

**PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 - 1:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *August 10, 2020*

IV. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Crissy Carter, PADD Treasurer

- *Financial Report*

V. FEDERAL AND STATE REPORTS

1. Michael G. Adams, Kentucky Secretary of State
2. Ms. Morgan Alvey/U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell

VI. REPORTS

1. Community & Economic Development
 - *SPAN Pedestrian Planning Presentation* - Mr. Craig Morris, Regional Planning Coordinator

2. Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living
 - *Aging Waiting List* - Ms. Jill Collins, Director, Pennyriple AAAIL
 - *Pennyriple AAAIL Meals Update*
 - *Home & Community Based Waiver Programs* - Mr. Payton Kidd, Participated Directed Services Coordinator
 - *Electronic Visit Verifications*

3. Workforce Activity Report
 - *WKWIB Labor Market Snapshot* - Ms. Sheila Clark, Executive Director, WKWB
 - *HCC Youth Program Flyer*
 - *MCC Youth Program Flyer*
 - *USO Transitions Operation: What Comes Next Flyer*

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Monthly Code of Ethics Report - Judge Perry Newcom, Board Chair

2. Broadband Resolution - Judge Perry Newcom, Board Chair

3. Director's Report - Mr. Jason Vincent, Executive Director
 - *PADD Executive Committee Minutes Aug 2020*
 - *IGR Report*
 - *NADO News*
 - *PADD Press Newsletter*

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURN

**MINUTES OF THE
PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING**

AUGUST 10, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judge Hollis Alexander, Mayor John Choat, Mayor Kevin Cotton, Judge Larry Curling, Deb Domke, Mayor Arthur Green, Lori Harper, JoAnn Holder, Gary Jones, Mayor Wendell Lynch, Judge Todd Mansfield, Scott Marshall, Mayor Chris Smiley, Bernard Standard, Terry Stringer, Judge Steve Tribble, Judge Wade White, Judge Jack Whitfield, Lee Wilson, and Mayor Jan Yonts.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Judge Hollis Alexander, Board Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and recognized a voting quorum. Due to the current State of Emergency regarding threats to public health presented by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, this meeting was conducted by videoconference (Zoom).
- II. **PLEDGE/INVOCATION:** Judge Wade White led the pledge and Judge Hollis Alexander led the invocation.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Board Meeting were presented for review and approval. A copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Mayor Kevin Cotton to approve the July 13, 2020 minutes as presented. Judge Todd Mansfield seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ms. Alisha Sutton, PADD Administrative Officer, presented the July 31, 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report for review and approval. A copy was included in the online board packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Total Personnel is \$234,029.01 (7.34% of budget); Total Travel is \$231.16 (.10% of budget) and is low due to COVID19 travel restrictions; Total Operating Expenses are \$56,530.72 (7.91% of budget) for Total Expenditures of \$290,790.89 (7.04% of budget) year-to-date. Senator Whitney Westerfield inquired if travel funds not used will be reallocated. Ms. Sutton stated travel funds not expended will not be drawn down from those grants. Board travel funds are part of our shared expenditures and as we move through the fiscal year, budget modifications will be made accordingly to bring the budget inline. There were no other questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Ms. Lori Harper to approve the financial report as presented. Mr. Scott Marshall seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- V. **FEDERAL AND STATE REPORTS:**
 1. U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell/Morgan Alvey – Ms. Morgan Alvey, Field Representative, reported during last month’s recess, Senator McConnell was in the Pennyrile region and visited on July 14 with Baptist Health Madisonville and Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital. A couple of weeks ago, the Senator introduced another COVID relief package, the HEALS Act (Health Economic Assistant Liability Protection & Schools Act). The Senate is still in session as negotiations continue on provisions for another relief bill. As reminder, if you are writing applications for competitive federal grants, please contact us if we can provide a letter of support. There were no questions or concerns.
 2. U.S. Congressman James Comer/Corey Elder – Mr. Corey Elder, Field Representative, reported Congressman Comer and their offices continue to help people navigate COVID related issues with the federal government such as constituent case work, stimulus checks, paycheck protection loans, and questions with forgiveness. They have heard from many of

