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ESTILL, POWELL AND MADISON COUNTIES ENTER INTO PILOT PARTNERSHIP WITH OPERATION UNITE

Karen Engle, Executive Director of Operation UNITE, and Loren "Squirrel" Carl, Assistant to Congressman Ben Chandler, announced the formation of a unique partnership at the second Bluegrass Substance Abuse Forum, held on January 19. Estill, Powell and Madison counties have been chosen to participate in a pilot partnership with Operation UNITE. "Squirrel" Carl emphasized that Congressman Ben Chandler and Congressman Hal Rogers both support this effort to use Operation UNITE as a model for the Bluegrass Region. Engle also stated "we are dedicated to stopping the spread of substance abuse."



At the second Bluegrass Substance Abuse Forum, Loren "Squirrel" Carl from Congressman Chandler's office (on left) and Karen Engle, Executive Director of Operation UNITE (on right) announced a new initiative in three Bluegrass ADD counties.

The pilot counties border the Operation UNITE territory and will provide a natural progression to expanding the substance abuse program into this region. Lenny Stoltz, Executive Director of the Bluegrass Area Development District, stated "this is the first step to developing a successful solution for the Bluegrass Region".

Through this partnership, these communities will receive assistance in forming coalitions, educating individuals, and challenging them to become active participants in the process to rid their communities of substance abuse. This is accomplished through undercover investigations, coordinating treatment for substance abusers, providing support to family and friends, and educating the public about the dangers of substance abuse.

For more information about the Bluegrass Substance Abuse Forum, contact the Bluegrass Area Development District at 859-269-8021.

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BLUEGRASS WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION EFFORTS CONTINUE

The nine county Bluegrass Water Supply Commission (BWSC) continues its efforts to enhance the water supply of the participating water utilities. Negotiations continue between the BWSC and Kentucky American Water Company (KAW). Those negotiations could allow the BWSC to purchase from KAW equity ownership in a large regional water treatment plant under design and moving rapidly toward construction on a site near the Franklin-Owen County line. Kentucky American maintains that it needs an added daily water treatment capacity of 20 million gallons. At its January 22 meeting, the BWSC acted to front-end the engineering design costs of upsizing the new water treatment plant by 5 million gallons per day (MGD) to a new and larger capacity of 25 MGD. The water treatment plant is expected to be of modular design. In that way, an additional 5 MGD module could be added later if and as the need justifies that step.

Also proposed to be jointly owned by BWSC and KAW is a planned 42-inch diameter treated water transmission line from the new water treatment plant south and east to a point of connection with the KAW water distribution system in north central Fayette County. Further, the BWSC has early plans to ensure that a new large diameter water transmission line is installed to serve Winchester and (eventually) Mt. Sterling. It is expected that Frankfort, Nicholasville, Georgetown, and (perhaps) Paris could be served by planned projects in the near term. Supplemental potable water supply could be made available to Mt. Sterling, Cynthiana, Lancaster, and Berea as the need and finances dictate.

Discussions have been initiated with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority concerning possible financial support for specific components of the proposed BWSC efforts. The ability of the BWSC to undertake long-term borrowing of significant sums of money is dependent upon the execution of agreements with the participating municipal members to purchase at least some water from the BWSC as it becomes available.

For more information, contact BWSC General Manager Don Hassall, at 859/269-8021.

KENTUCKY RIVER DAM 9 RECONSTRUCTION GETS GO-AHEAD

It has been nearly a century since a major dam was constructed on the Kentucky River between the river's mouth and Beattyville, but that mark is ready to fall. A contract has been awarded to reconstruct Dam 9, near the Valley View Ferry that connects Fayette and Jessamine to Madison County. Under the auspices of the Kentucky River Authority, this new dam will be built immediately upstream of the existing Dam 9, which is deteriorating and has been regarded as potentially unstable. Construction should begin in earnest before spring and should be completed before the end of 2008. The price tag is some \$14.7 million. The new dam will not be a grand structure. Rather, it will consist of a number of steel cylinders filled with concrete and interlinked. Unlike the present dam, the new Dam 9 will *not* contain a lock through which boats can move up and down the river. However, provisions are being made to allow for the construction of a lock at a later date if the need is proven and the funds become available.

Dam 9 impounds Pool 9 of the river. Pool 9 is presently the primary water source of the Kentucky American Water Company, the utility that treats the river water to produce drinking water for all public water customers in Fayette County, as well as some water customers in Jessamine, Woodford, Scott, Clark, Bourbon, and Harrison Counties. Many observers say that the new dam is coming none too soon, as a failure of the old and deteriorating Dam 9 would be catastrophic for much of Central Kentucky.

