

## **RED RIVER WASTEWATER AUTHORITY EFFORT PROGRESSES**

Earlier this year, the concept of having a single wastewater treatment plant to meet the needs of both of the two cities of Powell County—Stanton and Clay City—was just a dream. However, the project is now progressing at what some would call “warp speed.” Stanton, Clay City, and the Powell County Fiscal Court voted, without dissent, to create by interlocal cooperation agreement a new entity, the Red River Wastewater Authority (RRWA), to tackle the job.

Both Stanton and Clay City are pressed by enforcement actions of the Energy and Environmental Protection Cabinet because of excess flows at the two municipal wastewater treatment plants. Economic development has effectively ceased in the county because of lack of adequate wastewater infrastructure. The most recent unemployment rate for Powell County was 15.7 percent.

The new plan calls for the expansion of Stanton’s wastewater treatment plant to meet the 20-year needs of Stanton and Clay City, and the decommissioning of the Clay City wastewater treatment plant together with the concurrent pumping of Clay City’s collected wastewaters to Stanton for treatment at the expanded treatment plant. The expanded wastewater treatment plant would be owned and operated by the Red River Wastewater Authority.

The RRWA has been legally formed. Directors of the Authority have been named and have been meeting as least monthly since March. A \$500,000 Kentucky Infrastructure Authority grant for this project that was approved for the Powell County Fiscal Court has been duly assigned to the RRWA for its use on this project. Engineering services have been procured by the RRWA. A Regional Wastewater Facilities Plan that was approved late last year has been reviewed, and a Preliminary Engineering Report has been prepared. The services of an interim manager have been procured. Engineering design services have been authorized and the design work is more than two-thirds finished. RRWA’s engineers have promised that complete engineering plans and specifications would be delivered to the Kentucky Division of Water by the end of August 2009.

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Efforts have begun to seek financing for the \$10.46 million project through the HUD Community Development Block Grant program, through Rural Development's Water and Environment Program, through the Appalachian Regional Commission program, and through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority's Fund A program. Additional funding sources are also being sought.

On a late June day, the sponsors of the Red River Wastewater Authority met at the offices of the Kentucky Department for Local Government to press their case for financing for this prime example of working together (at the local level) for the common good.

More than ten RRWA project proponents met with the Commissioner of the Department for Local Government, and with representatives of the HUD CDB grant program, the Rural Development program, the Appalachian Regional Commission program, the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, the Kentucky Division of Water, and a representative of Sixth District Congressman Ben Chandler. The thrust of the meeting was not so much to promote the concept of the cooperative venture as it was to discuss issues that could constitute project impediments, as well as ways to develop sufficient funding for the "let's work together" effort. RRWA sponsors expect that their project will be shovel-ready by late 2009.

For more information, contact RRWA Chair John Brewer, Stanton Mayor Dale Allen, Clay City Mayor Jimmy Caudill, or Powell County Judge-Executive Darren Farmer.

## **AREA AGENCY ON AGING RECEIVES TWO NATIONAL AWARDS**

On June 19, 2009 the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging received notice from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging that it will be the recipient of two of the 2009 *n4a Aging Achievement Awards*.

In the Home & Community Based Services award category, recognition was given for the *Area Agency on Aging Home Care & University of Kentucky College of Sciences & Medicine Project*. This collaboration allows third year medical students to rotate through the Homecare program where they are assigned to work with a senior participant in the Homecare program. This allows medical students to have a hands-on experience in the home of the senior and an opportunity to develop a one-on-one relationship with an older person.

The second award is in the category of Intergenerational Programming for the *Generations Film Festival*. This program was

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a collaboration with the Lexington Public Library. Each Tuesday in May (which is Older Americans Month) the Area Agency on Aging and the Lexington Public Library hosted a film; a different film was showcased each week.

- *Lesson on Living*, with Morrie Schwartz (health and illness),
- *The Open Road: America Looks at Aging* (demographic shift, Baby Boomers, retirement);
- *Do Not Go Gently: The Power of Imagination in Aging* (arts, creative expression; and
- *Racing Against the Clock* (health, physical fitness, sports)

At the conclusion of the film, professional aging panelists were available for questions, answers and discussion. Each evening also included a showing of works by local artists and included a public reception for artists, speakers and participants.

The awards presentation took place during the n4a Annual Conference in Minneapolis, July 19 – July 22, 2009.

#### **TWO SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED BY BLUEGRASS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

The *BLUE* (By Learning U Earn) program, is meant to provide meaningful work experience to economically-disadvantaged youth ages 16-24 living in Anderson, Bourbon, Clark, Boyle, Estill, Fayette, Franklin Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford counties. The seven-week program began on June 15 and ended July 31, 2009. The 328 youth enrolled in the BLUE program earned \$7.25/hour as employees of Bluegrass Area Development District while working at a work site in the county they live in. The 174 sites provided basic job training in assigned job duties, supervision of youth workers, and enough work to complete a 30-hour work week. The experience provided a real life working experience for our youth, helping them gain experience and insight for future employment.

*"I haven't declared my major yet and by participating in the summer work experience program I have been able to shadow doctors in the radiology department and this has helped me realize what I want to major in and start my career in."*

-Estill County Youth Participant Aaron Morrison  
Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital

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*"The summer work experience program is an excellent program. All four youth that are under my supervision have maintained and exceeded expectations. I would love for them all to come back next summer if all possible and work for me again,"*

- Jerry Remley  
Director of Parks and Recreation in Winchester, KY

*"My favorite part of the program is being able to meet new people and being able to work in an office environment and learning new things."*

Clark County Youth Participant Siobahn Carter  
Winchester Parks and Recreation

*"This is a fantastic program and I would like to see it continued. Deidre has helped this small business tremendously-being allowed to have the labor and help is wonderful. After the program is over I plan on hiring her to help me with wedding events."*

-Karen Tucker  
Owner of Anistons Florist and Gifts in Versailles, KY

*"The summer program has helped me gain social skills and also allowed me to work with kids and be a positive mentor to them."*

-Bourbon County Youth Participant Mariah Harris  
Promise Program

*"I was so excited about this program when I heard about it while attending a conference in Chicago. The participants have been great and have helped me so much this summer. I look forward to the youth program continuing and being able to receive more youth."*

-Leslie Spears  
Director of Promise Program

*Bluegrass Goes Green* is the other summer youth program; it began on June 22, 2009 and also ended on July 31. This program consisted of county teams made up of 5-8 youth, ages 16-24 who were economically-disadvantaged in Anderson, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Madison, Mercer, and Powell counties. The 49 youth enrolled in the program worked with a teacher/coach to assess the greenness of their community and created a plan on ways their community can "go green."

