

PARIS MAYOR DON KISER DIES UNEXPECTEDLY

Don Kiser, well-liked and well-respected mayor of the City of Paris, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Thursday, April 23. Mayor Kiser was at work at the Paris Municipal Center when he was stricken. Elected as mayor in 2002, Mayor Kiser was a strong leader as well as a consistent and vocal booster for Paris and Bourbon County. He served in various leadership positions at the ADD. At its April 29 meeting, the ADD Board took notice of Mayor Kiser's passing and honored him and his service to Paris, Bourbon County and the region.

CMRS BOARD 2009 GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Kentucky Office of the 911 Coordinator has announced the availability of grants through the Kentucky Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) Emergency Telecommunications Board Grant Fund. This fund is designed to facilitate needed upgrades to 911 systems across the Commonwealth and to support improvement of the 911 infrastructure by CMRS wireless carriers serving Kentucky.

The CMRS Board Grant Fund exists under the authority of KRS 65.7631(2) for the establishment and improvement of E911 services in the Commonwealth; for incentives to create more efficient delivery of E911 services by local governments receiving funding under KRS 65.7631(3); and for improvement of 911 infrastructure by wireless carriers receiving funding under KRS 65.7631(4).

The CMRS Board Grant Fund also provides reimbursement of \$100,000 for each Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), not to exceed \$200,000 per county, to any PSAP that consolidates with a CMRS certified PSAP, or creates a newly-consolidated Phase II compliant PSAP. If a PSAP consolidates and receives reimbursement, the CMRS Board will not certify a new PSAP within the same county for a period of ten years.

Applications must be received by the CMRS Board by close of business on **Tuesday, June 30th, 2009**. For more information on the 2009 CMRS Board Grant Fund, please contact Laurel Wood at Bluegrass ADD.

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KENTUCKY FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM RECEIVES FUNDING

The Kentucky Family Caregiver Program received a small amount of funding from the state in May; this program had been cut by the state last December. These funds will need to be spent by June 30, 2009. No word has been received whether or not this program will be reinstated for the upcoming fiscal 2010 year. If you have questions, please contact Emily Christian at the ADD office (859-269-8021, ext. 224).

BLUEGRASS MENTAL HEALTH AND AGING COALITION TO PRESENT SECOND "EMPOWERING MINDFULNESS" CONFERENCE

On May 28 the Bluegrass Mental Health and Aging Coalition, in partnership with the Clark County Elder Abuse Council, will present the second annual all-day workshop named "Empowering Mindfulness." This year's workshop will feature speakers presenting on the Kentucky state elder abuse law, pharmacology as it relates to mental illness, suicide prevention and guidelines for hiring a caregiver privately. Two law enforcement officers will be honored for their collaborative work in some high profile elder abuse cases in Clark County. Those officers are Sergeant Howard Frick from the Winchester Police Department and Deputy Paul Howard from the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

The Bluegrass Mental Health and Aging Coalition merged with the newly-formed Clark County Council on Elder Abuse Prevention in the fall of 2008. This group has representatives from city government, the Department for Community Based Services, the Generation Center, Clark County Home Health, the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass, the Winchester chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, UK Graduate Center on Gerontology, and Rose Mary Brooks Place Senior Living.

To register for "Empowering Mindfulness," please contact Julie Woosley at the Generation Center at 859-744-3235 or Mary Crowley-Schmidt at the ADD at 859-269-8021. There is no charge for registration, and CEU's for nursing and social work are pending for this event.

2009 BLUEGRASS REGIONAL SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING SUMMIT HELD

Bluegrass Area Development District hosted the first regional summit of its kind in April at the 2009 Bluegrass Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Summit. The event took place on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at Embassy Suites in Lexington.

In observance of Earth Day, the Summit was filled with opportunities to share a common vision for solid waste and recycling for the Bluegrass Region. The program was specifically designed to reinforce opportunities to network and engage with the Region's local elected officials, solid waste coordinators, landfill operators, area industry, consultants, engineers, contractors, school boards, interest groups, and other stake holders in solid waste and recycling throughout the Bluegrass.