With the reconstruction of Dam 9 comes the possibility of creating a deeper pool of water later by the installation of movable crest gates. This concept is consistent with the long range planning of the Bluegrass Water Supply Commission, which is attempting to deal with the looming water supply deficit in nine Central Kentucky counties.

Other projects in the works include: the reconstruction of Lock and Dam 3 north of Frankfort near Monterey, the construction of a regional drinking water treatment plant adjacent to Pool 3, the replacement of Lock 4 at Frankfort, and the replacement of Dam 10 at Boonesborough State Park. A new dam at Boonesborough would also likely be outfitted with a movable crest gate to allow the capture and the storage of additional river water for use during impending dry periods. Pool 10 is the primary water source for the Winchester Municipal Utilities. East Kentucky Power also has a water intake on Pool 10. Other Central Kentucky water withdrawers from points downstream of Pools 10 and 9 are Lancaster and Nicholasville

(Pool 8), Harrodsburg (Pool 7), Wilmore (Pool 6), Versailles and Lawrenceburg (Pool 5), and the Frankfort Water Plant Board (Pool 4).

For more information, contact Stephen Reeder, Executive Director of the Kentucky River Authority at 502/564-2866 or Don Hassall, General Manager of the Bluegrass Water Supply Commission at 859/269-8021.

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 highway, pedestrian and bicycle projects. The project planning tool is 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.

First used during the 2005 prioritization cycle, the original Project Identification Forms are being updated to ensure accurate data and realistic cost estimates. 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 beginning this spring.

The Regional Transportation Committee has been reviewing and evaluating previous high priority projects and new identified projects since September in anticipation of this 2007 prioritization process.

The Regional Transportation Committee will be prioritizing projects in the counties of: Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, and Woodford. The Lexington Area MPO is responsible for Fayette and Jessamine counties.

For additional information, contact Bruce Duncan at the ADD.

LINCOLN COUNTY FISCAL COURT AWARDED GRANT FOR INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

Lincoln County has received a Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development in the amount of \$400,000. (District staff earlier assisted in the preparation of the grant application.) Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment needed at Lincoln Manufacturing USA, LLC in Stanford. The equipment



enables an expansion of that facility that will add at least 20 new jobs, 51% of whom will be filled by persons of low to moderate income. Lincoln County will lease the equipment to Lincoln Manufacturing at a discounted rate. The revenue from the lease will enter a Revolving Loan Fund that will be used for future economic development projects. This project represents a cooperative effort between the County, the Lincoln County Economic Development Authority, the private sector, and the Bluegrass ADD.

For further information on this project, please contact Matt Krebs at the ADD office.

SEATBELT LAW PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT BEGINS IN JANUARY

A new Kentucky seat belt law took full effect Monday, January 1, intended to saving lives by changing habits of anyone who rides in a vehicle. Beginning at 12:01 a.m., law enforcement officers began citing the driver of a vehicle for anyone in that vehicle who is not buckled up. Since July 12, police could pull over drivers noticed not wearing seat belts, but only warning citations were issued during the courtesy period.

Previously, Kentucky law only allowed officers to issue seat belt tickets as a secondary offense, after a driver had been pulled over for another violation. Drivers will now pay \$25 per person who isn't buckled up. If a child is not properly restrained, the fine goes up to \$45 per offense.

Partly due to the increased awareness and the passage of the Primary Seatbelt Law, fatalities dropped by 77, to 908, deaths statewide in 2006 (as of Jan. 17, 2007). Still, 65% of individuals fatally injured in 2006 were not wearing a seatbelt. However, since most people are law-abiding citizens, the new law is expected to save 60+ lives per year.

For more information on the Primary Seatbelt Law or Child Safety Seats, contact Eric Walsh, Transportation Safety Coordinator, at (859) 269-8021.

DOES THE BLUEGRASS ADD BUCKLE-UP?

The 2006 ADD-wide seatbelt usage surveys have been tabulated. This annual survey is done for the purpose of county by county comparisons across the ADD and the state. ADD and state staff use this information to plan the locations for highway safety educational programs, and as a tool for measuring the effectiveness of these programs. Some of the highlights are: an overall ADD wide increase in usage of 5.2% since 2004; increased usage in Jessamine County by 13.3% since 2005; and a Lincoln County increase of 16.9% since 2004. A detailed chart showing gain or loss is below.

