

**FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
1ST QUARTER STATUS REPORT
JANUARY – MARCH 2011**

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The Adam Alexander Broyles House in the Broylesville community of **Washington County** was approved to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- The **City of Bristol** was funded for a Fastrack Infrastructure Development Program (FIDP) grant to assist the Seaman Corporation with utility relocation and site grading for a \$7 million building and equipment expansion that will add 15 jobs.

- The District submitted eight Small Cities, Community Development Block Grants on behalf of local governments:
 - **Bulls Gap**, Fire Equipment
 - **Bluff City**, Water System Improvements
 - **Carter County**, Water Line Rehab
 - **Elizabethton**, Sewer Line Rehab
 - **Greene County**, Water Line Extension
 - **Greeneville**, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
 - **Mount Carmel**, Sewer System Rehab
 - **Sneedville**, Sewer Line Rehab

- The U.S. Census Bureau released 2010 census of the population data for Tennessee counties and municipalities. The information released to date includes population, racial composition and occupied housing data. The data is available at the District's website www.ftdd.org under the Regional Statistics/FACTS heading.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

- Housing Staff attended Tennessee Housing Development Agency HOME grant workshop and applied for housing rehabilitation grants for **Greene County** and **Greeneville**. Grants for rental housing projects were also applied for on behalf of Horizon Community Development Corporation in **Mosheim** and Of One Accord Ministries in **Sneedville**.
- Staff attended a grant workshop sponsored by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati to learn about possible grant opportunities for the region.
- Home ownership workshops were held in **Sullivan** and **Washington County** for Head Start parents.
- Housing contractor recruitment training was provided to solicit the participation of additional contractors in the housing rehabilitation programs.
- Outreach was provided to area non-profits agencies, Appalachia Service Project and Alliance for Business Training, encouraging participation in the Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly.

During this quarter the following projects were completed:

THDA HOME Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program (4)
Johnson County – 4

THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly (9)
Washington County – 5
Carter County – 1
Sullivan County – 1
Hancock County – 1
Hawkins County - 1

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Down Payment Assistance (2)
Kingsport – 1
Sullivan County – 1

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Housing Rehabilitation (4)
Johnson City – 2
Sullivan County – 1
Washington County - 1

Johnson City CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program (6)
Emergency Repair –3
Substantial Rehabilitation - 3

THDA Neighborhood Stabilization Program (3)
Bristol, Horizon Community Development Rental Unit – 1
Greeneville, Horizon Community Development Rental Unit – 1
Kingsport, Eastern Eight CDC Rental Unit - 1

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

CHOICES for Community Living

- 173 Screened
- 109 Assessed (in-home visit completed)
- 69 Enrolled
- 913 Actively Enrolled as of March 31, 2011
- 1512 Cumulatively Enrolled from start of program in 2004

TennCare CHOICES in Long-Term Care (or “CHOICES”) is TennCare’s program for long-term care services. Long-term care includes help doing everyday activities that one may no longer be able to do for themselves as they grow older, or if they have a disability—like bathing, dressing, getting around their home, preparing meals, or doing household chores.

As part of an ongoing commitment to provide easy access into the long term care arena, the Area Agency on Aging and Disability has been designated as the Single Point of Entry (SPOE) for individuals who are not currently Medicaid eligible seeking long term supports/services.

We are working toward obtaining and implementing an Integrated Document Management System, and a Care Transitions Grant.

Provided outreach through the media: Bristol Herald Courier Newspaper article (24,000) Greeneville Sun (40,000), a WKPT radio show in Kingsport that was broadcast 3 times daily to 9,000 listeners over a six day period, and a newsletter from Greene County Skills (300).

Presented 16 educational programs about our services with 310 people attending.

Informed pharmacy customers about the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) services by providing advertising on 24,000 Food City Pharmacy bags in Kingsport.

Dispensed brochures at 40 different locations in an effort to reach out to 1,007 individuals.

Provided in service training for FTAAAD service coordinators and Social Security Administration staff; also provided initial and updated training for SHIP/SMP volunteers, (64 attending).

Manned 4 informational booths serving 2,900 participants.

Completed the Area Plan on Aging and Disability Update for the July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 Fiscal Year.

Processed and reviewed thirty-three requests for proposal applications for funding for Fiscal Year 2012.

ADRC/CDSMP

- Facilitated the monthly meetings of the Caregivers Support Group in cooperation with MSHA, Health Resources Center (average attendance of 9)
- Partnering with ETSU, Gatton College of Pharmacy, 3rd year pharmacy students presenting various educational programs at area Senior Seniors and branch sites (14 programs were presented) approximately 40 students participated and approximately 300 participants.
- Partnering with MATCH (Minority Action Team for Community Health) attending monthly meetings.