Speakers included representatives from: Kentucky Division of Waste Management, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center, Bluegrass PRIDE, 2010 FEI World Equestrian Games, Garrard County Solid Waste, Creative Recycling Systems, Inc., Mid-Atlantic Solid Waste Consultants, LLC, and Global Environmental Services. Summit attendees also had the opportunity to connect with exhibitors from a variety of local, state, and national solid waste and recycling organizations.

Bluegrass ADD has received a great deal of positive feedback from Summit goers, with over 100 individuals in attendance. The need for a Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Consortium became evident to Bluegrass ADD, local government officials, and other stakeholders at the April event. Bluegrass Area Development District is in the process of publishing and promoting a Regional Vision based on a visioning exercise which concluded the day-long Summit.

For more information on the recent Solid Waste and Recycling Summit, please contact David Duttlinger at Bluegrass ADD.

GENERATIONS FILM FESTIVAL UNDERWAY

The first annual Generations Film Festival honoring Older Americans Month is being held in May at Lexington Downtown Library, sponsored by the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living and the library. Each Tuesday a free to the public film will be shown. The event includes a public reception and art exhibit at 6:00 pm followed by the 7:00 pm film which engages viewers in the multitude of aging-related issues. Following each film, aging experts will guide participants in an exploration of the complexities raised by the evening's film: May 5th - Lessons on Living; May 12th - The Open Road: America

Looks at Aging; May 19th - Do Not Go Gently; and May 26th - Racing Against the Clock. The 2009 festival launches the first in an annual series for Lexington and the Bluegrass Region with future plans to incorporate premier showings of films documented and directed by senior citizens from our community or films with a central theme about aging issues. Celebrate Older Americans Month each Tuesday evening in May at Lexington's Public Library at 140 East Main Street. For more information, contact Randy Lawson, Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging.

PENTAGON MAKES GOOD ON COMMITMENT TO MCCONNELL TO FUND CHEMICAL WEAPONS DISPOSAL

The Pentagon stepped up and delivered on their commitments made last December to Senator Mitch McConnell to fully fund the Chemical Weapons disposal projects at Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky and Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado. These two efforts, known as the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA), have been the target of funding cuts for many years, slowing the progress towards eliminating the risks associated with the weapons and undermining the United States' commitment under an international treaty, the Chemical Weapons Convention. It is reported that the 2010 budget request for ACWA increased from a projected \$300.4 million to \$550.4 million, an increase of 83%. Indications are that subsequent years' funding will also increase from previous predictions in order to continue accelerating the projects.

In 2007, Congress mandated that all chemical weapons be destroyed by 2017, five years beyond the extended treaty deadline. Prior to the increase in projected funding, that date would have been missed by six years, pushing completion out to 2023. Chemical Weapons Working Group director, Craig Williams, said the project funding levels will pull that date back by three years, resulting in the savings of almost a billion dollars over the life of the projects. ACWA, its contractors and Citizens Advisory Commissions continue to look at additional ways to expedite the demilitarization projects at both locations while ensuring safety to the workforce and the communities surrounding the stockpiles.

BLUEGRASS WATER TREATMENT PLANTS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING OPERATION

The Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) has recognized a small number of water treatment plants across the Commonwealth for their successful efforts to reduce the turbidity (cloudiness) of their finished drinking water. Turbidity can be caused by sand and dirt as well as bacteria and viruses. The KDOW effort is

entitled the Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP).

Bluegrass Area water treatment plants recognized for meeting the AWOP goals at least 95 percent of the time in 2008 are the following:

- Irvine Municipal Utilities' water treatment plant
- Kentucky-American Water's Richmond Road treatment plant
- Lawrenceburg's water treatment plant
- Northpoint Training Center's water treatment plant
- Richmond Utilities' water treatment plant, and
- Wilmore's water treatment plant.

Congratulations to those water system operators and managers.

