

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES \$11.6 MILLION IN COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN THE BLUEGRASS

Governor Beshear has announced that \$11,628,070 has been approved to advance community projects in the Bluegrass ADD through three important federal funding programs – Transportation Enhancement (TE), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS).

“These projects will help revitalize and improve quality of life in neighborhoods throughout Kentucky,” Gov. Beshear said. “It’s particularly important to support community development projects when local governments are struggling in a harsh economic climate.

“Investing in these projects will not only improve infrastructure and improve the air we breathe—it will also pay dividends by providing jobs for Kentuckians,” Gov. Beshear said.

The funding is comprised of \$29 million for Transportation Enhancement projects, \$19.3 million for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality projects, and \$3.57 million for Safe Routes to Schools projects.

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RED RIVER WASTEWATER AUTHORITY EFFORT CONTINUES TO PROGRESS

Efforts to achieve economies of scale through interlocal cooperation in Powell County are drawing approving looks from numbers of state and federal agencies. Earlier this year, Stanton, Clay City, and the Powell County Fiscal Court each acted to create, by interlocal cooperation agreement, a new entity that would own and operate the wastewater treatment facilities to serve both Stanton and Clay City. At that time, the Red River Wastewater Authority (RRWA) drew its first breath. Since then, incredible progress has been made in the direction of replacing two deficient municipal wastewater treatment plants with a

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single treatment facility to be owned and operated by the RRWA.

Within the last month, the RRWA has taken the following steps:

- Final engineering plans and specifications have been completed and have been submitted to the Kentucky Division of Water for review.
- Initial steps have been taken to obtain a wastewater discharge permit from the Division of Water. This requires a more significant effort than was first envisioned as qualitative and quantitative data are first going to have to be collected over several months at the wastewater treatment plants of Clay City and Stanton.
- The 2007 Stanton water project and the 2008 Clay City sewer project have both seen a construction start in recent weeks. It is imperative that the HUD CDB grants that have enabled these projects reach the 80 percent drawdown level by early December 2009 if Stanton and Clay City wish to apply jointly for new HUD CDB grant funding in the 2009 funding year cycle.
- Overtures have been made to Powell County's three representatives in the US Congress to inquire about the possibility of a congressional earmark.
- Overtures have been made to Powell County's state representative and state senator to inform each of the importance of early funding for this project. Partial funding by the 2010 General Assembly remains a possibility.
- A funding application has been filed with USDA's Rural Development.
- A funding preapplication has been submitted seeking supplemental grant funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission.
- A start has been made on a Program Year 2009 HUD Community Development Block Grant application, but the application cannot come to completion prior to the program year 2009 deadline unless two new HUD CDBG projects (one for Stanton; one for Clay City) can be expedited to the point the HUD grant funds can reach the 80 percent drawdown level quickly.
- Meetings have been conducted in Powell County seeking to establish the RRWA project as the single project that water and/or wastewater utilities wish to receive KIA funding consideration in the 2010 General Assembly.

The level of cooperation among the units of local government in Powell County and the other water/wastewater utilities has been unparalleled. It is apparent these local leaders understand and appreciate the fact that, for them, working together works.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

BLUEGRASS PRIDE/ARC GRANTS AVAILABLE

Bluegrass PRIDE is a non-profit organization that provides environmental resources and information to schools, community groups, local governments and citizens in Central Kentucky. Through a partnership with Congressman Ben Chandler and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), PRIDE will be providing resources (in the form of community, education and educator workshop grants) to local governments, schools and citizen groups to improve the quality of their environment. By offering a variety of grants, each of the PRIDE/ARC counties will be able to combine the needs and priorities of their county with an appropriate grant program.

Who is eligible?

Counties included in the ARC region are Montgomery, Madison, Clark, Garrard, Lincoln, Estill, and Powell. These counties are divided in to two groups: distressed and non-distressed. Counties designated as distressed include Lincoln, Estill, and Powell.

Is there a matching requirement?

In order to successfully obtain one of these grants, a percentage of expenses related to the grant-funded projects must be matched by the recipient. A 20% match will be required by grant recipients from counties designated as distressed and a 50% match will be required from all other ARC/PRIDE counties.

What is the timeframe?

All three types of grants have different periods of performance during the calendar year. Community Grant applications are due January 8, 2010, and awards will be announced the following March. Environmental Education Grant applications are due May 7, 2010, and awards will be announced in July. Environmental Educator Workshop Grant applications are due March 1, 2010, and awards will be announced in May. Community Grants and Educator Workshop Grants are to be completed with ten months of their announcement. Environmental Education Grants are to be completed within nine months of their announcement.

What activities are eligible for these grants?

-- Community Grant Program

Community Grants will be awarded to local governments and nonprofit groups to support innovative programs that will result in safer, cleaner, healthier waterways for the shared ARC/Bluegrass PRIDE counties. Community Grants will be available for the cleanup and restoration of illegal dumpsites, aquatic resource and habitat restoration, wetland construction and endless other projects determined to be feasible and necessary to assist PRIDE in abating local environmental issues. Grants up to \$20,000 will be awarded.

-- Education Grant Program

Grants will be awarded to schools, teachers, groups of teachers and other nonprofit education groups working within the elementary, secondary and post-secondary education systems for the advancement of environmental literacy and education projects. Examples of these projects include expansion or establishment of outdoor classrooms, water quality testing, storm drain painting, computer-based environmental education activities, and wildlife and aquatic habitat restoration and protection. Funds may also be used to purchase environmental models or other materials designed to enhance environmental literacy. Grants up to \$3,000 will be awarded. One grant, for \$10,000, will also be awarded.

-- Educator Workshop Grant Program

To further support the promotion and advancement of environmental education throughout the PRIDE service region, PRIDE will offer grants to support environmental education workshops. Attendees of the workshops may be formal or non-formal educators working in the Bluegrass PRIDE service region. The workshops may focus on general environmental education or they may facilitate interdisciplinary use of the environment as a learning tool within a school or school district. Grants up to \$2,000 will be awarded.

How can I find out more information about these grants?

To ensure the swift and successful completion of all grant procedures, a grants administrator will be available to aid in the development of projects and to provide assistance throughout the duration of each grant. Feel free to contact Gene Slusher at the Bluegrass PRIDE office, (866) 222-1648, for more details.

BLUEGRASS ADD INCREASES PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

As is normally done this time each year, the ADD's Public Administration Services staff has been busy recently assisting several communities in calculating their 2009 real and personal property tax rates. Staff also reviewed several other calculations for accuracy.