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Topics of research that the youth worked on included energy efficiency, recycling/solid waste, environmental improvement, litter abatement, ozone improvements, and wildlife preservation. The final plan from each team was presented to judges on July 29, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. Teams were judged on their ability to implement their plans, and the creativity, cost efficiency, and overall presentation of each plan. Not only did the youth participants receive \$7.25/hour for their work on the plan but the winning team members each received a laptop computer and a printer.

Countless hours and dedication have been put into these two new summer youth programs. With new staff members on board, the Bluegrass Area Development District is looking forward to broaden its horizons with the youth of Central Kentucky because in the end our youth are the future of tomorrow.

#### **PARIS COMMISSION APPOINTS NEW MAYOR**

The Paris City Commission has appointed one of its own, Michael Thornton, as Mayor to replace Don Kiser who passed away unexpectedly in late April. Mayor Thornton was serving his second term on the Commission, where he was Mayor Pro Tem in both terms. Congratulations and a welcome go to Mayor Thornton.

#### **CYNTHIANA MAYOR BROWN RESIGNS; JACK KEITH NAMED NEW MAYOR**

For long-time Cynthiana Mayor Jim Brown, it was undoubtedly a hard decision. A stroke last year had been debilitating, and Mayor Brown's recovery was not what he and others hoped it would be. His mid-May resignation opened the way for a change in the city administration in Cynthiana.

City Commissioner Jack Keith was subsequently named as the individual to fill out the remainder of former Mayor Brown's term. Mayor Keith has already made his presence known by his attendance at numerous ADD meetings and other functions. A Bluegrass ADD welcome to new Cynthiana's new mayor, Jack Keith!

#### **MERCER COUNTY JUDGE TRISLER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

After nearly six years of service as Mercer County Judge-Executive, Judge John Trisler announced his decision to retire effective July 31. Judge Trisler said, "I feel now is the right time in my life to make this change and a good time for the citizens of Mercer County. With the start of a new fiscal year beginning and a

new Judicial Center to be constructed, it is time for the next judge-executive to provide us new leadership.”

Judge Trisler was originally appointed as Mercer County’s judge-executive in September 2003 by then-Governor Paul Patton. In his retirement statement, Judge Trisler stated, “It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve the needs of our citizens for these years. I have tried to give the very best of my ability.” Judge Trisler was a strong well-respected leader both within Mercer County as well as in the Bluegrass Region across the Commonwealth. He gave tirelessly of his time and talents in whatever venue he found himself. Judge Trisler will certainly be missed in government circles. He intends now to “put in a lot more hours” as husband, father, and grandfather.

Judge Trisler was the long-time chair of the ADD’s Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Advisory Committee and also was the vice-chair of the ADD’s Water Management Planning Council.

### **BLUEGRASS ADD LOSES ONE OF ORIGINAL STAFF**

It was with great sadness that the Bluegrass paid final respects to Peggy Ann Chadwick who died on Friday, June 26 at Central Baptist Hospital after a short illness. Peggy served for 31 years as the Director of the Area Agency on Aging before her retirement from the ADD in 2003.

Peggy was the author of the original plan to establish the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging. She then presented the plan to Jas Sekhon, Executive Director of the Area Development District, told him that he needed to implement the plan and that he should hire her. During her time as Director of the Area Agency on Aging, Ms. Chadwick acted as a national and state leader in aging services. She was instrumental in the development of the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the Kentucky Association for Gerontology, and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Ms. Chadwick served on committees, advisory councils and boards throughout the aging network. She chaired the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging conference planning committee several times and was known to put on a fabulous conference. She has been spoken of as a “mentor” to many professionals across the southeast and the nation.

After her retirement Peggy stayed active on the planning committee for the Senior Emergency Medicine Program at the Fayette County Senior Center, organized trips for the seniors and served on the Bluegrass Aging Council.

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Peggy's family eulogized her as a person who like pretty things, loved bright colors, lived large and loved to throw parties where there was always enough food to serve an army! Memorial services were held Wednesday, July 1, 2009 in the chapel of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home on Harrodsburg Road in Lexington.

#### **BROADBAND GRANTS AVAILABLE**

The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) of the Department of Agriculture, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the Department of Commerce announce general policy and application procedures for broadband initiatives established pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Through the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP), RUS will make loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. NTIA is establishing the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) which makes available grants for deploying broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas in the United States, enhancing broadband capacity at public computer centers, and promoting sustainable broadband adoption projects.

**Applications will be accepted between 8:00 a.m. Eastern time, July 14, 2009, until 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, August 14, 2009.**

**The application packages for electronic and paper submissions will be available online at: <http://www.broadbandusa.gov>.**

The Recovery Act expands RUS's existing authority to make loans and provides new authority to make grants for the purpose of facilitating broadband deployment in rural communities. Specifically, the Recovery Act requires that 75 percent of a funded area be in a rural area that lacks sufficient access to high speed broadband service to facilitate economic development. Under BIP, RUS will award grants, loans, and loan/grant combinations for broadband infrastructure. Grants under BIP are to be used to fund applications proposing to exclusively serve remote, unserved, rural areas. BIP loan and loan/grant combination funds are to be used to provide funding to applications proposing to serve non-remote and underserved rural areas.

The Recovery Act provides \$4.7 billion to NTIA for BTOP, to be awarded by September 30, 2010. Of this amount, at least \$200 million will be made available for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity. In addition, at least \$250 million will be available for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband services. Up to \$350 million is available from the Recovery Act to fund the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program authorized

by the Broadband Data Improvement Act and to support the development and maintenance of a nationwide broadband map for use by policymakers and consumers. A forthcoming Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will outline policies and procedures for the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program.

If you have any questions concerning technical or mapping assistance related to this process please contact Shane New at shanen@bgadd.org.

## **AREA AGENCY ON AGING SPONSORS 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BOOMER AND SENIOR GAMES IN BERIA**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 12, 2009 for the Berea College and Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living's 2nd Annual Bluegrass Regional Boomer and Senior Games from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Berea College's Seabury Athletic Center will be the location for most of the competitions to be held for persons who are fifty years old and over. Registration forms and more information can be found at [www.berea.edu/peh](http://www.berea.edu/peh). The cost for athletes will be \$15.00, which includes all competitions (except golf), T-shirts, lunch with entertainment and medals for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in each age division. Athletic events will include: badminton, basketball, cycling, golf, racquetball, swimming, track & field, tennis, and a 5 K run, which will begin at the Berea Artisan Center.

