funded under the Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) to cleanup debris deposited in the Salt River by a tornado that touched down in May of 2003.

The Fiscal Court awarded the \$99,750 contract for the cleanup work to Micah Group, LLC - a Lexington based firm. The cleanup began in early September and is expected to continue into late November. The project consists of the removal and disposal of woody debris from the Salt River and required restoration of disturbed agricultural areas affected by the cleanup.

## **HARRODSBURG SIGNS CONTRACTS**

The Improvements Program is composed of three primary components, each of which is an individual construction contract. Specifically, the contract includes:

- the erection of a 1.0 million gallon elevated water storage tank on the city's southeast side, and
- the construction of approximately nine miles of water lines ranging in size from 6 inches to 20 inches in diameter, and
- replacements and additions at the municipal water treatment plant.

Beyond the Community Development Block Grant for \$1.0 million, other funding sources for the \$5.5 million project include a Kentucky Infrastructure Authority grant of a \$1.0 million, a \$2.5 million loan from Rural Development and a \$1.0 million RD grant.

The project will address significant problems that have developed over time – problems that are associated with the aging water treatment plant, the deficient elevated water storage situation, and deficiencies in potable water transmission/distribution network. Benefits of the project will accrue to retail customers of the Harrodsburg municipal water systems as well as to the customers of the three water utilities to whom Harrodsburg supplies potable water.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen who will administer the HUD grant for the ADD on behalf of the City of Harrodsburg.

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### **POWELL COUNTY AND PARIS RECEIVE RELEASE OF FUNDS**

In the months of August and September, both Powell County and the City of Paris received release of funds for their economic development projects. Both projects were awarded \$500,000 from the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program. The Powell County grant will assist the Industrial Authority in acquiring a manufacturing building which will be leased to a startup industry. The Paris grant will assist an expanding industry in purchasing a laser, which is necessary for manufacturing. For more information on these projects or the Community Development Block Grant Program please contact Jack Morgan at the Bluegrass ADD.

## ***HAZARD MITIGATION***

### **NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RELIES ON LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

As the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan enters its final stages, it is important to make clear the main focus of the entire planning effort—local hazard mitigation projects. As the local hazard mitigation planning meetings over the past several months have tried to emphasize, this planning effort is mainly about enabling local leaders to indicate what natural hazard mitigation projects are important in their communities and then assisting them in turning those goals into realistic, workable projects. This is great opportunity for local leaders to bring their knowledge to the table concerning natural hazards and what can be done about the dangers in their communities. A variety of natural hazards are discussed at the local hazard mitigation planning meetings – everything from flooding to winter storms. As history has taught, especially recent history, the region is replete with natural hazard related fatalities and property damage. Join in the effort to put forth projects that will lessen the impact natural hazards have on your city or county. This is a planning effort from which all can benefit.

For more information about local mitigation planning or the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, please contact Earl Ogata, Matt Belcher, Lora Littleton, or Josh Ayoroa at the ADD.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Sixteen County Hazard Mitigation Plans are in the process of being compiled and integrated into the Bluegrass Area Development District Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The significant first step in the development of the Plan was for each of sixteen ADD counties to develop their own County Hazard Mitigation Plan, which communicates the county's natural hazard issues, needs, and proposed mitigation actions or projects.

Sixteen County Hazard Mitigation Plan Development Teams have met monthly as county committees for the past eight months, studying natural hazard background information and historical hazard data for the area. They discussed hazard disaster issues and proposed potential solutions. The committee determined what actions or projects would reduce or eliminate the effects of floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, winter storms, wild fires, landslides, drought, levee failures, and/or KARST/sinkholes in their communities. Due to excellent efforts by the local teams, the sixteen County Plans have either been completed or are close to completion and approval by local County teams.

The transition of the sixteen county Plans into a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is being done under the guidance of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Oversight and Review Subcommittee, which consists of all county judges-executive, city mayors, and county disaster and emergency management directors. A first draft of the regional plan, which represents approximately 65% of the entire regional document, has been reviewed and

approved by the Review Subcommittee. The first draft has been submitted to the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their review and comment.