STANFORD RECEIVES RURAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO UNDERTAKE WASTEWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS

For the last few years, the City of Stanford has stood at the top of the ADD's to-do list in terms of needed improvements to publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants in the 17-county region. Hydraulic flows have long exceeded the treatment plant's rated capacity and the situation threatened to be an impediment to orderly planned growth and development in the county seat of Lincoln County. Efforts by the city and by its Water Commission bore fruit on Earth Day, 2009 as Vernon Brown, Acting State Director of USDA's Rural Development, made a long-awaited announcement in Stanford.

Rural Development has conditionally committed a low-interest, long-term loan not to exceed \$3.728 million to the project, along with a grant of \$1.598 million. The RD funding is conditioned upon a number of events, not the least of which is the approval of a \$500,000 supplemental grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission. The planned \$7.4 million project will involve the hydraulic expansion of the city's wastewater treatment plant by 50 percent to a new capacity of 1.2 million gallons per day (MGD). Also included in the plan is the construction of an equalization basin at the wastewater treatment plant site that will permit excess flows to be stored temporarily during and following periods of heavy rainfall for treatment later when the incoming flows to the treatment plant fall as the precipitation event concludes.

A construction start in early 2010 is anticipated. Congratulations go to Stanford Mayor Bill Miracle and the Stanford City Council, to Water Commission Chair Jack Withrow and his fellow commissioners, and to Water Commission General Manager Alan DeShon.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

WASTEBUSTER PROGRAM WINS STATEWIDE AWARD

As part of Earth Week 2009, the WasteBuster program – an initiative sponsored by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) and managed by Bluegrass PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment) – was recognized with an Earth Day Award from the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission (EQC). The program works with businesses, schools and apartment complexes to encourage increased waste reduction practices throughout Lexington. Since its inception in 2006, the WasteBuster program has enlisted over 140 businesses, more than 70 schools and 50 apartment complexes as participants. The EQC Earth Day Award, presented each year to Kentuckians who have made outstanding contributions to environmental protection, is the third for the WasteBuster program, following awards from the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education and the LFUCG Environmental Commission.

KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) held its 2009 Homeland Security Grant Application workshops throughout the month of April. Eligible applicants include units of local government such as cities, counties or merged governments; Area Development Districts; and universities. Projects must meet one of three eligible project categories: 1) Special Team Response Enhancement, 2) Enhanced Communications, or 3) Critical Infrastructure Protection. Applications for this grant program will have needed to be received by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security by close of business on Friday, May 22, 2009.

On April 29, 2009, the Bluegrass Regional Homeland Security Council adopted a resolution to make application for enhanced communications equipment in an effort to support regional interoperability. The Bluegrass Area Development District, on behalf of the Bluegrass Regional Homeland Security Council and partnering cities and counties in the Bluegrass, will sponsor two regional applications under the Enhanced Communications category for the following equipment: 1) Mobile Data Computers (MDCs), and 2) Radio Communications Equipment. Information required to be included in the regional application(s) was accepted by Bluegrass ADD until close of business on Friday, May 8, 2009.

In addition, the Homeland Security Council has also sponsored several grant applications in support of the Bluegrass Emergency Response Team (BERT). BERT is an 11-County Emergency Management Area covering Central Kentucky and includes three components: 1) Rescue, 2) Mass Casualty, and 3) HazMat.

Members of the Bluegrass Area Homeland Security Council include Mayors, Judge/Executives, Public Safety and Emergency Management Directors, 9-1-1 Coordinators, Sheriffs, Police and Fire Chiefs, and Telecommunicators. The need to ensure that our state's first responders can communicate with one another when needed is vital to the efforts of keeping Kentucky safe. Voice and data interoperability allow public safety officials to share information via voice and data signals on demand, in real time, when needed, and as authorized. The Bluegrass Regional Homeland Security Council was the first in the state to become regionalized and to hold bi-monthly meetings to discuss Homeland Security issues impacting the region. The Council is led by Anderson County Judge/Executive, Steve L. Cornish.

For more information on the 2009 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant Program, please contact Laurel Wood at Bluegrass ADD.

