

**FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
3RD QUARTER STATUS REPORT
JULY - SEPTEMBER 2013**

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The District assisted the **Greeneville** Water Commission with a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Clean Tennessee Energy Grant (CTEG) application that was funded for water system pump replacement and variable speed drive additions.
- The District assisted the following communities with TDEC, Recreation Trails Program (RTP) grant applications that were funded:
 - * **Doe Mountain Recreation Authority** in **Johnson County** for trail and restroom facility development
 - * **Town of Surgoinsville** for trail and restroom facility development
- The District assisted the East Tennessee State University, Tennessee Institute of Public Health with an application that was funded for a Roadmap for a Healthier Appalachia project.
- The interactive map of National Register Places in Northeast Tennessee is available on the District's website at www.ftdd.org under Historic Preservation. The map synthesizes location data with general information concerning every place in the district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Economic and demographic data is available at the District's website www.ftdd.org under the Regional Statistics/FACTS heading.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMS

- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with Fast Track Infrastructure Development Program (FIDP) funds from the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development (TECD):
 - **City of Bristol**, Dynamic Recycling project is in the design phase at this time.
 - **Sullivan County**, Bell Helicopter construction is progressing on schedule.
 - **Greene County**, HUF North America design work is complete and the material has been bid.
 - **Greeneville**, Angus Palm project has been bid and construction will begin within the next two months.
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds:
 - **Town of Mosheim**, during this quarter there have been several meetings with all parties to move the project toward the bidding phase.
 - **Town of Greeneville**, EDA application has been approved based on a Special Condition for a deed issue to the intake property.
 - **Town of Unicoi**, the application has been postponed for submittal in December.
 - **City of Kingsport**, the application has been postponed for submittal in December.

- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities with Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG):
 - **Town of Greeneville**, CDBG project is under construction.
 - **Town of Mount Carmel**, CDBG project is under construction.
 - **Johnson County**, CDBG project is under construction.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

- Tennessee Housing Development Agency monitored the 2010 **Carter County** and the 2010 **Watauga HOME** grants. No findings were noted.
- First Tennessee Development District applied for grant funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati for a homeownership project in **Bristol, Tennessee**. This project, if funded, will be used to construct two homes by the Youth Build group from the Alliance for Business and Training. The City of Bristol, Tennessee has agreed to donate a vacant lot on which the first of the two homes is to be built. Local building suppliers have agreed to donate some of the materials.
- Staff worked with **Sullivan County** to secure funds from Tennessee Housing Development Agency and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati to assist with the recovery efforts from the flooding in July.
- Staff attended Veteran's Outreach Workshop in **Kingsport**. Information was provided about housing assistance programs.
- First Tennessee Development District continued to work with flood victims of **Washington County** for disaster assistance.
- Of One Accord Ministries and their volunteer workgroups completed home repair projects in **Hawkins County**. These projects were completed with volunteer labor and building materials paid for by the Tennessee Housing Development Agency Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly.
- Staff is working with **Greene County** Habitat on establishing a partnership to complete emergency and accessibility repairs.
- Staff also attended the Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition meeting, new flood regulation training, and the Washington County Emergency Planning Conference.

During this quarter the following projects were completed:

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Rehabilitation (3)
 Bluff City – 2 Sullivan County –1

THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly (7)
 Hawkins County – 4 Johnson County –1
 Carter County – 2

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Down Payment Assistance (14)
 Washington County -1 Sullivan County - 2
 Bristol, TN – 4 Johnson City – 4
 Kingsport - 3

Johnson City CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program (2)
Emergency Repair-2 Substantial Rehabilitations - 0

Federal Home Loan Bank Accessibility Rehabilitation Program (Closed 9)
Carter County –1 Greene County – 1
Johnson County - 2 Sullivan County – 1
Washington County - 4

Federal Home Loan Bank Disaster Repair Program (5)
Washington County -5

Washington County THDA Rebuild and Recover -(4)