As part of the Bluegrass Regional Boomer and Senior Games, all athletes, spectators and any other interested persons are asked to enter their best art and/or crafts in the "Art at the Games" exhibit. First, second and third place "best of show" will be selected by a panel of independent judges and awarded ribbons in each medium of art work. There will be no fee to enter your art work or crafts.

The Battlefield Golf Course will be the venue for all men and women's golf competitions beginning with a shotgun start for 18 holes of golf at 1:00 p.m. Greens fees (which also include a cart) are payable at the Battlefield course and will be \$25.00 in addition to the \$15.00 registration fee at Seabury registration. Medals will be presented after all competitors entered complete each sporting event.

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Mark the date of Sept. 12, 2009 on your calendar and come enjoy the Second Annual Bluegrass Regional Boomer and Senior Games in beautiful and historic Berea, KY.

### **NEW TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS OFFERED BY ADD**

Letters were recently sent to local officials advising them of the ADD's new training program. The ADD will begin offering supervisory and management training programs at no cost to department heads and other leaders in county and city governments. The objective is to equip supervisors and managers with the skills to better serve their communities. The training will be limited to one-half day and conducted quarterly so as not to burden local governments with too much time away from the job. Efforts will be made to get this training accepted by the Department of Local Government as a certification program.

Additionally, the ADD will offer training to Clerks, Treasurers and other Human Resources staff members on such topics as FMLA, COBRA, Wage and Hour Regulations and Health Insurance. These seminars will be held as needed in four-hour increments.

ADD staff is excited about this opportunity and hopes local governments will take advantage of these training programs. The first training program will focus on reasonable suspicion alcohol and drug testing and harassment policies. Many counties and cities have adopted a drug and alcohol policy and many of those policies require that supervisors and other officials be trained annually in this area. (The date of this program will follow in the mail shortly.)

Local officials are encouraged to offer suggestions on other training topics for this new program. For more information, please contact Bob Casher at the ADD office, or [bcasher@bgadd.org](mailto:bcasher@bgadd.org).

### **BOYLE/LINCOLN COUNTY HUD BLOCK GRANT APPROVED FOR THE PHYLLEN VILLAGE-AIRPORT ROAD SEWER PROJECT**

It is not every day that a rural subdivision is neatly bisected by a county line, but that is the circumstance for the Phyllen Village-Airport Road area of Boyle and Lincoln Counties. Exactly half of the 174 would-be sewer customers live in each county.

Lot sizes are small and soil types are not conducive to septic tank sewage disposal systems. The outcome is predictable as raw sewage often coats the ground and works its way to drainage

ways and to then to neighboring creeks and waterways. Nuisance conditions are as prevalent as are public health problems.

And so it was that the judge-executives of Boyle and Lincoln County chose to work with the City of Danville and Junction City in an attempt to bring sanitary sewers to this unincorporated area of southern Boyle County and northwestern Lincoln County.

Funding for the sewer project, carrying an estimated cost of almost \$3.2 million, has now been approved by the first federal source of project financing as Department for Local Government Commissioner Tony Wilder announced the approval of a \$1.3 million HUD Community Development Block Grant for the project. Other project funding sources are pending, but the prospects for full project funding appear to be bright. The project funding package is expected to be as follows:

Boyle County Fiscal Court.....	\$10,000*
Lincoln County Fiscal Court` .....	10,000*
HUD Community Development Block Grant .....	1,300,000*
KIA Grant through the General Assembly .....	300,000*
Rural Development Loan.....	645,000
Rural Development Grant .....	429,000
Appalachian Regional Commission Grant.....	500,000
Total .....	\$3,194,000

\*indicates funds committed

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

**WATER/WASTEWATER RATE BOOK UPDATED, RE-PUBLISHED**

The 2008 *Rate Book*, so useful to public policymakers, agency staff and others, has been revised and updated. The first copies of the 2009 Rate Book were distributed at the Bluegrass Water Management Council Meeting on July 31. New tabulations appear in the useful publication this year. Among the types of information gathered are the following:

- Comparative water rates (inside-city and outside-city) for the region’s larger cities
- Comparative water rates (inside-city and outside-city) for smaller cities
- Comparative water rates for rural and suburban (non-municipal) water utilities
- Water tap-on fees

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- Data on utilities purchasing water for resale
- Comparative wastewater rates (inside-city and outside-city) for larger cities
- Comparative wastewater rates (inside city and outside-city) for smaller cities and non-municipal wastewater utilities
- Data on utilities purchasing wastewater treatment service
- Sewer tap-on fees
- Water/wastewater customer numbers by utility and by county
- Community water-unserved areas by county
- Community wastewater-unserved areas by county
- Fire protection gradings
- Population estimates for counties
- Population estimates for cities
- Tax rate information by taxing district

Attempting to gather and tabulate such data is quite an undertaking. Thanks go to the region's water and wastewater utilities for their cooperation in the data collection effort. It seems as if rates for one utility or another change with rapidity, so care is urged in the application of the information about rates. The ADD's 2009 *Rate Book* is also available online at <http://www.bgadd.org/RateBook/Ratebook.htm>

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

#### **WILMORE-NICHOLASVILLE-JESSAMINE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROGRESSING**

Jessamine County's Joint Comprehensive Plan process is nearing completion of an important element -- the first Land Use Map for the entire county. In May and July of 2009, residents and other stakeholders were provided the opportunity to submit input about land uses in Jessamine County at four public meetings. These meetings provided a venue to contribute thoughts about the current and future direction of land uses throughout the County. Input was gathered through open dialogue, hand written comments on draft land use maps and direct correspondence with ADD planning staff. The information and suggested changes were then compiled for presentation and discussion at Update Committee meetings.

Update Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Jessamine County Board of Education building. The meetings are open to all Jessamine County residents and other interested parties. For further information please contact Beth Jones at [bjones@bgadd.org](mailto:bjones@bgadd.org).

**HARRODSBURG/MERCER COUNTY QUALIFY TO  
SUBMIT BLOCK GRANT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
APPLICATIONS FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
EXPANSION PROJECT**

As those who have participated in the undertaking of an income level survey to determine the HUD-Community Development Block Grant application eligibility status for a project can attest, the work of knocking on doors and asking questions is probably not the world's best job. Nevertheless, if income numbers available from the US Census do not make the case for grant eligibility, the laborious door-to-door survey method is the alternative. City of Harrodsburg staff, working in concert with folks from the leadership teams of the City of Burgin, the North Mercer Water District, and the Lake Village Water Association completed—in mid-July—an attempt to contact 575 randomly-selected households who are the beneficiaries of the product produced by the Harrodsburg municipal water treatment plant.

