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TRAIL DEDICATED AT FORT DUFFIELD

The City of West Point took another leap forward in its efforts to build a better future on the strengths of its historical past when a handicapped accessible trail was dedicated at Civil War Fort Duffield. The trail was dedicated during ceremonies held at the fort on September 28, 1994, which were attended by several state dignitaries including: Crit Luallen, Secretary of the Tourism Cabinet; Bruce Ferguson, Commissioner of the Department of Local Government (DLG); Ann Trimble, Director of the Division of Development Finance at DLG; Mayor Rube Yelvington, West Point and many other state and local officials.



Part of a scenic walking trail winding through Civil War Fort Duffield in West Point.



Cemetery located near Fort Duffield where soldiers who died while constructing the fort were buried.

The accessible trail was built using funds from a \$15,000 grant administered by DLG. The trail is a raised, wooden, 250 ft. walkway which travels into the heart of the fort which the city, with the help of hundreds of volunteers, is working to restore. Fort Duffield, a Union establishment, was built on a hill overlooking West Point in 1861 under orders from General Sherman. It is estimated that it took soldiers from Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin nearly two months (70,000 man hours) to build the fort that apparently included everything from barracks to stables. None of the original buildings or facilities remain today, but large man-made trenches still outline the fort's boundaries and clearly illustrate its vast size.

Near the location of the fort is a cemetery where soldiers who died while building the fort are buried. Volunteers working on the restoration effort secured funding from the Department of Defense to place headstones for the fallen soldiers. A monument dedicated to the memory of the soldiers and their hard work was also placed at the cemetery a couple of years ago.

The city has submitted other grant applications for funding which it hopes will further assist local officials and the multitude of volunteers, who put in over 700 hours on the trail, in fully restoring the fort to closely resemble the original. The city is trying to revitalize its economy by capitalizing on its close historical ties and the growing popularity of heritage related tourism.

Tourists may visit Fort Duffield by boarding a handicapped accessible bus, in West Point, which will take them to the top of fort hill. A \$3 donation is requested when riding the bus.

ADD STAFF NEWS

Welcome to the following persons who have recently joined the LTADD staff:

Jean Greathouse, Aging Program Assistant

Kay Shaw, HomeCare Case Manager

Congratulations to JTPA Case Manager Derinda Christerson who married Todd Osbourne on October 8, 1994.

Congratulations to Sheila Mann, JTPA Case Manager, and her husband, Mark, on the birth of their son, Michael Hilton Mann, on October 24, 1994.

USDA RURAL PROGRAMS HAVE NEW LOOK

(Reprinted from NADO News 10/21/94)

Under the recently passed plan for reorganization of the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the department's rural development programs have been consolidated into the Rural Economic and Community Services division to be headed by Under Secretary Bob Nash. Plans call for three offices: Rural Business and Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, and Rural Housing and Community Facilities. Each will have a program administrator.

The new Rural Business and Cooperative Service combines former Rural Development Administration (RDA) and Rural Electrification Administration (REA) programs for business development with the Agricultural Cooperative Service and the Alternative Agricultural Commercialization Center. Heading the service will be Administrator Designate Dayton Watkins. The Rural Utilities Service combines telephone and electric programs formerly under REA with water and sewer programs that were housed in RDA. REA Administrator Wally Byer is expected to continue as Administrator for the Rural Utilities Service. The third office is the Rural Housing and Community Facilities Service. This office will manage former Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) housing programs as well as community loan programs formerly managed by RDA and REA. No administrator has yet been named for this office.

CHR OFFICIALS VISIT LTADD BOARD MEETING

Three officials from the Kentucky Cabinet of Human Resources (CHR) attended the November meeting of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District (LTADD) Board of Directors as part of an effort initiated by Secretary Masten Childers II to get CHR officials out into the state in order to highlight the work of CHR programs and to solicit questions and comments.

Commissioner Peggy Wallace of the Department of Social Services, Commissioner Treva Wright-Donnell of the Department of Employment Services and Pat Rickard of the Department of Health Services (standing in for Commissioner Rice Leach), described the programs and services of their respective departments and complimented the ADD for its excellence in administering several of these programs. The appearance by the officials was a follow-up to a visit made by three other representatives of CHR at the September Board meeting.

CENSUS BUREAU SOLICITS 2000 CENSUS NEEDS FROM NON-FEDERAL USERS

The Census Bureau is seeking advice from non-Federal data users about their content and geographic needs for the 2000 census. To obtain this information, the Bureau is conducting the Survey of Census Needs of Non-Federal Data Users. The non-Federal solicitation process, which runs through mid-March of 1995, is directed to non-Federal users such as State, local, and tribal governments; ethnic and community organizations; the business sector; academic researchers; and the general public.

