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Community Rivers & Streams Grants Awarded

Three community Rivers and Streams Grants worth \$5,000 each were awarded this quarter in the district. Each of these projects involved interlocal cooperation and a long term plan for the project's sustainability.

The Meade County & the Sierra Club's Flippin's Run Project; Hardin County, City of Elizabethtown & Greenspace Inc. Streams Assessment Project; and Breckinridge, Grayson & Historic Falls of Rough, Inc. Falls of Rough Mill Complex Project were this year's recipients from the region. (continued on page 9)

Elizabethtown Receives NADO Award

The National Association of Development Organizations has selected the City of Elizabethtown as a recipient of the 1995 Innovation Award. The City was recognized for the outstanding interlocal cooperation and creativity of the "Christmas In The Park" program.

The attendance at the Christmas in the Park Program in 1994 was approximately 270,000 people and 77,400 vehicles from the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving until January 1st. The purpose of this project was to create a gift to the community, by the community, to foster a sense of pride and fellowship. This approach has succeeded as evidenced by the attendance, the growth of exhibitors from 19 to 74, and the diversity of involvement.

This program, based upon a citizen's suggestion, originated in 1991 and was initially financed by the City. Today, the project is fully self-supported by the voluntary contributions of program attendees and the businesses of the community. In 1994, donations to the program by attendees reached \$21,615.05. The surplus funds from this year will be used to purchase a new addition to the 1995 exhibit. The City plans to purchase a fountain to be placed in Freeman Lake. Congratulations to the City of Elizabethtown!

27th Lincoln Trail ADD Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District held the 1995 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 1995, at the Pritchard Community Center, 404 South Mulberry Street, in Elizabethtown. The featured speaker for the event was United States Representative Ron Lewis of the Second Congressional District.

The business portion of the Annual Meeting resulted in the election of Board Officers, Executive Committee members and various Citizen Members for the upcoming year.

The Nominating Committee recommended, and the Board of Directors accepted, that the following continue to serve as Officers of the Board for the upcoming year:

OFFICERS

Judge Tom Moorman	Chairman
Judge Tommy Turner	First Vice-Chairman
Judge Bobby Brady	Second Vice-Chairman
Mayor Richard Brandenburg	Secretary
Mr. Gene Spragens, Jr.	Treasurer

Those members of the FY 1996 Executive Committee are as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Judge Tom Moorman	Judge Dave Hourigan
Judge Tommy Turner	Mr. Alfred Nichols
Judge Bobby Brady	Mr. Lawrence Spalding
Mayor Richard Brandenburg	Mr. Paul Steenbergen
Mr. Gene Spragens, Jr.	Mayor Glenda Wathen
Judge Glen Dalton	Judge Dean Watts
Mr. Sam B. Dibble, Jr.	Judge Joe Hager
Mayor Larry Gatewood	

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Welcome new staff member ...



Melanie Staderman Employment/Training Case Manager

Melanie came to us from Michigan and is a graduate of Kansas State with a B.A. in Social Work. She has a long history of deep interest in people as demonstrated by many years spent in volunteer services - from working with school aged children to victims of domestic violence. She is looking forward to putting her skills in action as part of the Employment and Training Team.

Labor Law Poster Checklist

All public employers are required to display the following posters in an area regularly frequented by employees. Failure to display these notification posters is likely to result in a citation and civil penalty from the Department of Labor.

The government is not required to notify or send these posters to you as new regulations are enacted.

Kentucky Posters:

- ☐ Kentucky Wage and Hour Law
- ☐ Kentucky Wage Discrimination Because of Sex
- ☐ Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity
- ☐ Kentucky OSHA Safety And Health Protection On The Job
- ☐ Kentucky Child Labor

Federal Posters:

- ☐ Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- ☐ Title VII Civil Rights Notice with ADA Notice
- ☐ Employee Polygraph Notice
- ☐ Federal Minimum Wage
- ☐ Employee "Right to Know" Notice
- ☐ I.N.S. Discrimination (Department of Justice)
- ☐ IRS Advance Earned Income Tax Credit
- ☐ Payday Notice
- ☐ 1993 Family & Medical Leave Act Poster

These posters are available free from the Kentucky Labor Cabinet and the U.S. Department of Labor. Call the Kentucky Labor Cabinet at (502) 564-3070 and the U.S. Department of Labor at (404) 881-2283.