Published income data suggested that household incomes within the area of project benefit just missed the minimum threshold of benefit to persons at least 51.0 percent of whom are of low and moderate income. And so it was that local leaders from these Mercer County cities and water utilities set out to prove that the current conditions are not quite as rosy as those painted by the Census income information. Of the 575 households where contacts were attempted, 439 complete and valid survey responses were obtained that indicated that 52.7 percent of the residents within the geographic area of benefit were of low and moderate income. This advantageous result allows Harrodsburg and Mercer County to advance to the next step in the HUD CDB grant application process.

The proposed project, the expansion of the Harrodsburg water treatment plant from its present rated capacity of 4.0 million gallons per day (MGD) to a new and larger capacity of 6.0 MGD, is expected to cost about \$13 million. Because the project benefits not only the residents of the City of Harrodsburg, but all residents of Mercer County (together with some residents in Washington, Boyle, and Anderson County), the Department for Local Government has granted Harrodsburg and Mercer County permission to develop a multi-jurisdictional grant application.

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When a request for the development of a multi-jurisdictional application was approved, the opportunity presented itself to double the grant request to \$2 million or 50 percent of the project cost—whichever is less. Therefore, for a project carrying an estimated cost of \$13 million, the HUD CDB grant request can advance to \$2 million. Harrodsburg is also working with USDA's Rural Development which also expects to entertain an application seeking RD grant and loan assistance.

The next step in the process is the holding of a public hearing for the purposes of the HUD Block Grant application and for the Rural Development application. That public hearing is set for Tuesday evening, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Harrodsburg's City Hall.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

#### **ANDERSON COUNTY SENIOR CENTER HONORS VETERANS**

The Anderson County Senior Center honored our veterans at the center on Monday, July 6, 2009. All Veterans age 60 and over were invited to a recognition service. Jana Halvorson, age 8, whose father served in Iraq, opened the ceremony singing the National Anthem. Following that, our oldest WW II veteran led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Each veteran was given the opportunity to tell where he/she served and to share any stories or thoughts relating to their service. Some family members and/or widows told of their feelings when their soldiers were away. Sharing with others solidified our bonds as Americans. The sharing time was followed by a cookout with 84 in attendance.

For information about activities at the Anderson County Senior Center call (502) 839-7520 or drop by the center Monday – Friday at 160 Township Square in Lawrenceburg.

(Submitted by Opal Phillips)

#### **BESHEAR ANNOUNCES \$21 MILLION FOR DISCRETIONARY COUNTY ROAD USE**

Gov. Steve Beshear announced [on July 16] 20 percent -- about \$21 million -- of the Rural Secondary Fund will be set aside for possible use on local roads that counties have identified as priorities.

Under the Governor's initiative, the \$21 million in set-aside funds can be used on either county roads or state rural secondary routes. Fiscal courts will be invited to set project priorities. The Department of Highways will evaluate the project list. Once the

department concurs, individual projects will be approved and funding will be made available. During the Brown Administration, the law was changed to allow the use of Rural Secondary funds on county roads.

Speaking at a meeting of the Kentucky County Judge-Executives Association and the Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association, Beshear said the projected \$239 million shortfall in the Kentucky Road Fund this year limits the state's ability to assist counties. "We have great needs in the state rural secondary road system," said Beshear, "but we recognize you may have even greater needs on your county roads. This is to give you some flexibility in addressing the road needs in your counties."

Beshear recently announced that the Transportation Cabinet, using construction contingency funds, would cover the cost of ice storm debris removal that cities and counties ordinarily would have been required to shoulder.

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## **CITY POPULATION ESTIMATES RELEASED BY CENSUS BUREAU**

On July 1, the U.S. Census released its population estimates for incorporated places, as of July 1, 2008. Looking at the data for Bluegrass ADD cities, shown in the table below, it can be seen that eight cities grew by at least 10 percent since the 2000 Census. Half of those cities had growth rates in excess of 20 percent. On the other hand, nine cities have apparently lost population during the same period.

Earlier this year, the Census Bureau released its estimates of county populations. Only two ADD counties were found to have lost population since the last Census. Only two of the nine cities with population losses were in one of those counties which also lost. Therefore, it can be inferred that at least seven of the Bluegrass cities that lost population did so to unincorporated areas of their respective counties.

The complete Census estimates for all Kentucky cities (from which the data on this table was taken) can be found online at:

<http://www.census.gov/popest/cities/files/SUB-EST2008-21.csv>

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NAME	2000	7/1/2008	DIFFERENCE	RATE OF	STATEWIDE	BGADD
	CENSUS	ESTIMATE		GROWTH/LOSS	RANK	RANK
Berea	9,851	14,431	4,580	46.5%	8	1
Nicholasville	19,680	26,444	6,764	34.4%	14	2
Sadieville	263	319	56	21.3%	27	3
Richmond	27,152	32,895	5,743	21.2%	28	4
Stamping Ground	566	678	112	19.8%	32	5
Georgetown	18,080	21,589	3,509	19.4%	36	6
Lancaster	3,734	4,403	669	17.9%	40	7
Lawrenceburg	9,014	9,978	964	10.7%	85	8
Lexington-Fayette Urban Co.	260,512	282,114	21,602	8.3%	122	9
Carlisle	1,917	2,074	157	8.2%	125	10
Eubank	358	376	18	5.0%	178	11
Clay City	1,303	1,358	55	4.2%	190	12
Versailles	7,511	7,828	317	4.2%	191	13
Stanton	3,029	3,149	120	4.0%	197	14
Millersburg	842	865	23	2.7%	222	15
Harrodsburg	8,014	8,192	178	2.2%	228	16
Wilmore	5,905	6,004	99	1.7%	235	17
Crab Orchard	842	853	11	1.3%	239	18
Junction City	2,184	2,211	27	1.2%	241	19
Burgin	874	884	10	1.1%	244	20
Paris	9,183	9,286	103	1.1%	246	21
Hustonsville	347	350	3	0.9%	248	22
Cynthiana	6,258	6,283	25	0.4%	259	23
Danville	15,477	15,524	47	0.3%	262	24
Perryville	763	759	-4	-0.5%	281	25
Winchester	16,724	16,598	-126	-0.8%	285	26
Stanford	3,430	3,399	-31	-0.9%	286	27
Berry	310	307	-3	-1.0%	288	28
Midway	1,620	1,604	-16	-1.0%	290	29
North Middletown	562	556	-6	-1.1%	293	30
Frankfort	27,741	27,322	-419	-1.5%	303	31
Ravenna	693	670	-23	-3.3%	345	32
Irvine	2,843	2,666	-177	-6.2%	380	33

Data Source: U. S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/popest/cities/files/SUB-EST2008-21.csv>

## **CLAY CITY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT ADVERTISED FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS**

The rehabilitation of manholes, sewage pumping stations, and sewer lines is a part of the preparatory effort upon which the City of Clay City has embarked—to prepare its sewer system to be a part of the regional wastewater system effort sponsored by the Red River Wastewater Authority (RRWA). When the regional wastewater treatment plant is completed, both Clay City and Stanton will be purchasing wastewater treatment services from the RRWA. That means that each gallon of extraneous water (from infiltration and/or inflow into the sanitary sewer system) will have to be paid for.

