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LARUE COUNTY RECEIVES CDBG SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT

Governor Wallace Wilkinson has announced a Community Development Block Grant of \$210,000 for LaRue County. The project will extend approximately 7.7 miles of 6 and 8-inch water main to connect Hardin County Water District #2, and the City of Hodgenville. The connection will allow the Hardin district to buy water from the Green River Valley Water District based in Cave City. That system supplies water to the LaRue County Water district, which is also connected to Hodgenville's water system. The new line will also provide water to an industrial park in LaRue County.

This project will ultimately benefit all of the above mentioned water systems. Hardin County Water District #2 is about to begin construction of a new water treatment plant at White Mills. With the completion of this plant, water flow can be reversed thereby supplying LaRue County and Hodgenville. This will be particularly beneficial to the LaRue County Water District as a future source of water that could aid in expansion to sections of LaRue County that are currently without water.



Pictured are (from left) LaRue County Judge/Executive Tommy Turner, Rep. Bill Ark, and Governor Wallace Wilkinson.

of LaRue County that are currently without water.

CHANGES ADOPTED BY LWCF STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At their August 22, 1988 meeting, the Land and Water Conservation State Fund Advisory Committee performed its annual review of the project selection criteria. Based on comments received from local communities and Area Development Districts, the Committee made the following changes (bonus numbers are based on last year's criteria):

1. Delete previous criteria Bonus 6 and 7, pertaining to acquisition projects. Add the following:

"Project will acquire land entirely by donation in a community where no public outdoor recreation exists. The project must include development costs equal to the value of the donation or the maximum LWCF grant, whichever is less. The completed project must be a viable, self-sustaining recreation area. (2 pts.) "The effect of this change is to reduce the priority previously given to land acquisition over development projects.

2. Reduce the maximum LWCF project share to \$20,000.

3. Award 1 point to sponsors that have not had a project funded within the last three years.

4. Expand criterion Bonus 2 by adding a range of point values, as follows:

"Local individuals, businesses, and/or civic organizations not supported by tax base will contribute to project development through the donation of labor, equipment, materials, cash or professional expertise. Must be documented with a letter listing the items to be donated and their current market value.

- 5 pts. - 50% donation of total project cost.
- 4 pts. - 40% donation of total project cost.
- 3 pts. - 30% donation of total project cost.
- 2 pts. - 20% donation of total project cost.
- 1 pt. - 10% donation of total project cost."

5. Revise criterion Bonus 4 to allow credit in more than one year, as follows:

"Project will result in recreational development of a currently vacant parcel of land which has been or will be reclaimed from landfill or strip-mine use.

- 2 pts. - First time claimed for a contiguous recreation area.
- 1 pt. - Each succeeding time claimed."

6. Revise Mandatory Requirement 8 to allow an exemption for delay in project approval, as follows: "Unless an exemption is granted by the Department of Local Government, any previously funded LWCF project must be at least 50% complete, documented by reimbursement requests, prior to any further commitment of funds."

If you have any questions about either the changes or LWCF process, please contact Wendell Lawrence or Steve Biven at 769-2393.

SPRINGFIELD ANNOUNCES NEW PLASTICS PLANT

Mayor Dwight Wright recently announced the location of a new industry in Springfield. Mr. Bill Deaton, of Mercer County, will soon open a plastic bottle manufacturing plant in the city. The plant expects to employ approximately 20 people when it becomes fully operational. Final details of the move and start-up are still being negotiated.

Congratulations Springfield!



Pictured (foreground) Bill Deaton and Mayor Dwight Wright, and back row (from left) Mike Haydon, Charles Richard Spalding, and Harold Hindman.

LTADD RECREATION PROJECT UPDATE

Residents of several Lincoln Trail communities will benefit from the upcoming completion of various outdoor recreational facilities in their areas. These projects will be completed in FY 89 and will definitely enhance the "quality of life" for those communities.

Meade-Olin Park	Muldrough Community Park
Radcliff City Park System	Elizabethtown American Legion Park
Grayson County Park	Hodgenville Pioneer Park
West Point Veterans Memorial Park	

The effort displayed and prompt completion of these projects are further evidence of the cooperative spirit and "can-do" attitude of our communities. They are to be commended for outstanding recreational development in a period of shrinking resources.

RADCLIFF'S WATER STORAGE TANK NEARS COMPLETION

Erection of the 1.245 million gallon water storage tank is complete. The tank is now in service, and all that is left to be done is minor landscaping and building a fence around the site. The water storage project was partially funded by the help of a \$215,000 Community Development Block Grant along with \$165,000 from the Hardin County Water District #1.

