

## **HOMELAND SECURITY ANNOUNCES FUNDING LEVELS FOR GRANT PROGRAMS**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced FY 2010 funding levels for 13 Homeland Security grant programs, that total \$2.7 billion.

The thirteen programs are:

- Homeland Security Grant Program - \$1.78 billion
- State Homeland Security Program - \$842 million
- Urban Areas Security Initiative - \$832.5 million
- Operation Stonegarden - \$60 million
- Metropolitan Medical Response System Program - \$39.3 million
- Citizen Corps Program - \$12.4 million
- Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program - up to \$10 million
- UASI Nonprofit Security Grant Program - \$19 million
- Emergency Management Performance Grants - \$329 million
- Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program - \$48 million
- Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program - \$33.6 million
- Emergency Operations Center - \$57.6 million
- Buffer Zone Protection Program - \$48 million
- Driver's License Security Grant Program - \$48 million
- Port Security Grant Program - \$288 million
- Intercity Bus Security Grant Program - \$11.5 million
- Freight Rail Security Grant Program \$15 million
- Intercity Passenger Rail (Amtrak) - \$20 million

Currently, Bluegrass Area Development District submits an annual, regional application for Interoperability Emergency Communications equipment on behalf of the participating

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entities represented by members of the Bluegrass Regional Homeland Security Council. This annual application is for mobile and portable radios as well as mobile data computers. Last year the participating counties applied for over \$3 million in funding with approximately \$900,000 being awarded. The Citizen Corps program is a division of Homeland Security that has also been associated with the Bluegrass ADD. Citizen Corps members are active in organizing and supporting volunteer efforts within their communities.

For more information regarding Homeland Security, please visit: [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov).

### **KENTUCKY FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM STILL SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICES**

The Kentucky Family Caregiver Program (KFCP) is a state program for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. There are several eligibility requirements for this program. The grandparents must be Kentucky residents and be the primary caregiver for a grandchild who resides with them without either parent. The grandparent must be related to the children by birth, marriage or adoption. The grandparent cannot be currently receiving Kinship Care payments from the state for the grandchild, and the total gross household income cannot exceed 150% of the federal poverty level. Once eligibility is determined, the program can assist with purchasing clothing, respite assistance, education supplies, and some legal, medical or dental services.

For further information, or to receive applications for this program, please contact Emily Christian at the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living at (859) 685-9575.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP GRANTS AVAILABLE, UP TO \$2000**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Educator Workshop Grant Program is to provide educators within the seven Appalachian Regional Commission counties served by Bluegrass PRIDE (Clark, Estill, Garrard, Madison, Montgomery, Lincoln and Powell) with training that will help them integrate environmental concepts into their lesson plans.

**Grant Amount:** Grant requests may be up to \$2,000. There is no minimum amount. This is a reimbursement program. Recipients must spend the money first, complete the required paperwork, and then be reimbursed by PRIDE.

**Eligible Applicants:** Teachers from public and private K-12 school systems, educational institutions applying as a school, or non-formal educators from recognized organizations such as

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Conservation Districts and Cooperative Extensions. Incorporated non-profits and government agencies interested in the promotion of environmental education may also apply. Other groups interested in environmental education that are not eligible to apply are encouraged to form a partnership with an eligible applicant.

**Eligible Activities:** These grants will support teacher education workshops that focus on interdisciplinary environmental education curricula. Examples include, but are not limited to, Project WET, Project WILD, Project Learning Tree, Wonders of Wetlands, and Project Food Land and People. Environmentally sound workshops that emphasize local and regional environmental issues are encouraged.

**Match:** A cost-share by the grantee is required. Projects benefiting teachers from Clark, Garrard, Madison or Montgomery County will require a 50% match of the total cost of the project. Those benefiting teachers from Estill, Lincoln or Powell County will require a 20% match. A match can be materials or services or a combination of both. In-kind matches may include items such as documented use of vehicles, staff time, or participant's time.

**Grant Period:** All work must be performed between May 3, 2010 and March 1, 2011.

**Deadline for Project Submission:** Completed applications must be postmarked or submitted to the PRIDE office by March 1, 2010.