Survey respondents are asked to provide their content requirements, including the legal citation where applicable, as well as the smallest geographic level needed for each topic. Respondents also are asked the level of difficulty of finding alternative sources of data for content topics, if they were no longer included on the census questionnaire.

To obtain a survey form, contact Gloria Porter or Doug Lee, Bureau of the Census, Room 3555/3, Washington, DC 20233; 301-765-4282 (after December 16, 1994, 301-457-4030); FAX, 301-763-5170 (after December 16, 301-457-3768); or email, dlee@info.census.gov.

JTPA **PROGRAMS**

Programs being offered under the JTPA program are well into their second full year of implementation under the JTPA Amendments of 1992. Current programs are offering a variety of services, including, GED, literacy, post secondary training, occupational skills, employability skills, basic education and others. The number of economically disadvantaged individuals enrolling in post secondary activities has increased almost three fold from previous years.

Case management activities are also continuing to expand in the District. There are now five full time case managers on staff and they are responsible for all client-related activities from program certification to assessment to individual service strategy to employment. We are still trying to locate office space in each county for the case managers and hope to have that finalized this year.

Two items of interest: there are still funds available to develop training programs for adults and older workers during this program year. The Private Industry Council is very eager to consider new proposals throughout the year. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the Request for Proposal packet or additional information, contact a member of the Employment/Training staff at the ADD.

Finally, the coming of 1995 will hopefully bring with it the re-emergence of the OJT (On-the-Job Training) contract. The OJT had virtually disappeared since the amendments but language in the final regulations now appears to make it a viable training option again. We look forward to developing OJTs again in the Lincoln Trail region!



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Internet: THoppes@IgLou.com (our Internet mailing address)

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Meet new friends in the community forum

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All you need is a computer with a modem and the number (502-769-2220).

Monthly rates will be \$5 per household, not per person.

**KRTC'S
Bulletin Board Service
Marks Beginning Of**

THE LINCOLN TRAIL TELEVILLAGE

With the start-up of Kentucky On-line, a new computer bulletin board started by the Kentucky Rural Telecommunications Center (KRTC) in Elizabethtown, the Lincoln Trail region has witnessed the first step in the creation of a "televillage." The "televillage" concept will result in the removal of geographic barriers to rural Kentuckians and allow complete access to unlimited information resources throughout the world. As KRTC President Terry Hoppes explained, "This levels the playing field worldwide. Physical location doesn't mean a thing anymore." The system is currently housed in space donated by Hardin Memorial Hospital.

The Kentucky On-line service is currently available in **Breckinridge, Meade, Hardin** and **LaRue** Counties through toll-free numbers. The numbers are:

Hardin/LaRue: (502) 769-2220
Breckinridge/Meade: (502) 547-6605
Meade (plus north Hardin): (502) 877-6605

The next LTADD area slated for access is **Grayson County**; that local number will be disseminated when it is available from the KRTC and GTE.

There are many segments of the region which will ultimately benefit from the televillage concept. Teachers may communicate and trade ideas with other educators. Parents may check on their student's progress or speak with teachers. Doctors will be able to "e-mail" tests and profiles to specialists without delay or unnecessary visits. Police departments can make information available on suspects to the general public or make public safety announcements instantaneously. Farmers have access to breaking weather and market reports as they happen. The opportunities and benefits are unlimited. The Kentucky On-line system currently has Internet e-mail availability daily, without the burden of long distance charges.

LTADD staff and Board members are working closely with the KRTC leadership, as well as the Elizabethtown Community College, to ensure that the Lincoln Trail region is in the forefront of technology implementation and applications. As the KRTC continues to develop its programs, and as the Lincoln Trail Regional Economic Development Center begins its operations, the long-term impact will be quite significant.

Rep. Mark Brown Has Reputation For Helping On Environmental Issues

(Reprinted from Land, Air and Water, Fall, 1994)

As a youngster, Rep. Mark Brown, D-Brandenburg, explored the caves that underlie Meade County. Just about anything in the great outdoors caught his attention and kept his interest. Still a hunter and fisherman when his busy schedule allows, Brown draws on his lifelong interest in Kentucky's environment and natural resources as vice chairman of the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee. His work with committee issues during 10 years in the General Assembly has earned him the reputation of being THE person in the Legislature to turn to on environmental issues and legislation.