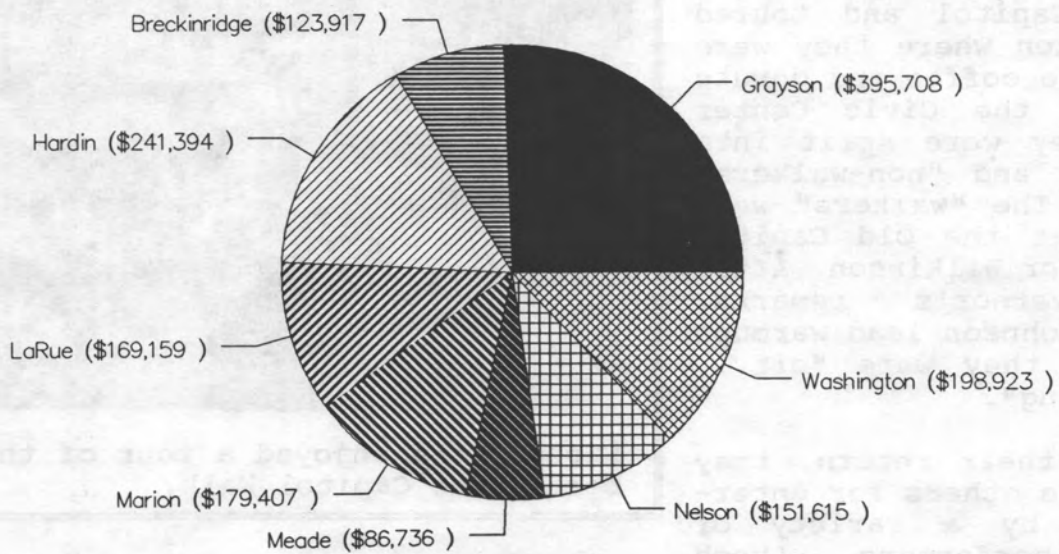
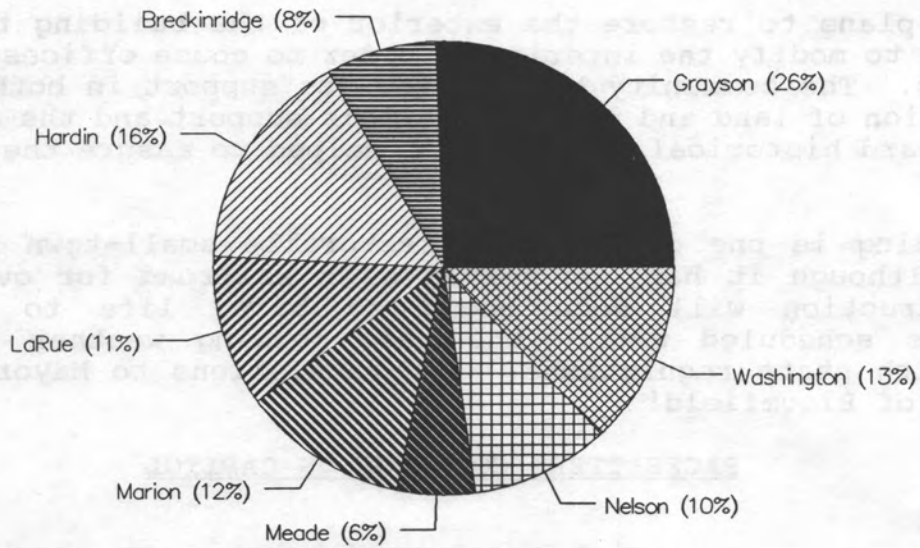
ON-THE-JOB WITH JTPA

Lincoln Trail ADD offers many types of programs through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), but the most popular program is On-the-Job Training (OJT). This program is designed to place economically disadvantaged persons in qualified job training and offers the employer up to fifty (50) percent of the JTPA participant's entry level wage during the training period. The purpose of the reimbursement is to compensate the employer for the low productivity and an incentive for the employer to hire the participant when the necessary training has been completed.

If an employer is interested in the OJT program or any program that is offered through JTPA, they should contact their local Department for Employment Services office or Lincoln Trail ADD for more information.

On the opposite page is a graph that shows each county's utilization of the OJT program from October 1985 to present.

OJT Obligation Levels Per County 10/85 to Present



BLOOMFIELD AWARDED GRANT

The Kentucky Heritage Council has selected the City of Bloomfield as a recipient of a state matching grant in the amount of \$10,000. The old L&N Railroad Depot was one of nine historic sites in the state chosen to be restored. The project involves renovation for use as a city hall, small museum, and meeting area.

