

**FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
4th QUARTER STATUS REPORT
OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2014**

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Northeast Tennessee Economic Development Corporation made loans to businesses in the **City of Kingsport** and the **Town of Unicoi**.
- FTDD assisted the following communities and organizations with various applications:

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Pre-Applications:

- Doe Mountain Recreation Authority in **Johnson County**
- **ETSU**, Tennessee Institute of Public Health
- **Erwin Utilities**
- **Town of Greeneville**
- **City of Johnson City**
- **Town of Mountain City**

TDOT Multimodal Access Fund:

- **City of Elizabethton**
- **Town of Mountain City**

- The **Bristol** Grand Guitar was placed on National Register of Historic Places with the assistance of District staff.

Economic and demographic data is available at the District's website, www.ftdd.org, under the Regional Statistics/FACTS heading.

INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS

- **City of Bristol (FIDP)** Potential rail-spur project within the industrial park
- **Greene County (FIDP)** Design has begun on the second phase of US Nitrogen and will be bid in the first quarter of 2015
- **Town of Greeneville (EDA)** In design process for Water Intake project with a bid date of March 2015
- **Hancock County (FIDP)** The Gas Line project is in design phase
- **Johnson County (FIDP)** Working on application to upgrade electrical services to assist a company with its planned expansion within the County
- **City of Kingsport (EDA)** Plans & specifications for raw water conveyance project have been submitted to EDA for approval. Once approved, the project will be bid in the first quarter of 2015.
- **Town of Mosheim (EDA)** The Wastewater Project is in design phase and will be bid by May 2015
- **Town of Unicoi (EDA)** The Kitchen Incubator application is currently being re-submitted to EDA for approval
- **Carter County (SIA)** Worked on State Industrial Access (SIA) road application for a turn lane near the Watauga Industrial Park to assist Project Albuquerque
- **Carter County (SIA)** Working on a new application for a State Industrial Access road to assist New River Hardwoods in the Roan Mountain Community

HOUSING PROGRAMS

- Awarded a grant for \$430,000 from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency on behalf of Keystone Development, a spin-off from the **Johnson City** Housing Authority. A seven-unit apartment building will be constructed in **Johnson City** with the majority of the units used to house low-income disabled veterans.

- Attended a symposium presented by Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness. Information was presented by various agencies to educate on the resources available
- A groundbreaking was held in **City of Bristol** for the homeownership project for the Alliance for Business and Training "Youthbuild" home. This home is being funded by a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank and Tennessee Housing Development Agency Housing Trust Fund and Bank of Tennessee. FTDD is administering the grants.
- A workshop was held for Community Housing Development Organizations that were interested in applying for a \$132,612 set-aside for housing development from the Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium. Horizon Community Development Corporation was selected to receive the funds. They are proposing to buy and renovate a duplex in **Bluff City**.

During this quarter the following projects were completed:

THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly

Hawkins County – 1

Hancock County – 1

Sullivan County - 1

Carter County - 1

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Down Payment Assistance

Bristol, TN – 1

Bristol, VA – 1

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Rehabilitation Program

Sullivan County – 1

Kingsport – 1

Johnson City CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program

Emergency Repair – 4

USDA Rural Development Housing Repair Loans/Grants

Carter County - 1

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

- The Public Guardian program served a total of 24 clients as follows: Conservator of Person and Property = 21; Conservator of Person Only = 2; Surrogate Power of Attorney = 1. A total of eight volunteers were utilized, with six providing direct and two providing indirect services.
- Evidence-Based Programs – Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) and Caregiver Support Programs: The Clinchfield Senior Adult Center in **Erwin** completed a six-week *Living Well with Chronic Conditions* (LWCC) class. **Johnson City Seniors' Center** held a *Take Charge of Your Diabetes* workshop October 9–November 13. Presented a one-hour presentation on “*Challenges of Caregiving*” to 12 caregivers at Broadmore Senior Living’s Caregiver Expo on November 13. Partnered with University of Tennessee (UT) Department of Health to conduct a four-day CDSMP program leader training on December 9.
- On December 4, the pilot Caregiver Telephone Support Group completed the six-month pilot, with four caregivers participating throughout the period.
- The CHOICES program hosted a booth and offered information at the 3rd Annual **Kingsport Tomorrow Symposium** with over 90 physicians in attendance. Four staff members received certificates of completion for the 2015 Marketplace Training offered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