Clay City expects to receive construction bids on its sewer rehabilitation effort in early August. For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

## **HHS AND VA TO DEVELOP A NATIONWIDE PROGRAM TO HELP OLDER AMERICANS AND VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES REMAIN INDEPENDENT IN THE COMMUNITY**

On Thursday, June 4, 2009 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Eric Shinseki announced a landmark collaboration to help the families of older Americans and veterans with disabilities of all ages care for their loved ones in the community. This partnership builds on the similar missions of HHS and the VA with regard to caring for the populations they serve and has as its ultimate goal a nationwide home and community-based long-term care support program to serve older Americans and veterans of all ages.

“This HHS-VA initiative combines the hands-on experience and skills of HHS’ national network of aging and community-based organizations with the commitment and resources of VA’s Veterans Health Administration to provide more people, including our nation’s veterans with additional opportunities to remain independent,” said HHS Secretary Sebelius. “Through this collaboration, many adults and veterans who would have previously been placed in nursing homes will be able to remain with their loved ones. This is another significant way America can recognize and care for the individuals who have cared for us.”

HHS and VA are making \$10 million in funding available to bring this initiative to 20 states. This partnership will implement the Veteran Directed Home & Community Based Service (VDHCBS) program through HHS’ aging and human services

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network, in coordination with the Administration on Aging's (AoA) Community Living Program (CLP) which helps the family caregivers of individuals with ongoing need to keep their loved ones at home. Both programs allow participants to direct their own care, including having control over the types of services they receive and the manner in which they are provided. This includes the option of hiring their neighbors, friends and even some family members, to provide needed services.

"This collaboration provides an opportunity to serve our nation's veterans by offering more long-term care, more choices and control over decisions, and by helping veterans to remain in their homes, supported by family and community," said VA Secretary Eric Shinseki.

HHS' national network of aging and community based organizations will work in close collaboration with the VA Medical Centers across the country to continue to develop and expand VDHCBs for veterans. The CLP, led by AoA, will help states and communities to assist individuals who are at risk of nursing home placement but who are not Medicaid eligible to remain at home.

#### **STANTON RECEIVES CONSTRUCTION BIDS ON WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

After no small period of delay, Stanton has received construction bids on a new 600,000 gallon water storage tank together with new water lines for the municipal water system. HUD Block Grant funds, together with a General Assembly appropriation through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, have permitted the water system project to advance to the bidding stage. The construction bids came in within the funds available, and it is hoped that the construction contract can be executed at an early date so that the construction project may commence.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

#### **WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETS TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT WATER ISSUES**

The ADD conference room was full and overflowing on July 31 as the Bluegrass Water Management Council held its quarterly meeting. In addition to routine business such as tending to new and amended project profiles and filling vacancies on the Council's Executive Committee, the Council viewed with interest a video entitled *Liquid Assets: The Story of Our Water Infrastructure*. The video was direct and to the point in its conclusion that our water infrastructure is "in a heap of trouble." The video not only discussed drinking water, it also included the issues that relate to storm water and to wastewater as well. Some public

policymakers in attendance who thought that perhaps their personal and professional lives were not so much affected by water infrastructure concluded differently after viewing the video. While it is apparent that water is essential to life, it is just becoming clear as to the degree of difficulty Americans face with the water infrastructure dilemma.

Following the video was an informative panel discussion by four knowledgeable leaders in the water industry who reflected on the message of the video, in particular how their own professional careers relate to the water infrastructure dilemma. Panel speakers were John Covington, Executive Director of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority; Shafiq Amawi, Manager of the Water Infrastructure Branch for the Kentucky Division of Water; Charles Martin, LFUCG Director Water and Air Quality; and Lance Williams, Director of Engineering for the Kentucky-American Water Company.

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

## **WEAPONS DISPOSAL AT BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT TARGETED TO BE THE NATION'S LAST TO GO**

The timeline for ultimate destruction of the weapons of mass destruction stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot has forever been a moving target. First, it's on; then, it's off. It has been that way for longer than a decade. Now comes word that the Kentucky weapons storage site will be the nation's only site to miss a 2017 deadline imposed by Congress for the destruction of deadly munitions. Under the new estimated timeline, destruction will commence in 2019 and finish in 2021.

The Blue Grass storage site is home not only to deadly mustard gas (of World War I fame) but also to the even more deadly VX and GB weapons. All these weapons are of World War II vintage. Although there was general disappointment that the Congressional deadline will be missed for Kentucky, many hold out hope that the new schedule is achievable.

## **"PROJECT 2020" BUILDS ON THE PROMISE OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES**

The National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA) and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a), conscious of the financial pressures facing states and the federal government, have developed a coordinated national long-term care strategy that will generate savings in Medicaid and Medicare at the federal and state levels while enabling older adults and individuals with disabilities to get the support they

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need to successfully age where they want—in their own home and community.

The three-pronged elements of “Project 2020,” also introduced as S. 1257/H.R. 2852, include:

1. Person-Centered Access to Information
2. Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
3. Enhanced Nursing Home Diversion Services

For the long-term care strategies and solutions proposed, n4a and NASUA are seeking funding to support federal outlays of \$2.5 billion over the next five years to be administered through the Aging Services Network of State and Area Agencies on Aging.

For consumers, this program will empower individuals to make informed decisions and to better conserve and extend their own resources using lower cost evidence-based programs, including consumer-directed options for care in the community. According to initial estimates, the program has the potential to reach over 40 million Americans and will reduce federal Medicaid and Medicare costs by approximately \$2.8 billion over the first five years of the initial investment requested, resulting in a net savings to the federal government of nearly \$250 million.