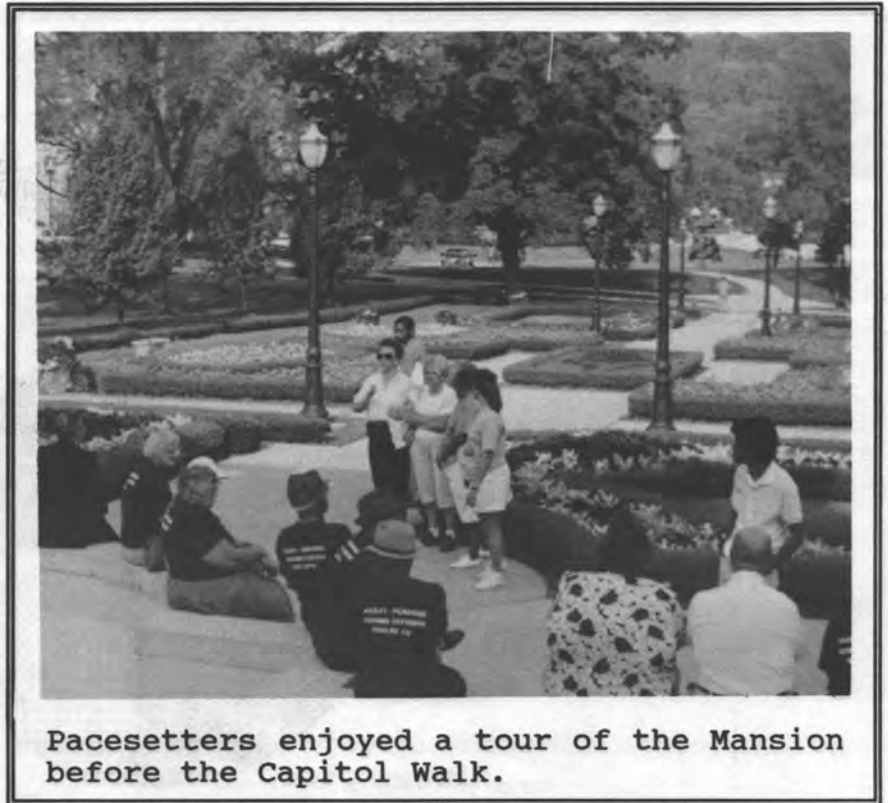
The City plans to restore the exterior of the building to the original condition and to modify the interior in order to house offices, displays, and meeting rooms. The community has pledged its support in both contributions and the donation of land and materials. This support and the attitude of the residents toward historical preservation helped to assure the success of the proposal.

The building is one of the last restorable small-town depots left in Kentucky. Although it has not served as a railroad for over thirty-five years, construction will soon begin to bring life to the facility. Completion is scheduled within the year pending weather conditions and compliance with state regulations. Congratulations to Mayor Gerald Gillis and the City of Bloomfield!

PACESETTERS CONVERGE ON CAPITOL

On July 29, 2,000 senior citizens from across the state converged on Frankfort for the Governor's Pacesetters Capitol Walk. Almost 200 of those participants were from the Lincoln Trail area. The day was packed with activities! Groups met at the Capitol and toured the Mansion where they were treated to coffee and donuts ...on to the Civic Center where they were split into "walkers" and "non-walkers" groups. The "walkers" were greeted at the Old Capitol by Governor Wilkinson. After the Governor's remarks, Skeeter Johnson lead warmups and then they were "off... and walking".

Upon their return, they joined the others for entertainment by a variety of "senior" performers. Lunch was served as the entertainment continued into the afternoon. Although tired after a long and full day, everyone agreed to come back next year!!!



Pacesetters enjoyed a tour of the Mansion before the Capitol Walk.

REGIONAL AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD IN CINCINNATI

The Ohio Chapter of the American Planning Association will host a three day, five state regional conference at the Omni Netherland Hotel in Cincinnati on September 29-30 and October 1, 1988. This regional conference will replace the regular Kentucky APA chapter fall conference. Planning professionals from West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana will be represented.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

During the month of August, the Kentucky Municipal Clerk's Institute conducted its ninth annual certification program. Sponsorship was jointly shared by the Area Development Districts, University of Kentucky's School for Public Administration, the Kentucky Municipal League, the Department of Local Government, and the Kentucky Municipal Clerk's Association in an effort to provide the necessary educational requirements for certification by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks as well as the Kentucky Municipal Clerk's Association.

The program was designed to contribute to the professional training and development of the participants, and included a well-planned mixture of discussions, exercises, demonstrations, panels, case studies and small group activities. The Kentucky Municipal Clerk Association awarded certificates after the completion of the 100 hours of training, and provided education to clerks, assistant clerks, and public administration specialists.

The Lincoln Trail ADD is fortunate to have seven people who have completed the program. They include: Linda Holeman (Vine Grove), Joyce Ford (Lebanon), Doris Hale (Cloverport), JoAnn Haley (Brandenburg), Brenda Patterson (Hardinsburg), Lora Powell (Irvington), and Theresa Lee (Lebanon). The experience and quality of the clerks in our district is well-known throughout the state. More are scheduled for certification in the future. Congratulations on your success!

