

**FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
3rd QUARTER STATUS REPORT
JULY - SEPTEMBER 2014**

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC):

- **Hancock County**, Treadway Water Line, Phase II
- **City of Kingsport**, Eastman Sewer System Improvements
- Rural Resources (**Greene County**), Healthy Food Project
- Keystone Dental Care (**City of Johnson City**), Low-Income Oral Healthcare

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG):

- **Carter County**, WRRWA Water Line Rehab
- **Town of Greeneville**, Water Treatment Plant Clearwell
- **Town of Mountain City**, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
- **Town of Mosheim**, Sewer System Improvements
- **City of Sneedville**, Water System Improvements
- **Town of Mount Carmel**, Sewer System Improvements

Transportation Alternatives (TA):

- **Town of Greeneville**, Walters State Campus Enhancements
- **Town of Erwin**, Downtown Connector Trail

Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF):

- **City of Johnson City**, Boundless Playground
- **Town of Greeneville**, Eastview Splash Pad

- The District, through its lending corporation, Northeast Tennessee Economic Development Corporation, made loans to businesses in **Johnson City** and **Jonesborough**
- Economic and demographic data is available at the District's website www.ftdd.org under the Regional Statistics/FACTS
- The Martin-Dobyns House in **Kingsport** and Miller Farmstead in **Carter County** were placed on National Register of Historic Places with the assistance of District staff
- Assisted with a successful Historic Preservation Grant for the **Carter County** Courthouse
- Assisted in the Gilley's Hotel in **Bulls Gap** being placed on the Tennessee Preservation Trust's list of 10 most endangered historic resources
- The interactive map of National Register Places in Northeast Tennessee is available on the District's website at www.ftdd.org under Historic Preservation.

INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS

- **City of Bristol**, Royal Moldings (FIDP), rail-spur project was funded for \$2M.
- **Carter County**, discussions on a potential new manufacturing facility at the Borla site; potential new manufacturing company moving into an existing facility at Watauga Industrial Park; potential grading project in Carter County Industrial Park (FIDP).
- **Greene County**, HUF North America (FIDP), construction has started on waterline extension upgrade; US Nitrogen (FIDP), tank construction is complete—additional water and sewer work should begin by end of next quarter.
- **Town of Greeneville**, Angus Palm (FIDP), phase II should be complete early next quarter. EDA has approved a water intake project in the Nolichucky.
- **Hancock County**, Kiefer/Volunteer Fabricators (FIDP), application for a new gas

- line was approved for \$199,000 of the \$300,000 needed for the project.
 - **Sullivan County**, Bell Helicopter (FIDP), grading project complete; Chef Minute Meals, Inc., (FIDP), application is being submitted to extend sewer to the facility.
 - **Town of Unicoi**, the Kitchen Incubator application is being re-submitted to EDA for approval.
 - **City of Kingsport**, Eastman application for water conveyance upgrade has been approved by EDA.
 - **Johnson County**, working with the fire departments throughout the County to develop a new CDBG project for 2015.
- The following communities were assisted with Tennessee Department of Transportation State Industrial Access Roads:
 - **Carter County**, Watauga Industrial Park project is awaiting acquisition of NCI property for the road to move forward; submitting an application for Project Albuquerque for a turn lane.
 - **City of Tusculum**, The Jarden Zinc road project is complete.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

- Public meetings and application days were held for the following communities for Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) HOME grants:

Carter County
Greeneville
Claiborne County
New Tazewell
Cumberland Gap

- Staff participated in a regional Veteran's Resource Outreach event in **Johnson City**.
- A THDA Trust Fund grant application was submitted for Keystone Development in the amount of \$430,000 for a seven-unit apartment complex in **Johnson City**.
- Staff attended the TennCare Housing conference, with emphasis placed on the need for housing the elderly population in the community, rather than in nursing homes.
- FTDD hosted a housing resource meeting for area bankers and housing developers on information about resources and opportunities for affordable housing development.

During this quarter the following projects were completed:

THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly
 Hawkins County – 1 Bristol, TN – 1

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Down Payment Assistance
 Sullivan County – 1 Bristol, VA – 1
 Johnson City – 4

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Rehabilitation Program
 Bristol, VA – 1 Kingsport – 1

Johnson City CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program
 Emergency Repair – 6

Tennessee Housing Development Agency Rebuild and Recover
Washington County – 2

Federal Home Loan Bank Accessible Rehabilitation Program
Sullivan County – 1 Carter County – 3
Washington County – 1