The program would also generate significant savings for state governments. Financial performance is expected to improve in years five through ten of the program, as all systems reach full scale operation nationally, with the net federal savings over ten years reaching over \$1.1 billion. For additional information contact:

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## GARRARD COUNTY RECEIVES GRANT TO ENHANCE ITS RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Garrard County Fiscal Court has been awarded a grant of \$49,679 from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. The grant will permit the county to purchase new equipment for the county’s growing recycling program and will improve existing services as well as the efficiency of those services, according to County Solid Waste Coordinator Chris Thomason. According to

Thomason, "Recycling has increased dramatically thanks to the popular curbside pickup service and to the collection points in Bryantsville and Paint Lick."

## **YOU CAN HELP YOUR LOVED ONE SAVE ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS**

Many people are still not aware that the Social Security Administration offers extra help to pay for Medicare prescription drug plans, also known as Medicare Part D. This extra help can pay for prescription drug costs, monthly premiums, and annual deductibles associated with the Medicare prescription drug benefit. The Extra Help benefit is worth an average of \$3,900 per year. Many people qualify for these big savings and don't even know it. It is estimated that over 45,000 Kentuckians qualify for this type of assistance but have not applied to receive it.

Also, original Medicare's cost-sharing requirements (which include monthly premiums, annual deductibles and co-insurance amounts) are significant and create barriers to health care for many Medicare beneficiaries, especially those with low incomes. In 2004, it was estimated that nearly 40 percent of people with Medicare, or 16 million people, have incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. For these beneficiaries, Medicare Savings Programs offer relief from some or all of the Medicare cost sharing. Those receiving a Medicare Savings Program benefit will save no less than \$1,156 per year. However, the savings are far more for those who receive help with paying for their Medicare Parts A & B deductibles and co-insurance amounts.

By receiving both the Extra Help and Medicare Savings Program benefits, individuals can save thousands of dollars each year. To apply for the Extra Help benefit, please call your local Bluegrass State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for assistance. Your local SHIP can also help with the Medicare Prescription drug benefit, other issues relating to Medicare and will screen to see if you are taking advantage of all government programs available to you. For assistance please call, 1-866-516-3051.

## **KENTUCKY RIVER DAM 9 CONSTRUCTION NEARING COMPLETION**

The new dam on the Kentucky River near Valley View may not be a thing of beauty, but it will have the structural integrity to hold Pool 9 of the Kentucky River in place. The new dam, the construction of a series of what has the appearance of linked cofferdams, is expected to be completed by the end of October. The dam is to be owned and maintained by the Kentucky River Authority. Pool 9 is the river pool utilized by Kentucky American

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Water Company as its primary water source. Loss of that particular pool could have been catastrophic for the Lexington metropolitan area. The new dam was constructed immediately upstream of the old Dam 9 which was nearing 100 years of age.

#### **BLUEGRASS PRIDE, CITY OF LEXINGTON PARTNER TO REDUCE CIGARETTE LITTER**

Increased disposal of cigarette butts is the goal of a partnership between the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and Bluegrass PRIDE. The environmental nonprofit has distributed more than 20 painted receptacles, decorated by school groups and local artists, to businesses throughout Lexington. As part of the effort to reduce cigarette litter in Lexington, Bluegrass PRIDE has purchased pocket ashtrays, small containers designed to safely hold cigarette butts until they can be permanently and responsibly disposed. The ashtrays are funded by LFUCG and are available for pickup at PRIDE's office. To learn more about the decorated receptacles or to begin working on this program in your own community, contact Bluegrass PRIDE at 866-222-1648.

#### **DCED HOLDS DEPARTMENT PICNIC**

On May 14, the Department for Community and Economic Development (DCED) dodged a few spring showers to hold its second annual departmental picnic. The picnic was hosted by Don and Pat Hassall and was used as an opportunity for staff members to retreat from the office environment to a



more relaxed atmosphere to enjoy some fellowship, food, training, and reflect on the past year's accomplishments.

Reflecting back on the past year, there are several noteworthy accomplishments with which DCED has had the privilege to be associated. At the top of this list, for the first time in two decades DCED completed a Regional Study and held a Regional Summit. The study was completed in cooperation with the Economic Development Administration, entitled "An Analysis of the Economic Clusters in the Bluegrass Areas Development District".

A copy of the study can be obtained in the lobby of the ADD office or can be found at the following link: <http://www.bgadd.org/pdf/ClusterStudy.pdf>

In addition to this study, DCED also hosted the Solid Waste Summit. (A complete description of the summit's activities can be found in the previous edition of the Bluegrass *ADD-Vantage*.) Both this study and the summit have helped DCED be more proactive in the planning and provision of our services to the region.

The list of accomplishments, reports, grant applications, studies and community support is almost too long to list in a single article. However, the following significant accomplishments rise to the top. DCED helped establish one of the first multi-jurisdictional wastewater authorities in the state with the creation of the Red River Wastewater Authority in Powell County. The department has also completed Leadership Programs, Tourism Plans, Signage Studies, Annexation Studies, Utility Rate Studies, Personnel Policy Studies, Comprehensive Plans, and grant applications ranging from Neighborhood Stabilization, Brownfields, Hazard Mitigation, FEMA, and Community Development Block Grants.

The afternoon culminated with a staff training conducted by Bob Casher. Bob provided an interactive discussion on Leadership Development. The department discussed the ability to grow into leadership traits, Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, and five specific management styles identified by Douglas Stewart. Bob has been a student of leadership principles for over 25 years and is also conducting informal training at the ADD. (See a related article in this issue on the new training program being offered.)

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM RECEIVES INCREASE**

Kentucky's historic preservation effort was given a boost as Governor Beshear signed House Bill 3 in early July. The bill allows for an increase in the state tax credit for historic building preservation from \$3 million to \$5 million per year. The tax credit program is designed for interested individuals and organizations to receive a dollar for dollar tax credit for historic preservation of buildings as a part of Main Street Revitalization efforts. Eligible structures must be at least 50 years old, on the National Historic Register and income producing.

Coincidentally, the ADD's Tourism, Historic Preservation and Recreation Advisory Committee (THRAC) had a presentation on the Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit program at the bi-monthly meeting held in May. Representatives from the Kentucky Heritage Council outlined guidelines and eligibility to receive the credits. THRAC is comprised of appointees from the Bluegrass Region who serve a one-year term. Typical presentation topics

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at the meetings range from the Equestrian Games promotion to Stone Fence Conservation in the Bluegrass Region.