Throughout the process, the public has always been invited to be involved through newspaper articles, articles in this newsletter, or local postings. The first draft of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is presently available online at: <http://www.bgadd.org/> for public review and comment. This 400-page first draft document presently includes:

Introduction/Prerequisites/Planning Process

Risk Assessment

Mitigation Strategy

Citizens or committee members desiring to comment on the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan draft may contact Earl Ogata at 859-269-8021. A second and final draft will be posted at the same online address for public and committee review and comment some time in November or December. To all who have worked so hard on this enormous project, many thanks.

#### **LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR RECEIVES HONOR**

Estill County Emergency Management Director, Fred Rogers, was recently inducted into the Kentucky Emergency Management Association Hall of Fame. This honor is bestowed annually on one or two individuals across the state. This year, the Bluegrass Area was fortunate to see one of its own recognized with this honor.

Fred has been working with emergency management in Estill County for 10 years and has nearly 25 years of experience in emergency services. Fred has proven a leader in many areas of emergency management and has worked closely with CSEPP and the natural hazard mitigation planning.

Emergency management directors are often called upon to be leaders in times of disaster and in daily operations. Coordination and attendance of training activities, workshops, drills, and other preparatory activities are necessary to keep up with the latest information in the field. This honor demonstrates how well Fred has accomplished these and many other tasks. Congratulations, Fred!

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KENTUCKY WORLD TRADE CONFERENCE**

The Kentucky World Trade Conference brought speakers from around the Americas to speak on international trade issues. A Chilean attorney and Canadian Trade Commissioners spoke, as did several individuals from around the region. The October event attracted an

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audience of sixty people made up of students, business professionals and local industries. The Bluegrass Global Affairs Association, a nonprofit agency dedicated to promoting and cultivating knowledge and understanding about global trade issues, organized the event. Sponsors included Lexmark, Frost Brown Todd, and Fifth Third Bank. To find out more about the organization or the conference please contact Jack Morgan at the Bluegrass ADD.

#### **WESTCARE FOUNDATION, INC. TO OPEN A MOUNTAINTOP RECOVERY AND RETRAINING FACILITY IN ESTILL COUNTY**

Under the leadership of Estill County Judge-Executive Wallace Taylor, the development of the Mountaintop Recovery and Retraining Center in rural Estill County is several steps closer to becoming a reality. Richard Steinberg, President/CEO of the Nevada based Westcare Foundation, Inc., made the announcement of the organization's intent to establish a "state of the art" regional facility in Estill County that will provide substance abuse recovery services as well as retraining assistance to an ever-increasing population in need.

The project received unanimous approval from the Executive Board of the Bluegrass Area Development District at its September meeting with the adoption of the Resolution of Support.

Upon completion, the new Westcare Kentucky, Inc. will join six sister organizations located throughout the United States and the US Virgin Islands to provide a broad spectrum of treatment programs and social services to persons of all ages and backgrounds. Additionally, Westcare Kentucky will provide an intensive educational program for participants to assist them with entry/re-entry into the workforce. Initially, approximately 200 jobs are expected to be created. For more information, contact Jayne Combs at the ADD.

#### **RECORDS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP SET**

The Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives will co-host a Records Management Workshop to be held October 20 at the ADD office. The program, set to run from 10:00 am to noon, will address:

- Legal destruction of obsolete records
- Use of the records retention schedule
- Vital records protection
- E-mail management
- Storage of paper and computer records
- Digital imaging
- Libraries and Archives role – direct service and grants

All county and city officials and staff are invited to attend. Additionally, county elected officials may receive two hours training for this seminar approved by the Governor’s Office for Local Government.

Seating capacity is limited and persons wishing to attend may make reservations by contacting: Jerry W. Carlton, Local Records Program, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, 300 Coffee Tree Road, P.O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602. Or call 502-564-8300, ext 258 or email jerry.carlton@ky.gov.

**SEVEN AREA FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE FIREFIGHTERS ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

In September, seven ADD Fire Departments received FY 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) funds. A total of \$535,416 has been allocated thus far for firefighter training, equipment, personal protective equipment, wellness and fitness programs, and a firefighting vehicle.