BLUEGRASS ADD SEATBELT USAGE 2004-2006

County	Percentage '06	Gain/ Loss '05-'06	Percentage '05	Gain/ Loss '04-'05	Percentage '04
Anderson	57.7	6.6	51.1	4.0	47.1
*Bourbon	62.2	4.0	58.2	10.5	47.7
Boyle	60.7	3.0	57.7	-0.6	58.3
Clark	67.6	10.6	57.0	3.1	53.9
Estill	53.1	8.4	44.7	5.1	39.6
*Fayette	75.0	2.7	72.3	1.3	71.0
^Franklin	71.3	0.1	71.2	4.2	67.0
*Garrard	52.5	-1.1	53.6	-2.6	56.2
Harrison	59.9	6.8	53.1	-2.4	55.5
*Jessamine	65.9	13.3	52.6	-1.8	54.4
#Lincoln	62.9	9.6	53.3	7.3	46.0
Madison	69.4	2.4	67.0	1.2	65.8
Mercer	60.6	6.0	54.6	1.9	52.7
Nicholas	50.6	5.3	45.3	0.1	45.2
Powell	64.6	7.9	56.7	3.6	53.1
Scott	60.8	-4.6	65.4	-1.0	66.4
Woodford	70.6	-0.8	71.4	3.8	67.6
ADD Wide	67.9	3.2	64.7	2.0	62.7

standard deviation +/- 3% points

* D-7 US27 Highway Safety Corridor

^ D-5 US60 Highway Safety Corridor

D-8 US27 Highway Safety Corridor

POWELL COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK DEDICATED

An idea that grew out of a brainstorming session three years ago has blossomed to fruition across from the Powell County Government Center in Stanton. The eye-catching memorial park with its granite slab walls and its gleaming flagpoles is a source of pride that all Powell County residents can point to, according to outgoing Judge-executive Bobby Drake at the December 2 dedication ceremony. According to the local sponsoring group, there are over 1,400 living veterans in Powell County.

Sixth District Congressman Ben Chandler delivered a facsimile U.S. Treasury check for \$150,000 that was the major source of project funding. The Memorial Park will be supervised on a 24-hour basis with video surveillance. The sponsoring committee will maintain the park and will seek local contributions to provide electricity and maintenance for its upkeep. Future plans for the park include a large book at the site (under glass) that will name each local veteran. The names of veterans will be updated periodically.

LANCASTER BEGINS CONSTRUCTION AT ITS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The City of Lancaster opened bids in late October for the fabrication and installation of equipment to improve the aeration system at its wastewater treatment plant. Construction began before the close of the calendar year.

Much of the project focuses on the installation of made-to-order equipment, which includes Orban disc aeration equipment, to be used in new construction at the City's wastewater plant. This project was made possible largely through a Tobacco Development Grant Agreement received in mid-July from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority in the amount of \$281,730. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$335,600.

Over the past few years the City has experienced numerous problems with the aeration system for the oxidation ditches at the wastewater treatment plant and at one time the City completely lost the use of one of the brush aerators. This has led the City to move forward in renovating the aeration system.

For additional information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

REHAB CENTER BREAKS GROUND IN MADISON COUNTY

Ground was broken at Thanksgiving time for a new drug rehabilitation center in Madison County. The facility, to be located in Richmond, will be able to treat about 100 women at a time. The facility is to be called *The Liberty Place Recovery Center* and is expected to open by late 2007.

The groundbreaking ceremony that was attended by lawmakers, anti-drug officials and others is part of Governor Fletcher's *Recovery Kentucky* initiative. Fletcher said that he hopes that this center (and others like it) can reduce homelessness and domestic violence in Kentucky, which he blames largely on alcohol and drug abuse. "This center is about taking those individuals who are caught in the jaws of addiction and who have been overcome with substance abuse and giving them a renewed hope of...grasping something better in life," Fletcher said at the ceremony.

LANCASTER MOVES AHEAD ON ITS SECOND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROJECT

The City of Lancaster recently solicited Requests for Qualifications from engineering firms, and then selected a firm, to design additional improvements to its wastewater treatment plant. The project includes replacing the existing manually cleaned bar screen with a mechanical bar screen and completely replacing the existing pump station. A new wet well will also be constructed. Lab equipment will be purchased if funds are available.

Funding for the project will come, in part, from an Economic Development Fund (EDF) grant allocated by the 2006 Kentucky General Assembly and processed through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. Current grant funds available total \$200,000 against an estimated project cost of approximately \$450,000. The City is hoping to obtain additional EDF monies not used for other projects to apply to this funding gap.