Farewell and Best Wishes...

are extended to Vivian Lothery, Aging Planner who accepted a similar position at Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) in Louisville.

and

Derinda Osbourne, Employment /Training Case Manager who accepted a position in Bardstown.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

1995 White House Conference on Aging

Lincoln Trail Aging Council Chairman, Mr. Randall Donahue, attended the White House Conference on Aging which was held in Washington, D.C., May 1-5. As one of thirteen persons in the state to serve as the Governor's delegate, Mr. Donahue spent his time at the conference developing resolutions which were delivered to President Clinton at the conclusion of the Conference.

Resolutions were formulated throughout the conference with a total of fifty resolutions being adopted. The following resolutions received the greatest endorsement from the delegates:

- Keeping Social Security Sound for Now and for the Future
- Preserving the Integrity of the Older Americans Act
- Preserving the Nature of Medicaid
- Reauthorization of the Older Americans' Act
- Increased Funding for Alzheimer's Disease Research
- Preserving Advocacy Functions under the Older Americans' Act
- Ensuring the Availability of a Broad Spectrum of Services
- Acknowledging the Contribution of Older Volunteers
- Assuming Personal Responsibility for the State of One's Health

The 1995 White House Conference was the fourth in the history of the United States and will be the last in this century. Resolutions developed at the conference will guide policy development for the next decade.

Post-conference, activities will be directed toward the implementation of the resolutions.



Aging Council Chairman, Randall Donahue (pictured fifth from right), joins Delegates of White House Conference on Aging for a post-conference briefing with Governor Brereton Jones.

Senior celebration

"Looking Better Than Ever"



The Ninth Annual Senior Celebration took place on May 18, 1995, at the J.R. Pritchard Community Center in Elizabethtown. Over two-hundred persons attended and enjoyed a fun-packed and informative day. Older persons were recognized for their many achievements and abilities. As a part of the celebration, several individuals were recognized for the miles they logged in participation in the Governor's Pacesetters program. Representative Jimmie Lee, and Aging Council Chairman Randall Donahue presented awards to the following persons:

Hardin County:

Shirley Hazelett

Audry Milby

Washington County:

W.R. Worner

Susie Anderson

Annie Yaste

Lettie Hardin

Flossie Oder

Aretha Lawson

Meade County:

Wilma Coursey

Pat R. Coursey

Jessie Edge

Margaret Greenlee

Margaret Key

Barbara Zeitz

Mary Mattingly

Raymond Helinger

Mary Jo Troutman

Marion County:

Louise Bland

George Dickerson

Special recognition was given to the following persons having walked the most miles in each county:

Shirley Hazelett

Hardin County

553 miles

Aretha Lawson

Marion County

1,432 miles

Flossie Oder

Washington County

1,563 miles



Representative Jimmie Lee presents Flossie Oder of Washington County with a certificate of recognition for her miles walked in the Governor's Pacesetters Program.



One of the many entertaining events of the day was the Fun Fashion Show. Each county of the District was represented with persons and outfits from the local area. Pictured here are the "Kings and Queens" of the Fun Fashion Show.



Mr. Wendell Upchurch of LaRue County parades in the Fun Fashion Show.

LINCOLN TRAIL AGING PROGRAMS



What Is The Lincoln Trail Long Term Care Ombudsman Program?

Lincoln Trail Area Development District contracts with the Legal Aid Society to provide the Long Term Care Ombudsman program in this District.

