

**FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
1ST QUARTER STATUS REPORT  
JANUARY - MARCH 2012**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities that received FastTrack Infrastructure Development Program (FIDP) funds from the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development (TECD):
  - City of Bristol, Sprint Tel ecenters Site Improvements
  - Greene County, U.S. Nitrogen Water System Improvements
  - Town of Greeneville, Angus-Palm Water System Improvements
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following community that received State Industrial Access Road (SIA) funds from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT):
  - City of Tusculum, Jarden Zinc Access Road Improvements
- The District assisted the following communities with Small Cities, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications:
  - Town of Baileyton, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
  - City of Bluff City, Water System Improvements
  - Greene County, Water Line Extension
  - Town of Rogersville, Water System Improvements
  - Sullivan County, Water Line Extension
  - Unicoi County, Sewer Line Extension
- The District assisted the following communities with Clean Tennessee Energy Grant applications to the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC):
  - Johnson City, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
  - Greeneville Water Commission, Water Treatment Plant Pump Upgrades
- Economic and demographic data is available at the District's website [www.ftdd.org](http://www.ftdd.org) under the Regional Statistics/FACTS heading.

**HOUSING PROGRAMS**

- Housing staff attended the 2012 Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) HOME and Housing Trust Fund grant workshop. Housing trust Fund applications were submitted for Horizon Community Development Corporation to create affordable rental housing for special needs clients in **Greeneville** and **Kingsport** and Hawkins Habitat for Humanity to build two (2) new homes in **Hawkins County**. First Tennessee Development District also applied for down payment assistance for first time homebuyer's in **Carter, Johnson, Hancock, Hawkins, Greene, and Unicoi Counties**. THDA has postponed the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Grant applications until the fall.
- Staff attended the East Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition meeting in Knoxville and toured a LEED Certified transitional housing facility.
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development advanced rental housing underwriting and finance training was completed by two staff members.

- Staff attended a Veteran's Outreach program at the Millennium Center in Johnson City and handed out information on THDA Emergency Repair Program and the Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Homeownership Program.
- Housing staff toured completed projects with a representative from Tennessee Housing Development Agency. THDA is compiling stories for a new report for our legislators to promote continued investment in housing.

During this quarter the following projects were completed:

THDA HOME Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program (6)

Town of Watauga - 1

Carter - 5

THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly (16)

Washington County – 6                      Carter County – 2

Sullivan County – 4                      Greene County - 4

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Down Payment Assistance (9)

Bristol, TN - 3                                      Sullivan County – 3

Washington County - 1                      Johnson City - 2

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Housing Rehabilitation (5)

Johnson City – 1                                      Bristol, TN – 3

Bristol, VA - 1

Johnson City CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program (4)

Emergency Repair –3

Substantial Rehabilitation - 1

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY**

- Continued monthly meetings of the Caregivers Support Group in partnership with Mountain States Health Alliance (MSHA)- Health Resource Center in Johnson City, with an average attendance of 7.
- Completed four (4) “Living Well with Chronic Conditions” workshops with a total of 51 participants and 37 completers. Four (4) programs are in process and will finish in April. FTAAAD website includes information of Chronic Disease Self Management Program (CDSMP) and an updated schedule of workshops.
- Maintained partnership with Gatton College of Pharmacy, Experiential Education Director and third year pharmacy students to offer various medication management educational programs for our seniors. Approximately 150 participants, 88 pharmacy students & 2 pharmacists participated. ETSU media covered the program. Presentation regarding Personal Health Profiles was presented at North Johnson City Baptist Church (35 participants).
- 30 wards were served by the Public Guardian programs: 22 - Conservator of Person/Property, 4 - Conservator of Person Only, 1- Conservator of Property Only, 1 - Power of Attorney (POA) Person & Property, 1 - POA Property Only, 1 - POA Surrogate. Eleven volunteers provided direct client services and 2 volunteers provided professional services.
- Participated in the Local Emergency Planning Committee quarterly meeting at the Regional Health office in Johnson City.