Additionally, as of July 30, the Paris Fire Department has been allocated \$50,400 from the AFGP Fire Prevention and Safety Grant program. All of these fire departments are required to have a local match share equal to 10 percent of AFGP federal grant share.

<u>Fire Department Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Federal Grant</u>	<u>Local Share</u>	<u>Award Announced</u>
Estill County Fire Department	Irvine	Firefighting Vehicle	\$144,000	\$16,000	6/18/04
Salvisa Fire Department	Salvisa	Fire Operations & Firefighter Safety	\$38,332	\$4,259	7/16/04
City of North Middletown Fire Department	North Middletown	Operations & Firefighter Safety	\$55,999	\$6,222	8/6/04
Berry Fire Department	Berry	Operations & Firefighter Safety	\$55,739	\$6,193	8/13/04
Georgetown Fire & Rescue	Georgetown	Operations & Firefighter Safety	\$96,354	\$10,706	9/3/04
White Hall Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Richmond	Operations & Firefighter Safety	\$46,419	\$5,158	9/10/04
City of Winchester - Winchester Fire-EMS	Winchester	Operations & Firefighter Safety	\$98,573	\$10,953	9/24/04
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$535,416</b>	<b>\$59,491</b>	

**ADD STAFF AND AREA JUDGE-EXECUTIVE ATTEND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE**

During August, ADD staff members along with Clark County Judge-Executive John Myers attended the Kentucky Institute for Economic Development (KIED). The six-day conference was geared toward professionals embarking upon the area of economic development. The learning experience is intended to cover a broad range of topics to give newcomers to the field an overall view of economic development.

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KIED faculty is composed of individuals currently practicing in the field of economic development as well as academicians of noted experience in economic development. The focus is heavily concentrated on practical tools and techniques necessary for communities to aggressively and successfully compete for new development.

Attendance at KIED can be a stepping stone to becoming a Certified Economic Developer or it can be a general overview for a professional whose work involves economic development but is not centered on it. The institute is held annually and brings in students from across the country. In addition to providing basic economic tools to implement in one's current role, students gain a great deal from networking with others. For more information on the Kentucky Institute for Economic Development, please contact Wayne Foster at 859-887-8770.

#### **LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT INFORMATION ANNOUNCED**

The Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) has announced that the FY 2005 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) application and general grant information will be available online at: [www.gold.ky.gov](http://www.gold.ky.gov) as of October 15, 2004.

The LWCF Program is a federally funded program. Grants are awarded to local city and county governments on a competitive basis for land acquisition for recreational development, construction of new outdoor facilities, or renovation of existing facilities.

LWCF grants are awarded based on total points scored using a graded criterion with multiple categories. Scoring takes into account such issues as: local priority for the recreational element – e.g., tennis court, ball field, or playground; site acreage and configuration; per capita income of user population; applicant's contribution to project cost; local involvement of civic organizations; capacity to maintain project after completion of grant, and other criteria.

The FY 2005 LWCF appropriation for the state of Kentucky will be approximately \$1,375,000. The maximum grant award is \$75,000 per project and the minimum is \$5,000. Local governments are required to match the total federal grant equally with donations, general funds, supplies, equipment, and/or in-kind contributions. Applications will be due on February 1, 2005.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to call Lora Littleton at the ADD office, 859-269-8021.

#### **BED MANUFACTURER TO OPEN PLANT IN GEORGETOWN**

In August, Leggett & Platt announced it will be opening a factory in Georgetown that will manufacture adjustable beds. The hiring phase began in September and construction is set for early October. The plant will begin with 40 employees, but is expected to increase in the future due to the growing industry. Leggett & Platt is the parent company of Hoover Wire, which recently closed its Georgetown Plant after 36 years of operation. At its

close, Hoover Wire employed 157 people, many of whom Leggett & Platt hope to hire at the new factory.

**PDR PROGRAM WINS NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AWARD**

Fayette County’s Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program has been selected for a national community enhancement award from the National League of Cities.