However, there are new areas of service to local governments that the ADD has begun to provide, in the areas of capital improvements planning and training. As an example of the former, staff have begun assisting Wilmore in the development of a 20-year Capital Improvements Plan. The plan, when completed, will be sent to the Kentucky Division of Water. Any other communities that need assistance in developing their 20-year plan may contact the ADD for assistance.

The first in an on-going series of supervisory and management training workshops for local governments, sponsored by the ADD, was held on September 16. The topics for the inaugural session were reasonable cause drug and alcohol testing and harassment. Many communities have a drug and alcohol policy in place, and many of those policies require annual training in reasonable cause testing. The ADD offered this training to local officials, administrators and department heads in an effort to assist them in meeting the requirements of their local ordinances. Future seminars will focus on communications, discipline, budgeting, managing multiple priorities and other topics of particular interest to the participants.

Human Resource training has been scheduled as well. On Thursday, October 15, the ADD will host a seminar on recent changes in State and Federal laws in such areas as COBRA, Family Medical Leave Act and Fair Labor Standards Act.

The ADD is providing these training sessions free of charge in an effort to better equip local decision makers with the tools for success. In these challenging times, the hope is to assist local governments in developing their staff to the fullest so that services can be delivered in the most efficient manner.

For further information on these training sessions, or Public Administration Services, please contact Bob Casher at the ADD office.

BURGIN MAY AGAIN CONSIDER A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

Bluegrass ADD has only two unsewered municipalities and Burgin is the larger of the two. While other Bluegrass Area cities have sought and gained community sanitary sewer systems

since the ADD was created in the early 1970s, Burgin never took that step with the resolve to see it through. The Mercer County municipality, home to 884 people according to the most recent published population estimates for cities, continues to function with septic tank wastewater disposal systems. Many building lots in Burgin are small; the ambient soils are limited in their ability to support septic tank systems; much of the geology is karst; and the end result is predictable. Failed and failing septic tank systems in Burgin keep the environmentalists at the Mercer County Health Department busy.

Over the years, the Burgin mayor and city council have considered the possibility of striving for a sanitary sewer system, but the estimated cost of such a system has always resulted in a decision of “Maybe we should just let things go along as they are for a while longer.”

The school (k-12), a restaurant, and another business are served by package treatment plants, but the homeowners and most commercial establishments have just had “to live with it” over the years. Every time sewers have been considered, the estimated cost has seemed even more out of reach than the time before. The rising inflationary cost of sewer system construction has long outpaced the overall inflation rate.

In 2009, however, a different attitude may prevail. The Mercer County Sanitation District was formed a few years ago and has just completed the construction of its initial project—the sewerage of the Bright Leaf area immediately south of Harrodsburg and west of US 127. The sanitation district is now looking at the possibility of seeking to bring a sanitary sewer system to Burgin, and eventually to the western lakefront areas along the shore of Lake Herrington. Even the Salvisa community, located in north central Mercer County, is included in the long-term plans of the sanitation district.

Obviously, the Mercer County Sanitation District cannot plan for sewers within the corporate limits of Burgin without the active permission and support of the Burgin City Council. At its September meeting, the Council adopted a resolution that could lead to a thorough vetting of the sanitary sewer system initiative. Bluegrass ADD is available to assist and advise if called upon.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

WILMORE’S MAYOR HAROLD RAINWATER AWARDED KLC’S “CITY OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR”

Wilmore’s Mayor Harold Rainwater received the “City Official of the Year” award from the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) at its Annual Conference & Expo in Covington on September 25.

The award honors “a city leader who innovates, excels and goes above and beyond to improve his or her community.”

Mayor Rainwater has been the mayor of Wilmore for the past 33 years. When he became mayor, he was Kentucky’s youngest mayor ever. He has overseen the development of Wilmore from a small country town, to a “still small” but progressive, vibrant and beautiful community.

Wilmore is a *Renaissance City*; it has award-winning water and wastewater treatment plants; and the city is renowned regionally for its festivals and celebrations, including the annual Ichthus Christian Music Festival. It has Kentucky’s first Veterans Center Nursing Home, and, with Asbury College, Asbury Theological Seminary, the award-winning Jessamine Early Learning Village, and Wilmore Elementary, is home to thriving educational institutions.

In his roles as Mayor and professor at Asbury College, Harold Rainwater has won national recognition and awards for public recreation and education. Mayor Rainwater’s leadership has been instrumental in “growing the town well.” The ADD community congratulates Mayor Rainwater for this prestigious recognition.

LINCOLN COUNTY, RICHMOND OFFICIALS RETIRE

Lincoln County Judge/Executive R. W. “Buckwheat” Gilbert retired at the end of September, having served in that position since 1998. He had held several positions on the ADD Board of Directors, most recently as past Chairman. The Governor must appoint a successor to fill out the remaining 15 months of the term of office.

Richmond City Manager David Evans has announced his retirement on October 31, after serving in that position since 1999. James Howard, executive director of the Richmond Industrial Development Corporation, has been named interim manager while a permanent replacement is being sought.

Congratulations to both on their retirement and thanks for their years of service.

HARRODSBURG/MERCER COUNTY SUBMIT HUD CDB GRANT APPLICATION TO EXPAND WATER TREATMENT PLANT

In late August, Harrodsburg and Mercer County submitted to the Department for Local Government a multijurisdictional application seeking \$2.0 million in HUD Block Grant funds to be applied to the expansion of Harrodsburg’s municipal water treatment plant. The project carries an estimated cost of \$13 million.

As proposed, the 4.0 million gallons per day (MGD) facility would be expanded to a 24-hour capacity of 6.0 MGD. The treatment plant serves not only the retail customers of the City of Harrodsburg but also the customers of the North Mercer Water District, the City of Burgin, and the Mercer County customers of the Lake Village Water Association. Through its wholesale water customers, Harrodsburg-produced drinking water is resold in parts of Washington County, Boyle County, and Anderson County in addition to Harrodsburg's home county of Mercer. Altogether, more than 10,000 customers (i.e., water accounts) utilize drinking water produced by the Harrodsburg water treatment plant.

Of the 22 drinking water treatments plants in the 17-county Bluegrass Region, Harrodsburg's treatment plant has been operating at the highest percent of capacity. For the 18-month period beginning January 1, 2008, water treatment plant operational records revealed the following:

- On 36 days, the water treatment plant operated 20.0-20.9 hours daily;
- On 18 days, the water treatment plant operated 21.0-21.9 hours daily;
- On 8 days, the water treatment plant operated 22.0-22.9 hours daily;
- On 2 days, the water treatment plant operated 23.0-23.9 hours daily;
- On 14 days, the water treatment plant operated continuously, i.e., 24 hours per day.