The Bluegrass ADD will be administering grant funds on behalf of the City. For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

WILMORE WASTEWATER PROJECT MOVES AHEAD

One of the first steps in Wilmore's Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation System project was completed with the submission of this project for review by the Kentucky State Clearinghouse. The project was endorsed by the Clearinghouse at the close of 2006 and is currently in the design stage.

Expected to cost approximately \$200,000, this project involves the inspection and repair or rehabilitation of selected wastewater collection lines, in order to reduce the inflow and infiltration of storm water and ground water (I/I). This project will help the City remain in compliance with the Kentucky Division of Water's requirements to reduce (I/I) in wastewater collection systems.

The City of Wilmore has selected the Bluegrass Area Development District to provide administrative services for the project which will be funded through the Infrastructure for Economic Development Fund for Non-coal Producing Counties

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Grant Program. The grant, in the amount of \$200,000, will be processed by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

SEVENTH I-75 INTERCHANGE COMING SOON FOR MADISON COUNTY

Geographically, Madison County is a large county. I-75 traverses the county in a north to south direction for many miles and presently has six interchanges to allow ingress and egress. Soon that number will grow by one more interchange as work on the Duncannon Lane interchange on Richmond's south side is expected to begin this year.

In December, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet awarded a construction contract that will include both the interchange and widen Duncannon Lane to four lanes from the new interchange east to US 25/421 near an entrance to the Blue Grass Depot. The project will cost an estimated \$24 million. The new connection to I-75 will give a big boost to Richmond's industrial development efforts, said James Howard, Executive Director of the city's industrial development corporation. Some 615 acres of Richmond's industrial lands lie along Duncannon Lane. When the new four lane road is completed along with the new interchange with I-75, most occupants and new sites in the Richmond Industrial Park-South will be no more than three miles from interstate highway access, Howard said.

LAWRENCEBURG SELECTS CONTRACTOR FOR ITS STRINGTOWN SEWER PROJECT

Lawrenceburg opened bids in late November and then proceeded to select a general contractor for its Stringtown Sewer Project. The pre-construction conference was scheduled for early February, with construction to begin immediately thereafter. A HUD Community Development Block Grant of \$759,000 will help finance this \$1,628,000 project that will provide sewer service to an urbanized, unincorporated area (Stringtown) south of Lawrenceburg's corporate limits in Anderson County. The project is expected to serve 146 residential customers and three non-residential users.

Funding for the project, besides the Community Development Block Grant, will come from a State appropriation of \$830,000 in the form of a Tobacco Development Fund grant, plus local funding of \$39,000 coming from tap-on fees. Tobacco Development funds will be processed by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and administered by the Bluegrass Area Development District.

For additional information contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

LAWRENCEBURG CONDUCTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Having selected an engineering firm to provide design and construction services for its Bluegrass Parkway Sewer project, the

City began solicitation of a firm to prepare an archaeological report for the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). A firm was then selected, and the report is in process. The archeological survey, required by SHPO, will determine if significant archaeological artifacts are likely to be discovered and could be destroyed in the process of construction. Should there be findings of this nature, mitigating circumstances must be identified or the route of the line altered to protect the designated areas.

The planned project will extend municipal sewer service south along US 127 to the Bluegrass Parkway interchange in southern Anderson County. Approximately 25,000 feet of twin force mains will be installed along with a sewage pumping station in order to send the collected sewage from the interchange to be treated at the City of Lawrenceburg's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Funding for the project comes from an Economic Development Fund grant of \$1,000,000 that was made in the 2006 session of the General Assembly. The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority will be the State's administrative agency, and the Bluegrass Area Development District will administer the grant agreement on the City's behalf.

For additional information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

RAIL CARS' WILD RIDE ENDS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF IRVINE; A SECOND RAIL ACCIDENT BRINGS PERIL TO KENTUCKY A DAY LATER

Perhaps you have seen something similar in the movies, but this was no movie scene. Rather, it was real life. Four freight cars, one containing a flammable solvent, got loose and rolled unattended east and south from the point of beginning near Winchester to the outskirts of the City of Irvine. The runaway freight cars were intentionally blocked by two CSX engines that were pulled onto the track and quickly abandoned by the train operators. The resulting collision, fire, and smoke brought out emergency responders from Estill County and beyond. There were evacuations of nearby residents during the fire and smoke while the degree of peril was being evaluated.