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

- The Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD) initiated the Senior Brain Games to promote social interaction and mental stimulation that are important for a healthier aging population. Area senior centers hosted local Brain Games competitions in preparation for the first ever District Brain Games competition hosted by First Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability (FTAAAD). The district games were held at the Johnson City Seniors' Center at Memorial Park Community Center on August 29th. Teams of three people from Bristol, Elizabethton, Erwin, Johnson City, Kingsport, and Rogersville participated in the district competition. The team representing the Clinchfield Area Senior Center in Erwin were the First District winners. They were eligible to compete in the Regional Brain Games Competition held at the O'Conner Senior Center in Knoxville on September 24th. The First District team was joined by a team representing the East District from Morristown and the South East District from Chattanooga. The East District team was the winner of the Regional Brain Games and will advance to the State Senior Brain Games competition which will be held in Nashville on October 18th.
- The Information and Assistance and Tennessee State Health Insurance Assistance Program (TNSHIP) and State Medicare Patrol (SMP) staff made presentations at several senior centers, local resource meetings, assisted care living facilities, and churches, as well as, a presentation at the Northeast Tennessee Vulnerable Adult Coalition (NET-VAC) meeting. Staff also participated in various health fairs, farmer's markets, and festivals by providing information and agency materials at exhibit booths. Staff utilized a partnership with Food City to advertize the TNSHIP program on pharmacy bags in Kingsport, Rogersville, Jonesborough, Bristol and Greeneville. Staff conducted a TNSHIP orientation to 75 East Tennessee State University (ETSU) Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy students.
- The AT-Home Community program began a new Care Transitions pilot program at Laughlin Memorial Hospital. The Care Transitions Specialist (CTS) trained hospital staff in July on the referral process and began taking referrals. Currently the AT-Home Community Program has a participant rate of 79% (with a target of 68.5%) and a success rate of 84% with 32 patients successfully completing the program. The CTS conducted Care Transitions training for Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Care Coordinators on their August training call. The CTS attended a Legislative luncheon hosted by Silver Angels-Home Care Specialist.

- During the quarter, seven of the district's senior centers started their evidence-based programs, including Walk with Ease, Arthritis Exercise Program, Tai Chi, Dakim Brain Fitness and health screenings.
- The FTAAAD partnered with the University of Tennessee (UT) Extension office and local Health Departments to offer Living Well with Chronic Conditions and Take Charge of Your Diabetes workshops. Two workshops began in September in Johnson and Hawkins counties.
- The CTS presented a program on Fall Prevention at the September NET-VAC meeting. This program was presented in recognition of Fall Prevention Awareness Day, which was September 22, 2013.
- The CTS manned a booth at the Quillen College of Medicine Community Agency Fair for medical students. The fair was held to educate students on community agencies and the volunteer opportunities that are available.
- The Public Guardian program served a total of 27 clients as follows: Conservator of Person and Property – 22, Conservator of Person Only – 2, Conservator of Property Only – 1, Power of Attorney for Property Only – 1, and Surrogate Power of Attorney – 1. The program utilized 12 volunteers – 10 with Direct Services and 2 with Indirect Services.
- The Program Review Coordinator (PRC) completed 18 monitoring visits including 7 nutrition sites, 4 service providers, 5 senior centers and the annual legal aid and ombudsman visits. The PRC participated in 3 webinars and conference calls including calls from legal services, nutrition webinars, and Quality Assurance calls. The PRC met with ETSU to establish Nutrition counseling and referred 3 consumers for nutrition counseling.
- The CHOICES program received 617 information, assistance and screening calls; completed 169 home visits to facilitate enrollment into CHOICES; completed 154 pre-admission evaluations, which were submitted to TennCare and the Department of Human Services for approval; completed 102 referrals to Managed Care Organizations; completed 15 Money Follows the Person (MFP) surveys; visited 16 nursing homes to counsel individuals and families on Long Term Services and Supports; and participated in 27 events or booths resulting in outreach and education to over 3,597 people including exhibits at the Appalachian Fair and Kingsport FunFest.
- Four CHOICES staff members completed 5 Continuing Education Courses and received a Certificate on Aging from the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A) University through Boston University.
- Approximately 1,200 individuals are actively receiving services that include: home delivered meals, personal care services, homemaker services, respite services, personal emergency response systems and supply reimbursements. Available openings on State Options Home Delivered Meals, Homemaker Services, Personal Care Services and National Family Caregiver Program are being replaced. A waiting list of approximately 1,450 people exists for all programs and services. 21 consumers were referred to the Know Sweat, Christ In Youth summer programs to have painting, tree trimming, yard clean up and pressure washing completed on their homes. During the 3 day period in July, Christ in Youth was able to fulfill the needs of 5 consumers.
- The 2013 First District Senior Olympics were held on September 14th – September 21st in Johnson City and Kingsport. Events offered were basketball, bowling, golf, horseshoes, pickle ball, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, and track/field. Two hundred twenty-two athletes participated in the games with a total of 737 (422 Gold, 215 Silver and 100 Bronze) medals awarded. Athletes participating in the District games are eligible to advance to the Tennessee State Senior Olympics which will be held in June 2014 in