This type of performance is more than sufficient documentation for the Kentucky Division of Water to urge that Harrodsburg take early steps to deal with the capacity crunch at its water treatment plant.

Harrodsburg also is seeking financial assistance from USDA's Rural Development. Early conversations there suggest Harrodsburg would be looking for a \$2 million RD grant and a \$9 million RD long-term, low-interest loan.

For more information, contact Betsy Laski or Don Hassall at the ADD.

BLUEGRASS PRIDE TO OFFER GRANTS FOR BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

Thanks to funding from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Bluegrass PRIDE will be offering ten \$1,000 grants throughout its service area for beautification projects using native plants.

For further information on the grants and eligibility, visit www.bgPRIDE.org or contact Lauren Bennett at 866.222.1648 or Lauren@bgPRIDE.org.

BLUEGRASS REGIONAL BOOMER AND SENIOR GAMES HELD AT BEREA COLLEGE



Athletes from as far away as Ohio, Illinois and Tennessee came to Berea on September 12 to join competitors from Kentucky in the Second Annual Boomer and Senior Games. Athletic competitions were held in swimming, golf, track and field, cycling, tennis, racquetball, badminton and basketball. Competitors were required to be fifty years of age or over and competed against athletes in their own five-year age bracket for medals.

Sponsors of this year's games were the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging, Berea Parks and Recreation, Subway, St. Joseph Berea Hospital, Berea College and Caretenders Home Care. In conjunction with the athletic events, an art and crafts show was held with winners selected from 18 different categories of artwork.

During the afternoon break for lunch a demonstration from Body Recall was held in the Seabury Center gym that emphasized the wellness program and its benefits for everyone.

These games were sanctioned by the Kentucky Senior Games Association, which also sanctions the Kentucky State Senior Games. The State Senior Games were held in Paducah, September 30 - October 4, 2009.

STANTON WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MOVES TO CONSTRUCTION

Construction bids have been awarded and construction has commenced on the Stanton Water System Improvement project. The project involves the construction of a new 600,000-gallon water storage tank east of the city, the restoration and recoating of an existing 500,000-gallon water storage tank immediately south of the city, the decommissioning of three old and deficient water storage tanks, and the replacement of about a half mile of water line within the city.

The project is being undertaken with a \$750,000 HUD Community Development Block Grant, a \$675,000 KIA grant, and local funds making up the remainder of the \$1.5 million project. For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

REGIONAL PLANNING WEBPAGE

The Bluegrass Regional Planning Council (RPC) has recently created a webpage (http://www.bgadd.org/comm_RPC.htm) to house agendas, meeting minutes, and attendance sheets from meetings in Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009. RPC staff is seeking to make the webpage a more valuable resource for all parties interested in planning and zoning in Central Kentucky by including comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, and subdivision regulations from each of the 23 planning commissions within the Area Development District. It is the hope of staff that centralizing all of these documents might encourage the spread of planning concepts and ideas throughout the region.

For further information, please contact Kyle Scott, kscott@bgadd.org.

IRVINE/ESTILL SEWER PROJECT MOVES TOWARD CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT

Among water and wastewater projects in which the ADD has been involved over more than 35 years, the single project with perhaps one of the most complex financial packages is finally coming together. That would be the Irvine/Estill County wastewater project. The City of Irvine is set to reconstruct and expand its wastewater treatment plant as a 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD) facility (replacing a 0.6 MGD wastewater treatment plant). Another crucial part of the project is the planned decommissioning of the Estill County Water District's small wastewater treatment plant almost directly across the Kentucky River from the Irvine treatment plant. Collected wastewaters from the water district would be piped beneath the floor of the river north to the new Irvine treatment plant. Concurrently, more than 250 water customers of the Estill County Water District will receive first-time sanitary sewer service as a part of this multi-faceted project. The Irvine/Estill project has all of the earmarks of interlocal cooperation and coordination at its best. Local governmental units involved are the Estill County Fiscal Court, the City of Irvine, Irvine Municipal Utilities, and the Estill County Water District.

The funding package is as complex as it was difficult to bring together. Financial commitments of one sort or another have been received from the following:

Rural Development loan	\$4,577,000
Rural Development grant	2,000,000
HUD Community Development Block grant	2,000,000
Appalachian Regional Commission grant	650,000

EPA grant	1,350,000
Kentucky Infrastructure Authority grants	1,800,000
Economic Development Administration grant	1,500,000
EPA 604(b) grant	25,000
Total estimated project cost	\$13,902,000

Construction bids are expected to be received in late October.

Special recognition goes to Estill County Judge/Executive Wallace Taylor and his fiscal court, to Irvine Mayor Ernest Farmer and his city council, to Billy Williams and the members of the Irvine Utilities Commission, and to Greg Wright and the commissioners and staff of the Estill County Water District.

For more information, contact David Duttlinger at the ADD.

GARRARD COUNTY WATER LEADER DIES

Harold C. Ward, better know as “Coby” Ward, died September 7. Mr. Ward had been president of the Garrard County Water Association for 31 years and had presided over the development and the operation of this extremely large rural and suburban water utility. During his tenure, more than 300 miles of water lines were added to the water association’s far-flung water distribution system. The Garrard County Water Association (GCWA) presently serves 5,361 households. Not only does the GCWA provide water service in most of unincorporated Garrard County, it also serves customers in Lincoln and Madison Counties as well. Through in large part to Mr. Ward’s efforts, more than 98 percent of the householders in Garrard County have access to community water service today.

Also during Mr. Ward’s tenure, the Garrard County Water Association expanded its source of potable water supply to three sellers of wholesale water. Presently providing potable water to the GCWA (for resale) are the City of Lancaster, the City of Berea, and the City of Danville.

In 1995, the GCWA received the *Wooden Bucket* award from the Kentucky Rural Water Association. That particular award is presented annually to a single Kentucky water and/or wastewater utility that has made substantial and lasting improvements in providing high levels of customer service and high quality drinking and wastewater services in its community.

PHYLBEN VILLAGE-AIRPORT ROAD SEWER PROJECT IN BOYLE AND LINCOLN COUNTIES PROGRESSING TOWARD CONSTRUCTION START

The Environmental Assessment for the Phylben Village-Airport Road Sewer Project has been completed, and the Combined/Concurrent Notice to the Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds were advertised appropriately in the local newspaper in mid-September. Following a 15-day period for comments to the grantee and a subsequent 15-day period for comments to the Department for Local Government (DLG), DLG can give environmental clearance, pending receipt and approval of all required documents.

