

**FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
3RD QUARTER STATUS REPORT
JULY – SEPTEMBER 2011**

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The District assisted the following communities that were funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC):
 - Unicoi County, Riverview Industrial Park Rail Spur Upgrade
 - Town of Unicoi, Kitchen Incubator
- During the quarter, the District assisted the following communities that received Transportation Enhancement (TE) grants from the Tennessee Department (TDOT):
 - Erwin, Linear Trail
 - Town of Unicoi, Directional Signage
- Greene County received National Emergency Grant funding for a workforce development program to clean up and restore publicly owned lands affected by spring tornados. Two properties being cleaned up include Kinser Park and Horse Creek Recreation Area. The federally funded program is a partnership between the District, the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and Walters State Community College.
- Town of Erwin received State Industrial Access (SIA) funding from TDOT to make improvements to the Riverview Industrial Park access road.
- A Johnson City Downtown Redevelopment Loan was made to assist Energy Fitness with equipment purchase.
- The District has 2010 census tract population data available for all eight counties. Other census data is available at the District's website www.ftdd.org under the Regional Statistics/FACTS heading.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

- Housing staff applied for and received funding from the U.S.D.A. Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant Program. \$100,000 was awarded to **Greene County** and \$100,000 to Of One Accord for **Hawkins** and **Hancock** Counties. Both grants will be for low income homeowner rehabilitation.
- A contract was signed with the **City of Johnson City** in the amount of \$287,366 for the administration of the housing rehabilitation portion of their Community Development Block Grant funds.
- Staff attended stakeholder meeting for U.S.D.A. Rural Development in Knoxville to discuss products and programs for our region.
- Staff is working with Youth Build on a partnership with the Tennessee Housing Development Agency's Emergency Repair Program.
- Staff met with HUD's new Field Office Director for the East Tennessee Region and discussed programs, future funding and roadblocks for getting projects complete.
- Housing Department joined the Tennessee's Affordable Housing Coalition and attended East Tennessee regional meeting in Knoxville.

During this quarter the following projects were completed:

THDA HOME Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program (5)

Town of Unicoi – 1

Town of Watauga - 2

Hancock County - 2

THDA Emergency Repair Program for the Elderly (7)

Washington County – 1 **Greene County - 1**

Carter County – 1 **Johnson County - 1**

Sullivan County – 1 **Hawkins County - 1**

Unicoi County – 1

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Down Payment Assistance (12)

Kingsport – 2 **Bristol, TN - 3**

Sullivan County – 1 **Washington County - 3**

Johnson City - 3

Northeast Tennessee/Virginia HOME Consortium Housing Rehabilitation (4)

Johnson City – 2

Sullivan County – 1

Bristol, TN - 1

Johnson City CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program (2)

Emergency Repair –1

Substantial Rehabilitation - 1

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND DISABILITY

- Approximately 1,200 individuals are actively receiving services that includes home delivered meals, personal care, homemaker, respite services, personal emergency response systems, or minor home modifications.
- Filled available openings on Title IIIC home delivered meals, Title IIIB Homemaker Service and Personal Care Services, NFCP (National Family Caregiver Program), State Options Program.
- Waiting list exists for all programs and services. Approximately 1,300 individuals on the waiting list to receive services.
- With available funds on State Options, we have been able to provide extra service to include cleaning and home modifications. 105 consumers were served on State Options for extra cleaning. Also with the available funds, we were able to provide ramps and/or hand rails for safe entry into homes to 10 consumers.
- With available funds on NFCP, extra respite services were completed on 59 caregiver consumers to give extra support to stressed caregivers, and provide 3 ramps so that the Caregiver could safely remove the care receiver from their home to go to doctors appointments.
- Gathered names and addresses of individuals in need of food boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Estimated 100 individuals that will be receiving a box for one or both holidays thru Home Instead Senior Care, Good Samaritan Ministries, Johnson City Senior Center and Sheppard Center.