**For More Information:** Contact Gene Slusher, Bluegrass PRIDE's Grant Administrator, at [gene@bgPRIDE.org](mailto:gene@bgPRIDE.org) or toll free at (866) 222-1648, or visit their website, [www.bgPRIDE.org/grants.htm](http://www.bgPRIDE.org/grants.htm).

## **BLUEGRASS PRIDE AWARDS GRANTS FOR NATIVE PLANT BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS**

Bluegrass PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment) has awarded 10 grants to communities and agencies throughout its 18-county service area. These will be used to fund beautification projects using Kentucky native plants as part of Bluegrass PRIDE's Celebrate Kentucky Plants program. Grants range from approximately \$800 to \$1,000 and the awardees include:

- City of Cynthiana
- City of Sadieville
- City of Wilmore
- City of Winchester

- Estill County Fiscal Court
- Frankfort/Franklin County Tourism Commission
- Garrard County Farmers Market
- Harrison County
- Historic Georgetown, Inc.
- Woodford County Conservation District

The awarded funds will be utilized to place native plants along roadways and corridors into each community. In addition, these plantings will serve as teaching tools to engage community stakeholders and local students, educating them on the importance and environmental benefits of using native plants in landscaping. Bluegrass PRIDE developed the grant program to focus on native plants because of their numerous environmental benefits. Once established, these plants require little maintenance, support insects, birds and wildlife, and can help to prevent soil erosion.

### **8TH ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN LEXINGTON ON MARCH 25**

Planning work continues by Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living staff as part of the Conference Committee for the 8th Annual Grandparents as Parents (GAP) Conference, to be held on March 25, 2010, at the Holiday Inn North, in Lexington. The group is in the process of finalizing the workshops for the conference, and obtaining speaker biographies and workshop outlines to obtain CEU certification for the day's offerings. The conference, the largest of its kind in the state, will open with a keynote address by Pat Owens, President and Founder of GrandFamilies of America. Presenters will include Generations United, a national advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C., who will speak to the group about Kentucky's support for grandparent-headed families relative to other efforts nationally, as well as about current federal legislation supporting grand-families and model grassroots advocacy in state legislative processes.

For further information, or for registration materials, please contact Bluegrass AAA&IL staff at (859) 269-8021.

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**“GO GREEN, SAVE GREEN” WORKSHOP TO BE HELD**

Please join Bluegrass PRIDE and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government for a FREE workshop on how to “green” your business or apartment complex.

February 25th, 8:00am – 12:30pm  
Fayette County Extension Office  
1140 Red Mile Place  
Lexington, KY 40504

The workshop will include multiple break-out sessions with education on different methods you can implement to become more environmentally-friendly and improve your bottom line. Break-out sessions will include introductory stormwater practices, waste reduction, energy and water conservation, environmentally-friendly landscaping, and best management practices for your maintenance team.

There will also be two break-out sessions with a representative from Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to share information on the new incentive program they are offering to help offset the Water Quality Management Fee. Exhibitors from many different businesses and organizations in Lexington will have displays and information to help your business or apartment complex find easy ways you can save money and become a steward of the environment.

Please visit Bluegrass PRIDE’s website at [www.bgPRIDE.org](http://www.bgPRIDE.org) for more information on the individual break-out sessions and to register. Registration will be open until February 21. Please call Bluegrass PRIDE at 866-222-1648 with any questions.

**KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION FOR GERONTOLOGY ANNUAL STATEWIDE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD**

The Kentucky Association of Gerontology will be hosting its annual conference (whose theme will be “Celebration of Aging: Endless Possibilities”) on April 25-27, 2010 at the Holiday Inn North, in Lexington. Mary Crowley-Schmidt, Assistant Director of the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living, is this year’s conference chairperson, and both she and other staff been spending an increasingly larger portion of their time and energies as the conference nears, finalizing all the details and promoting registration for this unique and very special Kentucky aging services event. The conference brings together hundreds of members and dozens of expert speakers on a wide range of aging issues. Conference attendees are provided an opportunity to network and learn about new and innovative programs, services, and research, and to further explore purpose, meaning, and vitality in the second half of life.

Additional information is available online at: <http://www.kagky.org> - <http://www.kagky.org/conference.htm>, or by calling BGAAA&IL staff at (859) 269-8021.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Two outstanding Bluegrass Area former chief elected officials have passed in recent weeks.