If the project stays on schedule, the project could be advertised for construction bids as early as late November, with construction starting in the spring. The project involves the construction of a new sanitary sewer collection and conveyance system to serve 170 residential customers and four commercial customers in the Phylben Village/Airport Road area of southern Boyle County/northwestern Lincoln County.

Project funding includes a \$1.3 million HUD Community Development Block Grant, a \$300,000 KIA grant, a \$500,000 ARC Grant, and \$10,000 in local funds from both Lincoln and Boyle Counties. Rural Development grant and loan funds in the amount of \$1,074,000 are pending awaiting environmental clearance. The ADD is administering the HUD and KIA funds.

For more information, contact Betsy Laski or Don Hassall at the ADD.

CLARK COUNTY GENERATION CENTER SITE OF FIRST CERTIFIED RAIN GARDEN IN COUNTY

In a collaborative community effort, the Generation Center in Winchester became the site of the first certified rain garden in the county. According to the University of Rhode Island Healthy Landscapes Program, a rain garden is a planted depression that allows rainwater runoff from impervious urban areas like roofs, driveways, walkways and compacted lawn areas the opportunity to be absorbed. This reduces rain run-off by allowing storm water to soak into the ground, as opposed to flowing into storm drains and surface waters which cause erosion and possible pollution.

The Clark County Garden Club planted and continues to maintain the garden. Children from the Head Start program, located at the Generation Center, assisted with the planting. The City of Winchester provided all the equipment for the effort. The city engineer assured that it met certain rain garden specifications. The volunteers involved in the planting of the garden were honored by the City Commission in a ceremony in August. The rain garden diverts run-off water from the building and helps protect the newly-resurfaced parking area in the back of the building.

To see the garden, visit the Generation Center at 32 Meadow Street in Winchester.



CLAY CITY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION EFFORT MOVES TO CONSTRUCTION

Construction began in late September on a \$522,000 project to rehabilitate many of the underperforming sanitary sewers in Clay City. Since the city is moving at a rapid pace to be a part of the Red River Wastewater Authority effort, it becomes increasingly important that inflow and infiltration to the city sewer system be minimized, and soon. The construction effort just begun seeks to address deficiencies that were outlined in a Sewer System Evaluation Study that Clay City concluded several years ago.

To enable this project, Clay City will be utilizing a HUD Community Development Block Grant of \$261,000 matched by a 2005 KIA grant together with a portion of a 2008 KIA grant. The ADD is administering the expenditure of the HUD Block Grant

funds and the two KIA grants.

For more information, contact Ashley Anderson at the ADD.

LEXINGTON RECEIVES MORE THAN \$8 MILLION IN TRANSPORTATION-RELATED GRANTS

Mayor Jim Newberry's office announced in mid-August that \$8.4 million in federal grants have been approved for a variety of transportation projects. The projects include:

- \$2.72 million for the Legacy Trail (a walking trail from downtown Lexington to the Horse Park on Ironworks Road)
- \$409,000 for the Town Branch Trail crossing to help cyclists safely cross Old Frankfort Pike at McConnell Springs
- \$72,000 for bike lanes on University Drive near the UK campus
- \$765,000 for the "Safe Routes to Schools" program to improve safety for children who walk or ride bikes to school
- \$750,000 for street furniture for the South Limestone reconstruction project
- \$1.0 million to LexTran for an electronic fare payment system and smart cards
- \$150,000 for LexTran for an Art in Motion bus shelter, and
- \$320,000 for fiber optic cable to improve control of traffic signal operations during storms.

NICHOLAS COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT No. 2 RECEIVES ADD ASSISTANCE

For almost two decades, sporadic efforts have been made to bring sanitary sewer service to the urbanized residential area around Nicholas County's Lake Carnico. Years ago, a sanitation district was legally formed, but here in 2009 the sewer utility exists only on paper, as the sanitation district has no physical facilities and serves no customers.

However, it appears this is about to change. In recent years, the sanitation district has amassed more than \$1.4 million in grant commitments from the Kentucky General Assembly. To serve an area of 102 homes several miles north of Carlisle, engineering designs are presently being prepared for a small diameter pressure sewer system together with an underground filtration

system with spray irrigation to a large grassy area. This is to say the proposed wastewater system will not have a discharge to a stream or other waterway of the Commonwealth.

At one time, many of the homes ringing Lake Carnico were occupied only seasonally. However, the recent trend shows more homes are occupied year-round. Many of the homes have had wastewater disposal problems for years. Presently, a number of homes have sewage holding tanks that must be pumped out periodically. Wastewater so collected is then trucked to a wastewater treatment plant offsite for treatment and disposal. This type of wastewater service has proven to be both inconvenient and costly for the residents. Most area residents seem to be open to a permanent solution to area wastewater problems even if the monthly wastewater charge would be higher than normal. The rationale seems to be that a high monthly sewer bill is better than having to deal with sewage pumping and with the inconvenience of the present system.

Engineering designs are being prepared to serve the entire 102-home area. However, the funds presently available are insufficient to construct the system to serve the entire 102 homes. Present plans call for a continued search for additional financial resources, but if the additional money proves to be elusive, the sanitation district would expect to construct what it can afford with the available funds. That has been determined to include about 85 percent of the 102 homes.

Sanitation district officials are expecting that the current approach will be acceptable to a significant majority of the householders and the project can proceed to construction within the next 18 months. The Wedco Health District, the Nicholas County Health Department, and the ADD are providing technical assistance to the sanitation district.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

WILMORE HOPES TO EXPAND UPON RESIDENTIAL ZONES

The Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Ordinance Review Committee has drafted text to be included in the Wilmore Zoning Ordinance to accommodate new residential densities of 15,000 sq. ft. and 22,000 sq. ft. minimum lot sizes. Currently, the city is zoned for only 10,000 sq. ft. minimum lots. The new zones would create larger lot sizes and provide greater housing diversity in the city.

WILMORE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL ZONES

	Existing	Proposed	Proposed
Requirements	R-1	R-1A	R-1B
Lot Size	10,000 sq. ft.	15,000 sq. ft.	22,000 sq. ft.
Lot Width	80 ft.	90 ft.	100 ft.
Side	10 ft.	12 ft.	15 ft.
Rear	25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
Front	35 ft.	40 ft.	40 ft.

The proposed text for the R-1A and R-1B zones will be heard by the Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Planning Commission at its October meeting and then, pending its approval, it will go before the Wilmore City Council for final adoption.

For further information, please contact any of the planning staff at the ADD - Dal Harper, Beth Jones, or Kyle Scott.