LANCASTER BREAKS GROUND FOR \$1.5 MILLION WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Lancaster officials and guests gathered at a near-downtown intersection on a day in late April to break ground on Phase II of what is hoped will be a four-phase water system improvement program. Planned improvements include the replacement and upgrade of about 13,600 linear feet of aged, undersized, and often troublesome water lines; and the replacement of 36 fire hydrants, 16 water line valves, and 213 customer water meters.

USDA's Rural Development, which has conditionally committed a low-interest long-term loan of up to \$1,178,000 along with a grant not to exceed \$507,000, is providing financing for the project. The city has been working and planning for this project ever since the wrap-up of Phase I of its water system improvement project two years ago.

Congratulations to Lancaster Mayor Don Rinthen and the City Council for their continuing efforts to improve the municipal water system.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

CLAY CITY RECEIVES COMMITMENT OF HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION

By HUD standards, it is a small grant, but to the Clay City leadership, the grant enables a project with the promise of great rewards. Department for Local Government Commissioner Tony Wilder announced in late April that Clay City's sewer rehabilitation project had been selected in a very competitive process to receive \$261,000 in HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The federal grant will be matched by a like amount of grant funding through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. The \$522,000 in project funding will permit the reconstruction/restoration/rehabilitation of some 168 sanitary sewer manholes, the reconstruction of two sewage pumping stations, as well as very limited sewer line replacement.

Under normal conditions, Clay City's sewer system and its wastewater treatment can easily handle the wastewater flows. But, when the rains come, it is an entirely different story—sewers and the wastewater treatment plant are overwhelmed. The goal of the project is the replacement of portions of the aging infrastructure together with the reduction of inflow and infiltration.

The ultimate game plan is for Clay City to cooperate with Stanton in a single wastewater treatment plant at Stanton. The expanded and improved wastewater treatment plant would belong to a newly-created entity, the Red River Wastewater Authority (RRWA) who would have only two customers, Stanton and Clay City. The treatment charges to the two cities would be based upon a volumetric measure of the waters sent by each of the two cities to the RRWA treatment plant. It is the wish of the leaders of both cities that, in the future, they not be charged for the treatment of illicit waters that enter their sanitary sewer systems through inflow and infiltration.

Clay City is seeking to expedite its project in order that it reach near closeout on the HUD grant before Christmas 2009 since Clay City seeks to apply again—as soon as possible—for additional HUD grant funding for the Red River Wastewater Authority project in which it has a vested interest. The ADD is administering Clay City's HUD Block grant, and the environmental review effort is already in high gear. Clay City has already had its Grant Assistance Agreement meeting and has returned the initial paperwork—executed at the local level—to the Department for Local Government for processing.

For more information on the Clay City sewer rehabilitation project, contact Don Hassall or Ashley Moore at the ADD.

WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS TO RECEIVE ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS ARE IDENTIFIED

When the requests for funds exceeded the available funds by a factor of 20 to one, it was a foregone conclusion that more water/ sewer utility leaders were going to be disappointed than were going to be pleased when the project selections were made. That scenario played out on May 1 when State Government announced the list of water and wastewater projects selected to receive almost \$67 million in Economic Stimulus funds. Some projects highly-ranked on early versions of the project priority list disappeared from the radar screen while other projects emerged.

Of 17 drinking water projects selected for funding statewide, only two were from the Bluegrass Area. Those two projects were:

- Bluegrass Station (Fayette County): Dept. of Military Affairs: Water System Upgrade---\$1,900,000
- Winchester Municipal Utilities: Industrial Park Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation---\$800,000.

The total dollar amount of the Bluegrass Area drinking water projects identified was \$2.7 million out of a statewide sum of \$18.9 million.

Of 37 wastewater projects selected for funding statewide, six were from the Bluegrass. Those projects were:

- Georgetown: Estill Avenue/South Hamilton Street/ Clayton Avenue Storm Sewer---\$372,428
- Winchester Municipal Utilities: Vaught Court Outfall Sewer---\$600,000
- Kentucky Horse Park: Bioenergy Management---\$950,000
- LFUCG: Downtown Streetscape Green Infrastructure Program Initiative---\$2,620,000
- LFUCG: Radcliffe Road Drainage Improvements---\$237,000
- Northern Madison County Sanitation District: Clays Ferry Estates Wastewater Collection System---\$510,000.