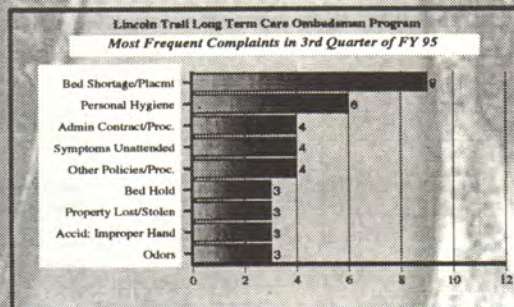
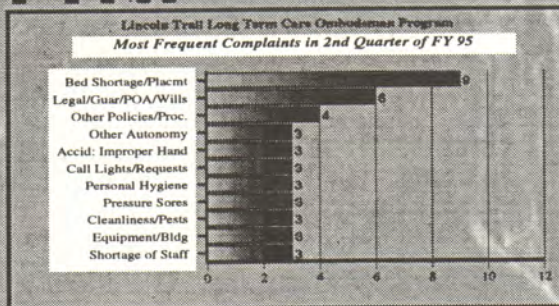
With our current level of funding, we provide for 20 hours per week of staff time to act as a representative for persons in nursing homes across the District. This individual is responsible for the following types of activities:

- * assure resident's rights are upheld
- * promote quality care
- * develop a group of volunteers to assure regular visitations to residents, especially those without family or friends
- * investigate and work to resolve complaints on behalf of residents
- * assist in the development of resident councils
- * advise the public of the availability of current state, local and federal inspection reports, statements of deficiency and plans for correction for individual long term care facilities in the District.

In order to accomplish all of these objectives, volunteers serve as a key component. Volunteers are trained and have the option of acting in the capacity of "friendly visitor" or with additional training, can be certified as volunteer ombudsmen.

Carol Dupin is the Long Term Care Ombudsman for the Lincoln Trail District. She maintains an office

F.Y.I.



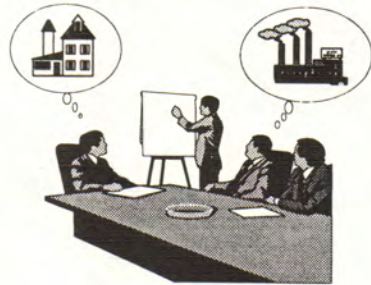
Issues In Aging...

As with many other programs receiving federal funding, we are concerned regarding the actions and potential actions of the current federal legislative climate. With the Older Americans' Act coming up for reauthorization, there are concerns as to the outcome which is so all encompassing for services directed to older persons.

Programs currently being reviewed for reduction, block granting or elimination include: Senior Employment Programs, Housing Supports, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and Legal Services Corporation. A general concern also exists with regard to the impact of changes to the Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare programs should they become targets as well.

Advocates for the elderly, while experienced in the funding rollercoaster, worry about the overall outcome for older persons and what the future holds for a population which is increasingly aging.

Community Development



Conservation Grants

In 1994, the General Assembly established and appropriated funding to the Heritage Land Conservation Fund as well as modified the administering board and specifications on monetary allocations (KRS 146.560 through 146.570) (HB 368). The Heritage Fund revenues are derived from three sources. The revenue generated from the mine minerals tax, environmental fines and the sale of a nature license plate will be used for the procurement and management of environmentally sensitive areas.

The priorities for acquisition and management of the properties are:

- a. Natural areas that possess unique features such as habitat for rare and endangered species;
- b. Areas important to migratory birds.
- c. Areas that perform important natural functions that are subject to alteration or loss; and
- d. Areas to be preserved in their natural state for public use, outdoor recreation and education.

At least 10% of awarded money for acquisition must be devoted for the management of the acquired property.



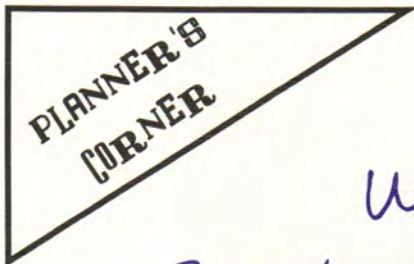
Meade County

The Heritage Conservation Fund will be split fifty-fifty with fifty percent of the total, equally shared by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wild Rivers, Division of Forestry, Nature Preserves Commission.