- The First Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability (FTAAAD) Advisory Council met in February and March to review the FTAAAD's Area Plan prior to submission to the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD) by the March 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Prepared and distributed Annual Conference on Aging sponsorship/exhibitor information and conference brochures.
- Prepared and distributed the First District Senior Olympics event and registration forms.
- Staff attended Tennessee Senior Olympics Board meeting in Mt. Juliet TN in early March.
- Several FTAAAD staff participated in a newly formed East Tennessee Transportation Coalition (ETTC). Others in attendance include the Senior Center Directors and representatives from the Johnson City Transit, NET Trans, RPM Transportation Consultants, FTDD Rural Planning Organization (RPO) and Tennessee Department of Health Adult Protective Services.
- Advertised Annual Conference on Aging on the "Work It TriCities" website [www.workittricity.com](http://www.workittricity.com).
- Staff monitored the following service providers: 1 Senior Center, 8 Service Providers, 2 Nutrition sites, and 1 Transportation site.
- The TCAD Dietetics Consultant made a nutrition visit in early March to the First Tennessee Human Resource Agency (FTHRA) central kitchen and FTAAAD staff rode along on a FTHRA meal delivery route.
- Staff participated in one TCAD Quality Assurance Teleconference.
- Community Care Transitions Program (CCTP) – On January 20, 2012, the FTAAAD received notification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) that the partnership with Integrated Solutions Health Network (ISHN) for a new CCTP program had not been recommended for approval. The goal of the CCTP is to improve health outcomes among Medicare beneficiaries with a primary diagnosis of Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI), Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) and Pneumonia (PNEU). The FTAAAD is moving forward with ISHN/Anew Care by implementing a small CCTP pilot project with Sycamore Shoals Hospital.
- Money Follows the Person Program (MFP) – On October 1, 2011, FTAAAD began completing Quality of Life (QOL) Surveys for the Money Follows the Person Program. This program is designed to assist States in rebalancing their long-term care systems and help 2,225 "eligible individuals" transition from institutions to the community. TN is one of 43 states receiving funds through this federally funded demonstration grant. FTAAAD continues to participate in providing QOL Surveys for MFP members.
- CHOICES in Long-Term Care (or "CHOICES") is TennCare's program for long-term care services. Effective March 26, 2012, CHOICES Group 2 met the maximum enrollment target for unreserved CHOICES slots. All requests for enrollment into CHOICES 2 will be reviewed based on reserve capacity requirements, and if they are not in one of the target reserve groups, they will be placed on a waiting list unless the person elects to receive nursing home care, (CHOICES Group 1), which does not have an enrollment target. Reserve capacity requirements: 300 "slots" are reserved for two groups of individuals: Individuals being discharged from a Nursing Facility (NF); and individuals being discharged from an acute care setting who are at imminent risk of being placed in a NF setting absent the provision of HCBS.
- Approximately 1,092 individuals are actively receiving Options, Title II and Title IIIE Caregiver services that includes home delivered meals, personal care, homemaker, respite services, personal emergency response system, or minor home modifications. Available openings are being filled in the Title IIIC home delivered meals, Title IIIB Homemaker Service and Personal Care Services. Approximately 1,300+ individuals are on a waiting list to receive services in all programs.

- In Home Service Coordinators attended In Service training which included Mental Health issues, CHOICES, SHIP and upcoming changes in the SAMS System.
- Lead Service Coordinator and 1 In Home Service Coordinator attended the Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare in Nashville.
- Lead Service Coordinator and 1 In Home Service Coordinator attended Veterans Training (“Services for those who have served”) at ETSU.
- Lead Service Coordinator and 3 In Home Service Coordinators attended Care Transition Intervention Training at Indian Path Hospital in Kingsport.
- Purchased 24,000 Food City pharmacy bags as advertisement to reach Jonesborough Medicare beneficiaries.
- Conducted 19 educational presentations in the community.
- Held 3 Low Income Subsidy (LIS) events at Walgreens to reach Medicare beneficiaries that may be entitled to financial assistance on their Part D plans. Scheduled 9 additional events to be held this spring.
- Partnered with Walgreens to produce advertising materials in the form of posters and slips to be attached to pharmacy bags.
- Provided a one-day update training to strengthen the skills of our existing volunteers (14 total).
- Trained 11 service coordinators (including two interns) at the February Service Coordinator In-Service to provide Medicare counseling.
- Offered a two-day Volunteer training for 6 new volunteers. Speakers from TCAD in Nashville, UCDD in Cookeville, and the new Social Security Administration regional manager from Johnson City assisted in the training.
- Provided informational seminar at the first Caregiver Support Group conference call.
- Created 2000 flyers for area commodities distributions held by the Neighborhood Service Centers. Worked toward a stronger partnership with NSC offices.
- Utilized volunteers at several health fairs. Reached 2500 attendees at Chocolate Fest. By participating in this event, we will get 30 free radio spots produced by WKPT which will run in March and April.
- Staff toured the new Crumley House CHOICES group home and provided them with information about FTAAAD services. This is the first approved group home in the state of Tennessee.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY 2011-2012, 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 Environmental Reviews for CDBG projects in Greeneville, Bulls Gap, Carter County, Elizabethton, Sneedville and Mount Carmel.
- Worked on Annual Solid Waste Progress Reports for 2011 for Carter, Johnson, Hancock, Hawkins, Greene, Sullivan, Washington and Unicoi Counties, including preparing recycling surveys for commercial and industrial businesses.
- Attended Appalachian RC&D Council meetings.
- Attended Keep Greene Beautiful Advisory Board meetings.
- Assisted Sullivan and Washington Counties with Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event publicity.