The total dollar amount of Bluegrass Area wastewater projects identified for funding was \$5.29 million out of a statewide sum of \$47.9 million.

For more information, contact David Duttlinger at the ADD.

BLUEGRASS AAA&IL HOSTS 7TH ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS CONFERENCE

Staff from the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (BGAAA&IL) and the Bluegrass Area National Family Caregiver Support Program hosted over 300 grandparent and older relative caregivers, professionals, and students at the Seventh Annual Bluegrass Area Grandparents as Parents (GAP) Conference on March 19, 2009 at the Holiday Inn North in Lexington. The information and training event, the largest of its kind in the state, was a tremendous success with presenters, speakers, and attendees from across the Commonwealth. The keynote speaker and leader of two other workshop sessions, Dr. Joseph Crumbley (author of *Raising Relative's Children: An Overview of Kinship Care*), was an informative, energetic, and engaging presence. His address and workshop sessions underscored the importance of communication in building successful relationships between grandparent and relative caregivers and their children. Co-sponsors of the day-long event were the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government; Fayette County Bar Foundation; the Kentucky Department of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addiction Services Opportunities for Family Leadership; the University of Kentucky; and the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living. Fayette County Public Schools Family Resource Center Coordinators additionally contributed countless hours of their time and abundant energies to the planning and coordination of the conference, as did local attorneys, individual grandparent caregivers, and many other individual members of the planning committee and event staff.

RED RIVER WASTEWATER AUTHORITY TAKES GIANT STEPS FORWARD

Just a few months ago, the Red River Wastewater Authority (RRWA) was only a shadowy concept. By the beginning of May, the Authority was not only a working legal entity, it was moving rapidly to produce a viable plan together with final engineering plans and specifications for a wastewater treatment expansion that would benefit large portions of Powell County. The RRWA was formed through an interlocal cooperation agreement by the City of Stanton, the City of Clay City, and the Powell County Fiscal Court.

The Authority's legal papers have been adopted and appropriately registered. Five directors have been named to the Authority. Officers have been elected, and an engineering procurement process has taken place. An engineering firm has been selected, an engineering agreement signed, and work has begun on development of not only a refinement of the early engineering report but also final design plans and specifications.

Legal services have been procured, and an interim manager for the RRWA has been hired.

The Powell County Fiscal Court, which was the recipient of a \$500,000 General Assembly appropriation for the RRWA project, has acted to assign that grant to the RRWA. Work is underway to fulfill the requirements of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority in order that a KIA Grant Assistance Agreement can be promulgated between KIA and the RRWA.

The project at hand is best described as interlocal cooperation and coordination at its best. Each of the two cities had been operating its wastewater treatment plant at a rate that exceeded the plant's rated capacity. Both cities were operating under the shadow of enforcement actions by the Kentucky Division of Water. Both cities and Powell County were caught in a morass of inadequate wastewater infrastructure in which it was rather pointless to seek new industry or to entice other new employers to come to Powell County since there was insufficient wastewater capacity to accommodate either additional people or additional wastewater. Even homebuilding was coming to a grinding halt, as waivers had to be requested (and approved by the Kentucky Division of Water) to add a single new home to the overloaded wastewater systems of the two cities. The recent unemployment rate for Powell County exceeded 16 percent. These events constituted the perfect storm in which a "working together" solution made sense to local public policymakers.

By unanimous action of both city councils and the Powell County Fiscal Court, it was decided to embark on a plan of expanding the Stanton wastewater treatment plant, installing sewage pumping facilities and a pressure sewer line connecting the two cities, and the concurrent decommissioning of the Clay City wastewater treatment plant. The capacity of the existing Stanton wastewater treatment plant is 0.46 million gallons per day (MGD). Clay City's wastewater treatment plant is rated at 0.20 MGD. According to the adopted regional wastewater facilities plan, the improved and expanded wastewater treatment plant at Stanton would have a rated capacity of 1.411 MGD. According to the 20-year plan, the RRWA would own and operate the expanded wastewater treatment plant, the pumps, and the pressure sewer lines that would connect the two cities while each city would continue to own and operate its own system of sanitary sewers. The RRWA would have only two customers, and those would be the City of Stanton and the City of Clay City.