Conservation easements on more than 10,700 acres of farmland have been purchased or donated to the PDR program, for protection and preservation of green space. This is about one-fifth of the 50,000 acres earmarked for protection from development over a 20-year period.

In 2003, Fayette County ranked second in the state in total farm receipts of \$289,782,000 for agricultural production on Fayette County farms.

“Productive farms preserve green space and add to our quality of life,” Maner Ferguson, the program’s manager, said.

**LEXINGTON LEADS REGION IN NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF NEW JOBS CREATED**

Lexington showed a robust growth in both the number of jobs created and in the percentage of people employed between June 30, 2003 and June 30, 2004.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, here is how Lexington and other area cities fared in job growth between June 30, 2003 and June 30, 2004:

<u>City</u>	<u>Number of Jobs Created</u>	<u>Percentage of Increase</u>
Lexington, KY	2,900	1.1%
Louisville, KY	-3,500	-0.6%
Cincinnati, OH	1,600	0.2%
Charleston, WV	-100	-0.1%
Dayton/Springfield, OH	-4,200	-0.9%
Columbus, OH	-900	-0.1%
Indianapolis, IN	-1,500	-0.2%

**GEORGETOWN AND STANFORD DESIGNATED *PRESERVE AMERICA* COMMUNITIES**

The Cities of Georgetown and Stanford were honored in September as national *Preserve America* communities. “*Preserve America* communities demonstrate that they are committed to preserving America’s heritage while ensuring a future filled with opportunities for learning and enjoyment,” said First Lady Laura Bush, who announced the *Preserve America* designees.

“This new community designation program, combined with the *Preserve America* Presidential Awards and Federal support, provides strong incentives for continued preservation of our cultural and natural heritage resources. I commend you for your commitment to preserving an important

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part of our Nation's historic past for visitors, neighbors, and most importantly, for children."

The goals of the initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the Nation's past; strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets; and support for the economic vitality of communities.

Since January 2004, the beginning of Preserve America Communities designations, the Bluegrass Area has had nine such designated cities. Georgetown and Stanford join the cities of Cynthiana, Danville, Harrodsburg, Midway, Richmond, Versailles and Winchester for a total of nine so designated out of a total of 46 for Kentucky and 169 nationwide.

John L. Nau, III, chairman of the Federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), said to the recent designees, "There are significant economic, educational, and cultural benefits that historic preservation, through efforts such as heritage tourism, brings to a community. Sustainable preservation is not a cost for maintaining the past; it is an investment in building the future. You have shown that your community is a national leader in this trend and have created a powerful positive example for others."

Communities designated through the program receive national recognition for their efforts. Benefits include use of the *Preserve America* logo, listing in a Government Web-based directory to showcase preservation and heritage tourism efforts, and eligibility for proposed *Preserve America* grants that will begin in Fiscal Year 2005 if enacted by Congress.

The Bush Administration's fiscal year 2005 budget contains a request for \$10 million in grant funds for which communities meeting the *Preserve America* criteria will be eligible to apply. These matching fund grants of \$50,000 to \$250,000 would go on a competitive basis to projects that preserve and use important historic resources for promotion of heritage tourism and other economic revitalization projects. For more information, go to: <http://www.preserveamerica.gov>

## ***HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES***

### **AREA AGENCY ON AGING PARTICIPATES IN Q.P.R. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING**

Over 85 people die every day from suicide. Kentucky ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. for successful suicides and nationally over 800,000 attempts are made each year. The elderly account for 25% of all suicides, which means an elderly person actually completes a suicide every 90 minutes. Elderly males make up 81% of those persons. These are just a few of the staggering statistics pertaining to this national epidemic and the reason the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging sent staff to attend a day long suicide prevention course in August in Louisville.

The Q.P.R. prevention method establishes that if you suspect suicidal ideation by someone you should "Question, Persuade and Refer" to prevent their possible attempt. QPR is not a form of counseling but it is intended to offer hope through positive action. Questioning someone about suicidal thoughts can be a daunting task but suicide prevention is everybody's business, and anyone can help prevent the tragedy of suicide.