People on both sides of issues trust Brown to listen and guide them toward getting their views heard. Several times he has found himself sponsoring a bill for the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet that seeks one thing and at the same time sponsoring legislation that supports the opposing view. Brown reasons that better legislation comes from giving both sides the opportunity to launch their versions of bills. Then as the bills come before the committee, the opposing views are heard and compromises are made. "I try to bring both sides together to reach conclusions," he said. As a result, "I deal with a lot of issues that don't affect me at home," said Brown, who has worked on much of the state's solid waste management legislation. "Many of them we've already addressed. It makes me proud to be from Meade County." In Meade County, universal garbage collection was instituted before it was mandated by the Legislature in 1992. The county also boasts a comprehensive recycling program that has been featured in several national magazines.

In looking at the House committee's work for the next two years, Brown sees several areas that will be studied before laws are made in 1996. He said the committee will be looking at the Underground Storage Tank Program to see that the "money consumers are putting into it is being well spent" and that there is no discrimination between the small and large petroleum market.

"Solid waste is something that will never go away, I guess," said Brown, who also serves as chairman of the Task Force on Waste Management. With the 1997 deadline for reaching 25 percent reduction in solid waste fast approaching, he said the committee's theme into the next biennium is to make a commitment to recycling. The pieces to successful solid waste management are in place with Senate Bill 2 and existing laws, he said. Tax incentives are available to industries that install environmental protection equipment, and the Kentucky Recycling Brokerage Authority was established to increase markets for materials that can be recycled. Quality recycling programs operate in many areas of the state. The Legislature and executive branch won't succeed until the relationship between recycling/waste reduction and industry is firmly bonded, he added.

The most important task for the committee, he said, is to find that delicate balance between the environment and jobs. "You can't hug trees and stop industry from expanding and last very long (in the Legislature)," he explained. He understands first-hand what that balance means to employees and communities. Nicknamed "the governor" by his co-workers at Olin Chemical Co., Brown is involved in many environmental compliance projects at the facility in his job as a

pipefitter. Olin, a chemical plant with a permitted incinerator, has reduced its waste stream by around 70 percent, according to Brown.

Other topics certain to be looked at during the interim are heritage land purchases and waste tire exemptions. Brown sponsored the Heritage Land Conservation Act Amendments, which will provide funding for the purchase of heritage lands in Kentucky for wildlife management areas, recreation areas, state forests, nature preserves and wetlands. He also sponsored House Bill 399, which limits the fee exemptions for tire retailers on each new tire sold and requires reporting on waste tires.

Brown sees himself as a conduit between the local level and the bureaucracy in Frankfort. "I can't necessarily solve the problems, but I can help," he said. Brown advises people who want to be part of the solution to environmental programs to get involved with the issues early -- talking with legislators, local officials and peer groups and familiarizing themselves with the issues. "People need to get involved before the pressures of the session (which lasts only 60 days) are upon you," Brown said.

He urges interested citizens to attend the meetings of the interim Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, which includes members of both the House and Senate committees. The interim committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month until the 1996 General Assembly convenes. For meeting times and locations, call the Legislative Research Commission at 502/564-8100.

Itadd planning news

WHO? WHAT? WHY? WHEN? & HOW?

... are questions that comprehensive planning and land use regulations attempt to answer within your community. As football season descends upon us, we can see some parallels between the job of a coach and that of a planner.

The first step in any planning process is finding out "who" you are. Looking at the residents, businesses, land uses, housing stock, natural resources, geography, and other aspects of the community provides us with a picture of what the community is right now. A coach would similarly examine his team to find out what he has to work with.

The next job is discovering "what" it is that the community wants to be in the future. This provides us with a vision of the future and gives us the *goalpost* to aim for.

"why" leads us to the examination of issues in the community that need to be addressed. It makes us look at our communities and residents and think about challenges and weaknesses that may exist, much like a football coach would watch for his teams strengths and weaknesses. And "when" comes in as long and short term goals are examined. This is where both the planner and coach look at time-frames for *wins*.

These last three steps give the community goals to shoot for as growth and development occurs. They serve as the *yardlines* giving residents and leaders a means of measuring progress and success.

"How" becomes the question of implementing all the visions and goals produced in the planning stages. This is where the land use regulations such as zoning and subdivision regulations fit into the *gameplan*.

So, while Monday Night Football rules the airwaves, picture yourself as the coach figuring out which players strengths best suit the situation and planning that trip past the yardlines and into the *endzone*.