The other fifty percent will be offered in the form of competitive grants. Local governments, special districts, school districts, state colleges & universities, school districts, and state agencies can all compete for funding.

The Heritage Land Conservation Fund is managed by a twelve member Board appointed by the Governor. All acquisition applications along with Resource Management Plans, must be submitted to and approved by the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board. This fund can afford communities with the opportunity to integrate greenspace areas or establish conservation areas.

For more information, call LTADD and ask for Beth Jefferson, Public Administration Specialist.



What A Bunch of Garbage!!

The result from the Division of Waste Management's 1994 County Annual Report and Awards Presentation are in...and we have a winner!!! Congratulations are in order for **LaRue County's** Solid Waste Coordinator, Mike McCombs, for receiving recognition from the DWM for "Creative Enforcement" efforts. Mr. McCombs requires that violators (i.e., open dumping, tire dumps, etc.) watch a video he created on the importance of dump cleanup and prevention and also makes them write reports on waste management issues. (The video is narrated by "Abe Lincoln.") In addition, McCombs also goes into classrooms and works to make LaRue County schoolchildren more aware of the hazards of illegal dumping, especially in areas underlain with limestone and prone to sinkholes.

As for the other counties in the District, all received approval of their reports and plans. Their education and awareness activities included: **Breckinridge's** newspaper articles, recycling efforts by local organizations, annual community cleanups; **Hardin's** Junk Car Program, League of Women Voter's Annual "Earth Fair" and InfoLink phone line; **Marion's** classroom presentations and cleanup week; **Meade's** recycling center tours and coordination of elementary school's recycling program; **Nelson's** Environmental Science Fair (middle school), recycling center tours, and youth leadership conference held at the landfill; and **Washington's** advertising campaign and Christmas Tree recycling. These are just a few of the many programs that are happening in the Lincoln Trail ADD to reduce and manage the waste stream flow.

If you would like additional information on any of these or other programs, please call local solid waste coordinators or contact LTADD and ask for Kim Meyer, Land Use Planner.



Recently, the Kentucky Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet awarded \$1,000 planning grants to six (6) counties in the Lincoln Trail Area. The six counties receiving grants based on applications submitted, included: **Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion and Nelson.**

The planning grants were a part of the Cultural Economics Initiative developed by the Kentucky Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet. This Initiative is aimed at developing and promoting Kentucky's cultural resources as economic development tools.

Counties participating in this endeavor will receive technical assistance in assessing and analyzing their cultural resources, integrating them into a cultural economic plan and developing a strategic vision integrating these resources as economic development tools.

The overall goals of this Initiative are the following:

1. Increased use and development of cultural assets in county planning;
2. Increased collaboration between cultural organizations and economic development organizations;
3. Increased leadership in the community (i.e. new leaders, new discussions, new initiatives).

The Lincoln Trail Area Development District submitted applications on behalf of Breckinridge, Grayson and Hardin Counties. The LTADD continues to work with these three counties in forming committees and working towards the goals set forth in the Initiative.

Recent Court & Attorney General Opinions

Case 1: KRS 258.195 requires each fiscal court to employ a dog warden and maintain a dog pound.

According to the Attorney General Opinion, counties may form interlocal agreements for the maintenance of a dog pound. These agreements may be with other county governments, municipal governments as well as citizen organizations.

Remember that if the fiscal court contracts with the local humane society to provide for animal control or/and the construction of an animal control facility, the model procurement code must be followed (KRS 45A.365, 45A.380).

Other related opinions and statutes: OAC80-108, OAC80-624, KRS45A.380, OAC78-516.

Case 2: Passage & Publication of Amended Ordinance

KRS83A.060 (3) provides that no ordinance shall be amended by its title only, and ordinances to amend shall set out in full the amended ordinance or section indicating any words being deleted by a single broken line drawn through them.

Therefore ordinances cannot be amended by reference to the title only.