Clues and warning signs can include verbalizations like "I'm tired of life" or "Who cares if I'm dead anyway" or actions like buying a gun, stockpiling pills or giving away prized possessions. Behaviors prior to suicide can include unusual or increasing alcohol use, sudden change in personal appearance or condition of home and change in mental or emotional status. Situational clues can be the loss of a major relationship, death of a spouse, possibility of an unwanted move, loss of financial security or diagnosis of a terminal illness. Be aware of these signs and "Question, Prevent and Refer" if you have any suspicions. One clue or warning sign may mean nothing, but if in doubt, trust your instincts and ask the questions.

For further information contact Bob Robey at [rwrobey@earthlink.net](mailto:rwrobey@earthlink.net) or Randy Lawson at the ADD.

#### **WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING SET FOR OCTOBER, 2005**

The first White House Conference on Aging of the 21st Century will be held October 23-26, 2005 in Washington, D.C. The date and location of the Conference were decided and work began on the agenda at the first meeting of the Policy Committee for the 2005 Conference held in July.

The White House Conferences on Aging have convened every 10 years and have served as catalysts for aging policy for more than 40 years. The Conferences have prompted the establishment of key initiatives such as the Supplemental Security Income program, and influenced societal changes in the private and public sectors on retirement, health care, transportation, housing, and economic security.

Policy Committee Chair Dorcas R. Hardy urged the Committee to look at aging in terms of today and tomorrow. "We must identify emerging trends and make appropriate recommendations to help our nation prepare for the changes anticipated over the next decade." In addition to addressing the issues of today's elders, the 2005 Conference will, for the first time, have a mandated focus on the 76 million baby boomers whose aging will change the face of America.

Praising the work of the Committee, Assistant Secretary for Aging Josefina Carbonell outlined the challenges ahead. "We are rightly positioned to move to the next level to meet the needs and expectations of older Americans in the future. We are talking about no less than a cultural change in perceptions on aging – about moving from awareness to action."

"This White House Conference promises to be a highly participatory and futuristic event which will use modern technology to allow us to reach out to as many people across the country as possible," said Dr. Ann McGee, Executive Director of the Conference.

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On April 16, HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson named McGee as the Executive Director of the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. As Executive Director, Dr. McGee will oversee the planning of the Conference, which makes policy recommendations to the President and Congress to assist the public and private sectors in promoting the dignity, health, independence, and economic security of current and future generations of older persons.

Local WHCOA focus groups will meet throughout the nation leading up to the national conference in October, 2005.

### **FIRST YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS TO BE PLACED IN AGING PROGRAMS**

For several years, third year medical students from the University of Kentucky have been placed with Homecare clients in Fayette County for a rotation of three weeks. These medical students work in the clients' homes to help them with their health and medical problems while, at the same time, learning that medical and health care are interconnected with the home environment. In most cases, this is the only time that medical students are exposed to patients outside the office or clinic environment.

In August, discussion began with Dr. Jennifer Joyce, Department of Family Practice at the University of Kentucky School of Medicine, on ways to place first year medical students with the seniors involved in the Area Agency's on Aging services and programs. Dr. Joyce is seeking funding for this innovative program and, if the effort is successful, medical students will be placed throughout the Bluegrass area through local senior centers and Homecare program beginning in July, 2005.

### **YOU CAN! STEPS TO HEALTHIER AGING ENCOURAGED**

Drink your milk. Eat your greens. An apple a day keeps the doctor away. For many of us, these childhood phrases ring true, even into our mature years. The simple fact is, good eating habits and physical activity can help improve health and well-being. They also can enhance the ability to do daily activities and help maintain mobility and independence.

On August 12, Assistant Secretary of Aging, Josefina G. Carbonell of the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) announced the kickoff of *You Can! Steps to Healthier Aging*. Assistant Secretary Carbonell stated that she is "committed to raising awareness among the senior population about the importance of prevention and small steps that older people can take to maintain and improve their health." *You Can!* is focused on encouraging seniors to eat better and exercise more. Carbonell refers to the *You Can!* program as the "2-2-2 campaign – because the goal is to mobilize 2,000 community organizations to reach 2 million seniors within 2 years."

