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LTADD and Kentucky Division of Forestry Sponsor Urban Forestry Seminars



Over the past year, Lincoln Trail ADD has sponsored a series of seminars on urban and community forestry, which included training on the establishment and management of urban and community forestry programs. Seminars were conducted by professionals in arboriculture, landscape architecture, forestry management, and land use planning. These seminars were provided and attended by city and county officials, civic leaders, volunteers, tree board members, and others interested in urban and community forestry. All seminars were free.

The first seminar was held in May, and provided beneficial information on the development and management of urban and community forestry programs, including the Tree City USA designations, tree ordinances, community tree advisory/forestry boards, and funding sources. Sarah Douglas, Regional Forester for the Kentucky Division of Forestry and Ed Poppe, Director of Elizabethtown Planning & Development conducted this seminar.

Beechwood Trees and Gardens of Crestwood, Kentucky conducted three seminars at LTADD. In June and August, Paul Clinton, an arborist for Beechwood Trees and Gardens, conducted informative seminars on developing street tree inventories and management plans, arboricultural practices for tree health and public safety. Karen Klarer, arborist for Beechwood, provided demonstrations on cabling and pruning at Freeman Lake Park. In November, Mike Smiley, landscape architect for Beechwood, provided information on site planning and species selection, and Paul Clinton conducted training on tree planting and care. After the seminar, Paul and his staff planted four trees -- one Black Gum, two Red Maples, and one Redbud -- at LTADD.



In December, LTADD held a seminar on "Building Greener Communities: Landscape and Greenway Planning," conducted by Chris Camp, landscape architect for Lose & Associates. This seminar examined landscape ordinances, screening and buffering, and greenway development. The last seminar included an overview of the seminar series, presentation of certificates, and unveiling of the LTADD's website on urban and community forestry. The urban and community forestry seminars were informative and provided beneficial information for building and maintaining greener communities.

LTADD Welcomes Newly Elected Officials

Mayors

Bardstown	Bill Brown
Bloomfield	Ronnie Bobblett
Clarkson	Sammy Hodges
Cloverport	Tom Wheatley
Elizabethtown	David Willmoth
Hodgenville	Darrell Florence
Irvington	Ted Brown
Lebanon	Gary Crenshaw
Radcliff	Sheila Enyart
Raywick	Charlie Bickett
Vine Grove	Donovan Smith
West Point	Larry Hall

County Judge/Executives

Meade County	Mark Brown
Washington County	John Settles

AGING PROGRAM Update

Senior Crime College

The Lincoln Trail Area held a Senior Crime College on October 7, 1998. This event was a joint effort of the Attorney General's office, local law enforcement agencies and the LTADD. All area senior citizens were encouraged to attend for the purpose of learning about consumer fraud, con games and other criminal activities as well as self protection.

Members of the Attorney General's office; Sgt. Tim Cleary, Elizabethtown Police Department; and Lt. Charlie Williams, Hardin County Sheriff's Office; provided those in attendance with very useful information on avoiding becoming a victim of crime. The Elizabethtown Rotary Club donated refreshments for the participants.

Repair Affair 1999



Planning has begun for the 1999 Hardin County Repair Affair. The date for this year's event will be June 5, 1999. The LTADD will focus on receiving applications from elderly and disabled homeowners in need of home repairs. The focus for repairs will be on access, weatherization and safety.

Approximately 250 persons attended the event. Similar meetings are being held across the Commonwealth as a part of an on going effort of the Attorney General's Office to alert seniors to crime and educate them in avoidance.

Kentucky Association for Gerontology - Holds Regional Forums

The Kentucky Association for Gerontology held a regional forum on elder issues in Park Mammoth on December 9, 1998. The forum focused on legislative issues and was an opportunity for advocates of the elderly to voice their concerns to legislators regarding funding issues and priorities. Participants attended from a three district area including: Lake Cumberland, Barren River and Lincoln Trail. The forum included comments from service providers and legislators with an opportunity for participants to ask questions of both. Following the informational session, the participants divided into small groups and prioritized their concerns. The major issues stemming from this forum were:

1. The importance of maintaining social security and medicare benefits;
2. Need to address the high cost of medications (not covered by insurance); and
3. Need to support, through funding, in-home services for impaired elders.

Legislators in attendance encouraged all to speak out and always keep their representatives in Frankfort aware of the issues.

