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**NEW ADD OFFICERS,
BOARD MEMBERS TAKE
OFFICE**

At its Annual Meeting on April 25, new officers and members of the Bluegrass ADD Board of Directors and Executive Board took office.

The officers for the coming year are: Chairman – Dodd Dixon (Clark County), Vice-Chairman – Judge Larry Tinchler (Nicholas County), Secretary – Mayor Connie Lawson (Richmond), and Treasurer – Judge Donnie Foley (Bourbon County). These officers also serve on the Executive Board, whose old membership now consists of the following:

Anderson County
Mayor Edwinna Baker

Bourbon County
Judge Donnie Foley

Boyle County
Ms. Sherry Jo Carey

Clark County
Mr. Dodd Dixon

Estill County
Mr. John Shepherd

Fayette County
Mayor Jim Newberry

Franklin County
Mrs. Linda Magee

Garrard County
Judge John Wilson



Former Winchester Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the ADD, Dodd Dixon, assumed the office of Chairman at the recent Annual Meeting.

Harrison County
Mayor Jim Brown

Jessamine County
Judge Neal Cassidy

Lincoln County
Judge R. W. Gilbert

Madison County
Mayor Connie Lawson

Mercer County
Mr. Phil Crump

Nicholas County
Judge Larry Tinchler

Powell County
Mr. Darrell Billings

Scott County
Ms. Betty Jo Sharp

Woodford County
Mr. Floyd Greene

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**ADD COMMITTEE, COUNCIL CHAIRS FOR COMING
YEAR ANNOUNCED**

Also at the ADD's Annual Meeting, the following chairs and vice-chairs for the various advisory committees and councils were announced or appointed.

409 Council

Mayor Ed Burtner, Chairman
Judge John Trisler, Vice-Chairman

Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living

Mayor Don Kiser, Chairman
Mayor Hugh Coomer, Vice-Chairman

Bluegrass Regional Citizen Corps Council

Jack Donovan, Chairman

**Bluegrass Regional Homeland
Security Council**

Judge Steve Cornish, Chairman
Judge Ted Collins, Vice-Chairman

Development Advisory Committee

Mayor Jim Brown, Chairman
Mayor Russ Meyer, Vice-Chairman

Human Services Advisory Committee

Judge Wallace Taylor, Chairman
Judge Alex Barnett, Vice-Chairman

**Natural Resources & Environmental
Protection Advisory Committee**

Judge John Trisler, Chairman
Mayor Edwinna Baker, Vice-Chairman

Regional Transportation Committee

Mayor Jim Newberry, Chairman
Mayor Ed Burtner, Vice-Chairman

Regional Transportation Safety

Judge Henry Branham, Chairman
Mayor Don Rinthen, Vice-Chairman

Tourism, Historic Preservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

Judge John Wilson, Chairman
Mayor Bill Miracle, Vice-Chairman

In addition, Judges Larry Tincher and John Wilson were named as liaisons to the Workforce Investment Board, which is independent of the ADD. The chairman of that board is Commissioner Chris Moore of Nicholasville, and the Vice-Chairman is Kevin Wilkins of Frankfort.

HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMPETITION KICKS OFF FOR 2008 ROUND OF FUNDING

Seven ADD staff members were among perhaps 100 persons attending the 2008 HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) guidelines training in Bowling Green for an eight-hour session during the last week in April. As the final grant announcements are made for the winners of the 2007 program year round of grant funding, the starting bell has now rung for the competition for grant funds for the 2008 program year.

Until the Kentucky General Assembly began to provide funding for large numbers of water and sewer projects back in 2000, HUD Block Grant funds were perhaps the single largest source of outside funding for community development projects across the Commonwealth. Even with funds made available from the General Assembly, many communities need to amass more than one grant to enable their project(s) to move forward.

In the 2008 program year, approximately \$25.9 million in HUD grant funds is to be made available for local projects in Kentucky. There are five basic program areas. The funds to be set aside for each program area are as follows:

<u>Program Area</u>	<u>\$ Available</u>
Economic Development	\$7.5 million
Public Facilities (usually defined as water and sewer projects)	7.0 million
Housing	5.9 million
Community Projects/Renaissance on Main	4.5 million
Community Emergency Relief Fund	1.0 million

Grant ceilings for the various programs areas vary. Those grant ceilings are as follows:

<u>Program Area</u>	<u>Individual Application</u>	<u>Multi-Jurisdictional Application</u>
Economic Development	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Public Facilities	1,000,000	2,000,000
Housing	1,000,000	Not avail.
Community Projects/Renaissance	500,000	Not avail.
Community Emergency Relief	100,000	Not avail.

The nuances of the various program categories are many. However, it is necessary for a would-be applicant—in order to apply—to demonstrate that his project meets at least one of the three HUD CDBG National Objectives. Most often, the national objective that comes to the top relates to a project whose beneficiaries are at least 51 percent low-to-moderate income

individuals. Just to qualify a project to compete can be a laborious process, but the Bluegrass ADD staff has accomplished that feat many times.

To discuss the prospects of a potential project or for assistance in project development, or grant application development, the ADD has experienced staff available to meet with city and/or county leaders.

For assistance from the ADD Staff with an Economic Development project, contact Craig McAnelly; a Public Facilities project (normally, a water or a wastewater project), contact Don Hassall or David Duttlinger; a Community Project/Renaissance on Main project, contact David Duttlinger, Laurel Wood, Dave Ewen or Don Hassall; a Community Emergency Relief Fund project, contact Laurel Wood.

COL. MASON RECEIVES ADD VISIONARY AWARD

Col. Richard J. Mason, Commander of the Blue Grass Army Depot located near Richmond, was honored at the Bluegrass ADD Annual Meeting as the second recipient of the District's Visionary Award.

This award honors individuals who have demonstrated leadership and innovation in the pursuit of a vision for the Bluegrass Region. Persons receiving this award have shown a commitment to understanding the relationship between communities and businesses within the region.

The Board of Directors chose a distinguished servant to the people in Col. Mason, who took command of the Depot in 2005. In early 2007, Col. Mason welcomed regional leaders to the Depot in the creation of the Depot Development Coalition, made up of regional elected officials and industrial specialists, to ensure that the Depot would have viable military missions once the chemical weapons are demilitarized. Under Col. Mason's leadership, the Depot's civilian employment has grown to almost 800 and wages have increased 230%, making the Depot the second largest employer in Madison County and paying the second highest average wage within the 17-county Bluegrass Region.



ADD Executive Director Lenny Stoltz (left) presented Col. Mason with the Visionary Award.

IRS COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP SCHEDULED: ARE YOU READY?