There was uncertainty concerning whether or not the flammable solvent that spilled from the ruptured freight car reached the Kentucky River, which is the major source of raw water for the Kentucky American Water Company in Lexington and by nine municipal water utilities downstream on the Kentucky River as far as Frankfort. At any rate, and fortunately, the water quality downstream appeared to be unaffected.

The Estill County train accident was followed the very next day by an even more serious train derailment—again on the CSX system—immediately south of Louisville in northern Bullitt County. In this train derailment, 15 of 80 cars making up the train were carrying hazardous materials. Like the Estill County crash, volatile

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and/or dangerous chemicals were released and were ignited causing an even more serious emergency response that lasted for several days. Both commerce and transportation including I-65 were impacted as the interstate highway was closed during the height of the incident. Hundreds of persons were evacuated because of the Bullitt County incident.

These two train incidents in Kentucky, occurring just a day apart, brought again to the forefront concerns of water, air, and soil pollution and the short-term and long-term adverse environmental impact of such incidents. Emergency managers were quoted as saying that incidents occurring during or because of the transportation of hazardous substances are perhaps the most likely threat to the health and safety of the population and to the environment.

HARRODSBURG ALTERS COLLEGE STREET PROJECT

Following State Clearinghouse approval of Harrodsburg's Economic Development Fund grant for the College Street Sewer Project, the City has seen the need to make alterations to the original proposal. Further engineering has indicated that the problems along College Street are the result of more significant difficulties in adjacent areas upstream of the site. As these areas are more fully explored and specific engineering plans delineated, a subsequent Clearinghouse review will be requested so that the project may continue on its new course.

The City of Harrodsburg was the recipient of an Economic Development Fund grant in the amount of \$122,200 for this project. The grant, processed through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, will be administered by the Bluegrass ADD. As initially planned, the project would replace the existing 8-inch gravity sewer in College Street (near Mr. Quick car wash) with a 12-inch gravity sewer from manhole 03 to 09. Plans also called for modification of six manholes.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

JESSAMINE/SOUTH ELKHORN WATER PROJECT SURVEY UNDER REVIEW

The Jessamine/South Elkhorn Water District is pressing forward with its Southeast Rural Jessamine Unserved Areas water project, while the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) evaluates the archaeological survey submitted for its review.

The survey review will determine if significant archaeological artifacts are likely to be discovered and could be destroyed in the process of construction.

The project will serve approximately eighty households scattered throughout the more rural areas of Jessamine County that do not have potable water available. These areas are thinly populated, widely scattered and, consequently, difficult to provide service. This project will also provide fire hydrants.

Funding for this project, expected to cost more than \$1.7 million, was provided by a 2003 Tobacco Development Fund grant of \$800,000 and a 2005 Tobacco Development Fund grant for an additional \$800,000. The remaining financing, \$121,500, will be contributed by the Jessamine/South Elkhorn Water District.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

MADISON COUNTY'S BATTLEFIELD PARK TO GROW BY 21 ACRES

The Madison County Fiscal Court has acted to add a historic 21-acre tract of land to the 362 acres that constitute Battlefield Park between Richmond and Berea on US 421. The park preserves the land that was once the setting for the Civil War Battle of Richmond that took place on August 29 and 30, 1862. The Fiscal Court was able to purchase the land with a \$500,000 appropriation from the Kentucky General Assembly.

"This land to be added to the park is part of the battle's first stage, which was the bloodiest part of the battle," said Battle of Richmond Association Historian Bob Moody. "It is an absolute must that we preserve this land for the park."

WILMORE OBTAINS CLEARINGHOUSE WAIVER FOR METER READING PROJECT

The City of Wilmore has sought and received a waiver from the Kentucky State Clearinghouse of the environmental review process for a project involving the purchase and installation of automated water meter reading equipment. The Wilmore-Automated Meter Reading Project, expected to cost approximately \$200,000, will include laptop software and metering devices to allow Wilmore to "radio-read" approximately 1,300 customers in the City's residential and commercial areas. Following preparation of the equipment specifications, the equipment will be advertised for bid and installed by city personnel.

The City of Wilmore has selected the Bluegrass Area Development District to provide administration services for the project, which will be funded through the Infrastructure for Economic Development Fund for Non-coal Producing Counties Grant Program. The grant is for \$200,000.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CABINET SECRETARY GENE STRONG RETIRES

Long time Secretary of the Commonwealth's Economic Development Cabinet, Gene Strong retired at January's end. Strong served in that capacity for 15 years and during the terms of three governors of two political parties. He spent a good portion of his professional career aggressively courting manufacturing jobs for

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Kentucky. His departure marked the complete turnover of Governor Ernie Fletcher's initial cabinet.