Former Mercer County Judge/executive Kenneth Kirkland died in December. He was an outstanding local leader and a frequent participant in the activities of the Bluegrass Area Development District.

In mid-January, former Berea Mayor Clifford Kerby died. Dr. Kerby, also a physician, served as mayor of Berea from the early 1980s until 2002. He led that city through some turbulent years. He was particularly successful in bringing industry to the Berea area and in promoting and improving the Madison County Airport.

The passing of these two leaders leaves a void that will not easily be filled.

### **SADIEVILLE SEEKS HUD GRANT FUNDS FOR SEWER PROJECT**

The City of Sadieville has submitted its preapplication seeking \$350,000 in HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to apply to its planned sewer line connection to the Georgetown municipal sewer system. The grant, if approved, will be matched by a like amount pledged by the Scott County Fiscal Court.

Sadieville's own wastewater treatment plant has significant structural problems and is being kept on "life support" until other arrangements can be made to treat the collected wastewaters from this northern Scott County city. Georgetown has facilitated the efforts of Sadieville leaders by its own plans to extend its own sewer line about 70 percent of the way to Sadieville in order to be able to collect and convey back to Georgetown the leachate from a sanitary landfill on the Double Culvert Road. Georgetown's sewer extension is to be completed before the planned Sadieville connector sewer line could be installed and placed in service.

The regional concept embodied in this project has been highly praised by representatives of the Kentucky Division of Water and others who widely promote cities working together to solve common problems as well as a reduction in the number of small wastewater treatment plants when a larger, better staffed treatment facility is available that can and will accept the wastewaters for treatment. Georgetown has expressed its

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willingness to accept the collected wastewaters from Sadieville into its system of sewers. If the project is completed as planned, the existing wastewater treatment plant at Sadieville will be decommissioned, demolished, and removed.

For more information, contact Don Hassall of the ADD staff.

## **NORTH MIDDLETOWN SEEKS HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

The City of North Middletown is one of seven Bluegrass Area city and county governments to submit preapplications to the Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG) in the competition for HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the Program Year 2009 round. The deadline for joining in this competitive process passed on January 4, and North Middletown's preapplication was submitted on that day. This Bourbon County municipality's grant preapplication materials are now under review by the DLG staff. Provided the city's presubmission materials pass the initial inspection by DLG staff and grant eligibility is confirmed, the remainder of the grant application will be requested. The deadline for the submission of Parts II and III of HUD CDBG applications is February 8.

More specifically, the City of North Middletown is requesting a \$508,000 grant from the HUD CDBG program to undertake the replacement of almost two miles of defective and deficient sanitary sewers. Grant and loan funds are also being requested from USDA's Rural Development. Concurrently, a grant from the General Assembly and the residue from a prior year US EPA earmark are also a part of the proposed financial package. The estimated total project cost of more than \$2.2 million includes the refinancing of \$627,000 in existing debt in exchange for a lower interest rate loan with a longer payback period.

For more information, contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

## **BURGIN LEADERS HOLD TOWN MEETING TO DISCUSS SEWER NEEDS**

Perhaps it was not an ideal time to have a town meeting, but the almost 90 persons who turned out for a December 14 meeting at the Burgin School must not have known that. The topic was the concept of seeking to bring a community sanitary sewer system to Burgin. Mayor Terry Pitman and the Burgin City Council were interested in pursuing the search for funding for such a project, but felt that the citizens of the city needed to have an opportunity to hear about the concept and to weigh in on it.

The program was moderated by Jim Carpenter, chair of the Mercer County Sanitation District. Presenters included Carpenter;

Mike Davis, the consulting engineer who had participated in the development of the wastewater facilities plan for the sanitation district; Mercer County Judge/executive Milward Dedman; Senator Jimmy Higdon; State Representative Kent Stevens; the Mercer County Health Department; the Burgin School Superintendent; the Kentucky Association for Community Action; the Kentucky Division of Water; the Kentucky Department of Public Health; and Bluegrass ADD.

When the presentations were complete, members of the public were given an opportunity to ask questions and/or to comment. Of those who chose to speak, almost all seemed to support the effort to “get on with it.” Because of the positive reaction of the vast majority of the attendees, City Councilpersons Debbie Hayslett and Joey Hardin were appointed by Mayor Pitman to work with the Mercer County Sanitation District to undertake the conduct of an income level survey. The survey is needed to demonstrate that a majority of those to be benefited meet the income standards imposed by USDA’s Rural Development as well as the HUD Community Development Block Grant program. Work on that survey has already commenced. The ADD is pleased to be a part of the wastewater project leadership team.