Is your city, county, special district, or government agency ready for an Internal Revenue Service compliance review? You will have the opportunity to find out at a workshop scheduled for 9:00 a.m., June 20, 2008 at the Bluegrass Area Development District. The workshop is designed to provide local elected leaders, appointed officials, and financial personnel an overview of Internal Revenue Service guidelines and regulations to which government entities must adhere.

The guest presenter at the free morning seminar will be Mr. James Driver, State Social Security Program Manager with the Kentucky Finance Cabinet. Mr. Driver will address pertinent topics associated with IRS compliance issues such as:

- Taxable Fringe Benefits
- Section 218 Agreements
- 1099 Reporting
- Worker Classification
- Latest IRS Rules and Regulations

Seating is limited and reservations are strongly encouraged. Contact Dave Ewen at (859) 269-8021.

MUNICIPAL CLERKS SCHEDULE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The University of Kentucky's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, in co-sponsorship with the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association, is presenting the *29th Annual Kentucky Municipal Clerks Institute Certification Program* July 21-25 in Lexington.

The Kentucky Municipal Clerks Institute (KMCI) is an intensive, weeklong educational program designed to help Municipal Clerks, assistant clerks, and other members of the clerk's office build skills, improve the administration of their offices, increase their sense of professionalism, and invest in opportunities for professional development. The program, presented by the Skills Development Institute, is approved and endorsed by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

Persons attending the Institute may expect to build a network of professional colleagues and fulfill the educational requirements toward receipt of a state (Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association) or international (IIMC) certification. Moreover, the University of Kentucky will recognize 4.0 Continuing Education Units to participants who complete the program.

Those interested in attending the training or requesting additional information should contact Dave Ewen at the ADD. Hotel and registration information may be obtained from Barbara Combs, KMC I Institute Director, 121 Olympia Way, Georgetown, KY 40324. Ms. Combs may also be reached at (502) 867-0067 or by email: BarbaraCombs@adelphia.net.

2008 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) held its 2008 Homeland Security Grant Application workshops throughout the month of April. On April 15, 2008, KOHS staff visited with local officials of the Bluegrass Area Development District to discuss with participants the competitive grant-eligible items, application requirements and procedures. At this workshop, KOHS also encouraged a regional approach that demonstrates interoperability and collaboration. As a result, a resolution was adopted by the Bluegrass Regional Homeland Security Council to make application for, and, upon approval, to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to facilitate and administer the project. Information required to be included within a regional application will be accepted until close of business on **Friday, May 23, 2008** at the Bluegrass Area Development District. The regional applications submitted must fall within one of four communication categories: 1) Mobile Data Computer (MDC) Project; 2) 9-1-1 Project; 3) Radio Project; and 4) Communication Infrastructure Project (Tower). For more information on the 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program, please contact Laurel Wood at the Bluegrass ADD.

REGIONAL CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL ACCEPTS MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS

At its meeting in April, the Bluegrass Regional Citizen Corps Council made a decision to make available their Strategic Plan Implementation – Phase II funding to the 17 counties of the Bluegrass Area Development District. This funding will be distributed in the form of mini-grants of up to \$700.00. If awarded, the funds may be used to establish, enhance or expand volunteer programs and volunteer recruitment efforts for Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Teams (C.E.R.T.), Volunteers in Police Service (V.I.P.S.), Medical Reserve Corps (M.R.C.), and Fire Corps. Applications will be accepted until close of business, **Friday, May 23, 2008**. For more information on the Bluegrass Regional Citizen Corps Council or its volunteer programs, please contact Laurel Wood at the Bluegrass ADD.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION APPROVES KENTUCKY AMERICAN PETITION TO BUILD KENTUCKY RIVER POOL 3 WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WATER TRANSMISSION LINE; DECISION BY BLUEGRASS WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION COMMUNITIES TO FOLLOW

It was months in the coming, but on April 25, the Public Service Commission (PSC) finally issued its order in the case of Kentucky American's petition to construct a Kentucky River Pool 3 water treatment plant and a water transmission line south and east to the Kentucky American water distribution system in Fayette County. In its order, PSC said the new facilities are needed to address a long-standing water supply deficit in the company's central Kentucky supply area. PSC said Kentucky American presented a reasonable plan for meeting projected water supply needs.

"The Commission recognizes the gravity and import of its decision, which will affect hundreds of thousands of consumers for decades to come," the PSC said. "The Commission conducted an exhaustive examination of issues in the case, going so far as to delay proceedings for the gathering of additional evidence in order to more fully explore all options."

The Kentucky American proposal was the only proposal before the PSC. The Louisville Water Company, which participated in the case, said it could meet the Lexington area's water needs with a pipeline from its facilities on the Ohio River. However, Louisville Water's proposal could be considered only for determining whether Kentucky American's plan is reasonable, the PSC noted. Louisville Water argued it could supply water to Lexington at a substantially lower cost and with greater reliability. The PSC rejected that argument. An economic analysis prepared by the PSC staff looked at the total cost of the Kentucky American and the Louisville Water plans over a 20-year period beginning in 2010. It found the long-term costs to be nearly identical.

Further, the PSC said, Kentucky American submitted a detailed proposal, including construction bids, and had obtained all other regulatory approvals needed to begin construction. In contrast, the Louisville Water plan did not include information on the location of key facilities, who would build those facilities, and the extent of the PSC jurisdiction over the ultimate cost of water supplied to the Lexington area, the PSC found. "Louisville Water's proposal never evolved beyond a series of concepts," the PSC said. The totality of evidence in the case clearly favored Kentucky American, according to PSC.

“The Commission believes that a safe, reliable and adequate supply of water, provided at reasonable rates, is essential to the health and the economic well-being of every community,” it said. “We are convinced that our decision provides central Kentucky with the most timely, cost-effective and reliable solution to its water supply needs in the coming decades. We are likewise convinced that the evidence placed before the Commission compels the result we reach,” the PSC said.

Kentucky American reports that it continues to negotiate with the low bidders on each of three construction contracts and it expects construction will commence in June, 2008. Its goal is that of having the project complete and available for use before late summer/early autumn 2010 and in time to meet the anticipated additional demand for water placed upon the Kentucky American system by the tens of thousands of visitors to the World Equestrian Games.

The Bluegrass Water Supply Commission (BWSC) effort—now eight years old—is now facing a time-critical situation. Its agreement with Kentucky American Water, if exercised by June 2, could result in the construction of an additional 5 million gallons per day (MGD) increment to Kentucky American’s planned 20 MGD water treatment plant adjacent to the Kentucky River’s Pool 3 on the Franklin/Owen County line. By that date, the BWSC communities would need to decide if they wanted to commit to purchase on a regular basis a sufficient quantity of water such that Kentucky American would add to its water treatment plant construction effort the additional 5 MGD increment. The decision before the BWSC is whether to seek to purchase a joint equity ownership position in the Kentucky American water treatment plant and water transmission line. Further, the BWSC would need to commit to construct the large diameter water line(s) that would connect the Kentucky American distribution system to BWSC member communities.