NORTH MIDDLETOWN RECEIVES ADD ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH SEWER PROBLEMS

North Middletown, a Bourbon County municipality southeast of Paris and northeast of Bluegrass Station, is faced with sewer woes. The small city has been in frequent violation of its wastewater discharge permit. The situation has finally drawn the interest of the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Enforcement. A recent conference between the Division of Enforcement staff and city leadership resulted in a promise the Division would forward its case on to the Franklin Circuit Court. The action would likely put the city on a rigid compliance schedule.

North Middletown's Regional Wastewater Facilities Plan seems to be on the verge of state approval. That planning effort calls for numerous improvements to the municipal sewage collection and treatment system, none of which seems to be affordable without considerable outside financial assistance. City leaders have met with representatives of USDA's Rural Development and are seriously looking at the possibility of seeking both Rural Development assistance as well as help from the HUD Community Development Block Grant program.

The ADD continues to offer assistance to the city. For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

DCED STAFF ADOPTS STRATEGIC PLAN

The Bluegrass Area Development District's Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) adopted goals and objectives as part of a Strategic Plan at the August 24, 2009 staff meeting.

The Strategic Plan came to fruition due to DCED's desire to be an active participant in helping to shape a dynamic and prosperous future for each of the 17 counties within the Area Development District. The Department has assembled a highly-trained and motivated staff.

The major responsibilities of DCED staff lie in planning and providing technical assistance in the following areas: economic development, housing, natural resources, public management, energy, transportation, water and sewer, tourism, parks and recreation, downtown revitalization, land use, zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, and comprehensive planning. The department also assists local communities in the preparation of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant applications and their administration, as well as the administration of a broad range of other infrastructure grants to local communities.

In the fall of 2008, DCED began the process of creating a strategic plan to guide the energy and focus of the department staff. The intent of the plan is to identify the following:

- Where DCED currently is
- Where DCED wants to be
- How DCED plans on getting there

The plan was developed through dialogue at bi-weekly meetings and internal conversations among DCED staff. The result of these conversations was a plan that focuses on four strategic commitments that will be used as guiding principles for the decision making of department staff:

- BGADD's External Image
- A Collaborative Work Environment
- Staff Development
- Internal Processes

A timeline has been developed for the evaluation and the adoption of the plan. It is the intention of DCED staff that the following dates shall be adhered to.

- August 2009: Pilot Version of Strategic Plan Adopted
- January 2010: Final Version of Strategic Plan Adopted
- January 2012: Two-year progress report
- July 2014: Reassessment and Update of Strategic Plan

For further information, please contact David Duttlinger,
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SADIEVILLE LOOKS TOWARD COMPLETION OF ITS SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS

Significant sewer work has been completed in the last year and more, but the most important aspect of the overall sewer plan is yet before the City of Sadieville.

Completed or being completed are sewer extensions to serve recently annexed areas, principally areas with high commercial development potential. The small diameter sewers that were installed in the 1980s have been (or are being) replaced with standard 8-inch diameter sewers with standard manholes.

The missing link in the work already completed and underway is the abandonment of Sadieville's 30,000 gallon-per-day package treatment plant that would be made possible by a pressure sewer line link from Sadieville to Georgetown's sanitary sewer system. The Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Service (GMWSS) has near-term plans to construct a sewer line north and well beyond the Georgetown corporate limits in order to be able to convey south to Georgetown the leachate from two closed sanitary landfills for which the city is responsible. Once the Georgetown sewer line and pumping station are in place, the City of Sadieville would be able to convey its collected sewage to this point of connection near US 25. By that means, Sadieville would be able to send its sewage to Georgetown's Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2. The desired end result is Sadieville would be out of the sewage treatment business. This measure of intergovernmental cooperation is seen as exemplary and is much encouraged by the ADD and by the environmental regulators in State Government and beyond.

ADD staff is working with the City of Sadieville, the GMWSS, and the City of Georgetown to make this physical hookup of sewer systems a reality. Sadieville is considering applying for HUD Community Development Block Grant funds for a portion of the financial package enabling this project to move forward. For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

HOMELAND SECURITY, FEMA BUDGETS CUT

Like many rural areas across the country, Lincoln County citizens are in need of new and updated firehouses to ensure their safety. In July, the ADD prepared a \$3.7 million Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for three firehouses in Lincoln County. The grant is being sought for extensive renovation of one station and the construction of two more stations within the next three years.

Unfortunately, budgets are shrinking for these programs at the same time that Lincoln County and other communities are applying for grants. Just prior to the grant application being submitted, two announcements affecting this grant were made. The first announcement stated FEMA will remain under the Department of Homeland Security. The second was the new budget for that Department.

President Obama has requested \$10.4 billion in total funds for 2010 Homeland Security. Of that amount, \$6.6 billion is in discretionary funds while \$3.9 billion is in nondiscretionary FEMA grant programs. The Obama administration is reducing the FEMA grant funds by 10 percent while the overall FEMA budget is being increased by 10 percent. The majority of the budget cuts will come from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, which will be reduced from \$775 million to \$590 million. Grant award announcements are expected to be released in early 2010.

For further information, please contact Marcie Akerson at the ADD office.

BLUEGRASS AREA COUNTIES' UNEMPLOYMENT RATES SHOW SIGNS OF STABILIZING

Unemployment rates in the Bluegrass, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and in the nation are not a pretty sight, but perhaps some stabilization can be seen in the regional situation as well as prospects of a turnaround in the future. In the tabulation below, seasonally unadjusted rates for all 17 Bluegrass counties are depicted for recent months. When July unemployment rates are compared against the June figures, seven counties showed higher rates; seven counties showed lower rates, and the rates in three counties were unchanged. Unemployment rates in the Bluegrass remain at 10.0 percent as compared to 9.7 percent for the nation and 11.0 percent for Kentucky as a whole. The fact the Bluegrass Area unemployment rate is lower than Kentucky's rate is small solace to those who have lost their jobs and are seeking employment.

Recent unemployment rates for all 17 Bluegrass Area counties are as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>June rate</u>	<u>July rate</u>
Anderson	10.8%	12.2%
Bourbon	10.2	10.5
Boyle	13.1	12.7
Clark	11.1	10.8
Estill	15.1	12.8
Fayette	8.5	8.2
Franklin	9.6	9.3
Garrard	12.9	12.7
Harrison	12.2	13.5
Jessamine	9.9	9.9
Lincoln	13.3	13.4
Madison	10.1	9.7
Mercer	12.1	12.1
Nicholas	13.2	12.7
Powell	16.3	16.3
Scott	10.5	12.8
Woodford	8.6	9.5

For more information, contact George Leamon, Director of Industrial Development and Labor, at the ADD.

