

2025



LINCOLN TRAIL AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Locally Based | Regionally Focused



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TOGETHER, we present a measured, strategic approach to projects across the Lincoln Trail Area Development District.



Letter from the Executive Director

Our region continues to see explosive economic and population growth due to the incredible economic development opportunities we've been blessed to receive.

Two of the Top 10 fastest-growing cities in 2024 were in the LTADD region, with Elizabethtown leading the way at 3.4% by being named the fastest-growing large city. This trend will continue throughout the LTADD region as we see additional jobs added as a result of BlueOval SK, Nucor Steel, continued growth within the Bourbon Industry, and expansions in the healthcare and manufacturing sectors.

While the Golden Triangle has received most of the attention of the economic and population growth over the decades, the LTADD and BRADD regions are quickly extending the triangle southward. This expansion increases infrastructure and public safety demands, as under-resourced local governments often lack the financial capacity to support necessary investments.

Our federal and state elected leaders have been incredibly generous, diligent, and hard-working in filling this gap. We applaud and thank them for their continued selfless efforts. Together with our local elected officials, we are confident we will overcome these barriers to success to ensure a vibrant and thriving region!

As we plan for the future, it is vital we continue engaging and convening regional stakeholders to navigate this economic tidal wave smoothly. Our success will pave the way for prosperity for Kentucky's future generations. With the nation's eyes upon us, these actions will shape how history remembers this moment.



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Lincoln Trail
Area Development District
- established 1968 -

Our **REGION**
is well positioned for
MAJOR growth;
however,
we must have the
SUPPORT &
RESOURCES
necessary to be successful
TOGETHER.

-Daniel London
Executive Director



THE REGION AT A GLANCE





AT A GLANCE



ABOUT LTADD

- Serving the Heartland of Kentucky (Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson and Washington Counties)
- LTADD coordinates the following services:
 - Aging & Social Services
 - Workforce
 - Revolving Loan Fund (for businesses and local government)
 - Community & Economic Development
 - Local Government Support
 - Regional Infrastructure Planning
 - Transportation Planning
 - Hazard Mitigation/Disaster Recovery
 - Engineering

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fort Knox (Hardin & Meade Counties)
 - Economic Influence: \$15.6 billion
 - Payroll: \$1.3 billion

CONTINUED

- Jobs: 16,500
- 21,000 when including full-time equivalents of transient service members and students (as a single entity and location, second to UPS as Kentucky's largest employer).
 - Off-post populations supported within 40-mile radius of Fort Knox;
 - Total: 79,445
 - Retiree and Retiree Dependents: 48,146
 - Cost to rebuild infrastructure: \$13.99 billion
 - Home to the only Digital Air-Ground Integration Range (DAGIR) east of the Mississippi River. The DAGIR is a high-tech range where ground forces can train simultaneously with military aircraft
 - \$6 million in annual savings to taxpayers via the Fort Knox Energy Program
- BlueOval SK (Hardin County)
 - Partnership between Ford Motor Co. & Korea-based SK On
 - \$5.8 billion project in Glendale, largest investment ever in Kentucky
 - Two plants totaling 8.4 million sq. ft. in a 2.3 square miles (1,500 acre site)
 - 10th largest site worldwide, 2nd largest in Kentucky
 - BlueOval SK Anticipated Impact:
 - \$1.6 billion construction payroll
 - \$75 million local material/services
 - 86 Gigawatt hours (GWh) of energy produced annually
 - 5,000 employees
 - 22,000+ people to the region (3,901 K-12 students)
 - 8,811 new housing units
 - Demand for 75 new hospital beds (389 new hospital jobs & 380 new ambulatory jobs)

CONTINUED

- Nucor Steel (Meade County)
 - \$1.7 billion project investment
 - Initial announcement of 400 jobs; increased to 700 upon opening
- Bourbon Industry
 - \$2.1 billion in new investments
 - 700 new jobs in the region

ECONOMIC GROWTH OUTSIDE LTADD'S DISTRICT IMPACTFUL TO OUR REGION & PRIORITIES:

- AESC Battery Plant (Warren County)
 - \$2 billion in investments
 - 2,000 new jobs
- UPS (Bullitt County)
 - \$178 million investment
 - 120 new jobs
- Rivian (Bullitt County)
 - \$10 million investment
 - 218 jobs from Rivian

TRANSPORTATION



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Total Legislative Request:
\$179,550,000
for eight recommended projects

GOAL:

Safe and efficient means of multi-modal movement of people, goods and services in and out of the region.