For more information regarding regional water supply alternatives or the implications of those alternatives, contact BWSC General Manager Don Hassall at 859/269-8021.

SEKHON RECEIVES SHELBY COMBS AWARD

Former Executive Director Jas Sekhon was honored at the 2008 ADD Annual Meeting with the Shelby Combs Award for his devoting 34 years of service to advancing the region as a whole while serving its communities individually. The award is named in honor of former long-time Nicholasville Mayor Shelby Combs, who was one of the founders of the ADD in 1971.

THREE BLUEGRASS AREA COMPANIES RECEIVE STATE FUNDING

The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development recently announced the award of funds to three Bluegrass companies from the Cabinet's "High-Tech Investment Pool."

Mersive Technologies Inc. - a Lexington-based company formed in 2004 as a spin-off of the University of Kentucky's Center for Visualization and Virtual Environments, was awarded \$255,000 to be used to purchase computer hardware and software for the development of a software-based Display Operating System, currently dubbed Stingray TM. The funds will also be used for costs associated with securing intellectual property, purchasing prototype m-Series displays, and consulting/integration fees with video processing component partners. Mersive will add 15 additional jobs by January 31, 2010, with an average annual salary of approximately \$82,000, exclusive of benefits.

Expungement Assistance Services, Inc. (EAS) - a Lexington-based company founded in 2006 and a leader of criminal records clearing assistance services in the U.S. was awarded \$500,000 to purchase the necessary infrastructure to support further development of the web-based application. The infrastructure includes computers, servers, network equipment, software licensing, development tools, and testing environments needed to carry out the development effort. EAS will add 30 full-time employees by December 31, 2010, with an average annual salary of approximately \$70,500, exclusive of benefits.

Corevalus Systems, LLC - a Georgetown-based company founded in 2006 and a client of Richmond ICC, Corevalus Systems was awarded \$300,000 to be used to build IT infrastructure, install a small business enterprise planner, integrate the phone system with customer relationship management software, set up a robust system integration test facility, purchase hardware and equipment for new feature/function development, purchase product demonstration units, and further intellectual property protection.

Corevalus is the developer of SamePage, a complete digital music management and display system that replaces paper, file cabinets, and music stands in live music performances. Currently, almost every piece of musical equipment is available digitally, but the actual paper sheet music from which musicians play is not. SamePage addresses this deficiency by providing a network of computer displays to manage and display music.

KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY OFFERS LOW-INTEREST LOANS FOR DRINKING WATER PROJECTS

Even though the initial interest rate changes from time to time, the program offered by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority's Loan F (for drinking water projects) has experienced growing popularity over time.

To date, eight loans to Bluegrass Area applicants have been approved by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority Board. The eight loans have a total value of \$36.9 million. The terms of the loans call for a payback over 20 years. Interest rates are locked in for the term of the loan but those rates can vary as the loan is approved—based upon the level of economic distress and other factors. See the tabulation of Bluegrass Area loan recipients that follows:

KIA FUND F (DRINKING WATER) LOANS APPROVED FOR BLUEGRASS AREA APPLICANTS

Borrowers	Loan Amount	Interest Rate	Date Approved
Madison County Fiscal Court	\$3,300,000	1.0%	7/11/2002; 1/1/05
Richmond	\$8,000,000	3.0%	05/05/05
Jessamine South Elkhorn Water District	\$1,750,000	3.0%	06/21/07
Richmond	\$4,000,000	1.0%	11/01/07
Madison County Utility District	\$1,004,560	1.0%	11/01/07
Nicholasville	\$8,000,000	3.0%	11/01/07
Berea	\$4,000,000	1.0%	02/07/08
Frankfort Electric & Water Plant Board	\$6,841,000	1.0%	02/07/08
Bluegrass Area Total	\$36,895,560	-	-

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At the present time, the fund balance for this, the Kentucky Drinking Water Revolving Fund, has been drawn down to zero. However, the fund will replenish itself over time with continued annual Congressional appropriations, the addition of the required state matching monies, and the year-to-year repayment of outstanding loans. For more information on KIA's Fund F, contact David Duttlinger or Don Hassall at the ADD or John Covington at the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

PUBLIC GETS A LOOK AT THE US 27 PROJECT FOR GARRARD AND LINCOLN COUNTIES

Garrard County High School was a busy place on a mid-March evening as citizens from Garrard County and Lincoln County viewed alternative routes that eventually will make up a new US Highway 27 through large portions of the two counties. As proposed, a new four-lane highway will run all the way from KY 34 at Garrard County's Camp Dick Robinson south to US 150 on Stanford's north side. The project is scheduled to begin in 2010, but a preferred route will likely be chosen this spring with a public hearing on that route held late this year or in 2009. The new US 27 will be two 24-foot double lane roads with a 12-foot shoulders and a 40-foot median. The entire project is expected to cost from \$55 to \$58 million.

For more information, contact Bruce Duncan at the ADD.

GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR NORTH JESSAMINE SEWER PROJECT

Jessamine/South Elkhorn Water District and Jessamine County initiated the construction phase of the North Jessamine Sewer project as they held groundbreaking ceremonies in early May. With construction underway, it is expected that it will take nine months to complete the project. Elected and appointed officials from the District, state and local government, the Bluegrass ADD, and the project team were on hand to help usher in the new project.

The sewer project is estimated to carry a total project cost of approximately \$6,063,835 and is divided into two project areas: Tates Creek Estates Drainage Basin and Ash Grove Drainage area. Improvements in Tates Creek Estates will include service to 388 lots 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 are 13 vacant lots. The building lots 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. The second portion of the project, for the Ash Grove Drainage area, will serve approximately 171 units.

Construction costs are expected to top \$4.6 million with nearly \$3.3 million attributed to the Tates Creek component and another \$1.4 million going for Ash Grove. Project construction will include installing 5.2 miles of gravity sewer, 1.5 miles of service laterals, 2.3 miles of 10-inch force main, 127 manholes, and a 535-gpm sewage station. Funding for the project comes from a US Environmental Protection Agency grant of \$2,850,700, an RD grant of \$ 941,300, an RD loan of \$ 1,272,000, and a HUD Community Development Block Grant for \$1.0 million.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

BLUEGRASS WATER UTILITIES AMONG THOSE RECOGNIZED FOR DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS IN WATER QUALITY EFFORTS

The Kentucky Division of Water recently recognized nine Bluegrass Area water utilities for demonstrated success in producing drinking water that consistently meets or exceeds state water quality standards. The nine Bluegrass Area water utilities were among 32 water systems (out of a statewide competition of 156 systems) recognized for their success in the USEPA's Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP), which challenges water plants to reduce turbidity levels below those required by state and federal regulations. Sand and dirt, as well as bacteria and viruses, can cause turbidity, or cloudiness, of water. Particle removal is critical for producing water free from dirt and microbes that can cause water-borne illnesses.