FLU LEVEL RAISED TO “WIDESPREAD” IN KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) recently reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that the flu activity level in the state has increased from “regional” to “widespread.” Widespread activity is the highest level of flu activity, which indicates increased flu-like activity or flu outbreaks in at least half of the regions in a state. This level of flu activity is consistent with other southeastern states that are also currently reporting widespread activity.

“Having widespread flu activity being reported in Kentucky is very unusual in mid-September,” said William D. Hacker, M.D., commissioner of DPH. “This high level of activity so early in the flu season is mainly due to the H1N1 swine flu virus circulating, not the seasonal flu. We are urging individuals to get vaccinated against seasonal flu now and also receive a swine flu vaccination

when the vaccine begins to arrive in Kentucky, which should be by mid-October.” Because initial supplies of the swine flu vaccine may be limited, vaccine supplies will be recommended first for priority groups based on those most at risk.

Priority groups for the swine flu vaccine include: people who are more likely to suffer complications from swine flu, including pregnant women; people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age; direct care health care and emergency medical services personnel; people between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old; and people from ages 25 through 64 years with chronic health conditions.

Although more than 500 deaths associated with swine flu have been reported nationwide (including one in Kentucky), the severity of swine flu appears comparable to seasonal flu, which is responsible for about 200,000 hospitalizations each year, according to the CDC. The CDC has told states to expect an increase in the number of cases of the swine flu strain, which has been declared a worldwide pandemic, first identified in the spring. Kentucky is also planning for a swine flu vaccination campaign once vaccine becomes available.

Hacker urges anyone who hasn’t received a seasonal flu vaccine, particularly those in the groups at high risk for complications related to the flu, to contact their local health departments or health care provider about getting a flu shot. Healthy people age 2 through 49 years can get flu immunizations administered by nasal spray. Older Kentuckians should also consider getting the pneumonia vaccine.

Flu activity information by state, reported weekly to the CDC, is delayed in posting to the CDC Web site by one week. The current flu activity map is located at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>.

For more information on swine flu, visit www.flu.gov. Individuals can also visit <http://healthalerts.ky.gov> for information on swine flu and Kentucky, or follow KYHealthAlerts on Twitter to be notified when new information is posted at the Web site.

COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST PRESENTED AT GOVERNOR’S H1N1 SUMMIT

The following checklist was developed to aid communities in evaluating their preparedness for an epidemic and to help them better plan for such an event.

Who protects your community?

Safety and Security: Law enforcement, fire, EMA, EMS,

Rescue and Hazmat

- Q: Do they have a plan on how they will protect the community with reduced staffing?
- Q: Are there mutual aid agreements to share responsibilities and resources?
- Q: Do they have plans on their support of a community pandemic?

Health Care: Hospitals, health departments, physicians, mental health clinics, nursing homes and adult day care programs

- Q: Do they have a plan on how they are going to protect themselves from becoming ill?
- Q: Do they have plans that have been coordinated with other members of the community?
- Q: Does your hospital have a plan on handling increased numbers of patients with respiratory problems?
- Q: How will your health department publicize vaccination clinics?
- Q: Do they have a plan to limit visitors during a community event or to provide masks/gloves for visitors?

Where does your community work?

Employers

- Q: Do they have a plan that identifies their critical processes?
- Q: Are essential staff willing to take the H1N1 vaccine when available?
- Q: Do they have redundancy in staff that performs critical tasks?
- Q: Have they talked to their suppliers about their ability to supply parts?
- Q: Can they stockpile extra inventory?
- Q: Have they talked to those they supply?

Where does your community get its information?

Media: Newspapers, radio, TV, local cable access, churches, non-traditional communication and outlets

- Q: Will your local media assist you in disseminating correct information to the public?
- Q: Will local churches take an active role in disseminating important information to their congregations?

Q: Have you notified other means of diffusing other information: public and private schools, home school co-ops, KOIN contacts & etc?

Where does the community shop?

Shopping areas: grocery stores, department stores and pharmacies

Q: Has the public been encouraged to keep extra supplies of food and water on hand in case food deliveries are delayed?

Q: Encouraged expectant mothers to keep extra formula on hand?

Q: Has the public been encouraged to keep an extra supply of prescription medicines on hand?

Where does your community worship?

Churches, Temples and Mosques

Q: Will they put notices and information in their bulletins?

Q: Is there a prayer chain in order to pass information among members?

Q: Is there an acceptable alternative to the use of a common communal cup?

Q: Will the worshipers adopt a nod of greeting rather than handshakes?

Where do your children go to school or daycare?

Education: schools, daycares, childcare and colleges

Q: Do parents have a plan on how to work and take care of sick children who can not go to school?

Q: Do parents have a plan on how to care for children if their school is closed?

Q: Does the school have a policy for children who arrive at school with a fever and respiratory symptoms (i.e., coughs and sneezes)?

Q: Does the school have a policy for school closures?

Q: Have teachers thought about take home packets of learning material if the school needs to close?

Q: Have parents with college children thought about putting together a care kit for periods of illness?

Where does the community socialize and recreate?

Recreation: sporting events, bingo halls and service clubs

- Q: Is the community willing to postpone athletic events?
- Q: Who can persuade bingo halls to close if there is a community-wide outbreak?
- Q: Will civic and service clubs (Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, Masons) postpone meetings during community outbreaks?
- Q: Can you use the civic and service clubs to disseminate information on vaccine clinics and other information?
- Q: What other groups get together for regular meetings and how do you contact them?

LEXINGTON MAKES PROGRESS IN DEALING WITH SEWER PROBLEMS

With the decision by LFUCG leaders more than a year ago to deal strongly and consistently with the sewer issues that have longed plagued the Urban County Government, steady progress is already producing results. The rains of July and August again caused sewage overflows at pumping stations and manholes, but the troubles were fewer than were experienced during a similar rainy period experienced in December 2007.

Lexington thought it would by now be operating under a Consent Decree with the US Environmental Protection Agency, but the actual consummation of the decree has been held up (indefinitely, it appears) in the court system. Nevertheless, the Urban County Government is moving ahead under the premise the Consent Decree will eventually be executed and the requirements contained in the draft decree will be pretty much unchanged.

Charles Martin, director of Lexington's Division of Air and Water Quality, looked at the recent sewage overflow numbers and said he was "cautiously optimistic." "I think we're making progress in that we've cleaned the sewers and we've found the low-hanging fruit in some areas," he said.

