

FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
4th QUARTER STATUS REPORT
October – December 2015

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The First Tennessee Development District assisted the following communities and organizations with Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Pre-Applications:
 - **Carter County**
 - **City of Sneedville**
 - **Mountain States Foundation**
 - **Sneedville Utility District**
 - **Tusculum College**
- One business in **Johnson City** was assisted by the Downtown Johnson City Redevelopment Loan Program.
- During this quarter, Section 106 review documents for sixteen projects were developed and submitted to the Tennessee Historical Commission. Section 106 documentation is the historic preservation part of the environmental review conducted prior to construction of federally-funded projects. It involves determination as to whether or not the project will be within sight or sound of historic resources and any effect which the project could have on those resources. The documentation includes descriptions, photographs, maps, consultation invitations, determinations of National Register eligibility, and other materials required by the Tennessee Historical Commission.
- Economic and demographic data is available at the District's website www.ftdd.org under the Regional Statistics/FACTS heading.

INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS

- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with Fast Track Infrastructure Development Program (FIDP) funds and Economic Development Funds (ED) from the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development (TECD):
 - **Greene County**, (US Nitrogen FIDP) Attended Pre-Construction Conference for second phase (sewer) of the US Nitrogen project.
 - **Hancock County**, (Kiefer FIDP) The Kiefer project was bid and approved by ECD. Construction will begin early next quarter after the pre-construction conference.
 - **Hawkins County**, (Homeland Vinyl FIDP) The application was approved. Design will begin next quarter
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds:
 - **City of Bristol**, (Royal EDA) Submitted proposal to EDA for upgrades to the water and wastewater treatment facilities.
 - **Greene County**, (C&C Millwright EDA) The project bid was approved and the pre-construction will be scheduled in January.
 - **Johnson County**, (Parkdale EDA) Submitted proposal to EDA for water upgrades to serve **Parkdale**.
 - **City of Kingsport**, (**Eastman EDA**) The Raw Water Conveyance project construction is underway.
 - **Town of Mosheim**, (**US Nitrogen EDA**) The project bid tabs have been approved and the pre-construction conference complete. Construction will begin early next quarter.
 - **Town of Unicoi**, (**EDA**) Phase I (Rural Development) is complete. The EDA portion is in the design phase, with construction to begin sometime in March.
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- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with Tennessee Department of Transportation (SIA):
 - **Carter County, (SIA)** Working on a new application to install a deceleration lane to assist Fidelitone Logistics.
 - **Unicoi County, (SIA)** Working on a new application to provide access to a green field site for a potential industrial expansion in the area.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

- During the quarter the District assisted the following communities with Home Grant funds (THDA HOME):
 - **Hancock County** (\$500,000) - Application intake and performed site visits for the environmental review process.
 - **Hamblen County** (\$375,000) - Application intake and performed site visits for the environmental review process.
 - Continued working with the Town of **Surgoinsville** to assist with the connection of 12 homes to the CDBG sewer line project (\$10,000 each).
 - Town of **Greeneville**- Closed out 4 homes and prepared to bid out 2 more homes for next quarter.

- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly:

- Signed Contracts

Johnson County -- 1
Greene County – 2

Sullivan County -- 1
Washington County --1

- Completed Homes

Hawkins County-1
Hancock County-1
Carter County-1
Sullivan County-1

Johnson County-1
Greene County-1
Washington County-1

- During the quarter the District assisted the following communities within the Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium with Down Payment Assistance:

Bristol, TN – 1
Sullivan, TN-- 6
Johnson City-- 1

Kingsport – 1
Washington County -- 1

- Signed contracts on a reconstruction in **Washington County**
- Environmental underway for a reconstruction in **Sullivan County**

- During the quarter the District assisted the following with **Johnson City** CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program funds:

- Emergency Repair – Closed 6 homes
- Prepared the environmental for 3 substantial rehabs
- Other Projects:
 - Closeout of **Bristol** Youthbuild Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) Project