She went on to say, "Today's older Americans are healthier than ever before. As the population ages, we need to ensure that we reduce possible conditions of disease and disability so that older persons can remain healthy and active for as long as possible. We learned through focus groups that the older adults we are targeting are ready to make a change. They can't

do it alone. They need a friend, a neighbor, or a group to do it with them. They just need a little encouragement.”

The Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging has joined this effort and has become a partner to help spread the word about the importance of lifestyle choices; share information about improving food choices and increasing physical activity; and consider making activities and programs available for older adults. In addition, many of the Bluegrass area senior centers offer activities to help seniors stay healthy and active. For more information contact your local senior center or the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging at the ADD 859-269-8021.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **GOODPASTER RECEIVES KEEN AWARD**

Stuart Goodpaster, Planning Branch Manager for the Department of Highways/District 7, received the “Outstanding Dedication and Commitment Award” at the recent statewide KEEN (Kentucky Engineering Exposure Network) summer retreat. Mr. Goodpaster is an active member of the Regional Transportation Committee and a leader in the statewide transportation planning effort.



*Stuart Goodpaster received “The Outstanding Dedication and Commitment as Statewide KEEN Coordinator” from Patty Dunaway (Dist. 4).*

KEEN is a partnership between the Commonwealth’s school system and the Transportation Cabinet. Through the program, engineers employed with the Cabinet visit schools throughout the state to discuss the application of math and science in daily situations and the opportunities and challenges available to students in the field of engineering.

KEEN coordinators, located in each of the Transportation’s twelve district offices, are available to make presentations to grade schools, middle schools, and high schools. Presentations are adapted to different age groups and topics range from the work of engineers to computer applications.

### **CORRIDOR SAFETY TEAMS KICK OFF**

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has identified, through data analysis and research, corridors within each of its twelve highway districts that have a high rate of collisions, fatalities and injuries. Corridor Safety Teams are being developed along each of these corridors to strategically address issues relating to the driver, the vehicle, the highway, and emergency response to incidents.

These teams are a partnership of state, local and federal governments, along with a multitude of other public and private sector entities, including schools, civic organizations and businesses. The purpose is to provide a multi-jurisdictional approach to reducing fatalities and injuries and include engineering, enforcement, education and emergency response involvement.

The ADD has four such corridors; US 27 in Highway District 7, US 27 in Highway District 8, US 60 in Highway District 5, and KY 15 in Highway District 10. Three out of these four have had their kick-off meeting.



*Boyd Sigler, Highway Safety manager for Transportation Dept.*

### **TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IDENTIFICATION PROCESS RETOOLED**

As part of the Statewide Transportation Planning Process, the ADD and District Highway Offices in the region have been working on a revised project identification process for new unfunded projects. The project identification form or PIF has morphed over the past few years from just a planning tool to a living document that can follow the project electronically from conception to construction. The form is now a scoping document that can provide pertinent information and background to a project before it goes into the six-year plan. The PIF includes such information as the route number, a cost estimate, adequacy ratings, environmental/social/economic impacts, maps, and photographs, as well as the name of the person or organization requesting the project. This information will be used by local leaders and the Regional Transportation Committee when they respectively prioritize Unscheduled Projects next year. All new projects will be prioritized at the local level, regional level and Highway District Office level. Currently all existing projects that received a high priority at the regional level during the 2003 cycle are going through this process and will be completed by October 22.

For additional information, contact Bruce Duncan at the ADD.

## **WATER & WASTEWATER**

### **BLUEGRASS WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION FORMED**

Following an August 24 public hearing during which no one spoke in opposition, Mayor Teresa Isaac entered an order that give legal form and substance to the regional water supply efforts of the region. Nine Central Kentucky communities will have representation on the water supply commission as it organizes in late October. The communities and their representatives are these:

Cynthiana—Mayor Virgie Wells

Frankfort—J. H. Sullivan

Georgetown—Bob Riddle

Lancaster—Donna Powell

Lexington—Charlie Martin

Mt. Sterling—Dave Pearce

Nicholasville—Tom Calkins

Paris—Kevin Crump

Winchester—Vernon Azevedo

Kentucky-American Water has been a prime player in the regional water supply efforts to date, but it cannot have a representative on the new commission under the present of the state enabling legislation. In addition, Bluegrass ADD has been active in regional water supply efforts to date, and it hopes to be able to continue to support the effort as it moves forward.

