

**FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
2ND QUARTER STATUS REPORT
APRIL - JUNE 2012**

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The District assisted the following communities with Local Parks Recreation Fund (LPRF) applications to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Recreation Services Division:
 - **Town of Erwin**, Rail Yard Playground and Skate Plaza
 - **City of Johnson City**, Rotary Park Boundless Playground
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following community that received FastTrack Infrastructure Development Program (FIDP) funds from the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development (TECD):
 - **Greene County**, RPC Water System Improvements
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following community that received U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds:
 - **Town of Mosheim**, U. S. Nitrogen Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
- The District assisted the following community that was funded for a Clean Tennessee Energy Grant applications from the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC):
 - **City of Johnson City**, Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
- The District assisted the following communities with Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) full applications:
 - Brownlow Utility District in **Johnson County**, Water Line Extension
 - **Town of Mountain City**, Sewer System Improvements
 - Walters State Community College, **Greeneville** Campus Equipment
 - **Town of Bulls Gap**, Sewer System Improvements
- Updated economic and demographic data is available at the District's website www.ftdd.org under the Regional Statistics/FACTS heading.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

- Tennessee Housing Development Agency awarded Horizon Community Development Corporation a Housing Trust Fund grant of \$500,000 to develop special needs rental housing in **Greeneville** and **Kingsport**. First Tennessee Development District will be handling the construction management and the administration of the project.
- Staff attended the quarterly East Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition meeting that was held in Johnson City. Presentation was made by the FTDD housing staff about the Tennessee Housing Development Agency Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly.
- Staff conducted a meeting in **Carter County** to discuss housing programs and outreach to the minority community.
- Staff attended training in Atlanta to learn more about the HOME rental program compliance requirements.
- A ribbon cutting was held in **Bristol, Tennessee** to showcase a rental housing project owned by Horizon Community Development Corporation and funded by a grant from

the Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium and the Tennessee Housing Development Agency Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

During this quarter the following projects were completed:

THDA HOME Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program (3)

Johnson County -1

Carter - 2

THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly (12)

Washington County – 1 Carter County – 2

Sullivan County – 3 Hancock County - 2

Greene County – 3 Johnson County - 1

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Down Payment Assistance (17)

Bristol, TN - 3 Sullivan County – 4

Kingsport - 3 Johnson City - 7

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Housing Rehabilitation (3)

Kingsport – 2 Bristol, VA - 1

Johnson City CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program (6)

Emergency Repair –2

Substantial Rehabilitation - 4

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

- Money Follows the Person Program (MFP) – FTAAAD has completed Quality of Life (QOL) Surveys for 34 individuals transitioning to the community.
- CHOICES (TennCare's program for long-term care services for elderly 65 years of age and older) or disabled (21 years of age and older). Long Term Care has changed its name to Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS). The CHOICES program maintains a waiting list of Group 2 applicants and continues to facilitate access in Medicaid by assisting individuals with Department of Human Services (DHS) applications and verification processes and continues the Single Point of Entry (SPOE) function assisting non-Medicaid applicants in gaining access to LTSS. CHOICES staff participated in numerous trainings involving the changes set to occur on July 1, 2012. These changes include (a) 1,500 slots will be added statewide to CHOICES Group 2 creating a statewide total of 12,500; (b) Waiting list that was created effective March 26, 2012 will be eliminated; (c) Level of Care (LOC) criteria will be raised and new applicants for nursing home placement (Group 1) and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS-Group 2) offered to those that meet LOC criteria but choose to remain at home to get care will have to meet a higher standard, and (d) Group 3 will also be added and is designed for people “at-risk” of institutionalization and will offer a smaller package of HCBS.
- Partnered with all local Walgreen’s pharmacies to create an informational brochure “buck slip” to be attached to all Medicare customers’ prescriptions purchases. Information included State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) information for assistance with low income benefits.