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

- A Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop was completed at the **Johnson City** Health Resource Center with 3 people participating.
- Take Charge of Your Diabetes workshops were held in Elizabethton at the Medical Care, PLLC conference room and at **Clinchfield** Senior Adult Center with a total of 18 participants.
- Caregiver Telephone Support Group was held November 12 and the topic discussed by Kim Howell was Reducing Holiday Stress.
- A Caregiver Appreciation Luncheon was held on November 5 to recognize area family caregivers during National Family Caregivers Month. The luncheon was a collaborative effort between FTAAAD, the Tennessee Respite Coalition and Crestpoint Health. 27 caregivers attended the luncheon at Munsey Memorial and Rhonda Marshall was the guest speaker.
- Nutrition monitoring visits were made at 3 congregate meal sites, 2 senior centers, and 4 home-and-community-based (HCBS) service providers’ offices.
- Medicaid Redetermination. TennCare is notifying Medicaid members that it is time to renew their TennCare. This eligibility redetermination process is occurring in different phases. It began in May and will continue into 2016. Each member will be mailed a renewal packet. If a person fails to complete and return the renewal packet within the timeframes specified by TennCare, they will lose their TennCare. The renewal packet along with the requested proof can be mailed or faxed to Tennessee Health Connection, P.O. Box 20201, Nashville, TN 37202-0201 or by fax, 1-877-430-0843.
- CHOICES has provided the following services for this quarter:

575	Information, assistance and screening calls
108	Home visits to facilitate enrollment into CHOICES
90	Pre-Admission Evaluations and Medicaid applications submitted to TennCare and Department of Human Services
112	Referrals to Managed Care Organizations
25	Money Follows the Person (MFP) surveys
7	Nursing home visits to counsel individuals and families on Long Term Services and Supports
90	Customer Satisfaction Surveys for Members in all CHOICES Groups
18	Community Living Supports Educations visits
- 11 Medicare Part D Enrollment Events. ETSU Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy students counseled 150 Medicare beneficiaries about the Part D plans.
- 14 booths at Walgreen’s with ETSU Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy students providing information about Medicare Part D enrollment.
- The Public Guardian Program served a total of 28 clients as follows: Conservator of Person and Property – 25; Conservator of Person only – 1; Power of Attorney – 1; 7 new clients were admitted during this period. A total of 9 volunteers were utilized.

- 4 individuals on the home-delivered meals waiting list were referred to a local assisted care living facility (ACLF), in partnership with the FTAAAD's Extend A Hand Program, to receive their noon meal 2 times per week. These meals are prepared and delivered by the ACLF staff and residents.
- FTAAAD applied for a "50:50 Challenge Grant" from a local church to support our Extend A Hand Program with home-delivered meals and our Emergency Assistance Program. Notified in late December that we will receive \$5,000 to support these programs.
- FTAAAD's Extend A Hand program was selected as the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A) Best Practice for this quarter.
- Home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, in-home respite, personal emergency response system and supply reimbursement services were provided to approximately 900 individuals. Waiting list of 1,930 for all services.
- 157 individuals referred to outside agencies for clothes, food boxes, blind services, cleaning supplies, Lions Club, yard clean-up, light bill assistance, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
- 32 individuals referred to local resources for a hot Thanksgiving Holiday meal, 119 individuals received gifts from Home Instead "Be A Santa to a Senior", 135 **Johnson City** individuals screened and referred to Johnson City Memorial Center for a Christmas food box, and 23 individuals referred to Good Samaritan for a hot Thanksgiving and Christmas meal.
- Assisted 6 individuals with the agency's Emergency Assistance Program to help with light bill, purchase of washer and dryer, supplies for plumbing repair, and oxygen co-pays.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND GIS PROGRAMS

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

- Prepared environmental review documentation for Appalachian Regional Commission projects in **Johnson County** (electrical upgrades for **Parkdale Mills**), **Johnson County** (Doe Mountain Trail Project) and **Mountain City** (sewer system upgrades).
- Prepared Environmental Reviews for CDBG projects in **Hancock County** (waterline extension), **Greene County** (waterline extension) and **Washington County** (sewer line extension).
- Prepared environmental review documentation for Economic Development Administration grant applications for **Bristol** (wastewater treatment plant and water treatment plant upgrades) and **Mountain City** (water system improvements).
- Distributed recycling surveys to FTDD cities and counties for 2015 Annual Solid Waste Progress Reports.
- Worked with **Washington County** and the regional HUB tire collection program to determine budget needs for FY 2016-2017.
- Completed Recycled Materials Feedstock Survey of 341 industries in the region.
- Continued implementation of the **Cash Hollow** Watershed Improvement Project.