Now that the regional water supply group is soon to be a legal entity under Kentucky statutes with bylaws and officers, it can seek to move aggressively to secure state and federal financial support to compliment local financial resources to undertake the Bluegrass Water Supply Commission's initial construction project.

The plan that the Commission is following has three principal components. They are:

- A physical linking of the participating water utilities with a pipeline grid. The purpose of this grid would be to be able to convey potable water from where it is available to where it is needed.
- The construction of a regional water treatment plant—using the Kentucky River's Pool 3 as its source. The new water treatment plant would likely be located in northern Franklin County.

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- The installation of a large diameter raw water line from the Ohio River—from a point likely near Warsaw—to the new regional water treatment plant in Franklin County. This would permit redundancy and would assure a supply of potable water to participating water utilities under virtually all conditions.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

## **2004-05 WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING EFFORT RESUMES**

Efforts resume this fiscal year on a vital project that began in 2003—the wastewater management plan. As proposed by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority in mid-2003, the wastewater management plan will continue with little departure from its original goal—to assess the nature and delivery of wastewater service throughout the Bluegrass Region and explore the possibility of comprehensive wastewater service delivery, utilizing the best available technology. Data collection and background research is used to explore what is currently in place with respect to the various municipalities and other utilities that offer wastewater service. A tentative meeting schedule has been developed by the ADD staff. Wastewater-planning meetings will soon be held in the local communities.

It should be noted that this is a planning exercise not a mandate. By developing a coverage strategy and long-term plans with respect to wastewater in area cities and counties, communities will be better prepared to accommodate development. Residents will be better served due to this effort, providing a forum by which utilities and elected officials can plan for this vital segment of the local infrastructure. Two examples of where this cooperative effort is already taking place are Mercer County and Lincoln County. In both cases, elected officials, utility managers, state agencies, and the public have made a commitment to work together and plan for the future delivery of wastewater service in their area. The value of adequate wastewater service cannot be overstated.

For more information concerning the ongoing wastewater management planning effort or other aspects pertaining to this topic, please contact Matt Belcher or Don Hassall at the ADD.

## **WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING SLATED**

The ADD's Water Management Council (the 409 Council) has scheduled its quarterly meeting. The meeting is set for Thursday, October 28, in the ADD Conference Room beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The scheduled speaker is David Morgan, the new director of the Kentucky Division of Water. Mr. Morgan may touch on DOW/ADD linkages. In addition, Matt Belcher will discuss the resumption of the ADD's 17 county wastewater management planning effort that will involve all existing wastewater utilities as well as other public policymakers. New and amended water and wastewater project profiles will be reviewed at the October 28 meeting.

Mayors, judges-executive, utility managers, water district and water association leaders, and local health department representatives are encouraged to attend this quarterly meeting. The meeting is also open to the public.

Anderson County Judge-executive Anthony Stratton is the Council chair. Woodford County Judge-executive Joe Gormley is the Council vice-chair. For more information, contact Don Hassall or Matt Belcher at the ADD.

### **MERCER COUNTY SEWER PLANNING EFFORT INITIATED**

For several months, Mercer County Judge-executive John Trisler has been meeting with representatives of Harrodsburg, Burgin, the Lake Village Water Association, the North Mercer Water District, the Mercer County Health Department, and others to order to determine the need for and the interest in the extension of sanitary sewers to areas beyond Harrodsburg's sewer service area. The City of Burgin and its 900 residents have never enjoyed sanitary sewer service. On-site sewage problems abound in urbanized Mercer County areas near and fronting on Lake Herrington. A number of small package sewage treatment plants in rural Mercer County operate only with difficulty.