- The Program Review Coordinator attended AARP's Older Driver Summit.
- The Options, Title III and Title III E Caregiver programs have approximately 1,200 individuals actively receiving services that include home-delivered meals, personal care, homemaker, respite services, personal emergency response systems and supply reimbursement. A waiting list for all programs and services exists with approximately 1,629 individuals waiting for services.
- The First Tennessee Senior Olympics were held October 11–22, 2014. There were 210 athletes that participated in 46 events at this year's games. There were 740 medals awarded (461 Gold, 198 Silver and 81 Bronze). Events offered were basketball, swimming, horseshoes, bowling, table tennis, golf, pickleball, shuffleboard, and track and field.
- A Financial Exploitation Awareness Seminar III was held on October 28. Local bank representatives, along with FTAAAD staff, Adult Protective Services, and local law enforcement, were in attendance.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND GIS PROGRAMS

The District assisted or implemented the following projects during the past quarter:

- Continued implementation of the Cash Hollow Watershed Improvement Plan
- Worked on Environmental Reviews for Community Development Block Grant projects in **Carter County, Elizabethton, Sneedville, Mosheim, Mount Carmel, Greeneville** and **Mountain City**
- Assisted with **Greene County** Conservation Camp at Davy Crockett State Park
- Prepared Environmental Reviews for Local Parks and Recreation Fund grants in **Johnson City** and **Greeneville**
- Provided assistance for local solid waste planning boards with planning, board member recruitment, etc.

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

- Updated and maintained official zoning maps
- Monitor and provide quality assurance on official zoning maps
- **Hawkins County** stormwater outfall location mapping project
- Continued development of **Greene County** Atlas zoning maps
- Finalized update of **Unicoi** Utility District maps
- Create road location maps for **City of Watauga** Fire District
- Continued the **Town of Mountain City** utility system digitization project

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

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

- Assistance to **Mountain City** on Goose Creek Trail categorical exclusion re-evaluation process
- Assistance to **Greeneville** on categorical exclusion for Transportation Alternatives project
- Conducted RPO Technical Committee and Executive Board Joint meeting in November
- Prepared Multimodal Access Fund grant application submittal for **Town of Mountain City**

- Provided assistance to local governments on TDOT’s Community Transportation Planning Grant program
- Presentation to the **Erwin** Kiwanis Club
- Researched potential road safety improvement project in **Johnson County**
- Assisted the **Town of Mosheim** with Safe Routes to School grant application

PLANNING

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

- Staffed 23 Planning Commission meetings
- Staffed 12 Boards of Zoning Appeals meetings
- Staffed two other meetings concerning development and landuse
- Reviewed 11 requests for zoning variances
- Prepared seven zoning ordinance amendments
- Reviewed 10 requests for rezoning and prepared maps and ordinances
- Reviewed 35 subdivision plats including a total of 99 lots and 146 acres
- Reviewed 13 community development site plans for a total of nine lots and 27 acres
- Provided continuing education opportunities for eight Planning Commissions or Boards of Zoning Appeals, totaling 24 CEUs for 49 individuals. During the quarter the following topics were addressed
 - Planning Commission Handbook
 - MTAS Annexation Training
 - Historic Guidelines and Subdivision Regulations
 - Introduction to Planning and Zoning
- Staff also provided a Regional Planning Workshop training opportunity in October at the **Erwin** Town Hall for Planning Commissioners and Boards of Zoning Appeals members from across the region.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2014 TACIR survey milestone was met, which included all of the school systems. Verification documents were prepared and surveying of cities, counties and utility districts was begun.
- 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, Appalachian Sustainable Development Board and the ETSU PD/AM working group
- Facilitated the Community Trusteeship/History Day for Leadership **Hawkins County**

CALENDER OF EVENTS

March 16–18, 2015	TDEC Environmental Conference, Kingsport, TN
March 22–25, 2015	2015 Washington Policy Conference—NADO on the Hill, Washington, DC
April 29–30, 2015	Rural Development Conference, Murfreesboro, TN