OBJECTIVES:

- Assist in the implementation of a mass transit system in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
- Improve and/or build new highways to facilitate movement of people, goods and products.



BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY

KY-86 IMPROVEMENTS

WHY Improve regional highway connectivity between Breckinridge and Hardin counties to enhance economic growth and commuting efficiency.

PRICING: \$9,320,000

GRAYSON COUNTY

US 62 WIDENING

WHY Enhance safety while improving regional highway connectivity between Grayson and Hardin counties.

PRICING: \$7,560,000



HARDIN COUNTY

GLENDAL BYPASS

WHY Facilitate growth in and around Glendale related to economic and population growth.

PRICING: \$9,530,000

LARUE COUNTY

WELDON LOOP ROAD REDESIGN

WHY Improve safety and reduce commute times for travelers in LaRue County.

PRICING: \$1,300,000



MARION COUNTY

EXTENSION OF KY 2154 BYPASS

WHY Reduce congestion and improve safety by diverting heavy highway traffic from downtown Lebanon by extending the bypass to increase accessibility.

PRICING: \$28,700,000



MEADE COUNTY

BRANDENBURG BYPASS

WHY Reduce congestion and improve safety by extending the bypass to redirect heavy highway traffic from downtown Brandenburg.

PRICING: \$21,980,000





NELSON COUNTY

WIDENING OF KY 245

WHY Relieve travel congestion throughout the county and unlock the area for significant economic development.

PRICING: \$91,660,000

WASHINGTON COUNTY

REDESIGN OF KY 152

WHY Enhance safety while improving regional highway connectivity between Washington County and surrounding economic centers.

PRICING: \$9,500,000



REGIONAL RESOURCES AND UTILITIES



RESOURCES/
UTILITIES





REGIONAL RESOURCES AND UTILITIES



Total Legislative Request:
\$268,015,075
for nine recommended projects

GOAL:

Grow capacity to ensure all citizens, stakeholders and businesses have access to clean and safe drinking water and sewer, gas and electricity to facilitate job creation and small business opportunities.

OBJECTIVES:

- Expand current water treatment plant capacities and construct additional water treatment plants to increase local and regional capacities.
- Expand water line networks.
- Expand natural gas transmission to facilitate economic growth.
- Create multi-utility partnerships to treat water and wastewater.
- Expand the regional airport's passenger and cargo infrastructure.



BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY

WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION

WHY Expand water plant capacity for additional water lines to support quality of life and growth. Plant is currently at capacity.

PRICING: \$10,275,080

GRAYSON COUNTY

EAST-WEST INTERCONNECT PHASE III

WHY Upgrade regional connectivity and capacity to support the Edmonson County Water District in reaching underserved Grayson County residents.

PRICING: \$18,589,800



HARDIN COUNTY

WASTEWATER EXPANSION

WHY Upgrade capacity to support economic growth and population expansion in Elizabethtown, the state's fastest-growing large city.

PRICING: \$150,000,000

LARUE COUNTY

CITY OF HODGENVILLE WWTP MODIFICATIONS PHASE II

WHY Upgrade system components that have exceeded their life cycle to ensure a consistent flow of high-quality water.

PRICING: \$2,876,585



MARION COUNTY

BRADFORDSVILLE I&I REHABILITATION 2

WHY Replace outdated and failing system components to comply with the agreed order and corrective action plan.

PRICING: \$747,500



MEADE COUNTY

MeCWD-KY 1638 Transmission Main

WHY Update regional connectivity and capacity to enhance quality of life and support economic and population growth.

PRICING: \$18,200,000





NELSON COUNTY

WASTEWATER UPGRADES:

Withrow Creek Upgrade

Bardstown Withrow Creek Lift Station Improvements

WHY Increase capacity to support economic and population growth, as the system is at its limit and cannot handle further expansions.

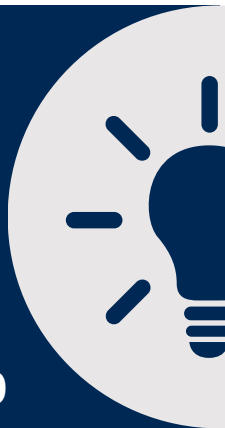
PRICING: \$12,449,610

WASHINGTON COUNTY

INDUSTRY PARK WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT & ELEVATED TOWER

WHY Upgrade capacity to meet the demands of increasing economic development, with a focus on accommodating industrial growth.

PRICING: \$4,876,500



HART & LARUE COUNTIES

LG&E GAS LINE EXPANSION

WHY Extend reliable gas access to promote economic development and support population growth in the region.