At the top of the list of Bluegrass Area water systems recognized was the Stanford Water Works. Stanford achieved the optimized water quality goals 100 percent of the time in 2007. Among those recognized water systems to meet those goals at least 95 percent of the time in 2007 were the Beech Fork Water Commission (Powell County), Danville Water Works, Kentucky American Water's Richmond Road water treatment plant, and the Lawrenceburg Water Department.

Others receiving recognition included Richmond Utilities, Wilmore Water Works, the Versailles water system, and Northpoint Training System (Boyle County). Congratulations to each of these area water systems for their outstanding performance.

McKINNEY APPOINTED BOYLE COUNTY JUDGE/ EXECUTIVE

Harold McKinney has been appointed by Gov. Beshear to the position of County Judge/Executive in Boyle County. He succeeds Tony Wilder who resigned that post to become Commissioner of the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD). Judge McKinney was previously the Assistant County Attorney. Congratulations to him and welcome to the ADD!

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2008: WORKING TOGETHER FOR STRONG, HEALTHY, AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES

The United States is nearing the start of a tremendous demographic shift. Beginning in 2011, the first of 78 million baby boomers (people born between 1946 and 1964) will start transitioning into retirement, kicking off an expansion in the number of elderly people that will continue for decades. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one out of every nine baby boomers will live to be at least age 90.

Our nation will benefit in many ways from a larger population of older adults, a group that constitutes one of our greatest resources. Older adults support our society by providing millions of hours of volunteer, community, and civic service through formal organizations and a variety of informal arrangements. They enhance our communities and personal lives by sharing and transferring knowledge of cultures, values, and life experiences among generations. Thankfully, the contributions of older adults will continue to flourish in the coming years, since older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and engaged older adult populations in our nation's history.

An expanding older adult population also spotlights our responsibility to ensure the well being of our older citizens. As a nation, we are working diligently to address older adults' unique health and long-term care challenges. The thousands of professionals, caregivers, and volunteers that make up the National Aging Services Network have been collaborating in innumerable ways for decades to fulfill the mission of the Older Americans Act. Led by the U.S. Administration on Aging, the Network is now engaged in modernizing systems of care to provide consumers with more control over their lives.

May is Older Americans Month, a great time to bring attention to the issues that affect older adults. This year's theme is "Working Together for Strong, Healthy, and Supportive Communities," which speaks to the opportunities we have to

create better care and reinforce healthier societies for all ages. Working together, our communities can improve older adults' overall quality of life by helping them:

- Make behavioral changes in their lifestyles that can reduce risk of disease, disability, and injury.
- Obtain the tools they need to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long-term care options in their communities.
- Have more options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at home as long as possible

Americans of all ages and backgrounds can celebrate Older Americans Month. Contact the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and volunteer for activities in your area, promote community, state and national efforts to serve older adults, and find ways to enrich the lives of the older adults who touch your life. By working together we can improve the health and well being of our Nation's older adults and pave the way for future generations.

SCOTT COUNTY ENACTS PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDR) ORDINANCE

In a show of unanimity, the Scott County Fiscal Court passed an ordinance that sets up a countywide program aimed at the purchase of development rights. The ordinance came after almost two years of work by a local committee. The Scott County Conservation District was one of the driving forces behind the program.

The ordinance will create a 16-member Rural Land Management Board that will review applications received for the PDR program and will grade them on a point system. Judge/Executive George Lusby has put \$1 million in the Fiscal Court's budget for the coming fiscal year for program implementation. The Scott County Conservation District reported that 214 farmers representing almost 90,000 acres of farmland had signed up, expressing an interest in the program. The PDR program is targeted at preserving farmland. With the rapid urbanization of Scott County, it was thought that it was in the public interest to maintain in agricultural use some of the best farmland that otherwise might be targeted for development. Farm owners who are selected to participate in the PDR program can be paid in exchange for the iron-clad pledge that the farm in question would remain in agricultural use. To many people, the rural landscape makes the Bluegrass Area a special place. If it is paved over or covered with houses, the region would lose that which makes it special.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS IN STATE GOVERNMENT APPOINTED

Two individuals within the Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) have had the word “acting” removed from their titles recently. Sandy Gruzesky was elevated from Acting Director of the Kentucky Division of Water to the director of that division. Similarly, Anthony Hatton was elevated from Acting Director of the Kentucky Division of Waste Management to the director of that division. The Bluegrass ADD staff has occasion to interact with both of those important divisions within DEP on a regular basis. Congratulations to Ms. Gruzesky and to Mr. Hatton.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FUNDS KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER IN MERCER COUNTY

A year ago, a Mercer County site was selected as the future home of Kentucky’s Agricultural Heritage Center. The 2008 General Assembly began the task of providing state funding for the selected site north of Harrodsburg near McAfee. Sewage from the new facility would be collected and piped back to Harrodsburg for treatment. Water service would be from Harrodsburg via the North Mercer Water District. For project development, the General Assembly provided \$10 million as a part of the recently-adopted state budget. The estimated project cost of the center is from \$24 to \$30 million. The 300,000 square-foot facility would be one of the first in the nation to be “green-friendly” or environment-friendly. The center is being designed to capture the agricultural spirit in Kentucky and is to focus on preserving Kentucky’s agricultural resources and heritage.

BURGIN GETS A NEW MAYOR

Burgin Mayor John Brown resigned on April 1. In response, the City Council selected one of its own, Councilman Terry Pitman, to serve as the new mayor. He will serve until the November election when he will have to stand for election. Mr. Pitman has served as a city council member off and on for years, serving continuously since 1999. He has a BA in political science from Georgetown College and is employed as an instructional assistant at Harlow Elementary School in Harrodsburg.

HOMEOWNERS CAN MAKE AN IMPACT IN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Most homeowners would likely assume stormwater management is a city or a county problem, or perhaps the responsibility of businesses with large paved or roofed areas that alter the rainfall/runoff balance within a community. Not so!

Homeowners can play a role in reducing their impact upon local waterways. Options available to homeowners include:

- Refrain from applying lawn chemicals before a rain event
- Apply lawn chemicals sparingly and according to the container directions
- Sweep extra lawn chemicals and fertilizer off sidewalks/driveways and onto the lawn
- Pick up after pets, even in backyards
- Maintain a car to prevent leaks
- Refrain from littering
- Consider the construction of a rain garden to keep runoff from reaching ditches and streams
- Consider the purchase/installation of one or more rain barrels to store precipitation from rooftops on one's own property. Stored rainwater can then be drained out for watering plants when it is not raining.