- 3 staff members provided training to 77 ETSU pharmacy students about the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and Medicare Part D open enrollment.
- Staff participated in 12 health fairs and booths with 1,667 in attendance.
- Facilitated the monthly meetings of the Caregivers Support Group in cooperation with Mountain States Health Alliance (MSHA) – Health Resource Center with an average attendance of 9.
- Maintaining partner relationship with ETSU, Gatton School of Pharmacy in coordination of educational programs presented to senior groups.
- Completed one “Living Well with Chronic Conditions” program at three locations with 13 completers. Plans are being made to hold 6 additional six-week programs.
- Chronic Disease Self Management Program (CDSMP) made the following contacts: early morning presentation on WJHL-TV, Johnson City Press (30,000 circulation), Health Resource Center newsletter via the JC Press; Jonesborough Senior Center Newsletter.
- Community Care Transitions Program (CCTP) - FTAAAD continues to work with Integrated Solutions Health Network (ISHN)- A new Care Collaborative, Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens (Cedar Bluff, Virginia), District Three Senior Services (Marion, Virginia) and Mountain Empire Older Citizens (Big Stone Gap, Virginia) on a Community Care Transitions Program (CCTP) Application. The goal of the CCTP is to improve health outcomes among Medicare beneficiaries with a primary diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure and pneumonia.
- Money Follows the Person Program (MFP) - FTAAAD is also working with TennCare on a contract addendum to permit us to do Quality of Life (QOL) Surveys for the Money Follows the Person Program. This program is designated to assist States in rebalancing their long-term care systems and help Medicaid enrollee’s transition from institutions to the community.
- CHOICES enrollment remains open. Current data of enrollments through 7/30/11 is as follows: 71% Nursing Home (NH), 29% Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). Approximately 9,000 enrolled statewide-The current cap for enrollment is 9,500. TennCare is in the process of raising that to 11,000. Approximately 200/month are added to Group 2 (HCBS), and Group 1(Nursing Home) is losing approx.150/month. The redistribution is occurring much faster than TennCare anticipated. Over 2000 Pre-Enrollment Evaluations (PAEs) have been submitted between 1/1-7/30 with the majority being approved. The enrollment numbers are well divided across the 3 regions at about 33% each region.
- A Marketing Specialist joined the FTAAAD staff on 9/1/2011.
- CHOICES Outreach/Brochures displayed at 30 different locations including hospitals, senior center, local Departments of Human Services offices, churches and health clinics.
- SHIP and CHOICES staff made eleven presentations reaching 165 individuals.
- Northeast Tennessee Vulnerable Adult Coalition (NET-VAC) met at Trinity Assembly of God in Johnson City in August with 27 in attendance; and 28 in September.
- Staff participated in AARP meetings in July, August and September at the Johnson City Seniors’ Center
- Staff participated in the Washington County Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) Council meetings in July, August and September.
- Two staff participated in the United Healthcare Advisory Board meeting in August.
- FTAAAD assisted in planning of the 2011 Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A) Annual Training Conference in Memphis TN, September 25-28. SE4A is a regional advocacy association which includes the following states: Alabama, Florida,

Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. FTAAAD was responsible for all registration activities. Attendance at the conference was 600+. A total of 24 people attended the conference from the First Tennessee district.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

During the 1st Quarter of FY 2011-2012, 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:

- Attended Ozone Action Partnership Media Day at Eastman Employee Center in Kingsport.
- Attended Development District of Appalachia meeting at Meadowview in Kingsport.
- Attended TDEC Commissioner Robert Martineu meeting at FTDD with local elected officials.
- Worked with regional solid waste planning boards on updating membership lists and filling vacant seats.
- Worked on Hawkins County District Needs Assessment.
- Continued to participate in the planning for the Tennessee Environmental Conference, Keep Greene Beautiful Board of Directors and Appalachian RC&D Council.
- Hosted the District's solid waste directors for informational meeting in Unicoi.
- Attended Carter County Environmental Committee meeting in Elizabethton.
- Participated in the Carter County Conservation Camp at Sycamore Shoals State Park.
- Attended Northeast Tennessee Stormwater Association meeting in Gray.
- Worked on TEA-21 Environmental Review for the Town of Erwin.
- Prepared Water Quality Management Planning Grant application to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.
- Worked on HOME Environmental Reviews for Greeneville and Greene County.
- Prepared used oil equipment grant applications for Washington County, Greene County and Sullivan County.
- Attended Governor's Conference on Economic and Community Development in Nashville.
- Worked on Watauga CDBG Environmental Review.