The First Tennessee Development District GIS Department received 51 requests for maps and information during the 4th Quarter of 2015. Several of the requests were for multiple map production. Following are some of the project details:

- Work with Development District staff to acquire data for grant proposal purposes.
- Provide maps to District staff as requested.
- Update all streets and boundaries in the Town of **Unicoi**. Provide finalized Street Map.
- Work with the Town of **Unicoi** on Heritage Days location map.
- Work with State of Tennessee Greenways and Trails Program Coordinator to accurately portray trail locations on Doe Mountain ARC grant proposals.
- Work with U.S. Fish & Wildlife agency for GIS file share.
- Town of **Mountain City** utility system digitization project.
- Continue to update and maintain the First Tennessee Development District's National Register of Historic Places Interactive map.

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

During the past 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:

- Participated in **Kingsport** MPO meetings as a member of the MPO Executive Board.
- Assisted **Greeneville** and **Carter County** with Multimodal Access Fund grant applications.
- Participated in safety project screening training with TDOT staff.
- Attended Road Safety Audit Review on SR351 in **Greene County**.
- Conducted preliminary safety project screenings for locations in **Sullivan County** and **Johnson County**.
- Provided information to local governments at RPO members about the TDOT Multimodal Access Fund Grants and Community Transportation Planning Grants.
- Coordinated Review Committee activities to review 2015 Multimodal Access Fund Grant and Community Transportation Planning Grant applications.
- Researched data on a potential safety improvement project in **Johnson County** on SR67.
- Worked on 2014 **Mountain City** Multimodal project environmental review.

PLANNING

During the past quarter, the First Tennessee Development District local planning staff assisted communities, Planning Commissions, Boards of Zoning Appeals and developers in the following areas:

- Staffed 22 Planning Commission meetings.
- Staffed 5 Boards of Zoning Appeals meetings.
- Staffed 2 meetings of a local legislative body.
- Staffed 4 other local meetings concerning development and landuse controls.
- Reviewed 4 requests for zoning variances.
- Prepared 1 zoning ordinance amendment.
- Prepared 1 amendment to zoning maps.
- Reviewed 8 requests for rezoning and prepared maps and ordinances.
- Reviewed 30 subdivision plats including a total of 100 lots and 117 acres.
- Reviewed 17 community development site plans for a total of 16 lots and 59 acres.
- Provided continuing education opportunities for 4 Planning Commissions or Boards of Zoning Appeals totaling 13 hours of CEU's for 24 individuals. During the quarter the following topics were addressed.
 - Ex-Parte Communication
 - Major Thoroughfare Plans

- Powers and Functions of Local Planning Commission
- Major Street Plans

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Continued maintenance and updates on the FTDD website.
- Attended meetings of the Food Connectivity working group with Rural Resources and other **Greene County** local growers.
- Took part in a week long drug prevention program training as a buildup to **Washington County’s** Drug Free Work Place Initiative.
- Joined the **Sullivan County** Anti-Drug Coalition to support the District’s efforts to address the regions prescription drug abuse epidemic.
- Assisted with and staffed the District’s Work Force Development and Literacy working group meetings.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

January 29, 2016	Clean Tennessee Energy Grants Pre-Proposals Due
February 26, 2016	Community Development Block Grant Applications Due
March 15-16, 2016	Tennessee Environmental Conference – Kingsport, TN
March 29-30, 2016	Rural Development Conference – Murfreesboro, TN

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