- Advertised on WKPT radio (Bristol, Kingsport, Johnson City) about the SHIP program and assistance available for low income beneficiaries (approx 18,000 listeners).
- Purchased new SHIP advertising on Food City pharmacy bags in Jonesborough, Rogersville and Kingsport.
- Partnered with Veterans Administration & WalMart to provide outreach to Veterans at WalMart locations in Johnson City, Unicoi, Kingsport, and Elizabethton.
- Manned educational booths at many area health fairs and events—Corazon Latino Festival, Church Hill Health Care & Rehab, Johnson County Senior Center Health Fair, Women’s Expo in Kingsport, VA Nursing Home Health Fair, Wayne Scott Strawberry Festival, Jonesborough Senior Center Health Fair, Johnson City Housing Authority Health Fair, and Roan Highlands Health Fair.
- Conducted 9 Low Income Subsidy (LIS) enrollment events at area Walgreens to provide individual counseling on site for Medicare beneficiaries.
- Participated in area wide RAM (Remote Area Medical) clinic at Bristol Motor Speedway to reach underserved individuals about low income benefits.
- Provided Volunteer appreciation program at FTAAAD Annual Conference on Aging. Recognized all SHIP, Public Guardian & Legal Services Ombudsman volunteers.
- Informed FTAAAD Annual Conference on Aging attendees about SHIP services. (260)
- Sent two SHIP staff to the National SHIP conference in Atlanta GA.
- Presented information at Senior Crime Prevention Academy on World Elder Abuse Day and also Aging in Place Seminar at Johnson City Seniors’ Center.
- Created informational flyer to be distributed along with commodities at all Neighborhood Service Centers food distribution sites in June (2,238 contacts).
- Purchased SHIP advertising for NET Trans van which is used in one of our rural counties (Greene) to inform individuals about SHIP services. See picture of advertisement below.



- The 24th Annual Conference on Aging was held on April 24, 2012 at the Millennium Centre in Johnson City. There were 260 registrants and 44 exhibitors that participated in the event. Glen Ward, humorist and professional speaker from Columbia, South Carolina presented the keynote address. The daylong conference included the following

workshops: SMP: Empowering Seniors to Prevent Healthcare Fraud, Living on a Fixed Income, Innovations in CHOICES, Medication Interventions for Dementia: Many Drugs for Many Symptoms, Respite: How to Get It and What to Do With It?, Tai Chi, Emergency Preparedness, I'm a Caregiver? Oh, What Do I Do Now?, See What They Say, and Social Security and Medicare and Legal Issues 101.

- The First Tennessee District Senior Olympics were held May 21 through May 25, 2012 in Johnson City and Kingsport. Events offered were basketball, bowling, horseshoes, pickleball, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, and volleyball. The Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday, May 8th at Cattails at Meadowview. The track and field events were held on Saturday, May 12th at Kermit Tipton Stadium at Science Hill High School. Two hundred sixty athletes participated in the games with 438 Gold, 182 Silver and 101 Bronze medals awarded. Athletes participating in the District games were eligible to advance to the Tennessee Senior Olympics which will be held July 13-26, 2012 in Williamson County.
- The Washington County Senior and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) Council held a Senior Crime Prevention Academy at the Johnson City Seniors' Center on Friday, June 15th. The event was held in conjunction with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day which is observed annually on June 15th. Approximately 45 people attended the half day academy. Topics presented at the Academy were Home Invasions, Computer Security and Medicare Fraud.
- Three staff members attended the United Healthcare Advisory Group meeting held on June 6th.
- All 11 Senior Centers in the FTDD received their annual on-site reviews with Corrective Action Plans received and maintained.
- Two Transportation sites at the Centers were also reviewed to determine how the Older Americans Act (OAA) Transportation funds were utilized according to guidelines.
- Four First Tennessee Human Resource Agency (FTHRA) Nutrition Sites had on-site reviews with Corrective Action Plans completed and corrections made.
- On-site review of the FTHRA Central Kitchen was conducted.
- Eighteen Title VI compliance reviews and forms were completed.
- Nine Service Provider Reviews were completed.
- Reviews of six potential new Service Providers for 2013 FY were conducted.
- Tennessee Commission on Aging & Disability (TCAD) conducted an Annual Program Review for Options/OAA programs.
- The FTDD participated in the 2012 Washington County Relay for Life event that was held on Friday, June 29, 2012 at Indian Trail Middle School. Our team, Washington County Mission Possible, consisted of 23 members collecting over \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society.
- FTAAAD Fiscal Department processed 13 grants and 27 unit cost contracts for services.
- The FTAAAD is partnering with Mountain States Health Alliance, Laughlin Memorial Hospital, Mountain Empire Older Citizens, District Three Senior Service, AnewCare Collaborative and Qsource to form the Appalachian Transitions (AT) Home Community Program. The goal of the AT-Home Community program is to reduce 30-day hospital readmissions specifically for pneumonia, congestive heart failure, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease among Medicare beneficiaries.
- A pilot program is being conducted at Johnson City Medical Center and Sycamore Shoals Hospital to provide data for application in September for the Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP) through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