Leaders of both cities, the Powell County Fiscal Court, the Powell County Industrial Authority, and the Red River Wastewater Authority are to be commended for their progressive, cooperative approach to deal with a problem that that has, for

too long, been an impediment to planned orderly growth and economic expansion of this county.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

BLUEGRASS PRIDE LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Bluegrass PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) has unveiled its new website, a tool that will help to further educate Central Kentuckians on the environmental issues in this region. Launched in May, the site features information and tips on a variety of topics, including waste reduction, water quality, litter reduction, eco-friendly lawn care, proper disposal of household hazardous waste and more. In addition, visitors can access a calendar of local environmental events, register to volunteer with Bluegrass PRIDE and learn how global environmental topics are poised to affect Central Kentucky. To access the site, log on to www.bgPRIDE.org.

CARLISLE'S ENHANCED 911 UPGRADED

In 2007, the City of Carlisle made application for and received funding under the 2007 Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant Program to enhance interoperable communication capabilities to improve the delivery of 911 services by purchasing 911 equipment. In addition, the City received grant funds from the 2007 Kentucky Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) Emergency Telecommunications Board Grant Fund to carry out mapping, addressing, and database development.

In 2009, the projects were successfully completed, with the ADD's Department for Community and Economic Development performing grant administration services and the ADD's Department of Information Systems and Technology executing mapping, addressing, and database development. The City of Carlisle is now even more "ready and prepared" with an Enhanced 911 / Computer Aided Dispatch system.

For more information on the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Grant Program or the CMRS Board Grant Fund, please contact Laurel Wood at Bluegrass ADD.

GEORGETOWN TO BENEFIT FROM BROWNFIELDS GRANT

The US Environmental Protection Agency announced on May 11 that a designated Brownfields site in Georgetown—the former location of the Empire Pencil factory—will be cleaned up as a result of a \$200,000 grant from that federal agency. The grant will come from federal economic stimulus funds. The safety of the Georgetown site had been a concern of local officials and area residents for a number of years. Brownfields are defined as former

industrial and commercial sites that were closed or abandoned with significant contamination of land or water left behind.

In addition, Community Ventures in Lexington will receive another \$200,000 to clean up a Brownfields site at 265 Midland Avenue. For more information on Brownfields, contact Craig McAnelly at the ADD office.

MERCER COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT COMPLETES, ACTIVATES ITS INITIAL PROJECT

The switch has been thrown and new pumps are sending collected sewage from the Bright Leaf area of Mercer County north to the Harrodsburg wastewater treatment plant. The project is the first completed by the recently-formed Mercer County Sanitation District. The project includes the installation of approximately two miles of collector sewers and force mains and four new sewage pumping stations. The new system serves the Bright Leaf Motel, Greenview Trailer Park, Bright Leaf North condominiums and the Bright Leaf subdivision. As a result of the completion of the project, three privately-owned package treatment plants were able to be decommissioned.

Mercer County Judge/Executive John Trisler worked diligently to promote the creation of the sanitation district. Mercer County Health Department environmentalist Tony White breathed a sigh of relief as the project was placed in service since the decommissioning of the small package treatments plants will allow him to mark off his list of environmental "hot spots" the three small package treatment plants that were troublesome at times.

Next on the "to do" list for the sanitation district are sanitary sewers for Burgin, a sewer extension to the Kentucky Heritage Agriculture Center north of Harrodsburg and a community solution to the pollution caused by the lakefront development along Mercer County's western shore of Lake Herrington.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE TAKES STEPS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING STORM WATER FEE

A significant component of the USEPA "consent decree" that Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has accepted involves the implementation of a storm water fee that would be levied upon all properties in Fayette County. While the consent decree itself meanders about in never-never land due to legal issues, the Urban County Council seems poised to implement the fee in the near term. It seems not to be a matter of whether the fee will be levied; it is more a matter of when.