- Attended Annual Solid Waste Progress Report Workshop in Nashville hosted by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Solid Waste Management.
- Attended County Mayor's meeting in Mountain City, Elizabethton and Johnson City.
- Attended Carter County Environmental Committee meetings.
- Attended Carter County Landfill Committee meetings.
- Continued to serve as a member of the Tennessee Environmental Conference Planning Committee. Attended the Conference in Kingsport.
- Attended Tennessee Recycling Coalition Conference in Franklin, TN.
- Attended meetings of the Boone Watershed Partnership as a member of the Advisory Committee.
- Assisted Washington County with research on solid waste disposal project and RFP for disposal services.
- Assisted Appalachian RC&D Council with office relocation.
- Assisted Northeast Tennessee Regional Solid Waste Planning Board (NETRSWPB) and Sullivan County Regional Solid Waste Planning Board with Board meetings plans.
- Presented 2011 Annual Solid Waste Progress Report data to NETRSWPB, Sullivan County and Greene County Planning Boards.
- Provided technical assistance to Jonesborough on recycling data.

Also, the District's Geographic Information System (GIS) Program was involved in several projects during the quarter which included the following:

- Historical data maps and National Register of Historic Places
- Transportation maps for RPO projects
- Topographic maps
- Parcel maps
- Economic development analysis
- Community Development Block Grant applications
- Maps for planning and zoning projects
- Population analysis

During the quarter, 47 requests for GIS services were completed. 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](http://ftdd.org/programs/gis).

## **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. RPO staff was also involved in the following projects and initiatives:

- Staff meeting with FTDD staff and Executive Director.
- Prepared 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011-2012 RPO Program status report for TDOT.
- Worked on Safe Routes to School grant application for Town of Unicoi. Submitted application to TDOT in March.
- Worked on Safe Routes to School grant application for Town of Erwin. Submitted application to TDOT in March.

- Participated in NADO SAFETEA-LU conference call on reauthorization of Federal highway transportation bill.
- Worked on environmental review for Town of Erwin Transportation Enhancement project.
- Prepared presentation for Development District of Appalachia (DDAA) Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Attended DDAA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Prepared GIS radius maps for Safe Routes to School grant applications for Unicoi and Erwin.
- Participated in Area Agency on Aging & Disability Transportation Coalition.

## **PLANNING**

During the past quarter the First Tennessee Local Planning staff assisted community staff, planning commissions, boards of zoning appeals, and residents with professional planning work in the following areas:

- Staffed forty-two (42) planning commission meetings.
- Staffed thirteen (13) boards of zoning appeals meetings, and reviewed sixteen (16) requests for zoning variances.
- Staffed one (1) legislative body meeting.
- Provided twenty-two (22) hours of continuing education and training at various planning commission and board of zoning appeals meetings.
- Reviewed fifty-three (53) subdivision plats.
- Reviewed eighteen (18) development site plans.
- Prepared one (1) Annexation Ordinance and Plan of Services.
- Conducting research for three (3) annexation studies.
- Prepared ten (10) amendments to subdivision regulations.
- Prepared fifteen (15) amendments to zoning ordinances.
- Reviewed seven (7) rezoning requests and prepared rezoning ordinances and maps.
- Provided information regarding amending Urban Growth Boundaries and Planned Growth Areas as per Public Chapter 1101 of 1998 to various communities.
- Researched various zoning issues (i.e. mobile food preparation vehicles, cargo containers as training facilities, buffer regulations, site plan regulations, electronic reader board signage, substance abuse and pain clinics, re-defining buildings and structures, flood regulations, historic preservation, design review commission guidelines, telecommunication facilities, wind and solar energy, defining government uses, etc...).
- Researched various subdivision regulations issues (i.e. private vs. public easements, surveying requirements, adequate road frontage, reporting administrative plat approvals, phasing major projects, etc...).

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- Attended regular board, committee meetings, and other events for the Birthplace of Country Music Alliance (Events Committee and Board); Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association; Tanasi (Board Meetings and Business Plan Workshop); WIB Youth Council; Regional Coordination Team; Appalachia Sustainable Development (Retreat); Northeast TN Council on Children and Youth (Quarterly Council Meeting; Training Conferences and Legislative Breakfast); **Hancock County** Community Partners; Vision Council for Children & Youth (Literacy Sub-Committee) and United Way of Greater **Kingsport**, Tennessee Association of Community Leadership, Tri-Cities TN/VA Regional Leadership Council; Greene County Partnership Annual Meeting and Legislative Luncheon.
- Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations 2011 Public Infrastructure Needs Inventory, completing Milestone 2b.
- Hancock County Leadership History Day facilitation and end of year program planning.
- Attended Development District Association of Appalachia Annual Training Conference; Complete College Tennessee Act Update; Appalachian Regional Commission, Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association review of technical assistance grant for Hancock County; Eastman Chemical Company Update for Regional Leaders

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

FTDD Annual Meeting in Gatlinburg, October 26-28, 2012