The Harrodsburg municipal wastewater treatment plant has excess capacity. Development pressures in Mercer County seem to point to the need for sanitary sewer availability beyond the City of Harrodsburg. With engineering advice and with guidance from the Kentucky Division of Water, Judge Trisler is moving cautiously to evaluate the available options. Staff from the ADD have offered technical assistance to the efforts.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

### **BLUEGRASS AREA WATER AND SEWER RATE BOOK PUBLISHED**

For a number of years, the ADD has sought to update regularly its publication on water and sewer rates, water/sewer customer counts, water production information, wastewater treatment plant flows information, and fire protection ratings. That information has been updated for 2004 and has been published both electronically and in hard copy.

Local elected officials together with water and sewer utility managers received copies by mail in August. Copies of the 24-page publication may also be downloaded from the ADD's web site at [www.bgadd.org](http://www.bgadd.org).

For additional information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

**CONGRESSMAN BEN CHANDLER ANNOUNCED MORE THAN \$51,000 IN BLUEGRASS PRIDE EDUCATION GRANTS**

On August 30th, Congressman Ben Chandler announced the PRIDE Environmental Education Grant recipients for Fall 2004. Bluegrass PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment) is a non-profit that provides environmental grants, resources, and information to Kentucky communities, organizations, and individuals.

PRIDE, in its third round of Education Grants, awarded a total of \$51,281.20 to 19 recipients in 11 Central Kentucky counties for environmental education projects. The grant recipients include:

- Early Childhood Center, in Anderson County, to expand an outdoor classroom to include an observation deck and butterfly garden.
- Robert B. Turner Elementary, in Anderson County, to create a wetland area that will support native plants and animals.
- Bourbon County Pre-School Head Start to create literacy bags to help pre-school children and their families become more aware of environmental issues.
- Bourbon Central Elementary to build an outdoor classroom with wildflower havens and a compost bin.
- Boyle County Conservation District to conduct stream monitoring on Clark's Run to address nonpoint source pollution issues.
- Clark County Conservation District to print a tree guide for native trees in Clark County.
- Lower Howard's Creek Nature & Heritage Preserve to purchase environmental education materials for student volunteers.
- Northern Elementary School, in Fayette County, to build an outdoor classroom with an amphitheater, gardens, compost area and nature trail.
- Winburn Middle School to start an outdoor classroom with a vegetable garden and composting area.
- Peaks Mill Elementary School, in Franklin County, to build an outdoor classroom with a footbridge, hillside amphitheater, butterfly garden and bird sanctuary.
- Garrard County High School to enhance an existing outdoor classroom by constructing a stream, water garden, and butterfly garden.
- Nicholasville Elementary School, in Jessamine County, to build a greenhouse with a rain barrel and community herb garden.
- Rosenwald-Dunbar Elementary School, in Jessamine County, for a three-day field study at the Pine Mountain Settlement School.

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- Kirksville Elementary School, in Madison County, to build an outdoor classroom with a native plant garden and compost area.
- Model Laboratory School, in Madison County, to create an outdoor garden using native plants, rain barrel and compost bins.
- Berea College, SENS Department, to construct ecological teaching gardens for the Child Development Laboratory.
- Mercer County High School to create an outdoor classroom with native plants and trees, a pond and butterfly garden. Students will also create a brochure on using native plants to attract butterflies.
- Garth Elementary School, in Scott County, to expand an outdoor classroom to include native plants, a rain barrel and outdoor recycling bins.
- Georgetown College to purchase equipment for students to monitor Lane's Run Creek in Scott County.

Project Summaries are attached. For more information on Bluegrass PRIDE or the Education Grants, contact Bluegrass PRIDE at 866-222-1648.

**MEETING CALL**

ADD Executive Board Meeting	11/24 6:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Council	11/3 4:00 p.m.
Transportation Advisory Committee	11/8 1:30 p.m.
Tourism, Historic Preservation, Recreation Advisory Committee	11/9 10:00 a.m.
Aging Council	11/10 10:00 a.m.
Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Advisory Committee	12/1 4:15 p.m.
Human Services Advisory Committee	12/20 1:30 p.m.
ADD Quarterly Board Meeting	10/27 6:00 p.m.

ALL meeting dates/times subject to change.

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