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Information and Assistance Staff conducted outreach to 2,680 people at regional events.
- The Public Guardian program served a total of 28 clients.
- FTAAAD started a pilot Caregiver Telephone Support Group on August 7. The support group had four participants in the pilot project.
- A Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop started on September 3 at the Clinchfield Senior Adult Center in Erwin. The six-week workshop has 10 participants enrolled.
- The Second Annual Regional Senior Brain Games were held in July and August at various senior centers.
- AmeriGroup will be joining Blue Cross Blue Shield and UnitedHealthcare in providing CHOICES/TennCare services in the East Tennessee region.
- CHOICES Financial Audit from the State of Tennessee Division of Health Care Finance and Administration was completed with no findings; the Program Audit was conducted by the Bureau of TennCare with an overall score of 98 percent.
- CHOICES implemented a new Quality of Life Survey Tool to more effectively gather member information.
- Changes were made to the CHOICES Pre-Admission Process, implementing a Safety Determination process for those applying that do not meet level-of-care requirements but do not appear to be safe in the community. FTAAAD is evaluating safety on members assisted.
- 2013 Customer Satisfaction Survey results were published. Positive responses regarding CHOICES and services available gained from members interviewed.
- The CHOICES program distributed information, assistance and screening calls to 510 people; made 110 home visits to facilitate enrollment; completed 72 Pre-Admission evaluations and submitted Medicaid applications to TennCare; made 197 referrals to Managed Care Organizations; completed 25 Money Follows the Person surveys; visited eight nursing homes to counsel individuals and families on Long-Term Care Services and Support; 90 referrals; conducted 27 outreach activities.
- The Options, Title III and Title III E Caregiver program has approximately 1,200 individuals actively receiving services such as home-delivered meals, personal care, homemaker services, respite services, personal emergency response systems, and supply reimbursement. A waiting list exists for 1,300 individuals.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND GIS PROGRAMS

- Recycling Equipment grant application for **Carter County**
- Assistance to the regional HUB tire collection program on budget preparation and fee structure
- Assisted **Hancock County** with TDEC-Division of Solid Waste Management's Qualitative Assessment of solid waste activities
- Assistance to regional solid waste Planning Boards to fill vacant positions
- Continued implementation of the Cash Hollow Watershed Improvement Project

- Used Oil Equipment Grant application for **Sullivan County** and **Hawkins County** Highway Departments
- Environmental Reviews for Community Development Block Grant projects in **Carter County, Mountain City, Elizabethton, Sneedville, Mosheim, Mount Carmel** and **Greeneville**

GIS Department received 38 requests for maps and information, and assisted in the following:

- Assisted local planning staff for communities' accurate data files and zoning maps
- Monitored and provided quality assurance on official zoning maps
- **Town of Unicoi** Water Utility District maps update
- Prepared boundary location map for Safe Routes to School grant – **Town of Mosheim**
- **Hawkins County** outfall location mapping project
- Development of **Greene County** Atlas zoning maps
- Continued implementation of the **Town of Mountain City** utility system digitization project
- Participated at a combined meeting of the North Carolina Mountain Regional GIS Alliance (MRGAC), Northeast Tennessee GIS Users Group (NETGIS) and the ETSU Geosciences class.

For more information about the GIS program, contact Wendy S. Hill at 423-722-5094.

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

During the past quarter, RPO staff assisted in the following projects and initiatives:

- Environmental Reviews for Transportation Alternatives projects in **Greeneville** and **Erwin**
- Researched funding opportunities and provided assistance to **Sneedville** for a bridge replacement project
- Participated in Road Safety Audit Review training for safety projects in **Unicoi, Greene** and **Washington** Counties.
- Assistance to **Mosheim** and **Mount Carmel** with Safe Routes to School grant applications
- Safety improvement packet for a potential safety project on Boones Station Road in **Washington County**
- Assistance on TDOT's Multimodal Access Fund Grant Program and Community Transportation Planning Grant Program.

PLANNING

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

- Staffed 32 Planning Commission meetings
- Staffed 12 Boards of Zoning Appeals meetings
- Staffed four Special Called meetings
- Reviewed 11 requests for zoning variances
- Prepared seven zoning ordinance amendments
- Prepared three zoning map amendments
- Reviewed four requests for rezoning and prepared maps and ordinances

- Reviewed 50 subdivision plats, including a total of 131 lots and 157 acres
- Reviewed 10 community development site plans for a total of three lots and 8.31 acres
- Provided continuing education opportunities for 10 Planning Commissions or Boards of Zoning Appeals totaling 22 CEUs for 61 individuals. During the quarter the following topics were addressed:
 - MS4 Annual Reporting
 - Extraterritorial zoning
 - Subdivision Regulations Amendments
 - Historic Zoning and Planned Urban Developments
 - Mobile Home Zoning
- Staff provided National Flood Insurance Program training at the Kingsport Higher Education Center for Planning Commissioners, Floodplain Managers and elected officials.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Preparation for 2014 TACIR survey began with contact list updates, plan of work, participating in the annual workshop, and preparing verification documents for school systems.
- Tri-Cities TN/VA Regional Leadership Council succession planning continued, along with the 2014 Annual Regional Day logistics and program day development, and scheduling Fall community trusteeship facilitation.
- Participated in special events/meetings of the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association Board; TANASI Board; WIB Youth Council; Helping Children & Youth Vision Council/United We Read Initiative; Birthplace of Country Music and Appalachian Sustainable Development Board; ETSU and coalition members from Sullivan County Anti-Drug Coalition, Washington County Insight Alliance and Of One Accord Ministries.
- Facilitated the District's 2014 Annual Regional Senior Brain Games competition.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

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

December 3, 2014 — FTDD Executive Committee Meeting

December 10, 2014— FTDD Christmas Open House

December 16, 2014— FTDD Executive Committee Meeting