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. The RPO was also involved in the following projects and initiatives:

- Worked on Purpose and Need documentation for SR-81, SR-172 and SR-107. Documentation was submitted to TDOT to determine the needs for future study on these routes.
- Attended Washington County Economic Summit Infrastructure Committee meeting in Johnson City.
- Revised FTRPO By-Laws.
- Participated in RPO Coordinator's Conference Calls with TDOT.

- Attended Kingsport MPO meeting.
- Attended I-81 Corridor Coalition meeting in Morristown.
- Worked on traffic light project for Mosheim.
- Attended NADO Rural Transportation Conference in Washington, DC.
- Attended RPO Coordinator's Conference at Fall Creek Falls State Park.
- Researched bicycle "share the road" signage project for the Town of Unicoi.
- Worked on 2013-2015 Project spreadsheet for FTRPO area.

PLANNING

As a result of the announcement on April 20, 2011 terminating the State's Local Planning Assistance Office, the First Tennessee Development District established a Local Planning Program. Twenty-one local governments entered into planning advisory contracts with the FTDD for fiscal year 2011-2012. 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:

- Prepared the grant application for the "2011-2012 Local Planning Assistance Transition Grant Program".
- Staffed thirty-six (36) planning commission meetings.
- Staffed thirteen (13) boards of zoning appeals meetings, and reviewed fifteen (15) requests for zoning variances.
- Reviewed forty-one (41) subdivision plats.
- Reviewed nine (9) development site plans.
- Prepared one (1) Annexation Ordinance and Plan of Services.
- Conducting research for two (2) annexation studies.
- Prepared six (6) amendments to subdivision regulations.
- Prepared three (3) amendments to zoning ordinances.
- Reviewed three (3) rezoning requests and prepared rezoning ordinances and maps.
- Researched various zoning issues (i.e. cargo containers, signage, methadone treatment facilities, pyramid zoning, flood regulations, historic zoning, telecommunication facilities, wind and solar energy, etc...).
- Assisted communities in adopting two (2) new digitized zoning maps.
- Assisted communities with flood regulations relative to the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Attended sixteen (16) community development meetings, which includes community workshops, staff meetings, and agenda review meetings.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Attended regular board, committee meetings, and other events for the Birthplace of Country Music Alliance; Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association; Tanasi; WIB Youth Council and Regional Coordination Team; Appalachia Sustainable Development; Northeast TN Council on Children and Youth; **Hancock County** Community Partners & Morton House Historic Marker Presentation; Vision Council

- for Children & Youth and United Way of Greater **Kingsport**, Tennessee Association of Community Leadership.
- Tri-Cities TN/VA Regional Leadership Council 2011 Annual Regional Day planning; leadership program technical assistance to **Unicoi, Hancock & Hawkins County Community Leadership Programs and Kingsport ENCORE Program**
 - Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations 2011 Survey initiated and attended 2011-12 Milestone 1 Workshop.
 - Attended Annual Governor's Tourism Conference and Annual Governor's Economic & Community Development Conference, First Tennessee Development District Annual Meeting; Washington County Disaster Recovery Workshop; hosted DDAA Regional Workshop; East Tennessee Division Leadership Workshop; Rural Development Regional Grants Announcement in Unicoi County; Pinnacle Tower Celebration.
 - Provided technical assistance to Carter County Tomorrow Riverfront Strategic Planning Committee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FTDD Annual Christmas Open House, December 14