PRICING: \$50,000,000

TREATMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION



TREATMENT/
PUBLIC PROTECTION



TREATMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION



Total Legislative Request:
\$40,000,000
for three recommended projects

GOAL:

Capacity to ensure all citizens, stakeholders and businesses have access to quality health care and quality of life to create and promote healthy and safe environments for families to reside.

OBJECTIVES:

- Establish regional specialized first responder capabilities.
- Expand existing first responder capabilities to meet current and future growth.



HARDIN COUNTY

SPECIALIZED REGIONAL FIRST RESPONDER FACILITY

WHY Construct and staff a specialized regional first responder facility in Glendale to adequately respond to Incidents at BlueOval SK.

PRICING: \$20,000,000

LARUE COUNTY

HODGENVILLE FIRE STATION

WHY Construct a fire station for the City of Hodgenville to support fire and rescue services to support emergency response to BlueOval SK.

PRICING: \$5,000,000



HARDIN COUNTY

FIRE AND RESCUE EXPANSION

WHY Expand Elizabethtown Fire and Rescue services to support capacity and response times to potential emergencies at BlueOval SK.

PRICING: \$15,000,000

FORT KNOX



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WELCOME TO FORT KNOX

GOAL:

Protect Fort Knox's value to National Defense and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and build a stronger workforce by retaining veteran talent and maximizing military spouse employment opportunities.

OBJECTIVES:

- Study and implement proven approaches that enable expedient construction of and quality housing.
- Partner with Fort Knox to facilitate land uses around the installation that are compatible with the military's missions and training activities.
- Support Fort Knox Compatible Use Plan (CUP) implementation.
- Provide tax credits to incentivize transitioning service members and their families to consider Kentucky as its home.
- Expand professional licensing opportunities and incentives that reduce military spouse underemployment and unemployment.



PRIORITY ONE

AMENDMENT TO KRS100.212(3)

WHY

Due to potential encroachment, noise, vibration, and other land use capability concerns, notification of a proposed zoning change to Garrison Command within a 3-mile buffer of Fort Knox for comments in order to sustain military missions.

PRIORITY TWO

AVAILABLE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SERVICE MEMBERS

WHY

Due to the current housing shortage, service members are in need of housing that is both affordable and available to them based on the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rate, through provisions of tax credits for developers and contractors.



PRIORITY THREE

ELIMINATION OF TAX ON MILITARY RETIREE PENSION

WHY

To retain military retirees in the Commonwealth, all Department of Defense-paid military retirement income tax must be eliminated.

PRIORITY FOUR

REFUNDING OF THE KY PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL EASEMENTS (PACE) PROGRAM

WHY

Provisions of funding to purchase development rights on private agricultural land to permanently protect it from non-farm development, keeping more land available for agricultural and compatible land use of parcels surrounding the military installation.



PRIORITY FIVE

STATE-LEVEL MILITARY/COMMUNITY COMPATIBILITY GUIDEBOOK

WHY

Creation of a state level guidebook dealing with economic development, preservation, and compatible use concepts as they relate to military installations to assist local officials with implementing strategies to protect and preserve military installations.



PRIORITY SIX

STATE LICENSING COMPACTS FOR MILITARY SPOUSES

WHY

Passage of HB34(RS2024): Interstate occupational licensing compacts allow universal recognition of occupational licenses and government certifications to ensure employment for military spouses who relocate to Kentucky.



IMPACT



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IMPACT | DISTRICT WIDE

INFRASTRUCTURE

ROI

66 Projects
=
\$186.3
million



Investment Breakdown

\$186.3
million

OR

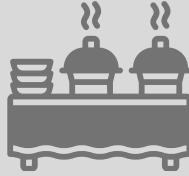
\$653.95
per citizen

vs. \$.38602
per citizen
invested by
local



91,968

Home Delivered Meals



102,954

Congregate
Meals Served

80



Seniors Receiving
Legal Assistance

19,387



Transportation
Trips



262

Clients receiving
in-home services

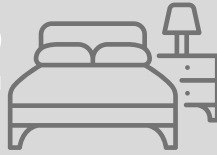


81

Grandparents/Caregivers
Supported

1,982

long-term care
residents served



(Ombudsman Program)

395

Medicaid
Waiver
Participants

1,109

 individuals received assistance from
the State Health Insurance Program

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

- 12,403 clients receiving employment services
- 330 hiring events (236 employers)
- 71 high school career fairs
- 6,083 students reached
- 99 WIOA enrollments
- 48 Incumbent Worker Training participants
- 93 laid-off workers receiving Rapid Response assistance