For additional suggestions regarding homeowner options to address stormwater management, contact Bluegrass PRIDE at 859/266-1572.

HARRODSBURG'S SOUTH INTERCEPTOR PROJECT NEARLY COMPLETE

Construction on Harrodsburg's South Interceptor Sewer Project is virtually complete and the City will prepare to formally close out the project with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority—the funding source for the project.

The City advertised for bids in late July and awarded the contract in early September. The project includes the construction of an interceptor sewer to collect and transport existing and future flows from the south and east sections of the Harrodsburg planning area. Further, the project includes approximately 4,500 liner feet of 24-inch diameter sewer lines, 15 manholes, and two highway bores.

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This project represents an Economic Development Fund grant in the amount of \$750,000. It is the second sewer project arising from funding derived from Economic Development Fund grants totaling \$1,000,000 received from the state legislature during the 2006 meeting of the General Assembly. The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority is the state's administrative agency and the Bluegrass Area Development District is administering the Grant Agreement on the City's behalf.

The first project, the Anderson-Dean Park Pump Station Replacement, was completed at a cost of approximately \$250,000 and provided improvements to the collection system and increased capacity. That project included replacing an existing grinder station with a duplex non-clog pump station, installing approximately 3,200 linear feet of 6-inch force main, and upgrading the downstream station.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

LAWRENCEBURG'S STRINGTOWN PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

The City of Lawrenceburg is winding down the construction phase of its Stringtown Sewer Project. Only about \$50,000 remains in construction funds for the project which carried an estimated cost of \$1,628,000.

Through April, the City of Lawrenceburg neared the 98-percent completion mark as it entered the twelfth month of construction. A Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant award of \$759,000 is being put toward this much-needed project that provides 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. The more than \$1.62 million project will see the construction of:

- 2.2 miles of 8-inch sanitary sewer line
- 1.9 miles of 4-inch sanitary service line
- 3.0 miles of 2- and 4-inch force main
- 60 manholes
- 150 service connections
- 16 Simplex grinder pumping stations
- 4 Duplex grinder pumping stations
- 1 150 GPM sewage pumping station
- and, other related appurtenances.

Funding for the project, beyond the Community Development Block Grant, comes from a state appropriation of \$830,000 in the form of a Tobacco Development Fund Grant and local funding of \$39,000 coming from tap-on fees.

For additional information contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

TREATED DRINKING WATER VOLUMES TABULATED FOR 2007

For the first ten months of calendar year 2007, precipitation levels ran far below normal for the Bluegrass Region. Especially dry times during late spring, the summer, and early autumn generally signaled a higher-than-normal demand for water. That predicted trend is evidenced by the information presented in the table cited.

As indicated by the data on the table, the demand for drinking water increased by an average of 7.3 percent when 2007 figures are compared to water production figures for the previous year. Within the region, the 2007 demand for drinking water increased by almost eight million gallons per day. Calendar year 2007 information showed that 22 of 27 water utilities treated more water in 2007 than in 2006.

In another observation gleaned from the 2007 information, 12 of 27 water-producing utilities were operating in excess of 60 percent of their rated capacity on an average day. Reaching that milestone is normally considered an indicator that planning should commence for an increase in water treatment plant capacity. While the adequacy of water supply is not a conclusion it can be drawn from the data, it is observed a number of area water utilities have concerns not only with water treatment plant capacity but also with the adequacy of water supplies to meet peak demands.

The table containing the data behind these conclusions may be found on the ADD's webpage, <http://www.bgadd.org/pdf/av/files/WaterTreated2007.htm>.

For more information on drinking water issues, contact David Duttlinger or Don Hassall at the ADD.

POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR COUNTIES RELEASED BY CENSUS BUREAU

Updated estimates of county population, recently released by the Census Bureau, continue to show strong growth in most of the Bluegrass Area. Ten Bluegrass counties were in the top one-third of Kentucky counties in the category of percent growth since the last official Census in 2000. Further, four Bluegrass counties were shown to be in the group of the ten fastest-growing

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counties in terms of their growth rates. The tabulation that follows shows the county-by-county population estimates together with the July 1, 2007 Bluegrass ADD population estimate of 744,937—up 8.6 percent since the 2000 Census.

Estimates of population for Kentucky cities should be released later this year.

**GROWTH RATES FOR BLUEGRASS AREA COUNTIES
2000 - 2007**

	<u>7/1/2007 Estimate</u>	<u>Estimate Base 4/1/200</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>ADD Rank</u>	<u>Statewide Rank</u>
Kentucky	4,241,474	4,042,281	4.9%		
COUNTY					
Anderson County	21,245	19,111	11.2%	5	15
Bourbon County	19,756	19,360	2.0%	14	72
Boyle County	28,664	27,697	3.5%	12	51
Clark County	35,550	33,144	7.3%	7	21
Estill County	14,975	15,307	-2.2%	17	101
Fayette County	279,044	260,512	7.1%	8	22
Franklin County	48,425	47,687	1.5%	15	75
Garrard County	17,041	14,792	15.2%	3	8
Harrison County	18,552	17,983	3.2%	13	55
Jessamine County	45,555	39,041	16.7%	2	7
Lincoln County	25,245	23,361	8.1%	6	19
Madison County	81,103	70,872	14.4%	4	9
Mercer County	21,814	20,817	4.8%	9	35
Nicholas County	6,889	6,813	1.1%	16	78
Powell County	13,811	13,237	4.3%	11	40
Scott County	42,954	33,061	29.9%	1	3
Woodford County	24,314	23,208	4.8%	10	36
Bluegrass Area	744,937	686,003	8.6%		

Source: US Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

**CYNTHIANA SMALL URBAN AREA STUDY SET TO
BEGIN**

There is a new alternative to the traditional Small Urban Area Studies of the past that tended to yield a list of major “highway needs” geared, more often than not, toward major route

upgrades or bypasses to solve the congestion issues. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is proposing to change the overall approach to small urban area needs identification in hopes of bringing smaller, more fundable projects to both the Six-Year Highway Plan and the regular operations/maintenance budget. The study will include Cynthiana and adjacent urbanized areas.

The project, coordinated by the KYTC Division of Planning, will begin soon with an initial local officials meeting in order to gain local input. Among the stakeholders involved in the process are: city officials, county officials, police, fire departments, sheriff, school system, planning commission and various transportation providers.

Data being used include major traffic generators, crash information, highway information systems, level of service, environmental justice and community impact information, the local comprehensive plan, and other characteristics that may affect proposed transportation improvements in the study area.

A local officials meeting and a stakeholders meeting are planned for early summer. A local advisory committee will be formed to ensure local concerns are addressed along with assisting in a public information element. Many of the recommendations are expected to be low cost “quick fix” items that can be implemented immediately. The study is a cooperative effort of the KYTC Division of Planning, Department of Highways/District 6 and the ADD.