Related opinions and statutes:
KRS83A.060 (9)

Case 3: Special Districts not subject to local ethics codes

According to OAC 94-71, KRS 65.003 does not subject special districts to local ethics codes. However, there is nothing to preclude the special districts from adopting their own codes.

Ethics codes legislation applies to elected city and county officials, appointed city and county officials and employees of the city or county.

A city utility board established under KRS 96.550 et seq., is an independent agency pursuant to KRS 96.740, which declares it to be a body politic, a corporate agency with the power to contract, be contracted with, sue and be sued, in and by its corporate names.

Other related opinions and statutes: case of Keriakes v. Graham, KY., 458 S.W. 2d 162 (1970), KRS 96.530

Case 4: Volunteer Fire Fighters do not have powers of arrest

According to KRS 75.160 (2) regular members of a fire protection district fire department, except volunteer firemen shall have the same powers of arrest as given by law to sheriffs.

Other related opinions and statutes: OAC64-829, KRS 75.160(2), OAC 72-339, KRS75.180(1)

For a copy of these opinions or more information contact LTADD and ask for Beth Jefferson, Public Administration Specialist.

Community Rivers & Streams Grants Awarded

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Meade County's Project involves the cleanup of the streams and riparian areas adjacent to the Flippin's Run. This area includes the historically significant Buttermilk Falls which provided the first settlers to Meade County with their primary water source. The deviation in elevation from the top of the Falls Area to the mouth of Flippin's Run is 300 feet. From the 1800's until today the Falls have never ceased to flow.

The Flippin's Run project represents the first stage in a long term conservation plan that will feature cleanup, water quality improvement and the development of hiking and bike trails. This project adjoins and will complement the City of Brandenburg's Flippin's Run Park.

The second project is a true partnership between city, county and the community's citizens to preserve and conserve the community's streams and riparian areas. Greenspace, Inc has been working to develop passive recreational trails along the streams of the City of Elizabethtown for over 15 years. This project will be an assessment of streams, mapping, educational events to highlight the uniqueness of the stream habitats, and a photography contest. The Project impetus is to increase local involvement and support for the continued acquisition and development of green space areas within the City of Elizabethtown.

The third project involves the cleanup of the Rough River and development of a community park located at the Falls of Rough Mill Complex. The community of Falls of Rough was established in the early 1800's serving a population of approximately 350 residents. This grant will act in concert with several other grants to help fuel renovation efforts.

27th Lincoln Trail ADD Annual Meeting

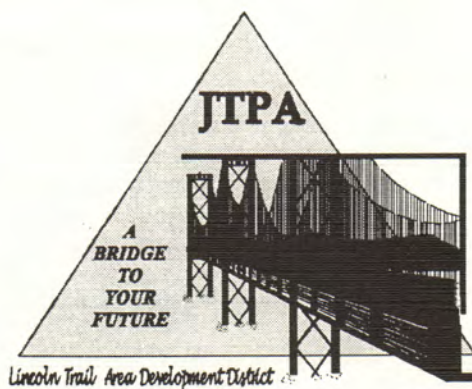
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Citizen Members elected to serve for a three-year term include:

CITIZEN MEMBERS

Imogene Belcher	Grayson County
Joe Goodman	Hardin County
Sam B. Dibble, Jr.	Hardin County
T.J. Patterson	Hardin County
J.T. Whitlock	Marion County
COL George Woodbury	Fort Knox
Honorable Elizabeth Tori	Kentucky State Senate

The Board of Director's guest for the evening, Congressman Ron Lewis, provided an overview of legislative activity in the 104th Congress and its impact on the Commonwealth and the Lincoln Trail region. Impacts on rural programs, the elderly, infrastructure and Fort Knox were covered in his comments. Congressman Lewis is in his second term and serves on the Agriculture and National Security Committees. The Board of Directors were honored to have the Congressman speak at the Meeting and also enjoyed the opportunity to visit with him prior to the Meeting.



What A Challenge !!!