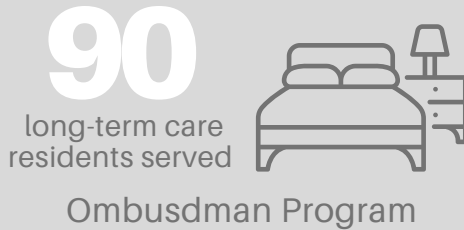
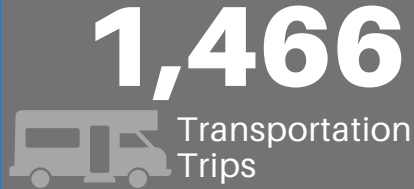
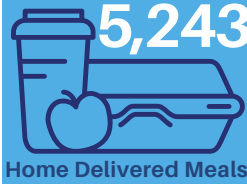
IMPACT | BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

6 Projects
=
\$37.4
million



- 3 wastewater
- 1 water
- 1 public safety
- 1 LWCF



INVESTMENT RETURNS

\$37.4 million OR
\$2,384.80 per citizen vs.
\$.386 per citizen invested by
local government



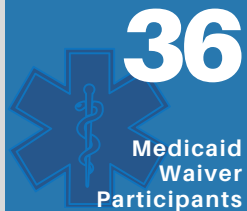
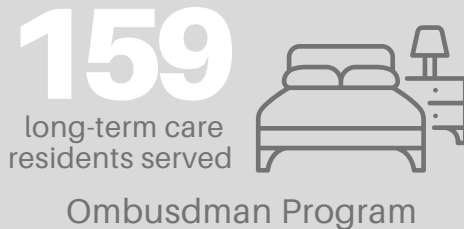
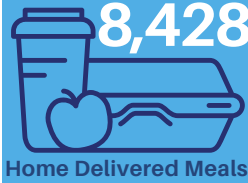
IMPACT | GRAYSON COUNTY

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

1 Project
=
\$5.8
million



- 1 water



INVESTMENT RETURNS

\$5.8 million OR
\$221.10 per citizen vs.
\$.386 per citizen invested by
local government



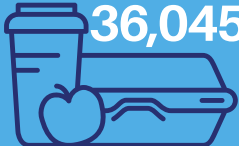
IMPACT | HARDIN COUNTY

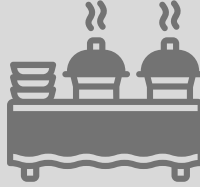
LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

11 Projects
=
\$23.7
million



- 4 wastewater
- 1 water
- 3 transportation
- 1 FEMA
- 1 CDBG
- 1 school safety

36,045

Home Delivered Meals



14,915
Congregate
Meals Served


24 
Seniors Receiving
Legal Assistance




6,196
Transportation
Trips

 **111**
Clients receiving
in-home services

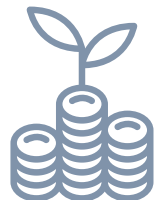
 **26**
Grandparents/Caregivers
Supported

949
long-term care
residents served

Ombudsman Program

154
 Medicaid
Waiver
Participants

INVESTMENT RETURNS

\$23.7 million OR
\$214.17 per citizen vs.
\$.386 per citizen invested by
local government



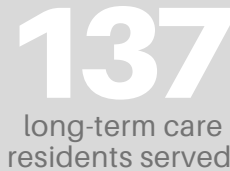
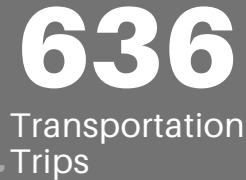
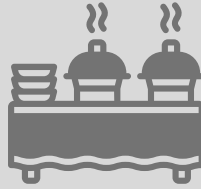
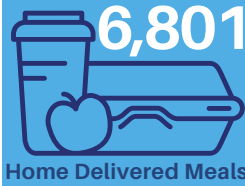
IMPACT | LARUE COUNTY

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

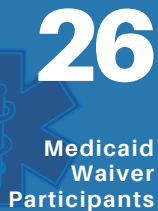
7 Projects
=
\$8.3 million



- 2 water
- 2 FEMA
- 1 CDBG
- 1 GRANT program
- 1 LTADD Local Government RLF

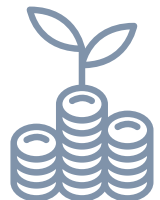


Ombudsman Program



INVESTMENT RETURNS

\$8.3 million OR
\$558.53 per citizen vs.
\$.386 per citizen invested by
local government