P.S.- Remember even the pros have a few *fumbles* and *interceptions*!

PLAN 101

The Community and Economic Development staff at the ADD is hopeful that we will be able to provide those involved in local planning with some "training" sessions soon. Quite a few local officials have approached us about offering this service and we hope to be able to put something together after the holidays. So be on the lookout for further information.

- KRS 100 -

We now have available current copies of Chapter 100 of KRS with changes made during the 1994 legislative session. You can receive a copy by contacting the ADD. We will provide an unbound version so that you can easily make copies for your planning commissions, boards of adjustment and zoning administrators. (More are available for the cost of copying and binding.) We are encouraging everyone to become familiar with this statute. After all, KRS 100 is your enabling legislation for planning and zoning!

PLANNER'S CORNER

Welcome to the first edition of the Itadd planning news column!!! Allow me to introduce myself to those of you whom I have not yet had the opportunity to meet... my name is Kim Meyer and I have been the Regional Land Use Planner here at the ADD for four very busy months now. I graduated this past spring from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana with a Bachelor of Urban Planning and Development and a B. S. in Environmental Design. I am originally from Michigan but have lived in Indiana for ten years with a brief stint in Southern Florida. I do have deep family roots in Kentucky, though. My mother was raised in Springfield and my grandmother still resides there, while the rest of my family is scattered around Kentucky.

I am excited to be working with you all, and many of you have presented me with challenges already and I welcome more of them. Please feel free to call me, at 502.769.2393, with any planning questions you may have.

book worm

This column is dedicated to providing you with recommendations for planning books and other resources.

American Planning Assoc. An organization for the advancement of planners. They provide a wide range of services and I would recommend someone on your Plan Commission join. For info, call APA at 312/955.9100.

Planning Made Easy. by Wm. Toner. APA Press. 1994. This a great introduction to planning & land use regulation. \$32.95.

The Small Town Planning Handbook. by Thomas Daniels. APA Press. 1988. A guidebook for comprehensive planning for small, rural communities.

If you have any recommendations to add, let me know.

American Children ---- Half in "Traditional," Half in Other Families

Living arrangements of children under 18 years, by race and Hispanic origin: Summer 1991 (numbers in thousands)

| <u>Living Arrangements</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>White</u> | <u>Black</u> | <u>Hispanic Origin¹</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Children under 18 years | 65,727 | 51,944 | 10,571 | 7,525 |
| Living with: | | | | |
| Two parents | 47,826 | 40,995 | 4,404 | 4,826 |
| In a traditional nuclear family ² | 33,403 | 29,292 | 2,741 | 2,846 |
| One parent | 15,748 | 9,919 | 5,196 | 2,337 |
| Mother only | 13,955 | 8,503 | 4,938 | 2,141 |
| Father only | 1,793 | 1,416 | 258 | 196 |
| Grandparents only | 1,099 | 469 | 570 | 100 |
| Other | 689 | 385 | 262 | 110 |
| Unknown ³ | 365 | 175 | 138 | 152 |
| Percent | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Living with: | | | | |
| Two parents | 72.8 | 78.9 | 41.7 | 64.1 |
| In a traditional nuclear family ² | 50.8 | 56.4 | 25.9 | 37.8 |
| One parent | 24.0 | 19.1 | 49.2 | 31.1 |
| Mother only | 21.2 | 16.4 | 46.7 | 28.5 |
| Father only | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Grandparents only | 1.7 | 0.9 | 5.4 | 1.3 |
| Other | 1.0 | 0.7 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| Unknown ³ | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 2.0 |

¹Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

²Children in a traditional nuclear family live with both biologicval parents and if siblings are present, with full brothers and sisters. No other household members are present.

³Data on living arrangements are missing for these children.

Source: *The Diverse Living Arrangements of Children: Summer 1991*, P70-38.

CALENDAR...

January, 1995:

- 1/10 PIC Council, LTADD, Elizabethtown
- 1/16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - LTADD Office Closed
- 1/18 LTADD Board of Directors Meeting - LTADD Office - Elizabethtown
- 1/28-31 Kentucky Recreation and Parks Society Conference for Professionals on Recreation and Parks - Lexington

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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

February, 1995:

- 2/20 President's Day - LTADD Office Closed
- 2/15 LTADD Board of Directors Meeting - LTADD Office - Elizabethtown

March, 1995

- 3/15 LTADD Board of Directors Meeting - LTADD Office - Elizabethtown

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