

FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
2nd QUARTER STATUS REPORT
APRIL - JUNE 2014

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A sewer project in the **Town of Surgoinsville** will provide sewer service to two schools and 185 residents and businesses. The First Tennessee Development District is working with Surgoinsville on administering grant funding for the project.
- The Tennessee Historical Commission held its 40th annual awards ceremony where FTDD's Interactive Map of Historic Places received a Certificate of Merit award. The interactive map of National Register of Historic Places in Northeast Tennessee is available on the District's website, www.ftdd.org, under Historic Preservation.
- The District assisted the following organizations with Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) full applications:
 - **Erwin Utilities**
 - **Hancock County**
 - **City of Kingsport**
 - **Rural Resources (Greene County)**
 - **Unicoi County School Board**
- The District assisted the **Town of Mountain City** with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Façade Grant Program application.
- The District assisted **Johnson County** with a CDBG Disaster Grant application.
- The District, through its lending corporation, Northeast Tennessee Economic Development Corporation, made two loans to businesses in the **City of Johnson City**.
- Economic and demographic data is available at the District's website, www.ftdd.org, under Regional Statistics/FACTS.

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):
 - **City of Bristol**, Dynamic Recycling (FIDP) project is complete and will be closed out early next quarter.
 - **City of Bristol**, Meetings were held to discuss a potential rail project (FIDP) for Project Crown, expanding in the Bristol Industrial Park.
 - **Carter County**, Meetings were held to discuss a potential grading project (FIDP) for 20/20 Vision, located in the Carter County Industrial Park.
 - **Sullivan County**, Bell Helicopter (FIDP) construction resumed in March 2014. The new completion date is September 1, 2014.
 - **Greene County**, HUF North America (FIDP) construction has started and will be completed early next quarter.
 - **Town of Greeneville**, Angus Palm (FIDP) project's phase one is complete, while phase two (levee) will be bid out on July 22, 2014.
 - **Greene County**, US Nitrogen (FIDP) tank construction is complete. Additional water and sewer work should be bid by the end of next quarter.
 - **Sullivan County**, Diversified Power Incorporated (DPI) Fast Track grading application was submitted to ECD for approval. Due to changes in DPI's business

- plan, the application was pulled from consideration.
 - **Hancock County**, Kiefer/Volunteer Fabricators application for a new gas line was approved for \$199,000 of the \$300,000 needed.
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds:
 - **Town of Mosheim**, meetings were held to move the U.S. Nitrogen project toward the bid phase.
 - **Town of Greeneville**, EDA Angus-Palm project has been approved.
 - **Town of Unicoi**, the Kitchen Incubator application was submitted to EDA for approval.
 - **City of Kingsport**, the Eastman water conveyance upgrade application has been approved, with a special condition concerning Eastman’s Wastewater Consent Order.
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG):
 - **Johnson County (2002)**, CDBG project is under construction, to be completed by August 30, 2014.
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with Tennessee Department of Transportation State Industrial Access:
 - **Carter County**, Watauga Industrial Park project is awaiting acquisition of NCI property to move forward.
 - **City of Tusculum**, The Jarden Zinc road project has started and should be complete by the end of the next quarter.
 - **Washington County** continued TDOT meetings to discuss potential access road to new industrial park in Gray, TN.
 - **Washington County**, continued TDOT meetings to discuss a potential access road to the new property inside the existing industrial park.
 - **Washington County**, continued meetings to discuss potential turn lane for Quint-C Pallet in Limestone, TN.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

- Tennessee Housing Development Agency awarded housing rehabilitation HOME funds to:
 - Carter County \$500,000**
 - Greeneville \$439,766**
 - Claiborne County \$250,000**
 - New Tazewell \$250,000**
 - Cumberland Gap \$250,000**

The housing department of First Tennessee Development District will administer and provide construction management for these THDA grants.

- Tennessee Housing Development Agency awarded \$440,000 in emergency repair funds for the elderly. These funds can be used in **Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Washington and Unicoi Counties**. Funds up to

\$10,000 per homeowner will be available. These funds have to be matched with 33% from other sources.

- Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati awarded funds for six accessibility rehabilitation projects in **Carter, Hawkins, Sullivan, and Washington Counties**.
- Staff participated in a housing fair for residents of the **Johnson City** Housing Authority to encourage participation in our homeownership programs from the Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium.
- Staff participated in housing fair hosted by the **City of Bristol**.
- Staff attended and presented information at the Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness Housing and Supportive Services.

During this quarter the following projects were completed:

THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly (2)

Hawkins County –1 Washington County – 1

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Down Payment Assistance (5)

Washington County - 1 Bristol, TN – 2

Johnson City – 1 Bristol, VA - 1

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Rehabilitation Program (5)

Sullivan County - 1 Kingsport - 2

Johnson City – 1 Bluff City - 1

Johnson City CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program (9)

Emergency Repair- 9 Substantial Rehabilitations - 0

Federal Home Loan Bank Disaster Repair Program (2)

Sullivan County -2

Federal Home Loan Bank Accessible Rehabilitation Program (2)

Sullivan County -1 Hawkins County - 1

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

- A “Living Well with Chronic Conditions” workshop was held March 12–April 16 at the Elizabethton Senior Citizens Center. There were 12 participants.
- A “Take Charge of Your Diabetes” workshop was held April 4–May 16 at the Jonesborough Area Senior Center. The workshop had 9 participants.
- Eight local leaders completed the “Powerful Tools for Caregivers” leader training on June 11–12 in Gray, TN.
- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) participated in a total of 59 events. Staff also participated in the Roan Highlands Nursing Home Community Event with over 500 people in attendance.
- Information and Assistance staff conducted 294 Long-Term Care Screenings.
- The 26th Annual Conference on Aging was held on April 29 at the Millennium Centre in Johnson City. There were over 300 registrants and 38 sponsors.