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Employment & Training News

JTPA AWARD WINNERS

The ultimate goal of an employment training program such as the JTPA program is actualized when participants reach their full potential and their dreams and goals become a reality. Such a process can be tedious and filled with obstacles that require the efforts of numerous people and groups. Some involved, either as participants or facilitators, put forth extra effort that makes achievement exceptionally noteworthy. Accordingly, a JTPA awards luncheon is held annually to honor the work and effort of outstanding participants and employees.

The Breckinridge County Board of Education 1998 Summer Challenge Project, developed and implemented by Mr. Ralph Tucker, was awarded the Outstanding Workplace Learning Program. This summer challenge project was implemented to benefit over 20 young people from Breckinridge County. The youth were involved in such summer projects as landscaping and renovating local schools, building various facilities for local schools and community organizations, and renovating Breckinridge County parks. Another important aspect of the program entailed building relationships between participants, instructors, and the community.

Mr. Ralph Tucker, the developer and coordinator of the Summer Challenge program has also been named this year's Outstanding JTPA Professional. In addition to creating award winning Summer Challenge Programs, Mr. Tucker is responsible for year-round projects designed to reach and help numerous needy students. He has written many such programs during his work with JTPA over the past 11 years, including his Options for Youth program, which has been his focus during the past six years. Mr. Tucker goes above and beyond the roles of teacher, and counselor. He has served in many capacities including a counselor, mentor, and friend to his participants, many of whom he has helped to reach their full potential.

JTPA would not be effective without the care and determination of the people who implement the various program, and would be pointless without participants willing to strive ahead regardless of personal problems. Such clients are also worthy of awards. Two clients who received Outstanding JTPA Alumni Awards were Traci Tackett and Melissa Mattingly. Both women overcame numerous obstacles, while holding fast to their goals of attaining degrees and challenging careers. Traci is substitute teaching while she interviews for a full-time teaching position. Melissa was employed by the college she attended upon graduation, and is now pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

All of the aforementioned people and groups have strived for greatness and have been a vital part of making dreams come true.

The Lincoln Trail ADD would like to congratulate all of the award recipients. They are truly an inspiration!

PIC

Private Industry Council

QUARTERLY REPORT

The Lincoln Trail Private Industry Council had its quarterly meeting on October 21. The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) continues to be a hot topic of discussion. This program will be implemented July 1, 1999 when JTPA ends. A taskforce has been put together to prepare for the coming implementation of the Workforce Investment Act. At the State level, another taskforce has made recommendations that WIA will use the same boundaries as the current Service Delivery Area. The local WIA task force supports this recommendation.

The PIC Marketing Committee has decided to put a hold on meetings until they understand what will be expected of them under the WIA. Decisions made during the executive session of the PIC included approval of a transfer of funds from IIB to IIC. The following Welfare to Work projects were recommended for funding and approved by the PIC: Career Connections, Bardstown/Nelson County Adult Learning Center, and Education and Training Resources.

There are some new faces on the Private Industry Board. We are pleased to welcome the newest members to the Board: **Abby Drane** from Breckinridge Co; **Dee Sapp** from Grayson Co; **Judith Richardson** from Marion Co; and **David Blackston** and **Cindy Barker** both representing Hardin County.

ONE STOP

Activity in the One Stop Labor Markets has been quite time consuming this past quarter. Many meetings were held and research done prior to ordering equipment necessary to the implementation of comprehensive and satellite centers. It is hoped that equipment being ordered this month, will arrive and be ready to be set-up in January 1999. Grant applications were also submitted on behalf of the centers, with Labor Market 11 receiving a \$10,000 grant for marketing the One Stop program. Many services are already available at all comprehensive centers and plans are being made to be fully operational soon.

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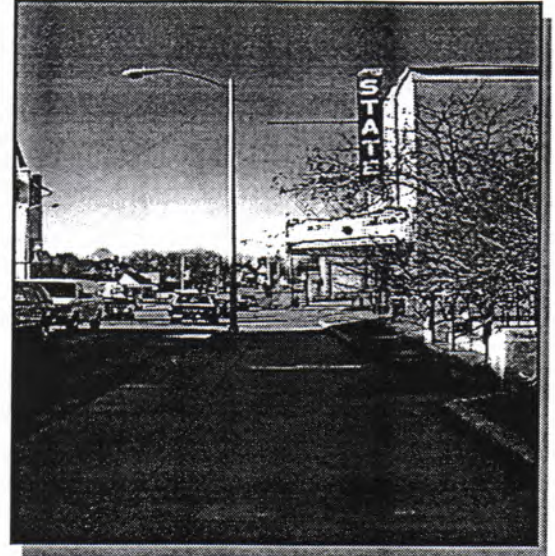