As always, the Summer Youth Employment Program has brought a host of hurdles to keep the Employment and Training Staff at Lincoln Trail hopping this summer. The threat of budget cuts which clouded the planning process for this year's program has finally been dispelled, and this year's program remains.

This year, the Lincoln Trail Area Development Summer Challenge program in addition to the work components of years past. This program integrates more than just work experience. Through the Summer understand the importance of basic skills, like reading and math, in the work place. They will work to improve such skills throughout the summer while utilizing them to plan and implement special projects in their communities.



District is offering a new and innovative experience and the academic enrichment work and learning so that participants gain Challenge program, the youth begin to

Throughout the eight county area, there are a variety of Summer Challenge projects. They range from outdoor landscaping to video production. One will even give youth the opportunity to obtain college credit upon successful completion of the project. We are very excited about potential outcomes of these programs, and look forward to seeing the results of the collaboration of the youths imagination and talents.

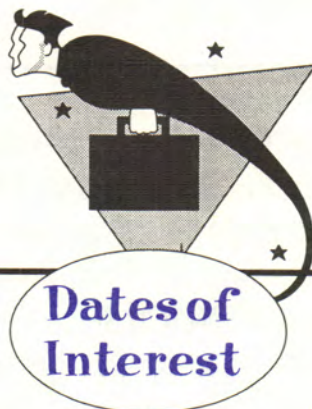
Coordination With The JTPA 8% Program

The Lincoln Trail Service Delivery Area has agreed to coordinate services with the Office of Training and ReEmployment's JTPA 8% program. The 8% program provides funds for adult literacy, adult basic education, and GED training. These funds are also used to provide services to youth at risk of dropping out of school. In addition, 8% assists individuals wishing to receive vocational training. Coordinating services will allow participants to have a central intake procedure. It will also provide participants with better access to all services. For further information, contact LTADD and ask for a JTPA Case Manager.

BUDGET CUTS THREATEN THE JTPA PROGRAM

Budget cuts are threatening the future of the Job Training Partnership Act. These proposed cuts are in an effort to complete the task of balancing the budget. Most severe are the cuts in the year round youth program, or Title IIC. Title IIC focuses mainly upon youth who have dropped out of school or are at high risk to drop out of school. Fiscal year '95-'96 will see a seventy-nine percent reduction over last year's funds. This will greatly impact the number of youth that can be served.

Additional program funding cuts may be forthcoming pending Congressional decisions.



Dates of Interest

8/16-18	Kentucky Industrial Development Council (KIDC), Bardstown
8/16	LTADD Board of Directors Meeting
8/23	Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Meeting, LTADD
8/29	Congressman Ron Lewis' Senior Citizen Issues Forum, Helmwood Village, Elizabethtown LTADD Private Industry Council (PIC) Meeting
8/31-9/1	Statewide Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 Meeting
9/4	Labor Day, LTADD Closed
9/11-15	City Government Week
9/12-14	KY Municipal Clerks Advanced Education Training, Cincinnati
9/20	LTADD Board of Directors Meeting
9/21-23	KY Heritage Council, KY Historic Preservation Conference, Lexington
9/23-26	National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), Boston, MA
9/27	Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Meeting, LTADD
10/11-14	Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) 66th Annual Convention, Paducah

Surplus Property Program

The Federal Property & Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, and applicable state laws authorize the dispersal of State and Federal surplus property in a fair and equitable manner based on the relative needs, resources and ability to utilize to:

- ◆ any certified public agency for use in carrying out or promoting for the residents for public purposes.
- ◆ any certified eligible nonprofit education or public health institution or organizations.

The Kentucky Division of Surplus Property administers this program to distribute property no longer needed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The main distribution site is located at 501 Holmes Street in Frankfort. This warehouse is not open to the public. Access is achieved by having your institution determined eligible and then you will be furnished with an identification card.

There are stipulations on the use and purchase method for obtaining the surplus property. For more information contact LTADD and ask for Beth Jefferson, Public Administration Specialist or Department of Finance Surplus Property Branch, Frankfort Kentucky (502)564-4836.

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