Much of the early progress has meant getting relatively small amounts of storm water out of the sanitary sewers. When it rains, water is supposed to flow to a storm sewer that empties to a creek or other stream. Water from bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms, etc. goes to a sanitary sewer that carries it to a treatment plant before it reaches a stream.

Too often, however, the untreated sanitary sewage pours out of a manhole or at a pumping station before it reaches the treatment plant. This is caused by rain water getting into the sanitary sewer, overwhelming the sewer's hydraulic capacity. In some cases, it has been found the sanitary sewer pipe itself is broken allowing storm water to find its way into the sanitary

sewer. Other times, downspouts or basement sump pumps may be connected to the sanitary sewer.

The ultimate fix to Lexington's sewer problems will not be the completion of one or even ten capital projects. The ultimate fix will be the correction of hundreds of problems, some of which will involve capital projects while other corrective actions may involve other remedies.

NEW DAM CONSTRUCTION AT KENTUCKY RIVER POOL 3 COMMENCES

The Kentucky River Authority has recently awarded a contract for the construction of a new dam immediately upstream of the more-than-a-century-old Dam 3 of the Kentucky River just north of the Franklin/Owen County line. The effort began this June and is expected to be complete by June 2011. The project carries an estimated project cost of \$13.8 million. Dam 3 is one of the 14 Kentucky River dams either owned or operated by the Kentucky River Authority.

Existing Dam 3 was recently rated as the highest priority for replacement based upon a condition survey of Kentucky River Dams 1 through 8 and 11 through 14. Dams 9 and 10 were not included in the survey because they are in the process of being replaced or are slated to be replaced. The new Dam 3 structure will consist of eight 47-foot diameter concrete cylinders and seven arc-cells (peanut-shaped cells) that will stretch along the upstream face of existing Dam 3. The new dam will not block off the existing navigation lock. Funding for this project comes entirely from the Commonwealth's General Fund.

For more information, contact David Hamilton at the Kentucky River Authority.

BABY BOOM GENERATION IS DRIVING AN ENTREPRENEURIAL BOOM TOWARD ECONOMIC GROWTH, STUDY INDICATES

Economists know that entrepreneurship will drive the economy back to health, but many people may be surprised to learn that the baby boom generation is behind the wheel, according to a new study by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The study, "The Coming Entrepreneurship Boom," found that several facts have emerged in the course of research that indicate the United States might be on the cusp of an entrepreneurship boom—not in spite of an aging population but because of it. These factors include the shifting age distribution of the country, the continued decline of lifetime employment, the experience and tacit knowledge such employees carry with them, and the effects

of the 2008-2009 recession on established sectors of the economy. The study follows research at Duke University which found that the average age of U.S.-born technology founders when they started their companies was 39.

Contrary to popularly held assumptions, it turns out that over the past decade or so, the highest rate of entrepreneurial activity belongs to the 55-64 age group. The 20-34 age bracket, meanwhile, which is usually identified with swashbuckling and risk-taking youth, has the lowest. Perhaps most surprising, this disparity occurred in the 11 years around the dot-com boom—when the young entrepreneurial upstart became a cultural icon.

Other key findings include:

- While people under 30 have historically jumped from job to job, the most striking development today has been the deep drop in the incidence of “lifetime” jobs among men over age 50. Long-term employment has fallen dramatically for people ages 35-64 over the past 50 years.
- With longer life expectancies and greater health in later life, older generations may continue to start new firms—or mentor young entrepreneurs.
- Since the first Internet-era recession, transaction costs and barriers to entry have fallen for entrepreneurs of every age.

For further information on this research, you may contact: Rossana Weitekamp, 516-792-1462, rossana@weitekamp.com or Barbara Pruitt, Kauffman Foundation, 816-932-1288, bpruitt@kauffman.org

NORTHPOINT TRAINING CENTER NOW CONSIDERED AN ECONOMIC ASSET FOR THE REGION

It was 26 years ago this spring the Commonwealth opened Northpoint Training Center, which is actually a medium security prison. Many of the buildings were formerly used as a state mental hospital. Back in 1983-1984, it was difficult to find a local official or a business leader anywhere close to Northpoint who was either happy or satisfied with the conversion of the site to a medium security prison.

Perceptions have changed in a quarter century. Even in the face of the August 21 riot and the fires that destroyed or seriously damaged many of the buildings at Northpoint, officials seem satisfied that not only was a prison break averted and injuries were few, they also expressed concern (and relief) that most of the staff jobs at the prison were to be retained even though almost 60 percent of the 1,200 inmates were transferred to other facilities immediately after the riot and resulting fires.

There are 265 employees at Northpoint, and 75 percent come from the nearby counties of Boyle, Garrard, Lincoln, Mercer, Casey, and Washington. Employees from nearby counties are as follows:

Boyle County	64
Garrard County	17
Lincoln County	54
Mercer County	52
Casey County	29
Washington County	8

The annual payroll from Northpoint Training Center is some \$8.1 million. Furthermore, Northpoint purchases many goods and services from local vendors.

Perhaps Boyle County Judge/Executive Harold McKinney put it best when he said he hoped to schedule a meeting with Governor Beshear at which he planned to ask for an "ironclad commitment to rebuild Northpoint and to keep it open." Judge McKinney, who recalled the public outcry against the prison 26 years ago, said none of the major problems people feared then have come to pass. Mercer County Judge/Executive Milward Dedman agreed. He too said he planned to contact the Department of Corrections, the governor, and area legislators to ensure that the damaged buildings at Northpoint are repaired or replaced. Boyle County businessman Stuart Powell said, "It's not just a prison. It's an economic engine that provides jobs for our people and business for local companies."

Steve Haney, the warden at Northpoint, has been lauded for his proactive approach toward the multicounty community, as he seems to be widely regarded as a "good community partner."

911 SYSTEMS FACE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

In 1968, "911" was established as the national emergency number for the United States. Since that time, it has been used in every type of emergency conceivable. Funding for the system is typically generated in part by the fee on everyone's phone bill. With the advent of cell phones, the collection of these fees has dropped. Persons that have a monthly billing plan continue to pay the fee while persons with prepaid phones do not. It is estimated that 20 per cent of wireless phone users are prepaid, with that figure increasing rapidly.

The loss of these fees is resulting in a nationwide loss of almost \$200 million a year, which is needed to keep the system working. One approach to solving this issue would be to charge

prepaid users a fee upon purchasing the minutes. However, small businesses across the country could suffer from this added charge. It is thought many of the smaller stores would not comply with this if imposed, thereby giving them an unfair advantage over the stores that do comply. Proponents of the additional fees argue if the smaller stores do not want to charge the fees the solution would be for them to simply not sell the cards.