Elizabethtown Applies for TEA-21 Funding

TEA 21, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century is important transportation legislation that continues the innovative funding program established under the landmark federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). One innovative program created under TEA-21 is the Transportation Enhancement Program, which provides funding for twelve activities, including the provision of pedestrian bicycle facilities, acquisition of scenic easements, creation of scenic or historic highway programs, historic preservation, rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, establishment of transportation museums, and other eligible activities.

The **City of Elizabethtown** recently applied for Transportation Enhancement funding for streetscape improvements along the northwest corner of the U.S. 31W and U.S. 62 intersection in its historic downtown district. The primary project involves the reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters along U.S. 62 and U.S. 31W. Streetscape improvements, include entrance reconstruction, landscaping, and lighting, along U.S. 31W. To further

enhance the streetscape of U.S. 31W, the city also requested funding for the restoration of the historic State Theatre Facade.



The **City of Irvington** proposes to restore the historic CSX Railroad Depot located in the center of the downtown historic district. The depot will be utilized as a community



meeting center and museum which will display the City's history and the significance of the railroad to the development of Irvington.



LEITCHFIELD SOLICITS PUBLIC INPUT ON PROPOSED ZONING REGULATIONS

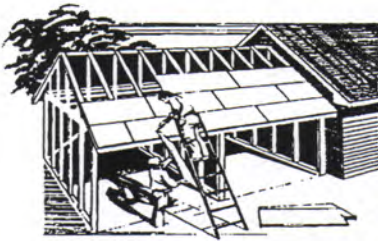
Last year, **Leitchfield** adopted its Comprehensive Plan Update, which includes strategies to protect and integrate development patterns. The intention of the city was to complete a new plan and begin steps toward implementation. Public input was obtained through a public hearing, at the beginning of the process regarding Goals and Objectives, and a citizen survey was taken which measured public opinion on planning and development issues throughout the city.

As the plan neared completion, another public hearing was held to gain further public input. The Plan will serve the community for the next 5 to 20 years and projects growth in the city during that time frame. The new plan was intended to help draft and implement

development laws, in order to influence development patterns for the next 10 to 15 years. Such updates in Comprehensive Plans are required by Kentucky Law.

The next step for the Leitchfield Planning Commission was the Zoning Ordinance and Map. After the first public hearing on the proposed documents, the Commission worked to further refine the Ordinance and Map. As the city enters this phase of implementation, it desires to be proactive on many issues facing **Leitchfield**. With input from residents, developers and public officials, the city anticipates all citizens will benefit from an open and cooperative effort.

**For copies of the Comprehensive Plan, or for more information, contact the Leitchfield Planning Commission or Andy R. Nevin, AICP - Regional Land Use Planner, LTADD.*



HOME Program at Work in Bardstown

In 1996, the **City of Bardstown** received \$211,772 of HOME

Investment partnership Program grant funds from the Kentucky Housing Corporation to rehabilitate the homes of low income families. The city provided monetary matching funds. This project includes the replacement of a dilapidated house with a manufactured home; the rehabilitation of another home; and construction of three new homes. Eagle

Builders, Inc. began construction on one home in September 98' and the participant was able to celebrate Christmas in her new home. The rehabilitation project, which is currently under construction, will include such items as roof work, plumbing, floor repairs, and window replacement. The construction of two new homes should begin in the next two months. Lincoln Trail ADD staff are administering the grant and have been working with the city and its Housing Committee on the project.

Finley Ridge Water Extension Project Nears Final Completion

Construction on the original Finley Ridge Water Extension project has been completed and a final inspection was made in December. Engineers and Administrators received approval from the USDA Rural Development Administration and the Department for Local Government to increase the project. The roads added to the project include 32 new customers and will involve construction of approximately 37,000 linear feet of water lines.

Construction on the new roads began in September and the Rural Development Administration approved the change order submitted by Mayes, Sudderth and Etheredge Engineers, Inc. The final progress meeting for the entire project was held in December.

Training... training... training...

During September, Mr. Patrick Haggerty, Community Development Specialist, attended a Rural Development Seminar held in Bardstown.