- The Public Guardian program served a total of 26 clients: Conservator of Person and Property = 22; Conservator of Person Only = 2; Power of Attorney for Property Only = 1; Surrogate Power of Attorney = 1. A total of 11 volunteers were utilized.
- Program Review Monitor participated in 10 meetings and trainings. Also completed 9 monitoring visits.
- The Washington County SALT Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) held its annual Senior Crime Prevention Academy (SCPA) on June 12.
- Approximately 1,200 consumers are actively receiving services that include home-delivered meals, personal care, homemaker services, respite services, personal emergency response systems, and supply reimbursement.
- Available openings are being filled on State Options Home-Delivered Meals, Homemaker Services, Personal Care Services, National Family Caregiver Program and Title III Home-Delivered Meals, Homemaker Services and Personal Care Services.
- A waiting list of approximately 1,300 individuals exists for all programs and services.
- Approximately 200 individuals were referred to outside agencies for items such as clothes, food boxes, hot delivered meals, cleaning supplies, home repairs, light bill assistance or other needs.
- Approximately six consumers were assisted with FTAAAD's Emergency Assistance Program.
- The Lead Service Coordinator and 4 In-Home Service Coordinators took the Information and Referral Services (AIRS) examination in Knoxville. All passed the examination.
- In-Service training was conducted for the In-Home Service Coordinators.
- Provider contracts were written and executed for 21 Unit-Cost Contracts and 13 Grant Contracts.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND GIS PROGRAMS

- Provided assistance to the **City of Elizabethton** on solid waste collection RFP process.
- Completed environmental review for **Unicoi County** CDBG project.
- Assisted **Carter, Sullivan and Washington Counties** with household hazardous waste collection event promotion and advertising.
- Prepared Environmental Review documents for Unicoi Mountain Harvest Kitchen Incubator project.
- Assisted **Hancock County** with solid waste program qualitative assessment process.
- Prepared environmental re-evaluation for Goose Creek Trail project in **Town of Mountain City**.
- Continued to serve on Board of Directors of Appalachian RC&D Council and Keep Greene Beautiful.
- Prepared District Solid Waste Needs Assessment for **Washington County**.
- Worked with Shady Valley Watershed District to research funding options to improve the watershed.

The First Tennessee Development District GIS Department received 36 requests for maps and information during the quarter. Other GIS-related projects include:

- Worked with other Development District staff, State of Tennessee OIR department, and surrounding communities for mapping data.
- Worked with Local Planning staff to assist communities with data files.

- Updated zoning maps for communities served by the District’s Local Planning Department.
- Continued to maintain the District’s interactive map, which includes the National Register of Historic Places districts and sites.
- Created maps for the **Town of Unicoi** and special projects in their area.
- Provided assistance to the **City of Watauga** on an Automatic Aide map.
- Assisted **Greene County** with updates to County zoning maps and digital map database.
- Continued implementation of the Cash Hollow Watershed Improvement Plan. Funded by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, the project is designed to improve the water quality of Cash Hollow Creek in Washington County.

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

- Worked on pedestrian signal project requested by Tusculum College in the **City of Tusculum**.
- Attended Road Safety Audit Review field visit on SR 36 and Fordtown Road intersection in **Sullivan County**.
- Attended Road Safety Audit Review in **Hawkins County** on SR66 and Carters Valley Road.
- Participated in Local Road Safety Initiative field review in **Johnson County**.
- Provided updates to local officials and citizens on transportation projects throughout the District.

PLANNING

- Staffed 36 Planning Commission meetings.
- Staffed 8 Boards of Zoning Appeals meetings.
- Staffed 3 Special Called meetings.
- Attended 9 other meetings dealing with local planning areas of interest.
- Reviewed 7 requests for zoning variances.
- Prepared 3 zoning ordinance amendments.
- Prepared 1 zoning map amendment.
- Reviewed 5 requests for re-zoning and prepared maps and ordinances.
- Reviewed 31 subdivision plats, including a total of 130 lots and 178 acres.
- Reviewed 11 community development site plans, for a total of 11 lots and 9.02 acres.
- Also provided continuing education opportunities for 10 Planning Commissions or Board’s of Zoning Appeals, totaling 18 CEUs for 95 individuals. During the quarter the following topics were addressed.
 - Extraterritorial zoning
 - U.S. Census Urban Boundaries
 - Grandfather property
 - Accessory dwelling units
 - Clean property ordinances
 - Legislative updates

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- The Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations 2013 survey process continued, completing Milestone 2d and initial quality-control process; continuing quality control as required.
- Tri-Cities TN/VA Regional Leadership Council succession planning and 2014 Annual Regional Day logistics and program day development.
- Attended regular meetings and special events of the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association Board; TANASI board; WIB Youth Council, Helping Children & Youth Vision Council/United We Read Initiative, BCM events committee, and Appalachian Sustainable Development executive committee/board; Sullivan County Anti-Drug Coalition.
- Provided peer-to-peer training regarding the development and publishing of the Directory of Manufacturers at FTDD workshop.
- Facilitated strategic planning session for First TN Human Resource Agency.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

August 12, 2014— District Senior Brain Games, 10:00 a.m., Kingsport Senior Center

October 2014— First District Senior Olympics

October 8–10, 2014— Tennessee Department of Tourism Development Governor’s Conference, Knoxville, TN

October 22–24, 2014—Tennessee Association of Community Leadership Annual Conference, Nashville, TN

October 30–November 2, 2014—First Tennessee Development District Annual Meeting, Gatlinburg, TN

November 13–14, 2014— Tennessee Economic & Community Development Governor’s Conference, Nashville, TN