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL WORKS TO REDUCE THE GARBAGE COLLECTION TAX

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council has passed on second reading a measure aimed at a 10 percent reduction in the garbage tax. The reduction was proposed by Mayor Jim Newberry in part because \$24 million in tax money has accumulated in the fund. LFUCG Environmental Commissioner Cheryl Taylor said the city could afford to back off some on the tax because projected efficiencies in waste management are likely to save the urban county money in the future. On a \$150,000 house, the tax savings will amount to about \$24 a year.

Planned improvements to the recycling center on Thompson Road are expected to cost \$3.8 million, but they will result in an increase in recycling revenue, Taylor said. New equipment will make it easier to separate paper and aluminum from the recycling stream. The new equipment will also allow workers to process 23 tons of recyclables per hour, up from 8 tons presently.

POWELL COUNTY RECEIVES \$1 MILLION HUD GRANT COMMITMENT FOR HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS AT NADA

Judge Darren Farmer and the Powell County Fiscal Court were pleased to learn in mid-July that the county had been selected to be the recipient of a \$1.0 million HUD Community Development Block Grant. As a result, eight to ten homes will be built on the Nada Tunnel Road. This grant is part of a HUD initiative to provide affordable housing to persons of low or moderate income.

The grant funds will be used to construct or remodel homes in the Nada area of eastern Powell County. The homes will become the property of the residents if they are maintained sufficiently for ten years. Most of the homes will be occupied by the elderly or by families with small children.

KENTUCKY AMERICAN WATER PROJECT MOVING TOWARD COMPLETION

The Kentucky American Water Company's water supply/treatment/transmission project is moving ever closer to completion. The \$162 million project is the largest capital construction project currently underway in American Water's 32-state system. Involved is the construction of a new water intake structure in the Kentucky River's Pool 3 (near Monterey, KY), a 20 million gallons per day (MGD) water treatment plant on the east bank of the Kentucky River, and a 31-mile long 42-inch diameter water transmission line from the water treatment plant south and east through Franklin County, Scott County, and terminating in north-central Fayette County.

The construction of these facilities, expected to be completed and fully functional by the summer of 2010, comes after decades of concern over water supply adequacy in the Bluegrass Region. The addition of this new 20 MGD increment of water supply and treatment should be a push in the right direction for the continued economic vitality of the region.

Kentucky American Water sponsored a September 25 field trip for Central Kentucky leaders, water utility officials, and others to the water treatment plant site where construction continues. The trip concluded with a return via the route of the large-diameter water transmission line so that participants could grasp first-hand the enormity of the construction project. The field trip started and ended at the offices of the Bluegrass ADD.

GARRARD COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER GROUNDBREAKING HELD

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 24 for the new Garrard County Judicial Center in downtown Lancaster. County Judge/Executive John Wilson and Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Daniel J. Venters were among the speakers at the ceremony.

The project was authorized by the General Assembly in 2006; funding was approved in 2008. At a total cost of \$11.6 million, the new facility will be approximately 33,435 sq. ft. Located next to the Garrard County Courthouse, the Judicial Center is one of several projects that is aiding in the revitalization of downtown Lancaster.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE BLUEGRASS (FROM PAGE 1)

County	Project Sponsor	Project Title	Funding	Program
Bourbon	City of Paris	Project Walk to School	\$245,700.00	SRTS
Bourbon	City of Paris	Shoer Creek Bike/Ped Bridge Project	\$360,000.00	TE
Bowling	City of Danville	Danville Clark's Run and Town Branch Multi Use Trail	\$102,553.00	SRTS
Clark	Clark County Fiscal Court	Lower Howard's Creek Nature & Heritage Preserve	\$601,000.00	TE
Fayette	Lex Tran - Transit Authority of Lexington/Art in Motion, Inc.	LexTran/Art in Motion "smART" shelter project	\$150,000.00	CMAQ
Fayette	Lexington Fayette Urban County Government	Southland Drive Bike/Pedestrian Improvements	\$240,000.00	CMAQ
Fayette	Lexington Fayette Urban County Government	Fiber Optic Cable	\$320,000.00	CMAQ
Fayette	University of Kentucky Facilities Management	University Drive Bike Lane Extension	\$72,000.00	CMAQ
Fayette	Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Division of Community Development	Town Branch Trail Crossing	\$408,700.00	CMAQ
Fayette	Lexington Fayette Urban County Government	Loudon Avenue Sidewalk Project	\$240,000.00	CMAQ
Fayette	LexTran - Transit Authority of Lexington Kentucky	Electronic fare-payment systems and Smart Cards	\$1,066,095.00	CMAQ
Fayette	FUGG	Safe Routes to School Fayette County - Various School Vicinities	\$65,000.00	SRTS
Fayette	FUGG	South Limestone Streetscape Improvements	\$750,000.00	TE
Fayette	Lexington Fayette County Government Division of Community Development	Legacy Trail Phase III	\$2,721,700.00	TE
Jessamine	Jessamine County	The "Gen-Sel Revolution" Project - R. J. Corman "Green Locomotive"	\$2,500,000.00	CMAQ
Franklin	City of Frankfort	Bondurant Connectivity Project	\$225,531.00	SRTS
Lincoln	City of Crab Orchard	City of Crab Orchard SRTS	\$35,165.00	SRTS
Lincoln	Lincoln County Fiscal Court	Veterans Memorial Park Trailway Project	\$544,000.00	TE
Lincoln	City of Stanford	City of Stanford Sidewalks Construction	\$117,600.00	TE
Madison	Madison County Fiscal Court	Battle of Richmond Preservation Project	\$440,000.00	TE
Mercer	City of Harrodsburg	Downtown Beautification Project	\$8,000.00	TE
Woodford	Woodford County Schools	Trailer bikes	\$15,036.00	SRTS
Woodford	City of Versailles	Streecape Renovation Project Phase III	\$400,000.00	TE

TOTAL

\$11,628,070.00

MEETING CALL



Board of Directors	10/28 6:00 p.m.
Executive Board	(not meeting in November)
Aging Council	10/14 & 11/11 10:00 a.m.
Homeland Security Council	10/21 1:00 p.m.
Human Services Committee	10/8 10:00 a.m.
Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Advisory Committee	10/14 3:15 p.m.
Regional Planning Council	11/4 4:00 p.m.
Regional Transportation Committee	11/9 1:30 p.m.
Tourism, Historic Preservation & Recreation Advisory Committee	10/13 & 11/10 10:00 a.m.

ALL meeting dates/times are subject to change.

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