For further information, contact Bruce Duncan at the ADD.

WASTEWATER FLOWS DROP IN 2007 DUE TO DRY WEATHER

In an effort to gauge the hydraulic adequacy of the publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants in the region, the ADD seeks to tabulate annually the reported measured wastewater treatment plant flows at those facilities. While the long-term trend is for an increase in flows—due to strong urban growth over time—the year-to-year change sometimes shows a decline. Since calendar year 2007 showed lower than normal precipitation levels until late autumn, the measured wastewater flows actually declined during 2007 at 26 of the 36 publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants in the region. This and other information is shown on the table, “Publicly-Owned Wastewater Treatment Plant Flows in 2007,” which may be found on the ADD’s website, <http://www.bgadd.org/pdf/av/files/PubliclyOwnedWastewaterTreatmentPlantFlows2007.htm>

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Even with last year's dry weather, seven of the area's wastewater treatment plants were shown to be operating in excess of 90 percent of their rated capacity on an average day. One of those seven has since been replaced by a larger and improved facility in early 2008. Adequate infrastructure such as water and wastewater facilities are key factors that can enable planned economic growth and vitality (or, by their absence, can deter economic growth and vitality.)

For more information or assistance in dealing with such public infrastructure issues, contact David Duttlinger or Don Hassall at the ADD.

RESTAURANT TAXES PASS

Over the past few weeks several cities have either passed or considered the passage of a three-percent restaurant tax. The funds collected from this tax can be used for the development or enhancement of city projects. These projects have potential to be an economic tourist draw bringing in overnight guests who will eat at local restaurants and visit various attractions.

The status of these efforts is as follows:

- *Stanton* Councilmembers debated on a 1% and a 2% tax before finally approving the rate at 3%. Funds collected from the tax will go to benefit parks and other areas in the city.
- Like playing follow the leader, *Clay City* followed *Stanton* and also passed the tax after considerable discussion. The funds will be collected by the Tourism Commission which will contribute half of the total amount collected to the *Clay City* Council. The resources will be used for parks, festivals, green space, and city beautification.
- A presentation was made by *Lawrenceburg* City tourism officials during an April 21, 2008 work session. If passed, the tax would raise \$320,000, according to the Kentucky League of Cities, which would be split between the city and the Anderson County Tourism Commission.

Tourism officials estimate the average day visitor to *Lawrenceburg* spends \$50 per day and that the average overnight visitor spends \$120 per day. Based on those figures, 30,000 annual day visitors would spend \$1.5 million a year.

For more information contact Marcie Gabhart at the ADD, mgabhart@bgadd.org.

THE GRAND THEATER

Through the leadership of the nonprofit group, Lancaster Grand Theater, Inc., and Garrard County Fiscal Court, the community will press on after facing a few obstacles in the past couple of weeks. A recipient of Community Development Block Grant funds, Congressional appropriations, a Community Economic Growth Grant, private contributions, and fundraising, The Grand Theater, listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the historic downtown district, is proposed to be completely restored and revitalized to host a variety of performances seating over 700 patrons.

The Grand Theater, which was first opened February 12, 1925, can be considered a work of art to visionaries with its interior woodwork and original lamps made from Model T castings which still suspend from the theater's ceiling. The combination of those who commissioned the theater and work from local craftsmen truly make the theater a local product. The theater consists of a main floor with partial second floor balcony that has been favorably compared to theaters across the Commonwealth, and thus is a staple of Garrard County history and culture.

In May, ADD staff toured the dilapidated building with stakeholders of the project. Since closing its doors in the mid-1960s, the Grand Theater, as well as the surrounding area, has set in a blighted state in the heart of downtown Lancaster. Restoring the theater to its once pristine condition will include architectural restoration, electrical upgrades, mechanical work, and structural renovation. Lancaster Grand Theater, Inc. was formed in February, 2005 by a group of concerned, active citizens who wanted to revitalize the downtown area in order to deter crime and other hazards while opening the area's prospects for economic development. The non-profit organization will operate and maintain the theater.

Once The Grand Theater is reopened, it will provide a wealth of entertainment options to Garrard and surrounding counties. The attitude and vision of this extraordinary opportunity would be this: "More quaint than today's multi-plexes, yet refurbished with today's state of the art production equipment, The Grand Theater can offer the playwright's stage and the silver screen alike. Gospel singers and bluegrass groups will electrify the night, and plays performed by traveling shows or local talent will have audiences applauding on their feet. Classic films will take us back to a bygone era, and seasonal sounds from area orchestras will delight. The Grand Theater will be available for businesses, churches, or perhaps piano recitals. The possibilities are endless, and the opportunity to transform The Grand Theater into something special is at our fingertips."

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For information on The Grand Theater in Lancaster or for questions about the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), please contact David Duttlinger or Laurel Wood at the Bluegrass ADD.

JESSAMINE/SOUTH ELKHORN WATER PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

The Jessamine/South Elkhorn Water District continues to make progress on its Southeast Rural Jessamine Unserved Areas water project as construction enters its seventh month. Although progress was slowed earlier in the year due to weather conditions, April's month-end report indicated that nearly 60 percent of the construction contract funds were expended. The contract was signed in mid-September for \$ 972,600.

The project is designed to 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. In addition, because of the availability and hydraulics of the existing system, this project will also provide fire hydrants.

Funding for this project, expected to cost approximately \$1.6 million, is supported by a 2003 Tobacco Development Fund grant of \$800,000 and a 2005 Tobacco Development Fund grant for an additional \$800,000.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

WASTEWATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND POPULAR AMONG BLUEGRASS AREA UTILITIES

The massive USEPA grant program to finance (in part) many of the nation's publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants was phased out about 20 years ago in favor of a revolving loan program operated by the various states. In the intervening years, the USEPA has continued to make capitalization grants to the states. The states have added the obligatory matching money, after which the states made the money available as loans to qualifying wastewater utilities.

While the interest rate on the loans has fluctuated somewhat, depending on market conditions and the rules set in place by the states, the loans are invariably offered at interest rates more favorable than rates available on the open bond market. In Kentucky, the 20-year loans have been available from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) with the collaboration of the Kentucky Division of Water. To date, the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority has not seen fit to date to limit the size

of the loans except by the wastewater utility's demonstrated ability to repay its loan.

