

**FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
3rd QUARTER STATUS REPORT
JULY - SEPTEMBER, 2015**

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The First Tennessee Development District assisted the following communities that were funded for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG):
 - **Greene County** – Glen Hills Water Line Extension
 - **Hancock County** – Alanthis Hill/Duck Creek Water Line Extension
 - **Washington County** – David Crockett High School Sewer Line Extension

- The following communities were funded by Appalachian Regional Commission:
 - **Doe Mountain Recreation Authority (Johnson County)** – Trail System Development
 - **ETSU** – Tennessee Institute of Public Health
 - **Town of Mountain City** – Sewer System Improvements

- One business in **Johnson City** was assisted by the Downtown Johnson City Redevelopment Loan Program.

- The District assisted Main Street **Greeneville** and the **Town of Mountain City**, with CDBG Façade Grant applications.

- Each year the Tennessee Preservation Trust develops a list of historic properties that are threatened with demolition or losing historic integrity. Known as the Ten in Tennessee Endangered Properties List, it is a strong advocacy tool which has increased awareness of the historic resources in need of protection. FTDD developed the Ten in Tennessee nomination for the Bonnie Kate Theater in **Elizabethton** and wrote a letter of support for St Marks Presbyterian Church in **Rogersville**. Both of these properties have been placed on the Ten in Tennessee List.

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

INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS

- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with Fast Track Grant funds (FIDP):
 - **Hancock County** -The bids were received and rejected due to the amount of the bids. The project will be re-bid.
 - **Hawkins County** - The application to upgrade the rail system is being reviewed by the State at this time.
 - **US Nitrogen** - Construction is underway for Mosheim Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with EDA funds:
 - **City of Bristol** - Continued work on an application to upgrade water and sewer infrastructure to serve an expansion (Crown) project.
 - **Town of Mountain City** - Continued work on an application to upgrade the water to serve Parkdale Industries.
 - **Kingsport** - Construction began on the Raw Water Conveyance project.

- The following communities were assisted with Tennessee Department of Transportation

State Road Industrial Access:

- **City of Bristol** - Submitted a project to serve Bristol Metals that was funded by TDOT. The project will begin sometime in 2016.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

- The District assisted the following communities with Home Grant funds (THDA HOME):
 - **Carter County** -Priority list is complete
 - **Greeneville** - Work continues on seven homes. Two homes were completed and closed out in the quarter.
 - **Hancock County** - The public meeting was conducted and applications for assistance were taken in the community.
 - **Hamblen County** - The public meeting was conducted and applications for assistance were taken in the community.
- The District assisted the following communities with THDA Emergency Home Repair funds:
 - Continued to work with the **Town of Surgoinsville** to assist with the connection of 7 homes to the new sewer line project (\$10,000 each).
 - 19 ER Projects were closed during the quarter.
 - During the quarter 9 contracts were signed for home repair in **Johnson City**.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

- Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop completed at **Kingsport Senior Center**
- Caregiver Telephone Support Group meeting was held in July and the topic discussed was Resilience: A Helpful Tool for Caregivers.
- Information booth and pre-registration for workshops at **Elizabethton Senior Health Fair** on September 22.
- Senior Brain Games local events were held at **Clinchfield Senior Center**, **Elizabethton Senior Center**, **Kingsport Senior Center**, and **Greeneville Senior Center**. The District Event was held at **Elizabethton Senior Citizens Center** with a total of eight senior centers participating. The team from **Elizabethton**, known as “The Covered Bridge Crew”, was the District winner and competed at the regional competition in Knoxville on September 1.
- CHOICES has provided the following services for this quarter:
 - 679 Information, assistance and screening calls
 - 127 Home visits to facilitate enrollment into CHOICES
 - 96 Pre-Admission Evaluations and Medicaid applications submitted to TennCare and Department of Human Services
 - 178 Referrals to Managed Care Organizations
 - 29 Money Follows the Person (MFP) surveys
 - 6 Nursing home visits to counsel individuals and families on Long Term Services and Supports

17 Referrals received for members with Group 3 approved Pre-Admission Evaluation that need assistance with Medicaid application process

- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) did 6 Medicare/Part D presentations
- 1,085 SHIP client contacts
- Booths at Funfest, Appalachian Fair, **Greene County Fair**, **Rogersville** and Roan Highlands 4th of July Celebration
- Trained 82 ETSU Bill Gatton Pharmacy students at annual orientation for 3rd year pharmacy students on Medicare Part D assistance
- The Public Guardian program served a total of 25 clients as follows: Conservator of Person and Property – 22; Conservator of Person Only – 2; Power of Attorney – 1. One new client was admitted. A total of 6 volunteers were utilized.
- Home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, in-home respite, personal emergency response system and supply reimbursement services were provided to approximately 900 individuals. Waiting list of 1,877 for all services. 50 individuals were referred to other agencies for clothes, food boxes, meals, cleaning supplies, home repairs, light bill assistance, and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
- Assisted 5 consumers with the agency's Emergency Assistance Program for help with light bill, gas bill, and rent.
- One individual referred and assisted in **Greeneville** for yard clean-up by Habitat for Humanity with 15 student volunteers from Tusculum College. 2 individuals received volunteer assistance from Christ in Youth for yard work and porch repairs.
- 23 individuals on our waiting list to receive a home-delivered meal were referred to a local church, in partnership with the FTAAAD's Extend a Hand Program, to receive their Wednesday night meal. These meals are prepared and delivered by church volunteers.
- Five monitoring visits were made to contracted agencies for program and fiscal review.

The First District Senior Olympics were held September 9-19, 2015, at various locations in **Johnson City** and **Kingsport**.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND GIS PROGRAMS

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

- Provided assistance to **Washington County** (\$30,100) and **Carter County** (\$39,300) with Used Oil Collection Grant applications.
- Provided assistance to **Carter County** (\$31,450) and **Elizabethton** (\$34,275) with Recycling Equipment Grant applications.
- Assisted **Sullivan County** (\$542,164) and **Carter County** (\$200,250) with Waste Reduction Grant applications.
- Provided technical assistance to the Regional HUB Waste Tire Collection Program in

Washington County.

- Researched paint recycling rules and regulations for **Unicoi County**.
- Revised 2014 Annual Solid Waste Progress Reports for **Hancock, Sullivan and Washington Counties**.
- Continued implementation of the Cash Hollow Watershed Improvement Plan, including work with property owner to convert septic system to municipal sewer connection.
- Prepared Environmental Review for **Johnson County** Community Development Block Grant Disaster Project.
- Prepared Environmental Review documentation for Appalachian Regional Commission Grant in **Mountain City**.
- Provided assistance at the **Greene County** Conservation Camp held at Davy Crockett State Park.

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 Street Map to the **Town of Unicoi** with current corporate limits.
- Work with Development District staff to acquire data for grant applications.
- Work with Local Planning staff to assist communities and continue to monitor and provide quality assurance on official zoning maps.
- Provide the Town of Watauga a current street map with corporate limits for use by Watauga Police.
- Provide population growth charts for each County within the District from 1790 to 2010.
- Continued work on the Town of Mountain City utility system digitization project.
- Continue to update and maintain FTDD's National Register of Historic Places Interactive map.

For more information about the District's GIS program, contact Wendy S. Hill at (423) 928-0224. Also, you may visit our [GIS](#) webpage.

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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

- Participated in Road Safety Audit Review field visits in **Johnson County** on SR167.
- Reviewed FHWA Functional Classification manual to provide assistance to local governments on functional classification process.
- Completed eTRIMS exercise on road mileage and State Aid Roads in each County.
- Researched and provided traffic count data for the **Town of Unicoi** as requested.
- Researched information about the TDOT bridge program for the **City of Sneedville**.
- Met with officials from Quint C Pallet Company and other elected officials to discuss the process and status of a safety improvement project on US 11E.

PLANNING

- Staffed 29 Planning Commission meetings.
- Staffed 5 Boards of Zoning Appeals meetings.

- Staffed 1 meeting of a local legislative body.
- Staffed 6 other meetings concerning development and land use controls.
- Reviewed 6 requests for zoning variances.
- Prepared 3 zoning ordinance amendments.
- Reviewed 3 subdivision regulation amendments.
- Prepared 1 amendment to zoning maps.
- Reviewed 9 requests for rezoning and prepared maps and ordinances.
- Reviewed 32 subdivision plats including a total of 63 lots and 117 acres.
- Reviewed 9 community development site plans for a total of 8 lots and 17 acres.
- Provided continuing education opportunities for 6 Planning Commissions or Board's of Zoning Appeals totaling 10 hours of CEU's for 57 individuals. During the quarter the following topics were addressed.
 - Stormwater and FEMA Development Permits
 - Stormwater Phase II
 - Flood Zones and Development
 - Hunting Preserve Regulations
 - Annexations and Plans of Service
 - Powers of Local Planning Commissions in Tennessee

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Began a review of and update for the FTDD website
- Compiled, edited and designed the 2014-2015 Annual Report
- Participated in the inaugural Food Connectivity Conference with Second Harvest to encourage locally grown food

CALENDER OF EVENTS

January 13, 2016	FTDD Executive Committee Meeting, Johnson City, TN
January 29, 2016	Clean Tennessee Energy Grants Pre-Proposals Due
February 26, 2016	Community Development Block Grant Applications Due
March 29-30, 2016	Rural Development Conference – Murfreesboro, TN

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