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

This summer, Lincoln Trail ADD served 713 youth under the Summer Youth Employment Program (IIB), at a cost of approximately \$836,857. Each county served the following number of participants: Breckinridge-68, Grayson-105, Hardin-149, LaRue-55, Marion-87, Meade-66, Nelson-126, and Washington-57. The only county to offer Remedial Education combined with the Summer Youth Employment Program was Breckinridge County.

This program is designed to give the participants an insight into good work behaviors and attitudes. Over 20 of the Summer Youth participants obtained full-time employment at the end of the program. The majority returned to school full-time or are enrolling in another JTPA training program.

CHANGES ANTICIPATED AT LOCAL SENIOR CENTERS

If the current proposal is accepted, there will be some changes in the local senior centers. To explain and prepare for these changes and to solicit input from seniors, the LTADD has just completed nine Community Forums. Beginning October 1, the number of meals being delivered to centers will be reduced by 30%, home-delivered meals will be reduced by 23% and transportation services will be reduced by 5%.

The LTADD Aging Council, Board of Directors and the center participants agreed that the centers provide more than a place to have lunch. One widower explained that he never learned to cook and he depends on this noon meal to assure good nutrition. Others said this was their only way to do shopping and see friends. Because of this, it is important to keep the centers open on the current schedule and provide a place for the groups to meet - even if they do not have lunch. There is no plan to close centers at this point.

By a vote of 2 to 1, the participants agreed that the suggested donation should be raised. Those that are financially able are generally willing to contribute more for the services they receive. Although this will not solve the financial crisis, it will soften the service reductions. The council and participants continue to look for other ways to avoid such massive cuts for the future.

*KENTUCKY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS HOLD WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts held a Washington Conference on Capitol Hill September 8 and 9. Joining together for a busy two-day agenda were Board and staff members from the 15 Kentucky ADDs, all of whom are NADO (National Association of Development Organizations) members. The state-wide council is chaired by Judge/Executive James Everett, a member of the NADO Board of Directors, who in his opening remarks emphasized that "we have come together in strength" to work with the various elected and administrative offices of our federal government.

The conference included addresses from all seven Kentucky representatives and two senators. The senior member of the Kentucky delegation, **Rep. William Natcher** (D-KY) commended the Kentucky ADDs for their "work and success down through the years." Mr. Natcher said that when it was necessary to justify economic development programs to other members of Congress, the Kentucky districts provide good examples of successful programs. Rep. Romano Mazzoli (D-KY) stressed the important dual role of economic development districts of providing leadership at home and bringing an important message to Capitol Hill. Rep. Carroll Hubbard (D-KY) recounted legislative gains made in the housing area, while Rep. Larry Hopkins (R-KY) recommended that "federal policy reflect the needs of rural America in a more positive way." Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY), Rep. Carl Perkins (D-KY) and Rep. Jim Bunning (R-KY) each discussed various domestic programs which can benefit development districts. The meeting concluded with addresses on Energy by **Sen. Wendell Ford** (D-KY) and Rural Development by Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY). The nearly 200 participating Kentuckians agreed that their state-wide Washington meeting was an extremely effective way to promote Kentucky in Washington, DC.

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KENTUCKY RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Kentucky Rural Economic Development Authority provides a mechanism for the issuance of revenue bonds to finance manufacturing projects in the Commonwealth's depressed counties. Eligible counties are those with unemployment rates above the state average in four of the previous five consecutive years of those with a population of 9,000 or less. Unofficial estimates are that approximately 78 of the state's 120 counties would be eligible for designation as a depressed county in 1988.

Operation of the Authority: As an inducement to a company to locate a manufacturing facility in an eligible county, the authority will issue bonds the proceeds from which may be used to buy the land, build the facilities and provide the utilities necessary for production. The bonds may also be used to purchase an existing building and will be issued primarily on strength of an eligible company. The bonds will not be backed by the Commonwealth or the authority.

Eligible companies will enter into an agreement with the authority by which "rental payments" will service debt on the bonds and the company may take a credit against the rental payments on its state income tax. As an additional incentive to retire debt service on the bonds, companies have the option to assess employees six percent of their gross wages, two-thirds of which can be utilized by the employee as a credit on state income taxes along with a one-third credit on local occupational taxes.

Administration of the Authority: The authority is composed of a Board of Directors, five of whom have been appointed by the Governor with the remaining two being the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet who serves as Chairman and the Secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet who serves as Vice Chairman. The authority is attached to the Economic Development Cabinet for administrative purposes and is charged with the development of administrative regulations which shall provide standards and procedures for the determination and approval by the authority of eligible companies and their economic development projects. This program is a unique opportunity for eligible Kentucky counties to improve their economic climate by attracting manufacturing industries.

For more information concerning this program, contact Lincoln Trail ADD or

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Marion
Nelson
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