For more information contact Don Hassall at the ADD.

## **STATE GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES IN FRANKFORT**

After a successful trial program involving solid waste recycling at the Capital Plaza Tower, even more state employees will have the opportunity to become involved in the solid waste recycling effort in the coming weeks and months. The City of Frankfort will pick up recyclable materials – primarily paper – at six additional state offices. The impacted buildings are

- the State Office Building
- the Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Central Laboratory
- Office of Building and Mechanical Services
- the Bush Building, and
- the Vest-Lindsey House.

Recycling efforts were set to commence on February 1.

## **WINCHESTER SUBMITS PRE-APPLICATION FOR HUD CDBG FUNDS**

The City of Winchester submitted a HUD CDBG pre-application on January 4, requesting \$750,000 for a sanitary sewer system improvement project. The city is now awaiting approval from DLG to submit the full application. So far, the project has received \$750,000 in funding from an Infrastructure for Economic Development Fund grant administered by KIA.

The construction of the project will eliminate three known Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) at the existing Maryland Avenue, Smith Manor, and Wabash Avenue sewage pumping stations. These pump stations will be eliminated and replaced by gravity sewers. This project is a required line item capital project identified in the US EPA Consent Decree entered into by the city.

For more information, contact Betsy Laski at the ADD.

## **QUARTERLY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING FOR UNITED WAY OF THE BLUEGRASS 2-1-1 INFO-LINE HELD**

Staff from the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living have been privileged to attend meetings of the United Way of the Bluegrass 2-1-1 Advisory Board over the past several years. "2-1-1" is the dedicated national telephone number for human services information, referral, and assistance. United Way of the Bluegrass is the regional coordinator and FCC custodial agent for 2-1-1 development, promotion, and implementation efforts, and Area Agency staff have been a part of this Advisory Board from its inception. Through the third quarter of 2009, 2-1-1 Call Center staff and the information and assistance line served 15,396 individuals, from nearly every county in Central Kentucky, with information on such topics as: tax assistance, utility payment assistance, housing payment assistance, food pantries, community shelter programs, and school-based integrated services. The total call volume represents a 33% increase over the call volume at the same time last year.

## **GEORGETOWN APPLIES FOR HUD CDBG FUNDS FOR A WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The City of Georgetown has submitted a pre-application seeking \$68,000 in HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a waterline replacement project in the Oak Street and Sharps Trailer Park areas of the city. The pre-application received approval and the city was given authorization to proceed with the submission of the full application, which is due on or

before February 8. If the full application is approved for funding by DLG, the Georgetown Municipal Water & Sewer Service (GMWSS) will match the \$68,000 grant.

The Oak Street area is currently served by aged 3-inch diameter galvanized lines that reduce to 1-inch diameter galvanized lines. The existing lines at Sharps Trailer Park are aged 1-inch diameter galvanized lines. The proposal calls for the lines to be replaced by 6-inch and 4-inch diameter PVC lines. Fire hydrants will also be installed in the Oak Street area, as well as Sharps Trailer Park, in order to meet current spacing standards and provide adequate fire protection to the householders in these areas, most of whom are of low and moderate income.

For more information, contact Betsy Laski at the ADD.

### **KENTUCKY KINCARES NETWORK BEING FORMED**

The Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living is participating in planning and organizational meetings of the Kentucky KINcares Network. The group is currently distributing a survey to grandparent caregivers across the state asking for their input on issues, services, and priorities that they feel are important in supporting their efforts to provide good, safe, and loving homes to the grandchildren they care for. Also, of special interest to the group is the development of support groups, support group development information and support, as well as the development of a statewide Grandparent and Older Relative Support Group resource bank, information exchange network, and a current listing of meeting times, locations, and contacts.

For further information, or for assistance with starting a grandparent caregiver support group in your area, please contact the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living at (859) 269-8021.

### **AREA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES SHOW IMPROVEMENT**

Sixteen of the Bluegrass ADD's 17 counties showed a dip in unemployment rates, when November numbers are compared to the October rates. Experts are uncertain if the change is a true picture or if it merely reflects that some people have stopped looking for work and are no longer considered to be a part of the workforce.