Bluegrass Area wastewater utilities have received 20 such loans since 1989 for a total principal amount of almost \$167 million. The tabulation that follows lists the loan clients of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority's Fund A (the wastewater revolving loan fund). At present, the KIA has drained its Fund A and future loans and will have to wait until additional EPA capitalization grants reach the state, and until repayments from existing loans have replenished the fund pool. For information about funding opportunities involving KIA's Fund A (the wastewater revolving fund), contact David Duttlinger or Don Hassall at the ADD, or Robert Covington at the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

KIA Fund A (Wastewater) Loans Approved for Bluegrass Area Applicants

<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Perryville	\$418,055	4.2%	08/07/89
Georgetown	\$6,119,705	4.0%	09/16/91
Stanford	\$685,289	2.0%	09/16/91
Nicholasville	\$15,740,449	2.9%	05/05/93
Irvine	\$1,658,248	0.7%	8/31/93
Danville	\$7,641,349	3.8%	12/18/98
Paris	\$6,345,954	1.8%	11/10/97
Midway	\$843,714	3.8%	06/06/00
Harrodsburg	\$3,336,516	0%	05/02/02
Berea	\$5,000,000	1.0%	04/01/04
Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District	\$298,200	3.0%	04/01/04
Lawrenceburg	\$7,889,974	3.0%	07/01/04
Winchester Municipal Utilities	\$21,000,000	1.0%	06/23/05
Cynthiana	\$5,804,150	1.0%	12/01/05
Richmond	\$2,152,200	3.0%	06/01/06

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<u>Borrower</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>
Northern Madison County SD (Battlefield Estates)	\$400,000	1.0%	08/03/06
Northern Madison County SD	\$8,104,622	1.0%	10/05/06
Richmond	\$54,690,822	1.0%	11/01/07
Nicholasville	\$11,235,775	3.0%	12/07/06
Nicholasville	\$7,494,225	3.0%	04/03/08
Bluegrass Area Total	\$166,859,247	—	—

COVINGTON NAMED AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

In a special board meeting held May 1, the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) appointed John E. Covington, III as its new executive director. Mr. Covington has worked for 16 years as a financial analyst and treasurer of the KIA. He has a total of 23 years combined service working in State Government.

“I am very pleased that we could promote such an experienced and talented member of the KIA staff to such an important leadership role in developing the Commonwealth’s infrastructure,” said Tony Wilder, Commissioner of the Governor’s Office for Local Government (GOLD) and chairman of the KIA Board.

“I look forward to working with the Beshear administration in continuing the Authority’s mission to improve the quality of life for Kentuckians through safe drinking water and wastewater treatment,” said Covington. The KIA was created in 1988 to provide the mechanism for funding construction of local public works projects.

Also recently appointed, John Herald joins the KIA staff as Executive Assistant to Mr. Covington.

EYE-ON-KY TIP LINE

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center recently announced the resurgence of the EYE-ON-KY Tip Line. By calling 1-866-EYE-ON-KY, Kentuckians can anonymously report any suspicious criminal or terrorist activity they witness. The Tip Line is specifically aimed at averting threats to Kentucky’s citizens, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

What is suspicious activity?

- Persons asking unusual questions about building security;

- Persons taking pictures or video of buildings, bridges or other locations;
- Persons asking detailed questions about the schedules of public transportation;
- Persons seen timing the arrival/departure of public transportation;
- Persons seen loitering around non-public areas around reservoirs, water treatment plants, dams or power plants;
- Persons watching a building for extended periods of time;
- Suspicious vehicles parked in unusual places or at unusual times.

Informational bulletins and posters will be distributed through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security's Citizen Corps program, direct mailings to infrastructure owners and operators, and through the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center's Intelligence Liaison Officer Program for distribution within their jurisdictions.

For more information regarding the EYE-ON-KY Tip Line, you may contact Laurel Wood at the Bluegrass ADD or Lindsey Hix with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security at 502-564-2081 or Lindsey.Hix@ky.gov.

SOLID WASTE RECYCLING PROMOTED IN CLARK COUNTY

Clark County Solid Waste Coordinator Gary Epperson points to the increasing popularity of solid waste recycling in his county. Cardboard, paper, plastic containers, glass containers, aluminum and steel cans all lend themselves to recycling. Winchester Utilities makes it easy to take advantage of recycling opportunities by keeping its recycling drop-off area open seven days a week. Not only does recycling reduce the costs of landfilling by reducing the volume of materials to be landfilled, it also permits new products to be manufactured from products that were once considered to be waste materials.

According to Epperson, more than 7,000 pounds of aluminum cans were recycled in 2007. The recycling of cardboard increased by more than 30 percent since 2003, while the recycling of glass containers has increased by 70 percent in the time period. The recycling of miscellaneous papers has increased by 77 percent, while the recycling of old phone books is up by 37 percent.

THE "ALUMINUM/SAND CORRIDOR GREEN LOCOMOTIVE" PROJECT

The R.J. Corman Railroad Group seeks funding for a "Green Locomotive" through the Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement Program. This project will help facilitate acquisition of the locomotive, which in turn will reduce emissions within the corridor by approximately fifty percent in the Lexington and Louisville metropolitan areas.

Investment in viable railways has become vital to the public welfare. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, trucks emit three times the amount of nitrogen oxides for every ton-mile more than locomotives. In essence, the RJC Aluminum/Sand Corridor currently removes approximately 42,000 trucks every year from I-64 between Lexington and Louisville. Investing in a new "green" locomotive would nearly double the positive air quality impact of the railway. R.J. Corman has committed to fund at least twenty percent of the overall project costs, thus maximizing the use of public funds in this beneficial partnership.

The total cost of the project is \$2.9 million, with RJC contributing the first \$0.6 million. The ADD Executive Board has endorsed this project through the KIRP process. Should the project gain final approval from the Transportation Cabinet and the Governor's Office, the purchase of the "Green Locomotive" will take place sometime in early October 2008, with it being in full service within a year.

For more information on this project, please contact Bruce Duncan at 859-269-8021 or bduncan@bgadd.org.

BOB CASHER RETIRES AS PARIS CITY MANAGER; DICKIE BRUNER NAMED ACTING MANAGER

Long-time Paris City Manager Bob Casher retired from that position at the end of April. Mr. Casher was replaced on an interim basis by former City Manager Dickie Bruner who himself retired as the top city administrator at Paris in 1996. Mr. Bruner is expected to serve for six to eight months, or until a permanent city manager is found.

HARRODSBURG MOVES FORWARD WITH COLLEGE STREET PROJECT

The City of Harrodsburg has decided to move forward with its Economic Development Fund grant for the College Street Sewer Project. Further engineering has indicated that the significant problems along College Street need to be addressed as originally proposed. As these areas were more fully explored, specific engineering plans have delineated the current course of action.

The City was the recipient of an Economic Development Fund grant in the amount of \$122,200 for this project. The Grant

Assistance Agreement has been executed and submitted to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority which is the administrative funding agency acting on behalf of the state.

The grant, processed through KIA, 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) with a 12-inch gravity sewer from manhole #03 to #09. Plans also call for modification of six manholes.