For more information on the tax credit program visit [www.heritage.ky.gov](http://www.heritage.ky.gov)

For more information on Tourism, Historic Preservation and Recreation Advisory Committee contact [mgabhart@bgadd.org](mailto:mgabhart@bgadd.org)

#### **“NON-STOP PLANNING” – AN IDEA**

It has been said that a Planning Commissions spend five years defending very expensive Comprehensive Plans only to begin (again) the process to improve them from scratch.

The Planning Division of the Bluegrass ADD is giving some consideration to spreading out this Update process by engaging communities to tackle one or more of the required elements of the Comprehensive Plan in each of five consecutive years. It’s an idea that could capture ongoing public participation and stimulate a continuity of vision while apportioning the total investment in smaller increments over the life cycle of the Plan.

“Non-stop planning” could look something like this:

- Year One: Vision Statement/Statement of Goals and Objectives \*
- Year Two: Base Study \*
- Year Three: Land Use Plan \*
- Year Four: Community Facilities Element \*
- Year Five: Transportation Element \*

\* Any Year Alternative and/or Additional Elements

If this idea sounds interesting, please contact Dal Harper ([Dharper@bgadd.org](mailto:Dharper@bgadd.org)) or at (859) 269-8021.

#### **INCOME SURVEY EFFORT UNDERWAY AT STANTON**

In order to seek to qualify the City of Stanton to be a participant with Clay City in a HUD Community Development Block Grant application on behalf of the Red River Wastewater Authority project, an income survey is being conducted of a randomly-selected segment of Stanton’s residential sewer customers.

Because of the number of sewer customers, it is necessary that 350 complete-in-every-way surveys be returned for compilation. If order to obtain the return of 350 complete surveys, it is necessary that the community oversample to accommodate for those householders who cannot be found at home or choose to decline to participate in the survey.

Chris Wells of the RCAP program at the Kentucky Association for Community Action is assisting Stanton Mayor Dale Allen and others at the Stanton City Office with the survey. At press time, the survey was about 70 percent complete. It is expected that the survey can be completed in August and that plans to seek HUD CDBG funds can proceed.

### **LEXINGTON ARBORIST TO ADDRESS ADD COMMITTEE**

Rob Allen, Lexington's arborist, has agreed to address the ADD's Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Advisory Committee when that committee meets next on Wednesday, August 12, beginning at 3:15 p.m. Mr. Allen will discuss Lexington's regulations concerning street trees (together with do's and don'ts). He is also expected to address the impending problem that this region expects with the ash borer. Many of the trees in Central Kentucky are ash trees, and the problems that could be caused by the decimation of those desirable trees are significant.

This and all such meetings of the ADD are open to the public.

### **PERRYVILLE CONSIDERS IMPLEMENTATION OF PAYROLL TAX**

The current downturn in the economy has governments in a pinch—no doubt about it. The pinch runs the gamut from states to counties to cities. Within the classification of cities, it reaches from the largest to the smallest. While Perryville is far from the ADD's smallest city, city leaders have combed and re-combed the budget looking for ways to make the likely municipal income cover the likely expenses. As Mayor Sleet and her Council have found out, no one wants municipal services cut, but no one wants to pay more for services either. Caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place, Perryville leaders have begun to discuss the implementation of a payroll tax.

Most Bluegrass ADD cities (Class 5 and larger) have payroll taxes; all but one Bluegrass ADD county have payroll taxes. Opponents of a payroll tax in Perryville point to the fact that since only a fraction of city residents actually work within the City of Perryville, the tax would fall disproportionately upon just the few. Perhaps they fail to recognize that those Perryville residents who work in Danville, Harrodsburg or elsewhere are probably already paying a payroll tax, but they are paying it elsewhere and are supporting some neighboring local government.

Assistance in local revenue enhancement and budgeting efforts is available from the ADD.

## **LEXINGTON CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WINS AWARD**

Michael Parker, an officer with Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Division of Code Enforcement has won the 2009 James E. Bickford Award, given to the law or code enforcement officer who issues the most citations for litter law violations throughout Bluegrass PRIDE's 18-county service area during a one-month period. Mr. Parker issued a total of 366 citations from April 15-May 15, 2009.

The James E. Bickford Award, named after one of the founders of Bluegrass PRIDE, was created to encourage increased enforcement of litter laws in Central Kentucky. This is the second year it has been presented.

## **LEXINGTON RECEIVES STORM WATER PERMIT FROM STATE GOVERNMENT**

In early July, it was announced that Lexington has received from the Kentucky Division of Water its storm water permit. The new permit is linked to the Consent Decree into which the Urban County Government is entering with the US Environmental Protection Agency.

"The state permit will support our efforts to establish local ordinances to clean our streams and to keep them clean," Mayor Newberry said in a statement. Storm water discharges to streams and waterways were not always regulated, but now they are. Often, storm water discharges can degrade a stream in ways not unlike the degradation seen from malfunctioning septic tank systems, wastewater treatment facilities, and construction sites.

The new state permit requires the city to create a program to reduce pollutants from entering into waterways. The recent passage of the storm water fee will permit the Urban County Government to have revenue bases from which to address some of the storm water issues (and discharges) that are troubling.

## **McCONNELL SPRINGS TO RECEIVE RUNOFF TREATMENT SYSTEM**

Lexington touts McConnell Springs as "where it all began." Nestled neatly in a light industrial area off Old Frankfort Pike, the Springs remain an unknown gem to many area residents. McConnell Springs is set to receive a bit more fame soon as a \$524,000 stormwater project is planned for the area. Some 60 percent of the project funds will come from the US Environmental Protection Agency with the remainder coming from the city.

“The project is an example of how we are trying to address our storm water and sanitary sewage that have long polluted our local springs,” said Mayor Newberry at a news conference called to announce the project.

Water that bubbles up at McConnell Springs comes from as much as two miles away—including parts of the west side of downtown Lexington. Water will be channeled through a large cage device at a pretreatment basin that will screen out larger debris like plastic bottles as well as yard and street trash. Water will then pass through three ponds and finally on to a wetland area. Like the water from the springs, the treated storm water runoff will go underground eventually, and will resurface in Preston’s Cave. From the cave, the water flows to Wolf Run Creek, then to Town Branch, then South Elkhorn Creek, and finally to the Kentucky River.

A boardwalk is to be built so visitors can watch the treatment process. Project sponsors expect that the storm water treatment system can serve as an outdoor classroom that can help to inform area residents about storm water pollution issues.