October and November unemployment rates for the Bluegrass Area counties are as follows:

<b>County</b>	<b>October 2009</b>	<b>November 2009</b>
Anderson	12.5	9.8
Bourbon	9.2	8.8
Boyle	11.1	10.4

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County	October 2009	November 2009
Clark	11.5	11.1
Estill	13.0	12.5
Fayette	7.8	7.1
Franklin	9.1	8.5
Garrard	12.2	11.6
Harrison	11.0	10.4
Jessamine	12.7	12.6
Lincoln	8.8	8.1
Madison	8.9	8.1
Mercer	11.4	10.5
Nicholas	12.3	12.3
Powell	17.2	16.6
Scott	8.9	8.0
Woodford	8.8	7.6

**BLUEGRASS AAA&IL STAFF CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ELDER ABUSE COUNCIL FOR CLARK COUNTY**

Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (BGAAA&IL) staff continue to work with the Bluegrass Mental Health and Aging/Elder Abuse Council for Clark County. Mayor Ed Burtner announced that the current president of the Chamber of Commerce in Winchester, Karen Haley, has agreed to chair the council. One of the major activities of the council is the planning and production of the annual Empowering Mindfulness Conference. This year's third annual conference will take place in June with the date, location, and conference program to be announced as information becomes available.

**WINCHESTER CITY COMMISSION GRAPPLES WITH WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES**

Winchester needs significant water and wastewater infrastructure improvements in the worst way—as much as \$110 million worth in the next six years. Part of the needed wastewater infrastructure projects are in response to a Consent Decree into which Winchester entered with the US EPA. To fail to meet the deadlines spelled out in the decree is not an option.

Further, the city's drinking water treatment plant dates back to the 19th century and cannot dependably deliver the increasing volumes of water that Winchester needs to meet the needs of existing and new customers.

One of the options under consideration would result in a near doubling of the charges for water, wastewater, and solid waste

services over a four-year period. The ADD is seeking to assist city leaders in their search for grants and low interest loans with which to address the various water and wastewater capital needs.

### **TODD SELECTED TO LEAD JOINT TOURISM EFFORT IN STANFORD/LINCOLN COUNTY**

In the past, Stanford and Lincoln County have each sought to staff and operate a program to promote and facilitate tourism, but no more. City government and County government are now cooperating in efforts to spearhead tourism promotion. Angela Todd has been hired to lead the new joint tourism effort. Todd, who until recently was the chair of the Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, was selected from a handful of qualified applicants who were interviewed by a five-person committee of persons representing Stanford as well as Lincoln County. Savings realized by operating the joint tourism office are expected to be about \$25,000 a year.

### **MEDICARE AND DISABILITIES COULD BE AFFECTED BY HEALTH CARE REFORM**

Medicare recipients call the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) or the S.H.I.P. hotline (State Health Insurance Program) with all kinds of health care questions. Their drug plan has denied coverage of their medicine or they are confused about how Medicare (and especially Part D) works. Most can get answers to their problems or get referred to other resources that can help. But people with disabilities who are stuck waiting for their Medicare coverage to begin have few options. Many receive just a little too much in their disability check to qualify for Medicaid. Those without coverage will be denied insurance because of pre-existing conditions. People use free drug samples from their doctors or appeal for charity care from their hospitals to get by, or choose to go into debt paying for treatments out of pocket. Many people simply go without medicines or healthcare during their two-year wait for Medicare.

If Congress passes health reform, that will change. When health reform takes effect, people with disabilities will have options that do not exist today. Insurers will no longer be able to deny coverage based on pre-existing conditions and people with low and moderate incomes can receive assistance paying for coverage. The biggest issue facing Congressional leaders now trying to blend the House and Senate bills is how affordable that coverage will be.

More than half of the people with disabilities in the two-year wait for Medicare are over 50, so it is important that the final bill incorporate the lower limit on age rating—how much

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more insurers can charge for coverage based on the age of consumers—that is in the House bill. The vast majority of people with disabilities also have low incomes; two-thirds earn less than twice the federal poverty level. That makes it essential that lawmakers adopt the House bill's broader expansion of Medicaid, and the more affordable limits on co-payments and premiums for low-income people who receive coverage through plans sold over a new health insurance exchange.