In early May, the Urban County Council seemed to agree that January 2010 would be the kickoff date for the new fee. Revenues so generated would be used to deal with significant storm water issues as well as situations in which rainfall and runoff affect the successful operation of the Urban County Government's sanitary sewer system. Sanitary sewer backups and overflows inevitably are caused by the entry of storm water to the sanitary sewer system. The Urban County Government has already begun to seek to determine the issue's causes and cures.

A monthly fee of \$4.32 for every residential household seems to be the start-up value of the fee. Since the fee is not a tax in the customary understanding of that term, also to be impacted would be commercial, industrial, non-profit, civic, and institutional properties. The fee for those land tracts would be based on a computation of residential property equivalents. Those non-residential properties most heavily impacted would be those with large areas under roof and/or with large areas of impervious surface, e.g., driveways, parking lots, and sidewalks.

Danville implemented the Bluegrass area's first storm water fee a little more than a year ago. Other cities are looking to the Lexington experience to see just how it works and how the new fee is accepted. Storm water and storm drainage problems are inherently expensive to address, and, historically, there has been no dedicated source of funds for local governments to tap to address solutions to storm water problems. The increasingly stringent regulatory climate surrounding the solving of local storm water problems cries out for a revenue source from which to operate.

A citizen-led initiative suggests that householders seek to develop rain gardens and install rain barrels in an effort to keep rainfall-caused runoff on their own property and out of neighborhood drainage ways and streams (and sanitary sewers).

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

WINCHESTER/CLARK COUNTY APPROVE PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL PROJECT

The Winchester City Commission and the Clark County Fiscal Court have signed off on plans to develop a public swimming pool at the College Park Gym. The move, which took place during the first full week of May, puts the project on the fast track. The project carries a \$3.29 million project cost estimate. Construction bids are in hand and a construction management firm has been selected.

The pool design calls for a main pool with six lanes and a separate warm water therapy pool targeted for use mostly by seniors and small children. The facility will also include a number of recreational elements such as party rooms and play equipment.

The project must be completed by the summer of 2010 in order to qualify for \$1.4 million in state funds that were appropriated in 2006. Officials expect construction to take about eleven months. Together, city and county governments have agreed to provide the annual funding needed to pay the debt service on the \$1.9 million loan that is required to complete the funding package. To amortize the debt, Winchester has agreed to provide \$100,000 in annual funding while the Clark County Fiscal Court has agreed to contribute \$30,000 annually.

TOURISM GEARING UP FOR SUMMER '09

The Kentucky tourism industry is gearing up for the summer. The week of May 9-17 is designated as National Travel and Tourism Week for the state. Tourism is one of the largest economic generators in the state with an annual impact approaching \$10 billion. It is also one of the largest employers statewide.

The Memorial Day holiday officially kicks off summer tourism in Kentucky. The 17 State Resort Parks offer a wide range of activities including golfing, swimming, boating and fishing. All of the state's campgrounds as well as park historic sites and museums are now open.

Free Fishing Weekend and National Trails Day are scheduled for June 6-7 this year. Free fishing means you can fish without a license in public waters, and National Trails Day is designed to help promote the many hiking trails in the state. The state's 17 resort parks will host one and two-day events for the weekend.

To learn more about Kentucky's tourism visit: www.parks.ky.gov

(Source: <http://migration.kentucky.gov>)

BERRY CONSIDERS SEWER PLAN UPDATE

The City of Berry is the ADD's smallest municipality—tucked away in far northern Harrison County. With the participation of the ADD decades ago, the city saw the construction of its first-ever sanitary sewer system. In order to access the funds that were available at that time from the USEPA and others, the city chose to construct a small diameter pressure sewer system with a grinder pump for every two houses. Collected wastewaters were conveyed to a wastewater lagoon from which there is no discharge to a stream. And so it is that Berry is the ADD's only sewer municipality that does not discharge its treated wastewater effluent to a stream.