## **KENTUCKY AMERICAN WATER GRANTED RATE INCREASE**

When Kentucky American Water (KAWC) is granted an increase in its water rates, it generally sets in some motion movement in water rates in a larger region. Kentucky American is a wholesale water supplier to Midway, North Middletown, the Harrison County Water Association, and the Jessamine-South Elkhorn Water District. KAWC also retails water throughout most of Fayette County and in large areas of Bourbon County, Scott County, Woodford County, Harrison County, Clark County, and Owen County. The company’s most recent increase, approved in early June, amounts to about 18 percent.

Some are under the misimpression that this increase will allow KAWC to recover, through its rate structure, the \$162 million dollar expense of its still under-construction project at Pool 3 of the Kentucky River together with the 42-inch water transmission line that extends from Franklin County south and east through Scott County to northern Fayette County. However, as the company has said, that increase in its rates is yet to come—perhaps a year or more in the offing.

Kentucky American’s increase in water rates are reflected in the ADD’s recently published *Water and Sewer Rate Book*. (See news article elsewhere in this issue of the *Bluegrass ADD-Vantage*.)

For more information on water and sewer rate issues and impacts, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

## **KATHY J. GREENLEE SWORN IN AS U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AGING**

The Administration on Aging (AoA) announced that on Monday, June 29, 2009, Kathy J. Greenlee was sworn in by Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius. She was nominated by President Barack Obama on May 4, 2009 and was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate as the 4th Assistant Secretary for Aging at the Department of Health and Human Services on June 25, 2009.

Ms. Greenlee served as Kansas' Secretary of Aging, heading a cabinet-level agency whose mission is to promote the security, dignity and independence of Kansas seniors. KDOA is responsible for administration of Older Americans Act programs, distribution of Medicaid long-term care payments and regulation of nursing home licensure and survey processes. Greenlee had previously served as the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman in Kansas, as well as the state's Assistant Secretary of Aging, with the responsibilities of legislative liaison and chief budget officer.

As Assistant Secretary of Aging, Greenlee served as general counsel at the Kansas Insurance Department (KID). During her tenure at KID, she led the team of regulators who evaluated the proposed sale of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas. While there, she also oversaw the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas program, more commonly known as SHICK. That program is now part of the Department on Aging.

Kathy Greenlee recently served on the board of the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA). NASUA represents the nation's 56 officially designated state and territorial agencies on aging. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas with degrees in business administration and law.

Ms. Greenlee has vast experience advancing and promoting the health and independence of older Americans. The Administration asked that we join them in welcoming Kathy Greenlee to Washington.

## **KENTUCKY'S TOP DEMOGRAPHER STEPS DOWN**

Ron Crouch had just about become a household word—because it was he who, for longer than two decades, had informed Kentuckians about trends in population, education, employment, and income. The Crouch era has come to an end, however, as Mr. Crouch has retired. He had been the executive director of the Kentucky State Data Center at the University of Louisville and was much sought after as a speaker before various groups. In fact, he had addressed meetings at the Bluegrass ADD.

It will be up to others now to look at the demographic numbers and to interpret their meanings and the predicted trends.

### **LANCASTER MOVES TO OUTSOURCE ITS GARBAGE SERVICE**

For many years, nearly every time it became necessary to raise the rates for garbage service in Lancaster, talk of outsourcing the service came up. And every time, after long discussions and deliberations, it was decided to keep the service in municipal hands.

But not this time. The decision was painful perhaps, but the decision nevertheless has been made. The Lancaster City Council has acted to award the municipal franchise for garbage service to a private-sector hauler. New rates to be offered by the out-of-town hauler will be lower than the city could have offered, and the rates are locked in for a period of time.

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

### **FRANKFORT TO EXPAND RECYCLING SERVICES**

Frankfort will receive a \$29,000 grant from Bluegrass PRIDE to beef up its solid waste recycling services. The program is designed to reduce the amount of solid waste going to landfills and to sustain the environmental management of hazardous waste from homes--including electronic scrap and mercury.

### **HYDROELECTRIC POWER IN THE BLUEGRASS?**

Yes, indeed. The 1928-vintage hydroelectric plant that was formerly operated by Kentucky Utilities at Kentucky River Lock and Dam 7 is active again. The hydro plant had not been used by KU in six years when it was sold in late 2005 to a group called Lock 7 Hydro Partners LLC. Hydro Partners is a partnership between Shaker Landing Hydro Associates, Inc. and Salt River Electric, a cooperative based in Bardstown. The hydro plant is connected to the Kentucky Utilities grid near Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill. The plant can generate electricity for nearly 2,000 homes. The electricity generated at the Lock and Dam 7 facility is only about one-half of one percent of the electricity that Salt River Electric provides, but the owners say that the effort is still worthwhile.

Customers who voluntarily participate in KU's or LG&E's "Green Energy" program help to expand the growth of renewable energy serving Kentucky. Because renewable energy is more expensive to generate than burning coal, customers can voluntarily help supplement the cost difference by paying a little more on their bills.

### **VERSAILLES TO CONSIDER ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT DISINFECTION AT ITS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The Versailles City Council is considering a change that would impact how that city's wastewater treatment plant disinfects its treated water effluent before it is discharged to Glenss Creek. The change involves the substitution of ultraviolet light disinfection in lieu of chlorination. The use of UV disinfection for treated wastewater effluent is gaining increasing acceptance in Kentucky and prevents some of the safety issues inherent with the use of chlorine cylinders.

For more information, contact Bruce Southworth, Director of Public Works for the City of Versailles.

### **WAL-MART SET TO LEAD THE WAY WITH "GREEN" RATINGS**

As the world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart has unusual leverage when it chooses to make demands upon those who would supply goods for Wal-Mart to sell. When, in recent years, Wal-Mart acted to demand that suppliers reduce their packaging, that action rippled throughout the manufacturing and retail industries.

Now, Wal-Mart purports to quiz suppliers about the environmental measures used (or not used) in the manufacture of their products. The giant retailer proposes to ask suppliers 12 questions about such topics as water use and waste products generated in manufacture, in an attempt to gauge the "greenness" of the products that it sells. It may take several years, but eventually, Wal-Mart may actually post a rating on products that will allow consumers to make a judgment as to the relative environmental friendliness of products for sale.

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Executive Board	8/26 & 9/23 7:00 p.m.
Aging Council	8/12 & 9/9 10:00 a.m.
Homeland Security Council	8/26 1:00 p.m.
Human Services Committee	8/13 10:00 a.m.
Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Advisory Committee	8/12 3:15 p.m.
Regional Planning Council	9/2 4:00 p.m.
Regional Transportation Committee	9/14 1:30 p.m.
Tourism, Historic Preservation & Recreation Advisory Committee	9/8 10:00 a.m.



ALL meeting dates/times are subject to change.

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