IMPACT | MARION COUNTY

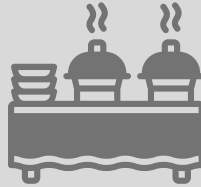
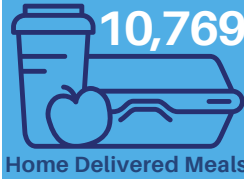
LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

11 Projects
=

**\$38.4
million**



- 1 wastewater
- 5 water
- 2 public safety
- 1 FEMA
- 1 CDBG
- 1 LWCF



22,436
Congregate
Meals Served



2,841
Transportation
Trips



17

Clients receiving
in-home services



5

Grandparents/Caregivers
Supported

156
long-term care
residents served



Ombudsman Program

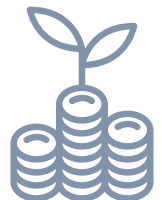


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Medicaid
Waiver
Participants

INVESTMENT RETURNS

\$38.4 million OR
\$2,887.32 per citizen vs.
\$.386 per citizen invested by
local government



IMPACT | MEADE COUNTY

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

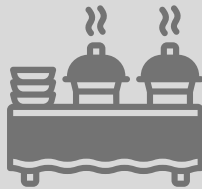
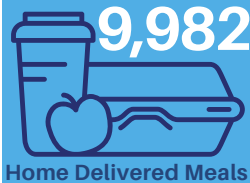
9 Projects

=

**\$14.1
million**



- 2 wastewater
- 7 water



12,103
Congregate
Meals Served



81
Transportation
Trips



15

Clients receiving
in-home services



8

Grandparents/Caregivers
Supported

90

long-term care
residents served



Ombudsman Program



26

Medicaid
Waiver
Participants

INVESTMENT RETURNS

\$14.1 million OR
\$469.71 per citizen vs.
\$.386 per citizen invested by
local government




IMPACT | NELSON COUNTY

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

11 Projects
=
\$29.8 million



- 3 wastewater
- 5 water
- 1 FEMA
- 2 LWCF


8,910

Home Delivered Meals

22,489

Congregate Meals Served

9

Seniors Receiving Legal Assistance


5,636

Transportation Trips


27

Clients receiving in-home services

13

Grandparents/Caregivers Supported

272

long-term care residents served
Ombudsman Program

69

Medicaid Waiver Participants

INVESTMENT RETURNS

\$29.8 million OR
\$954.00 per citizen vs.
\$.386 per citizen invested by
local government



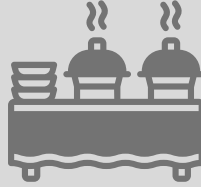
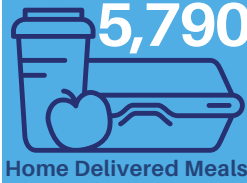
IMPACT | WASHINGTON COUNTY

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

10 Projects
=
\$25.9
million



- 2 wastewater
- 5 water
- 1 energy
- 1 public safety
- 1 LTADD Local Government RLF



11,600
Congregate
Meals Served



296
Transportation
Trips



15
Clients receiving
in-home services



7
Grandparents/Caregivers
Supported

129
long-term care
residents served



Ombudsman Program

17
Medicaid
Waiver
Participants

INVESTMENT RETURNS

\$25.9 million OR
\$2,158 per citizen vs.
\$.386 per citizen invested by
local government



EMS AND JAIL REGIONAL IMPACT





EMS & JAIL REGIONAL IMPACT



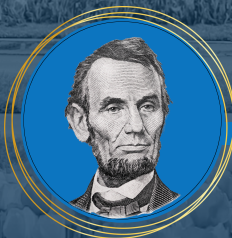
TOTAL REGIONAL IMPACT
\$17,660,078.60

WHY:

EMS and jail budgets continue to outstrip county government's ability to fund other priorities and needs within the community. Since the pandemic, costs due to inflation have exploded resulting in large transfers of funds from each county's general funds. This trend cannot be sustained without legislative assistance.

FY24 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY COUNTY

COUNTY	EMS	JAIL
Breckinridge County	\$102,498	\$196,383
LaRue County	\$176,514	\$567,996
Hardin County	\$2,620,084	\$4,137,486
Marion County	\$1,040,000	\$1,300,000
Meade County	\$1,596,207	\$1,134,659
Nelson County	\$1,460,259	\$1,916,964
Washington County	\$1,279,248	\$491,777



Lincoln Trail

Area Development District
~ established 1968 ~

Lincoln Trail Area Development District

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