

**FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**2nd QUARTER STATUS REPORT**  
**APRIL – JUNE, 2015**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- The District assisted two communities that were funded for Tennessee Department of Transportation, Multimodal Access Grant applications. The communities were:
  - **City of Elizabethton** – Tweetsie Trail Road Crossing Safety Upgrades
  - **Town of Mountain City** – State Route 67 Sidewalk Installation
- **Johnson County** was funded for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for an Emergency Operations Center. Johnson County was able to receive these funds as a result of damages sustained from the 2011 tornado event.
- The following communities were assisted with Appalachian Regional Commission full applications:
  - **Doe Mountain Recreation Authority** – Trail System Development
  - **Erwin Utilities** – Rocky Fork Water Line Extension
  - **ETSU** – Tennessee Institute of Public Health
  - **Town of Mountain City** – Sewer System Improvements
- The first loan in the Downtown Greeneville Loan Program was made to a business for interior improvements. The loan program, managed by the District's lending corporation, is funded by Andrew Johnson Bank, First Tennessee Bank, and Greeneville Federal Bank. The **Town of Greeneville**, Greene County Partnership, and Main Street Greeneville were instrumental in establishing the program.
- Two businesses in **Johnson City** were assisted by the Downtown Johnson City Redevelopment Loan Program.
- The Society of Architectural Historians maintains a website known as SAH Archipedia, which is an online encyclopedia of "the built world." It contains histories, photographs and maps of structures in 18 states. FTDD has submitted documents for the Clinchfield Railroad Station in **Kingsport**. Documentation is being prepared for the Hale Springs Inn in **Rogersville**, the Chester Inn in **Jonesborough**, and the Mountain Branch of the National Home for Volunteer Soldiers in **Johnson City**.
- Economic and demographic data, along with a historical map, is available at the District's website [www.ftdd.org](http://www.ftdd.org).

**INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS**

- The following communities were assisted with Fast Track Infrastructure Development Program (FIDP) funds and Economic Development Funds (ED) from the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development (TECD):
  - **Greene County, (FIDP)** Pre-Construction for second phase (sewer) of the US Nitrogen project underway
  - **Hancock County, (FIDP)** Submitted plans & specifications for approval to ECD for Keifer project

- **Hawkins County, (FIDP)** Submitted application to upgrade the rail system to serve Homeland Vinyl Products
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds:
  - **City of Bristol, (EDA)** Continued working on an application to upgrade water and sewer infrastructure to serve an expansion for the Crown project.
  - **Greene County, (EDA)** Plans & Specifications were recently approved for C&C Millwright water intake.
  - **Johnson County, (EDA)** Began EDA application to upgrade the water tank that serves Parkdale.
  - **Town of Mosheim, (EDA)** The time extension was approved by EDA for upgrades to the waste water treatment plant for US Nitrogen.
  - **Town of Unicoi, (EDA)** Phase I of construction on the Kitchen Incubator has begun
- 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.

## **HOUSING PROGRAMS**

- Assisted the following communities with Home Grant funds (THDA HOME):
  - **Hancock County** (\$500,000) and **Hamblen County** (\$375,000) THDA Grants were approved during the quarter
  - Continued working with the **Town of Surgoinsville** to assist with the connection of 12 homes to the new sewer line project (\$10,000 each)
- Assisted the following communities with THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly:
 

<b>Carter County -- 2</b>	<b>Sullivan County -- 5</b>
<b>Greene County -- 1</b>	<b>Washington County --1</b>
- Assisted the following communities within the Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium with Down Payment Assistance:
 

<b>Bristol, TN – 3</b>	<b>Kingsport – 4</b>
<b>Bristol, VA -- 2</b>	<b>Sullivan, TN-- 3</b>
<b>Johnson City-- 1</b>	<b>Washington County -- 2</b>

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

### **Emergency Repair – 3**

#### **AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY**

- Phase 2 of Member reassignment to a Managed Care Organization (MCO) began on April 1, 2015. Three MCO's, Amerigroup, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and United Health Care contract with TennCare to coordinate healthcare and long-term care services for Medicaid recipients in the East TN region.
- TennCare has implemented Pre-Admission Process (PAE) Improvements with Safety Determination Requests being the most significant. Approximately 40 PAE's each month are approved based on safety. Appeals have sharply declined from an average of 124/month to 64/month.
- 289 out of 295 nursing homes that accept Medicaid statewide are participating in the Quality Improvement in Long Term Services and Supports (QuiLTSS) initiative receiving \$9 million in payment for quality improvements for a more home-like environment over the last 2 quarters.
- CHOICES has provided the following services for this quarter:
  - 773 Information, assistance and screening calls
  - 117 Home visits to facilitate enrollment into CHOICES
  - 96 Pre-Admission Evaluations and Medicaid applications submitted to TennCare and Department of Human Services
  - 216 Referrals to Managed Care Organizations
  - 25 Money Follows the Person (MFP) surveys
  - 6 Nursing home visits to counsel individuals and families on Long Term Services and Supports
  - 81 Referrals received for members with Group 3 approved PAE that need assistance with Medicaid application process.
- The Public Guardian program served a total of 26 clients as follows: Conservator of Person and Property – 23; Conservator of Person Only – 2; Power of Attorney – 1. A total of 7 volunteers were utilized. 4 new clients were admitted during this period.
- Information & Assistance received 1,879 calls and completed 319 Long Term Care Screening. The State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) has 1,191 SHIP client contacts; 37 presentations and booths/exhibits were conducted
- Evidence-Based Programs and Caregiver Support programs – Four Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshops were conducted at **Jonesborough, Elizabethton, Johnson City** and **Kingsport** Senior Centers. The workshops had a total of 18 participants. Take

Charge Of your Diabetes and Living Well with Chronic Conditions self-management workshops were conducted at the **Clinchfield** Senior Adult Center and the **Elizabethton** Housing and Development Agency.