Officials who worked with Strong praised his efforts to retain jobs and to expand or attract manufacturers. State Representative Harry Moberly said Strong "did an exceptional job in manufacturing recruitment and creating an environment in Kentucky that was very good for manufacturing recruitment."

In announcing his retirement, Strong noted that an educated workforce is a major factor in nabbing high-tech firms. Kentucky is "49th among the 50 states in terms of adults with a college degree. That's just unacceptable when you're trying to attract knowledge-based, *new economy* jobs," said Strong.

Strong's retirement could signify a reassessment of the Commonwealth's economic development strategies, several key officials said.

JESSAMINE GATHERS EASEMENTS

So that the Jessamine/South Elkhorn Water District and Jessamine County may obtain all the easements necessary for construction of the North Jessamine Sewer project, condemnation proceedings have begun to acquire several of the properties. Although significant progress has been made in securing the 90 easements needed, the County and the Water District continue to work diligently to tie up the few remaining portions of the right-of-way needed for the project. Only a handful of easements remain.

The sewer project is estimated to carry a construction cost of approximately \$3.29 million and will provide service to 388 building sites in northeastern Jessamine County. Of the 388 building lots to be provided service, 348 are occupied by dwellings, two are businesses, and 25 are vacant dwelling units. In addition, there were 13 vacant lots. These properties are in or near Tates Creek Estates Subdivision, located just south of the intersection of Ashgrove Pike and Tates Creek Road. The project will connect to Lexington's West Hickman Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is very near the project area.

Funding for the project comes from a US Environmental Protection Agency grant of nearly \$1.6 million, an RD grant of \$321,239, an RD loan of \$ 407,706, and a HUD Community Development Block Grant for \$1.0 million.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING EFFORTS OF KENTUCKY CITIES RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY

Keep American Beautiful, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and Novelis, Inc. have announced the winners in the 2006 *Cans for Cash: City Recycling Challenge on America Recycles Day*. For the third consecutive year, the program challenged like-sized cities to compete against each other in aluminum can collection for monetary

awards and to encourage recycling. During two weeks in September, more than 30 cities collected over 2.4 million pounds of aluminum cans which equated to over 82 million used beverage cans.

“Friendly, spirited competitions like the *City Recycling Challenge* bring city officials, communities and schools together to help promote recycling,” said one of the contest organizers. “Working together, the goal is to foster efforts to promote the value of aluminum can recycling and help cities sustain their local efforts.”

The winners of awards for the most aluminum cans recycled included:

Division 3 (population 50,000-99,999)—Bowling Green with 78,310 pounds

To help mayors engage their communities in recycling and raise awareness about its importance over the long term, cities submitted innovative education and marketing ideas in competing for a cash award. The cities recognized for the most innovative campaigns included: Division 1 (population 250,000 and up)—Lexington

Winning cities that partnered with local *Keep American Beautiful* affiliates included: Division 1 (population 250,000 and up)—Louisville.

The aluminum can is the nation’s most recycled beverage container and has been for more than 20 years. Nationwide, about 52 percent of roughly 100 billion aluminum cans were recycled in 2005. An almost equal number of cans—valued at about \$1.5 billion worth of aluminum—were lost to landfills. The Bluegrass ADD office has long participated in aluminum can recycling efforts.

CITY OF FRANKFORT JOINS FRANKLIN COUNTY IN TAX SPLIT

The Frankfort City Commission passed an ordinance in late 2006 that will equally split with Franklin County the occupational license fees of new businesses that locate there. Frankfort Mayor Bill May was quoted as saying that the ordinance “further strengthens the community’s ability to attract and attain viable business.”

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<u>MEETING CALL</u>	
Board of Directors	1/31 6:30 p.m.
Human Services Committee	2/8 10:00 a.m.
Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Advisory Committee	2/14 4:15 p.m.
Aging Council	2/14-3/14 10:00 a.m.
Homeland Security Council	2/21 2:00 p.m.
Executive Board	2/28 7:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Council	3/7 4:00 p.m.
Regional Transportation Advisory Committee	3/12 1:30 p.m.
Tourism, Historic Preservation, Recreation Advisory Committee	3/13 10:00 a.m.
Development Advisory Committee	3/20 2:00 p.m.

ALL meeting dates/times subject to change.

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