Chronic Disease Self Management Program

Coordinated the leader training March 15,16, 22, and 23 with UT Extension facilitating, which yielded 19 participants. Prepared training materials and plan for the March LWCCP leader training in Johnson City,

- Health Resource Center hosted the Leader training and did registration for the leader training. Nineteen (19) community partners and volunteers participated in the Living Well with Chronic Conditions Program training.
- Partnering Organizations who participated in the training are as follows:

North East Minority Resource Network
Wellmont Health System
First TN Health Resource Agency Adult Daycare Services
Home Instead Senior Care
Kingsport Senior Center
Mountain States Health Alliance
Franklin Woods Community Hospital
Appalachian Christian Village at Pine Oaks Assisted Living

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

During the first quarter, the Environmental Management Program staff worked on several projects that involved many of our local governments. The District assisted or implemented the following projects during the past quarter:

- Prepared 2011 Annual Solid Waste Progress Reports and Commercial Business and Industry Recycling Surveys for all 8 of the District's counties.
- Assisted **Washington** and **Sullivan Counties** with advertising materials for Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events.
- Attended meetings of the **Carter County** Environmental Committee.
- Hosted meetings of the HUB tire recycling group and potential tire recycling company.
- Attended Keep Greene Beautiful meetings in **Greeneville**.
- Continued work on Stormwater "Green" Infrastructure Survey Project funded by TDEC Division of Water Pollution Control and the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The District has contracted with D.T. Wood & Associates to assist with this project.
- Attended the East Tennessee Environmental Conference in Kingsport.
- Attended the **Carter County** Commission Landfill Committee meetings.
- Worked on TEA-21 Environmental Review for Sneedville.
- Worked on Community Development Block Grant Environmental Reviews for **Mountain City, Moshier, and Hawkins County**.
- Attended meetings of the Boone Watershed Partnership.
- Attended DDAA Conference in Washington, D.C.

Also, the District's Geographic Information System (GIS) program is implemented and has responded to several requests for data analysis and map production. These include:

- Historical data maps.
- Home delivered meals routing maps.
- Property parcels for CDBG projects.
- Street maps for housing rehabilitation projects.
- Land Use mapping.
- Major Employer Map for RPO program.
- Population radius maps.

Contact Wendy Hill at 722-5094 for more information on the District's GIS program and how GIS can help meet the needs of your community, or visit our website at ftdd.org/programs/gis.

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

During the first quarter, the First Tennessee RPO staff assisted local transportation representatives and elected officials with numerous requests concerning rural transportation. The RPO was also involved in the following projects and initiatives:

- Worked on Major Employer Map (50 or more employees).
- Prepared Purpose and Need Statement for SR-67 for potential Transportation Planning Report.
- Worked on Purpose and Need Statements for SR-167 and SR-107.
- Attended East Tennessee Development District RPO Technical Committee meeting in Knoxville.
- Attended East Tennessee Development District RPO Executive Board meeting in Knoxville
- Worked on SR-91 project in Johnson County. Attended stakeholders meeting at the **Johnson County** Health Department. Assisted TDOT consultant with Transportation Planning Report process on SR-91.
- Prepared presentation for NETWORKS **Sullivan** Partnership meeting.
- Attended Road Safety Audit Review in **Hawkins County**.
- Updated RPO Executive Board, Technical Committee and Stakeholder databases.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Attended regular board, committee meetings, and other events for the Birthplace of Country Music Alliance; Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association; Tanasi; WIB Youth Council; Appalachia Sustainable Development; Northeast TN Council on Children and Youth; Vision Council for Children & Youth, United Way of Greater **Kingsport**, Tennessee and Tennessee Association of Community Leadership.
- Tri-Cities TN/VA Regional Leadership Council 2010 Regional Day wrap-up and 2011 Regional Day planning; leadership program technical assistance to **Hancock County** and facilitated YouthBuild Leadership session,
- Attended Eastman's Regional Leadership Update; the Development District Association of Appalachia Annual Meeting, Governor's Roundtable Discussion on Economic Development, Regional Alliance Annual Meeting and provided technical assistance to the Tennessee Environmental Conference, Carter County Three-Star Strategic Planning Update, Sullivan County Health Department.
- Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations 2010 Public Infrastructure Inventory Survey update and data entry.

Events Planning

- * Strengthening Local Food Networks across Appalachia, May 26, 2011
- * FTDD Semi Annual Meeting, June 8, 2011
- * FTDD Annual Meeting, Gatlinburg, TN October

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Strengthening Local Food Networks across Appalachia - *An Appalachian Regional Commission Workshop on Sustainable Agriculture and Local Food Systems***
Farmhouse Gallery Gardens, Unicoi, TN - May 26, 2011 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **FTDD Semi-Annual Meeting** – MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center, Kingsport, TN – June 8, 2011
- **Second Annual Straight to the Top! Conference** - MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center, Kingsport, TN - June 16 – 17, 2011
- **Governor’s Conference on Economic & Community Development**
Nashville, TN – September 22 – 23, 2011
- **FTDD Annual Meeting** – Gatlinburg, TN – October 21 – 23, 2011
- **Governor’s Tourism Conference** - Memphis, TN - October 5 and 6, 2011