For more information, contact Dave Ewen at the ADD.

GEORGETOWN/SCOTT COUNTY TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT SANITARY SEWER EXTENSIONS SOUTH TO THE FAYETTE COUNTY LINE

Several large and growing mobile home subdivisions, mostly in southern Scott County but also overlapping over into northernmost Fayette County, are served by package wastewater treatment plants. Effluent from those treatment plants sometimes pollutes Cane Run Creek, which is within the recharge area of Georgetown's public water supply, Royal Spring. In recent years, a public debate has been ongoing concerning the pros and cons of seeking to extend sanitary sewer service south to serve the more than 400 residential dwellings. Left without restrictions, the extension of sanitary sewers could spur the urbanization of the mostly rural land between Georgetown's south side and the mobile home park subdivisions. Most recently, the Scott County Fiscal Court has indicated it will choose to work with the Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission to ensure the extension of sanitary sewer service south along US 25 will not result in unwanted urbanization of the area. The City of Georgetown recently approved a resolution permitting the extension of sewer service under certain conditions. In the interest of protecting the public health, it seems advisable to connect the Spindletop and the Ponderosa mobile home subdivisions to the Georgetown municipal sewer system in an effort to reduce the pollution of Cane Run Creek and to protect the public health.

MERCER COUNTY TO RENAME HARRODSBURG US 127 BYPASS TO HONOR VETERANS

The Mercer County Fiscal Court has acted to rename the Harrodsburg Bypass. The highway will be renamed as the Bataan-Corregidor Memorial Highway in honor of the Harrodsburg tankers of World War II. The tankers were a Kentucky Army National Guard unit that was called to active duty immediately before the start of World War II. The unit had been in the Philippines only briefly when Pearl Harbor was attacked. The Philippines were attacked the day following the "day that will live in infamy." Those who could not escape to Corregidor were captured at Bataan and were involved in the Bataan Death March. Those who survived the march were held as prisoners of war for the duration. Only 37 of the 66 Harrodsburg Tankers survived their experience in captivity.

PERRYVILLE BATTLEFIELD PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT—FOR NOW

At a recent meeting of the Perryville City Council, the rezoning of 34 acres of the Pete Coyle farm was turned back on a vote of 4 to 1. The zoning applicant had hoped to use the land for more than 50 single-family houses and for highway commercial businesses. The tract under consideration was considered a part of the land involved in the Battle of Perryville in 1862. Preservations hailed the City Council's decision but declared they will continue to be vigilant concerning future attempts to urbanize portions of the Civil War battlefield.

BEREA RECEIVES REPORT RECOMMENDING WATER, SEWER, AND ELECTRIC RATE INCREASES

Berea Utilities Commission's consultant recently produced a report showing a decided need to raise water rates about \$5 per month per residential customer. Smaller increases were recommended for the Commission's sewer utility and electric utility.

Upon the presentation of the report to the City Council, City Administrator Randy Stone reminded the Council of its obligation to satisfy the terms of the bonds issued by the city to purchase the utilities from Berea College in 2005. The City Council has not yet acted upon the recommendation of the Utilities Commission consultant.

FRANKFORT DISCUSSES THE CREATION OF A STORMWATER UTILITY

In mid-April, the Frankfort City Commission discussed the possible creation of a stormwater utility that would be separate from the city's wastewater utility. Under an agreement with the Kentucky Division of Water, the city must develop a long-range plan for the control of sewage discharges. Many of the older sewers in Frankfort are "combined sewers"—a kind no longer constructed. They carry only sanitary sewage when it is not raining, but times of precipitation bring stormwater to the same sewers. The result is that the stormwater overwhelms the sanitary sewage and some of the combined wastewaters fail to reach the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Danville recently created a separate stormwater charge for its residents and businesses. Lexington appears committed under the terms of its consent decree with the USEPA to move toward implementing a stormwater fee this year or next. Lexington's fee presumably would be based upon the square footage of a resident's property and the percent of impermeable surfaces such as roofs, sidewalks, driveways, etc.

LANCASTER RECLASSIFIED BY 2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A bill to reclassify Lancaster from a fifth to a fourth-class city was passed during the recent General Assembly session and signed by the Governor. However, a similar bill to reclassify Junction City as a fourth-class city did not make it through the legislative process before the end of the session.

Cities in Kentucky are divided into classes, based on population, and there are specific sets of laws that apply to the various classes, since the state Constitution prohibits "special" legislation for specific localities or persons.

KENNEDY BRIDGE IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT SAYS KY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

Kennedy Bridge, which provides transportation across Lake Herrington, is corroded from age and needs to be replaced. There is little dispute that the bridge, built in 1924, is deteriorating and is in need of replacement. The Kentucky Department of Highways reduced the weight limit last year from ten tons per vehicle to three tons. Nevertheless, vehicles weighing far more than three tons can be seen crossing Lake Herrington on the Kennedy Bridge with regularity. Reports are that the bridge replacement would cost over \$20 million, but the project is not included in the State's current six-year road plan.

WINCHESTER CITY COMMISSION GIVES WINCHESTER UTILITIES COMMISSION PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL RATE INCREASES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES

At a mid-April meeting, the Winchester City Commission unanimously approved an ordinance that empowers the Winchester Utilities Commission (WMU) to implement annual rate increases for the three services it offers. Under the ordinance, the utilities commission can increase rates each year based on the previous year's Consumer Price Index (CPI), but annual adjustments are capped at three percent. Prior to this ordinance, all rate increases had to come to the City Commission for approval. Supporters of the ordinance say that the measure will allow WMU to implement small incremental rate adjustments and remove the political strife from the rate-making process. The new ordinance will not likely allow WMU to undertake significant capital construction projects without City Commission oversight and approval, but it will permit the utility to account for the shrinking value of the dollar due to inflation without having to approach the City Commission.

A recent community survey showed that almost 75 percent of WMU customers prefer small annual increases to larger less frequent increases. It was also disclosed the WMU failed to meet its bond coverage requirements in 2007. That failure potentially decreases the utility's credit worthiness to lenders.



MEETING CALL

Board of Directors	7/30 7:00 p.m.
Executive Board	6/25 11:00 a.m.
Aging Council	6/11 & 7/9 10:00 a.m.
Homeland Security Council	6/18 1:00 p.m.
Human Services Committee	6/12 10:00 a.m.
Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Advisory Committee	6/11 3:15 p.m.
Regional Planning Council	7/2 4:00 p.m.
Regional Transportation Committee	7/14 1:30
Regional Transportation Safety Committee	6/9 1:30 p.m.
Tourism, Historic Preservation & Recreation Advisory Committee	7/8 10:00 a.m.

ALL meeting dates/times are subject to change.

Chairman	Mr. Dodd Dixon
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Secretary	Mayor Connie Lawson
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