The sewerage system is now 21 years old and is beginning to show its age. City leaders are considering the development of an update to what was, at the time, called a Wastewater Facilities Plan. The ADD is seeking to assist Berry Mayor Ken Abner and the Berry City Commission as they deliberate as to just how the city can go about updating its master sewer planning effort from decades ago. The small diameter pressure system is not particularly amenable to expansion, and some of the mechanical equipment is wearing out. Berry leaders have access to a small grant from the General Assembly that was made available several years ago.

For more information on Berry and its sewer system needs, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

FRANKFORT CONSIDERS IMPLEMENTING A \$60 ANNUAL GARBAGE FEE

In the draft of its FY 2010 budget, the City of Frankfort proposes to initiate a \$60 annual fee for garbage service upon residential householders. The new fee is in response to the current economic downturn and a reduction in anticipated revenues. The fee, amounting to \$5 per month but collected only annually, would be considerably less than that charged by most Bluegrass Area cities for solid waste collection services. Among the issues still under discussion is whether the new fee would be added to the property tax bill or could be added to the combined utility bill that is sent monthly to customers of the Frankfort Electric and Water Plant Board.

MERCER COUNTY SET TO INITIATE VOLUNTARY COUNTYWIDE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Outside of Mercer County's two cities of Harrodsburg and Burgin, residents have pretty much been on their own to deal with solid waste collection and disposal. That seems to be about to change as the Mercer County Fiscal Court appears ready to offer a unified solid waste service to those who want the service. The fiscal court seems ready to advertise for bids for solid waste pickup at homes and businesses in the unincorporated county. Those wanting the service will be billed monthly, and the county will close its current solid waste transfer station on the Perryville Road.

Mercer County Judge/Executive John Trisler said that he believes citizens who opt for the county service will be paying less than they currently pay private haulers or to dump their solid waste at transfer stations. He also expects that the initiation of the service will result in a reduction of illegal dumping.

For more information on solid waste issues, contact David Duttlinger at the ADD.

LEXINGTON SET TO RAZE FLOOD-PRONE HOUSES

In recent years, the national trend has shifted from that of keeping floodwaters away from the people to one of keeping the people away from the floodwaters. Often, and particularly in urban areas, there just is no affordable solution other than razing homes and other structures that are periodically flooded.

Using a combination of federal and local funds, Lexington-Fayette County is prepared to raze four houses at 905, 907, 909, and 1001 North Limestone Street. The houses have been bought from willing sellers for a total of \$331,800. Plans are underway to buy and raze another 18 Lexington houses as a part of a flood mitigation program that is being directed by the Urban County Government's Division of Water Quality.

MILLERSBURG WELCOMES CADET CORPS

One can hardly think of Millersburg without associating with that city the Millersburg Military Institute, better known as MMI. Faced with declining enrolment and declining revenues, the school closed in 2006 and sat eerily quiet since that time—until now. The 18-acre campus is now the home of the U.S. Cadet Corps that has converted the campus into the national headquarters for its military-style training program for young people, ages 12-18. The cadets would live at home, train on weekends and go to summer camp once a year. Cadets have already begun to arrive for this summer's session that starts in June.

The end of April brought a celebration, the likes of which have not been seen in Millersburg for some time. On the last Saturday in April, some 700 cadets and guests from nearly 20 states paraded through downtown Millersburg. Ceremonies on campus immediately following the parade officially inaugurated the Cadet Corps' national headquarters and training center. The Cadet Corps plans eventually to reopen the campus as a military-style boarding school, just as it was when it operated as the Millersburg Military Institute.

MEETING CALL



Board of Directors	7/22 6:00 p.m.
Executive Board	6/24 7:00 p.m.
Aging Council	6/10 & 7/15 10:00 a.m.
Development Advisory Committee	6/18 10:00 a.m.
Homeland Security Council	6/24 1:00 p.m.
Human Services Committee	6/11 10:00 a.m.
Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Advisory Committee	6/10 3:15 p.m.
Regional Planning Council	7/1 4:00 p.m.
Regional Transportation Committee	7/13 1:30 p.m.
Tourism, Historic Preservation & Recreation Advisory Committee	7/14 10:00 a.m.

ALL meeting dates/times are subject to change.

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