In October, Mr. Haggerty attended an Economic Development Administration seminar held at LTADD, and the Governor's Housing Conference in Louisville. Mr. Mike Burress, Deputy Director; Ms. Jann Oellien, GIS Specialist; and Mr. Andy Nevin, Land Use Planner; attended the Department for Local Government/ADD roundtable sessions held in Louisville. Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Nevin attended a Water Supply Planning Workshop at Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park. Ms. Janet Johnston, Public Administration Specialist, attended "Bluegrass Choices: Smart Growth for the Bluegrass Symposium" in Lexington, and the 1998 National Historic Preservation Conference in Savannah. Homecare Case Managers Ms. Kay Shaw and Mr. Matt Keiser, and Aging Program Specialist Ms. Rhonda Chesser, attended the Southeast Area Agencies on Aging Training Conference in St. Petersburg. The conference focused on aging issues and was well attended by participants across the southeastern United States.

During November, Ms. Jackie Masterson and Ms. Lisa Carey, Employment and Training Specialists; Ms. Vivian Heath, MIS Specialist, and Ms. Melanie Staderman, Client Services Manager attended a one-day training seminar which

concentrated on methods of managing time, route work interruptions, and multiple demands. "Conflict Management and Confrontational Skills" seminars were held in Lexington and Louisville. Information provided during this training included a look at four basic personality types, methods for managing conflict dependent on these traits, listening and communication skills. Attending this training were Ms. Masterson, Ms. Carey, Ms. Heath, SDA Fiscal Officer Angela Nance; and Client Services Managers Ms. Julie Watson, Ms. Chris Hodge, Mr. Mike Karnes, and Ms. Melanie Staderman. Ms. Johnston attended the Kentucky Public Human Resources Association Winter Conference in Bardstown; and a Legal Aspects of Historic Preservation Seminar in Louisville. Mr. Nevin and Ms. Johnston attended the Streetscape/Downtown Design Workshop held in Frankfort.

In December, "How to Become a Great Communicator" seminar was held in Louisville, and attended by Ms. Watson, Mr. Karnes, Ms. Hodge, Ms. Staderman, Ms. Heath, and Ms. Masterson. WTW MIS Training was held in Lexington and attended by Ms. Heath and Ms. Carey. The object of the training was for staff to become familiar with entering MIS information into the new WTW system. Ms. Johnston attended DLG's Newly Elected County Officials Training held in Louisville. Mr. Haggerty attended a Drinking Water Seminar at Lake Cumberland State Park.



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research identifies
telemarketing crime
victims are not typical.

80%
have family living nearby

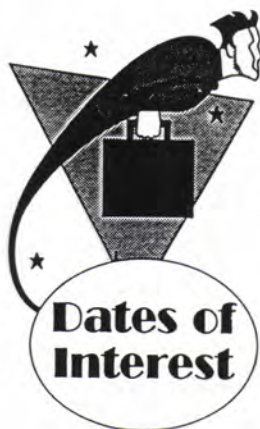
96%
have friends nearby

40 - 50%
have nearly daily contact
with family and friends

64%
of fraud victims attend church
at least weekly



Source: The American Association of Retired Persons & FBI Operation Senior Sentinel, 1998



- Feb.*
- 10 Labor Market 7 Meeting*
 - 15 LTADD Office Closed*
 - 17 Lincoln Trail ADD Board of Directors Meeting
Lincoln Trail Aging Council Meeting
Private Industry Council Meeting*
 - 18 Personal Care Attendant Meeting*
 - 24 Municipal Financial Administration Workshop, 10:00 a.m. (EST)*
 - 25 1999 County Budget Workshops, 9:00 a.m. (EST), LTADD*

Mar.

 - 17 Lincoln Trail ADD Board of Directors Meeting*
 - 24 Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association*
 - 25 Lincoln Trail Service Providers Meeting*

Since most dates are tentative, please refer to meeting notices or call the LTADD office for correct dates, times and locations prior to traveling to attend.

FYI

Lincoln Trail District Unemployment rate Estimates Revised October 1998

Breckinridge County	3.7%
Grayson County	5.2%
Hardin County	5.1%
LaRue County	3.0%
Marion County	5.8%
Meade County	4.0%
Nelson County	3.7%
Washington County	2.7%

Statewide: 4.0%
U. S. Comparable Rate: 4.2%

Workforce Development Cabinet,
Department for Employment Services,
Research and Statistics Branch, 11/20/98



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