- One staff member attended the Care Transitions Intervention (CTI) certified coach training in Denver, Colorado to begin coaching for pilot AT-Home Program. Also, developing AT-Home Community Coalition and planning initial Coalition meeting for August.
- Four Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) workshops were completed in April. The workshops had a total of 26 completers.
- One CDSMP workshop was completed in May. The workshop had 7 completers.
- Currently working with CDSMP leaders and site service coordinators to complete 6-month and 12-month follow-ups for Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshops held during the previous year.
- The number of Public Guardian clients served in the 2nd quarter was 31.
- The number of clients served by County:
 - Greene – 8
 - Johnson – 4
 - Sullivan – 8
 - Unicoi – 4
 - Washington – 7
- The number of PG volunteers who provided direct client services was 12.
- The number of PG volunteers who provided in-direct/professional client services was 2.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

During the past quarter, 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:

- Completed Environmental Reviews for CDBG projects in Greeneville, Carter County, Elizabethton, Sneedville and Mount Carmel.
- Attended Sullivan County Regional Solid Waste Planning Board meeting to discuss landfill permit application for EcoSafe, LLC.
- Presented Carter County Annual Solid Waste Progress Report data to the Carter County Landfill Committee.
- Assisted several counties with Household Hazardous Waste Collection event publicity.
- Completed the 2012 Hawkins County District Solid Waste Needs Assessment.
- Attended Tennessee Solid/Hazardous Waste Conference in Gatlinburg.
- Staff continued to serve as a member of the advisory board of the Appalachian RC&D Council and Keep Greene Beautiful.
- Staff served on the planning committee for the Tennessee Environmental Conference held in Kingsport each year.
- Attended the Greeneville/Greene County Regional Solid Waste Planning Board meeting.
- Staff attended a Waste-to-Energy demonstration in Lenoir City.
- Staff provided technical assistance to Washington County in developing an RFP for solid waste collection, transportation and disposal services.

The GIS Department received 34 requests for maps during this past quarter. Also, the District's Geographic Information System (GIS) Program was involved in several projects during the quarter which included the following:

- Maintained and updated the Historic Preservation Map for the District.
- Created a base for a school location map for the District.
- Developed a base map for the Doe Mountain project.
- Finalized the Accessibility Study for the First Tennessee Development District building and grounds.
- Transportation maps for RPO projects and Hawkins County District Needs Assessment.
- Prepared FY12 Workforce Development and Training Grant Application
- Staff serves on the planning committee for the East Tennessee GIS Conference.
- Staff also developed an Emergency Action Plan and Fire Protection Plan for the Development District office.

Staff also attended the following meetings during the quarter:

- TDDA Meeting in Nashville, TN
- Appalachian RC&D Meeting and Reception
- Kingsport Area Safety Seminar
- NETGIS quarterly meetings
- TNGIC Planning meeting for the Fall TNGIC conference – named Vendor Services Coordinator for the event.
- Semi-annual First Tennessee Development District business meeting.
- Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition Meeting
- TDOT Meeting at Bridge Burners Road in Mosheim, TN

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.