Williamson County area. The 2014 State Senior Olympics is a qualifier for the 2015 National Senior Games which will be held in Minneapolis/St. Paul in July-August, 2015.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND GIS PROGRAMS

During the 1st quarter of FY2013-2014, the Environmental Management Program staff worked on several projects that involved many of our local governments. The following projects and activities were included in the work program during the past quarter.

- Worked on First Tennessee Development District Disaster Recovery and Response Plan.
- Attended meetings of the Doe Mountain Recreation Authority Board of Directors.
- Attended meetings of the Keep Greene Beautiful Advisory Board.
- Continued implementation of the Cash Hollow Watershed Improvement Plan, a project funded by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.
- Worked on Hancock County and Washington County's 2013 District Solid Waste Needs Assessments.
- Reviewed stormwater issue in Mountain City.
- Attended National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- Completed application package for International Economic Development Council/NADO Disaster Technical Assistance Program.
- Attended Local Emergency Planning Committee workshop in Johnson City.
- Provided assistance to Washington County on used oil collection program.
- Attended Appalachian RC&D Council meeting.
- Attended TDEC grant application workshop in Knoxville.

For additional information about the District's Environmental Management Program or questions about the listed activities, please feel free to contact, Christopher L. Craig, Assistant Executive Director, 423-722-5091.

The First Tennessee Development District GIS Department received several requests for GIS services during the last quarter. Many of the requests were for the production of multiple maps. In addition to external projects, the GIS Department meets internal needs in programmatic areas including planning, historic preservation, and economic development, as well as to provide services for special projects in our communities. In addition to partnering on in-house projects, the Department also worked in the following areas.

- Historical Preservation maps
- Mapped priority crash sites in each County.
- Rezoning request maps
- Topographic maps
- Support documentation for EDA and CDBG projects.
- Mapping for local planning projects.

The Department has maintained and updated the Historic Preservation Map for the District and created an interactive map which includes the National Register of Historic Places districts and sites. Also during this quarter, staff continue to work on the Natural Resources Imagery Grant provided by ESRI and PCI Geomatics, which will provide a sinkhole inventory for our Region. Several counties have been digitized to date. Satellite imagery data will be assessed in the next phase of the project. The purpose of the project is to identify depressional areas through time to

determine the existence or like formation of future sinkholes in the FTDD area. The GIS program has many geodatabases and mapping information for FTDD area counties in a variety of areas. Please contact Wendy Hill at 423-722-5094 for more information and how the District's GIS Program 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:

- Prepared Categorical Exclusion Environmental Review for Greeneville Historical Walkway Phase III project in Greeneville.
- Completed Categorical Exclusion re-evaluation for Lost State Scenic Walkway Phase II project in Jonesborough.
- Attended TRIMS training in Alcoa.
- Conducted RPO Technical Committee and Executive Board meetings in September to prioritize projects for consideration in the TDOT Three Year Work Program for 2015-2017.
- Attended Bristol MPO meeting.
- Attended Johnson City MPO meeting.
- Attended Kingsport MPO meetings.
- Attended East Tennessee Development District North RPO meeting in Knoxville.
- Participated in the First Tennessee Development District Area on Aging and Disability Transportation Coalition.
- Prepared crash site maps for each county based on frequency and severity of crashes. Top 5 crash sites and segments were mapped and prioritized.
- Completed crash site prioritization projects in Greene, Carter, Unicoi, Johnson, Hawkins and Sullivan Counties.
- Maintained database of RPO Technical Committee and Executive Board members as well as Stakeholders/Interested Citizens.

PLANNING

During the past quarter the First Tennessee Local Planning staff assisted community staff, planning commissions, boards of zoning appeals, design review commissions, legislative bodies, and residents with professional planning work in the following areas:

- Staffed 39 planning commission meetings.
- Staffed 11 boards of zoning appeals meetings, and reviewed 13 requests for zoning variances.
- Staffed 1 legislative body meeting.
- Provided 13 hours of continuing education and training at various planning commission and board of zoning appeals meetings. A total of 118 persons received training.
- Reviewed 83 subdivision plats containing a total of 138 lots and 216 acres.
- Reviewed 5 development site plans containing a total of 15 acres.

- Prepared 1 Annexation Ordinance and Plan of Services.
- Conducting research for 2 annexation studies.
- Conducting research for 2 de-annexation studies.
- Drafting several amendments to subdivision regulations.
- Prepared 10 amendments to zoning ordinances.
- Reviewed 4 rezoning requests and prepared rezoning ordinances and maps.
- Provided 4 hours of Regional Training to 38 technical professionals on the National Flood Insurance Program and the Biggert Waters Act of 2012.
- Attended 53 community development meetings, which included community workshops, pre-construction/developer review meetings, staff meetings, and agenda review meetings.
- Attended 2 Special Called meetings.
- 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. establishing “Zoning Lots” for the purpose of development in lieu of recombining lots of record, flood regulations, historic preservation, design review commission guidelines, agricultural exemptions to zoning, agri-business and agri-tourism, comprehensive signage regulations, wind and solar energy concerns on aesthetics, site plan limitations on telecommunication towers, conflicts between zoning and other sections of municipal codes, etc...).
- Researched various subdivision regulations issues (i.e. balancing the divisions of properties with pre-existing non-conforming structures, discerning between adequate road frontage and accessibility, adding stormwater notations to subdivision plats, continued trend for different types of utilities proposing division of land that may or may not meet minimum subdivision regulations requirements, etc...).
- Researched other various issues (Tax Increment Financing, historical guidelines and regulations, distilleries, etc...).
- Assisted communities in reviewing digitized zoning maps for future adoption.
- Assisted communities with flood regulations relative to the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Assisting community with Tax Increment Financing Plan and Infrastructure Report.
- Assisting community with parking study.
- Assisting three communities with new zoning ordinances.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- The Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations 2012 survey final quality control questions were reviewed and answered; 2013 work program and contact list updates were submitted to TACIR.
- Tri-Cities TN/VA Regional Leadership Council 2013 planning; Annual Regional Day logistics and program day information collected. Technical assistance to Johnson County Leadership Program retreat.
- Attend regular meetings and special events of the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association Board, Sunnyside Trail Committee, CVB Stakeholders Focus Group, 2013 Governor’s Conference on Tourist Development; TANASI board, by-laws and

nominating committees, complete non-profit application, WIB Youth Council, Helping Children & Youth Vision Council United We Read Initiative, Northeast TN Council on Children & Youth; BCM events committee, Tennessee Association of Community Leadership Board, and Appalachian Sustainable Development executive committee/board and Learning Landscapes strategic planning; Kingsport Chamber of Commerce Legislator Event

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1 – 3, 2013 – First Tennessee Development District Annual Meeting