- Caregiver Telephone Support Group was held during this quarter with 5 caregivers participating. Topics included Caregivers Have Rights Too, Summer Travel Tips and Resilience: A Helpful Tool for Caregivers.
- The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Aging was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Millennium Centre in **Johnson City**. There were over 250 registrants and 37 sponsors/exhibitors. This year's theme was "Get into The Act" featuring keynote speaker Steve Yeatts.
- The Washington County SALT Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) held its annual Senior Crime Prevention Academy (SCPA) on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the **Johnson City** Senior Center/Memorial Park Community Center. The SCPA is held in conjunction with National Elder Abuse Awareness Month (May) and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15). Over 80 individuals participated.
- Eighteen Unit Cost Contracts were finalized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Of the eighteen, fourteen are various services including homemaker, personal care, respite and PERS (personal emergency response systems) while four are PERS only.
- Thirteen Grant contracts were finalized of which eleven are senior centers and one is for legal and ombudsmen services and the other for nutrition (home delivered and congregate meals)
- Monitoring visits for fiscal review of nine senior centers were conducted

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND GIS PROGRAMS**

Staff assisted or implemented the following projects during the past quarter:

- Prepared Solid Waste Needs Assessments for **Johnson** and **Unicoi** Counties
- Continued implementation of the Cash Hollow Watershed Improvement Plan
- Prepared environmental review documents for ARC project in the **City of Kingsport**
- Worked on 2011 **Johnson County** CDBG Disaster Environmental Review
- Assisted the regional tire recycling coalition with bidding process for tire recycling services
- Worked on Recreational Trails project environmental review for the **Town of Mosheim**

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GIS Department received 36 requests for maps and information during the past quarter. The following are some of the projects GIS staff participated in:

- Provide several variations of maps to the **Town of Unicoi** for the Mountain Harvest Kitchen project

- Work with Local Planning staff to assist communities and continue to monitor and provide quality assurance on official zoning maps
- Maintain FTDD's interactive map, on website, which includes the National Register of Historic Places Districts and Sites
- Worked with the **Town of Watauga** to create a map for a proposed fire station
- Continued work on the following projects: **Hawkins County** outfall location maps; **Town of Mountain City** utility system digitization; **Greene County** Atlas Map System;

For more information about the District's GIS program, contact Wendy S. Hill at 423-722-5094 or [whill@ftdd.org](mailto:whill@ftdd.org). Also, you may visit our website at [www.ftdd.org/programs/gis](http://www.ftdd.org/programs/gis)

### **RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

The RPO staff was involved in the following projects and initiatives:

- Prepared environmental documents for a Transportation Alternatives project in **Erwin** and **Greeneville**
- Prepared environmental documents for Multimodal Access Fund Grant project in **Greeneville**
- Participated in Road Safety Audit Review field reviews for safety projects in **Mosheim, Washington County** and **Mount Carmel**
- Coordinated and hosted First Tennessee RPO Workshop in July

### **PLANNING**

Local planning staff assisted communities, Planning Commissions, Boards of Zoning Appeals and developers in the following areas:

- Staffed 35 Planning Commission meetings
- Staffed 8 Boards of Zoning Appeals meetings
- Staffed 1 meeting of a local legislative body
- Staffed 7 other meetings concerning development and landuse controls
- Reviewed 7 requests for zoning variances
- Prepared 6 zoning ordinance amendments
- Reviewed 4 subdivision regulation amendments
- Prepared 2 amendments to zoning maps
- Reviewed 3 requests for rezoning and prepared maps and ordinances
- Reviewed 40 subdivision plats including a total of 137 lots and 241 acres
- Reviewed 6 community development site plans for a total of 5 lots and 34 acres
- Provided continuing education opportunities for 7 Planning Commissions or Board's of Zoning Appeals totaling 10 hours of CEU's for 89 individuals. During the quarter the following topics were addressed:
  - 2015 Planning Legislative Update
  - Off Street Parking Requirements
  - Sign Regulations
  - Planning Commission Authority and Ethics
  - Road Frontage Requirements and Zoning
  - Zoning Setback and Board of Zoning Appeals Authority

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- 2014-15 Public Infrastructure Inventory Survey was completed with initial quality control measures reviewed
- Rural Health Initiatives Session facilitated at the Tennessee Development District Association Annual Meeting in Murfreesboro, TN
- Participated in the Appalachian Funders Network planning and implementation of the annual training conference
- Participated in Appalachian Regional Commission's strategic planning session in Forest City, NC

## **CALENDER OF EVENTS**

August 12, 2015	FTDD Executive Committee Meeting, Johnson City
October 7-8, 2015	Governor's Housing Summit, Nashville
October 13-14, 2015	Governor's Conference on Economic & Community Development, Nashville
October 16-18, 2015	FTDD Annual Meeting, Gatlinburg
October 23-27, 2015	NADO Conference, New Orleans

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