To find out more information about how the new legislation will affect Medicare recipients and those with disabilities, call the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living or the S.H.I.P. hotline at 1-866-516-3051.

## GARRARD COUNTY WALKING PATH NEARING CONSTRUCTION START

Lancaster and Garrard County residents are about to get a new place to walk, run, and bike. Agreements have been obtained from adjacent public and private property owners to construct a walking path behind the Owsley House, the Garrard County Health Department, and around the City Lake. Upon completion, the path will be a four-foot wide gravel pathway and would include paving and lighting in future phases. Access to the walking path should be available from the Senior Citizens Center, the Garrard County Health Department, the Owsley House, and Victory Christian Church. An eight-foot easement will be necessary to provide enough space for the four-foot wide gravel path and space on either side of the path that will be constructed and maintained by County Government.

## HITACHI AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS ADDS A NEW PRODUCTION LINE; SET TO HIRE 100 NEW EMPLOYEES

With the crescendo of plant closings, cutbacks, and job losses in the nation as well as in Kentucky, it is a welcome relief to see that some industries are not only "weathering the storm," but are actually thriving. In mid-January, Hitachi Automotive Products cut the ribbon on a new Engine Control Unit manufacturing line at its Harrodsburg facility. The production line will produce about 80,000 units each month. The new system consists of a lead-free electronic control unit that is designed and globally manufactured for General Motors' four- and six-cylinder port injection engines. The units produced will be shipped to several GM facilities in North and South America. Manufacturing of the new units began in January.

In November, Hitachi announced that approximately 100 employees would be hired over the next few years as the plant expanded and added a new advanced fuel system production line. Hitachi reported that the company planned to hire 25 new employees during January.

Drew Dennis, executive director of the Harrodsburg/Mercer County Industrial Development Authority, expressed gratitude for

Hitachi's new initiative. "The Industrial Authority is grateful to have a company the caliber of Hitachi in our community, and we are pleased to see them add these new innovations in these difficult economic times."

## **WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT FEE BEGINS TO APPEAR ON LEXINGTON WATER BILLS**

The first bills went in the mail on January 4. Lexington residents are finding a new line item on their water bills as the Water Quality Management fee is now being implemented. The fee is in partial response to a Consent Decree that Lexington and the US EPA developed to address sanitary sewer deficiencies and storm water problems that have long been neglected. While the actual Consent Decree has been stalled for some time on a technicality, Lexington leaders decided to begin to implement its provisions just as if the decree were actually in force.

For persons who live in a single-family residence or a duplex or on a farm, the fee will be a flat \$4.32 per month. For stores, industries, churches, and residences with more than two units, the water quality management fee could be much more.

The new fee is expected to generate nearly \$12 million annually in the first full fiscal year. The money will be used to undertake storm water projects that range from pipes in the ground to buying houses that are frequently flooded. It will also be used for mapping, monitoring, and for incentives to reduce storm water runoff. For those not paying the basic \$4.32 month fee, the fee will be based upon how much impervious service, such as driveways, roads, roofs, and parking lots are on a parcel of land.

## **NICHOLASVILLE HEALTH CARE CENTER BREAKS GROUND**

For a county that formerly offered little health care beyond a visit to a doctor's office, Jessamine County has come a long way in a few years. The newest entry into the world of health care is the Trinity Healthcare Ambulatory Care and Diagnostic Center for which a groundbreaking ceremony was held in Nicholasville in mid-December. The current project has an estimated cost of \$11 million and, as proposed it would be a part of a \$68 million medical campus on the Danville Road. The center is designed to bring Jessamine County residents more medical services closer to home. Governor Steve Beshear was on hand for the groundbreaking.

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MEETING CALL

Executive Board	2/24 & 3/24 7:00 p.m.
Aging Council	2/10 & 3/10 10:00 a.m.
Homeland Security Council	2/10 1:00 p.m.
Human Services Committee	2/11 10:00 a.m.
Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Advisory Committee	2/10 3:15 p.m.
Regional Planning Council	3/3 4:00 p.m.
Regional Transportation Committee	3/8 1:30 p.m.
Tourism, Historic Preservation & Recreation Advisory Committee	3/9 10:00 a.m.



ALL meeting dates/times are subject to change.

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