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:

- Worked on Washington County intersection improvement project on 11E. Collected crash data and provided technical assistance to the County.
- Worked on Erwin State Industrial Access Road environmental review project.
- Prepared information for Sneedville Safe Routes to School environmental review process for the Tennessee Department of Transportation.
- Attended Dale Hollow RPO meeting in Cookeville.
- Attended Kingsport MPO meetings.
- Attended Tennessee Development District Association Annual Meeting in Nashville.
- Attended Right-of-Way Workshop in Knoxville sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration.
- Prepared re-evaluation request for Jonesborough’s Lost State Scenic Walkway environmental review.
- Attended High Country RPO meeting in Boone, NC.
- Attended Washington County Economic Summit Infrastructure Committee meeting in Johnson City.
- Worked on Erwin Transportation Enhancement environmental review for Harris Hollow Tunnel linear trail project.

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 fifty-one (51) planning commission meetings.
- Staffed twelve (12) boards of zoning appeals meetings, and reviewed sixteen (16) requests for zoning variances.
- Staffed one (1) legislative body meeting.
- Provided 28.5 hours of continuing education and training at various planning commission and board of zoning appeals meetings.
- Reviewed fifty-six (56) subdivision plats.
- Reviewed ten (10) development site plans.
- Prepared three (3) Annexation Ordinances and Plan of Services.
- Conducting research for four (4) annexation studies.
- Prepared three (3) amendments to subdivision regulations.
- Prepared thirteen (13) amendments to zoning ordinances.
- Reviewed eleven (11) 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. height limitations on stacking cargo containers, grading activities prior to issuance of building permits, re-defining buildings and structures, flood regulations, historic preservation, design review commission establishment and guidelines, requiring alternative locations for telecommunication facilities, driveway cut permit standards, hydro-fracking, etc...).
- Researched various subdivision regulations issues (i.e. adequate duplication systems relative to subdividing property with existing septic systems, resolving damage to public roads during subdivision construction, approval process for administrative plats, estimating bonding of projects, etc...).
- Assisted communities in reviewing digitized zoning maps for future adoption.
- Assisted communities with flood regulations relative to the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Attended forty-three (43) community development meetings, which included community workshops, pre-construction/developer review meetings, staff meetings, and agenda review meetings.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Attended regular board, committee meetings, and other events for the **Bristol** - Birthplace of Country Music Alliance (Events Committee and Board); Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association (Pinnacle Awards); Town of **Unicoi** (Tanasi); WIB Youth Council; Regional Coordination Team; Appalachia Sustainable Development; Northeast TN Council on Children and Youth; **Hancock County** Community Partners; Vision Council for Children & Youth (Literacy Sub-Committee) and United Way of Greater **Kingsport**; **Erwin/Unicoi County** Chamber Annual Luncheon and Leadership Program Graduation; Leadership **Kingsport** Community Impact Project Reports.
- Completed Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations 2011 Public Infrastructure Needs Inventory and completing quality analysis as appropriate.
- Program Planning and implementation assistance to **Hancock County** Leadership , Tennessee Association of Community Leadership (East TN Division Workshop and Annual Conference), Tri-Cities TN/VA Regional Leadership Council.
- Work with Appalachian Regional Commission, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association on a technical assistance grant for a **Hancock County** cultural heritage tourism initiative.
- Attend the regional planning session for the regional Cast-Iron Cook off event and culinary/wine trail.
- Initiate the First Tennessee Development District Manufacturers' Directory project
- First TN Development District's 46th Semi-Annual Meeting at Farmhouse Gallery and Gardens in Unicoi, Tennessee
- Attend USDA/Rural Development Conference, ARC Food Network Conference, Tennessee Development District Association Annual Conference (TACIR workshop) and ETSU STEM conference and Report out session on County Health Rankings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2012 Governor's Tourism Conference, September 19-21 in Sevierville, TN

Hancock County Fall Festival, October 6 and 7

Apple Festival in Erwin, October 6 and 7

Nat'l Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, October 6 and 7

2012 Governor's Economic and Community Development Conference, October 18-19 in Nashville, TN

2012 Tennessee Association of Community Leadership Annual Conference, October 24-26, Chattanooga, TN

2012 American Association of Retirement Communities Annual Conference, Meadowview, Kingsport, October 24-26, 2012.

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