- the businesses throughout the district on how the payroll protection program has helped them. As you know, Congressman Comer has a new role as top Republican on the Oversight Reform Committee which focuses on oversight and reform of bureaucracy in Washington. Congress is in the process of discussing a new coronavirus stimulus package and reaching an agreement between the House and the Senate. If you know of any one that needs assistance with any of these issues, please contact their office. There were no questions or concerns.
3. U.S. Senator Rand Paul/Jason Hasert – Mr. Jason Hasert, Field Representative, stated Senator Paul remains focused on ways to reopen the economy and get people back to work safely. This morning, he participated in a Zoom meeting with school superintendents regarding concerns/issues related to opening of schools, both public and private, and we will be looking forward to hearing what Governor Beshear has to say later today regarding this. The Senator recently introduced legislation called the Pandemic Pay for Act to help cover the \$2T in emergency spending that has occurred due to COVID19. This would be accomplished by freezing discretionary spending from the 20-21 budget to 20-24 budget. As deficits continue to grow, we eventually will not have the funds to help people or move forward with infrastructure projects in the region or Fort Campbell. There were no questions or concerns.
 4. KY State Senator Whitney Westerfield – KY State Senator Whitney Westerfield applauded the work of Senators McConnell, Paul and Congressman Comer and stated the CARES Act funding is making a difference in many sectors due to their efforts. Even though they are currently not in session, much time is spent discussing bills, COVID19 issues, the use or need to limit executive orders and their effectiveness, in-person school student instruction across the state, as well as a whole host of issues that we are exploring and identifying as we go through this pandemic. When we reconvene in January, legislatively, there will be much work to be done, possibly issues to fix or codify actions taken. Evictions are of a great concern with executive orders from the President placing a moratorium on evictions which further complicates executive orders issued from the Governor and the KY Supreme Court. Another issue of concern is unemployment insurance claims and a backlog of 60,000 claims that have yet to be honored or addressed in a meaningful way. That number includes 5,000 claims from March. During this interim time, committees are reviewing state regulations and exploring regulations based on feedback from constituents. If there are regulations that are antiquated, not working like they should, or have an ill effect, please reach out to your legislators and let them know. We continue to do the work of the people, so please reach out to us if you need our help. There were no questions or concerns.
 5. Department for Local Government/Elton Thomas – Mr. Elton Thomas, Field Representative, reported the Governor continues to give daily briefings we track 34,000-35,000 confirmed COVID cases. County Judge Executives should have been notified of the release of CARES Act funds that should be posting to bank accounts soon. We continue to focus on infrastructure; please utilize all the loans and grants you have available to you. The KY State Fair will be participant only this year. More information will be forthcoming from First Lady Beshear regarding COVID face masks for kids that will be provided to the school districts. Please contact me if you have questions and continue to be safe and wear your masks. There were no questions or concerns.
 6. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet DO2/Deneatra Henderson – Ms. Deneatra Henderson, Chief District Engineer, reported in following with the Governor's mandates, their office continues to telework at 100% with business conducted as usual; however, if you have an issue or trouble reaching someone, please contact her. With an estimated \$150M shortfall in the transportation budget at the end of last fiscal year, severe cuts had to be made this year to meet this shortfall. Unfortunately, resurfacing projects were postponed and we apologize for that. Despite the cuts made, the transportation budget still has a shortfall of \$56M. Some projects previously placed on hold, will now be scheduled to resume, specifically the bigger

dollar projects, and we will review the budget monthly. Please contact us if we can be of help in anyway. There are no questions or concerns.

7. KYTC Department for Rural & Municipal Aid/Doug Taylor – Judge Alexander welcomed Mr. Doug Taylor, West KY Representative. Mr. Taylor stated he is glad to be back working with KYTC. Please continue to reach out to Deneatra Henderson for state and federal highway needs, and reach out to him for your county or municipal road program needs. Mr. Taylor provided his cell phone number and email address. He stated as previously mentioned, unfortunately, budget cuts had to be made and flex numbers will be made available next week. If you have any questions, concerns about backlog projects, etc. please contact him. There were no questions or concerns.

VI. REPORTS:

1. Community & Economic Development – Ms. Amy Frogue, Associate Director, CED, reviewed a RLF Plan for CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund Supplemental Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Awards Loan Fund Plan Summary; a copy was provided in the online board packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Ms. Frogue stated this is a separate loan fund plan from the existing 2020 RLF Plan and she explained the purpose of the CARES Act COVID19 Micro-Loan Fund which is to help finance existing local small businesses throughout a nine county region recovery from the COVID19 crisis. Ms. Frogue stated \$690,000 in funds is available and business owners may apply for a 36 month, low interest loan, ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 at an interest rate of between .5% to 2.44%. Documentation providing evidence of a loss in revenue since the start of the COVID19 pandemic is strongly suggested and the business does have to provide any available collateral or show an ability to repay the loan. Loans can be used to meet short-term working capital needs such as payroll, rent, utilities, interest payments, supplies, inventory management and/or payment to suppliers. We are in the procurement process of hiring an individual to market and help us put this plan into place along with other planning activities. Ms. Frogue asked attendees to please share this information with small businesses in your communities. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Mayor Kevin Cotton to adopt the CARES Act RLF Plan Summary as presented. Judge Jack Whitfield seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Frogue stated a copy of the IGR Report is included in the online board packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. The project summary report covers eight projects. Some were applications submitted under the CDBG for the 2020 funding year and others are water and sewer improvement projects through the KY Infrastructure Authority Board. Project information was mailed to each board member from those respective communities for review. Informational. There were no questions or concerns.

2. Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living – Ms. Jill Collins, Director, Pennyrile AAAIL, stated a copy of the current Aging Waiting List per county is included in the online board packets. Also included in the packets is information regarding this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's event which is scheduled for September 26 and will look a little different this year. PADD staff member, Belinda Babb, is coordinating efforts on behalf of our organization. PADD staff member Cindy Tabor is our Long Term Care Ombudsman who investigates concerns on behalf of LTC residents. We are monitoring the number of COVID19 cases on a weekly basis in the 30 long term care facilities we serve and currently five of those facilities are reporting positive COVID cases. Regarding our nutrition program, since the onset of the pandemic in March, anyone age 60+ became eligible to receive home delivered meals and therefore, the number of clients being served has grown significantly. As of August 7, a total of 715 new clients have been added to the program. Currently, 566 of those are receiving meals and 149 have removed themselves from the program. A client can remove themselves, but we cannot remove a client from the program. In

addition to these new clients, we continue to serve home care and Title III clients. The total of meals served daily has increased from 500 to 1,100. Funding through the CARES Act covers the cost of these meals and our concern is funds are being expended quickly. Ms. Collins introduced Ms. Hayla Swaw, PADD Accounting staff member, who is monitoring the number of clients, meals and funding available. Ms. Swaw reported based on averages in May and June, funding will be depleted the first week of December, unless the number of clients and/or meals are reduced or additional funds are allocated. Ms. Collins stated they meet weekly with AAAIL in Frankfort and are waiting on instructions on what to expect in terms of additional CARES funding. Jason Vincent, PADD Executive Directors, stated we want to keep you abreast of the situation as you are leaders in the region and many of you serve on the PACS (Pennyrile Allied Community Services) Board. We are being mindful of the situation and are communicating with PACS on a regular basis. We hope to have some direction in the near future and will keep you updated. There were no questions or concerns.

3. West Kentucky Workforce – Ms. Sheila Clark, WKWB Director, presented the Labor Market Snapshot for June 2019-2020; a copy is provided in the online board packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. You will note the high unemployment rates during this time. Ms. Clark stated many businesses have called back employees or continue to provide services while remaining closed to the public. Ms. Clark reported the Career Centers remain closed to the public, but are conducting business via cellphone or email to verify eligibility for programs, on-the-job training contracts, or enrollment in our youth programs. Over the weekend, the President signed an Executive Order to extend unemployment insurance benefits and defer payroll taxes and we are waiting to get more information. Per a Ms. Clark stated included in the online board packet is a flyer regarding Employment Recovery Opportunity; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Funding through the COVID-19 National Dislocated Workers Grant will be utilized to provide on-the-job training to those who lost their jobs or were laid off during the pandemic. Employers participating and hiring under the program will receive a 50% wage reimbursement for a specified number of hours, for eligible individuals. Individuals will be providing a work experience related to humanitarian efforts tied to COVID-19. Local officials, non-profit groups or individuals desiring training can participate in the Employment Recovery Opportunity. We also have work experience activities that cities and counties can deploy with individuals and we post job opportunities on our social media sites. We've had some communication with Secretary Roberts regarding our assistance with unemployment in indirect ways. Workforce Business Liaisons will be reaching out to provide more information. In the online board packet, you will find three youth programs being offered through WKCTC, HCC, and MCC and they are currently recruiting. Please contact Julie Allen if you need more information. There were no questions or concerns.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Monthly Code of Ethics Report – Judge Hollis Alexander, Board Vice Chair, stated no violations have been reported during the month. Informational; no action required.
2. West Kentucky Coalition – Judge Jack Whitfield presented an informational flyer and draft bylaws regarding the formation of the West Kentucky Coalition; a copy was provided in the online board packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. The coalition is a unified voice for regional pride, prosperity and progress and is comprised of local officials, leaders and three Area Development Districts in western Kentucky to provide a platform for which the western most counties of the Commonwealth can come together to share and promote a common and coordinated level of support on issues that affect our region at the local, state and federal level. Judge Executive Perry Newcom, who is leading this effort, sent a letter along with the flyer to interested participants. The coalition will be funded through local dues based on

population and any county or city is invited to participate. Associated businesses may also be invited to participate. A part-time Executive Director will be hired and PADD will act as the fiscal administrator until that time. A meeting is being planned for September 23, 2020 at the Ballard Convention Center in Madisonville. Please let Jason Vincent know if you would be interested in supporting the formation of this organization.

3. Director's Report – Mr. Vincent provided the following report:

- EDA CARES Corporate Resolution – Mr. Vincent presented a corporate resolution for the EDA CARES Revolving Loan Fund authorizing the Pennyrile ADD to open a checking account to administer CARES funds. A copy was provided in the online board packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Mayor Kevin Cotton to approve the EDA CARES Corporate Resolution as presented. Mayor Jan Yonts seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- West Kentucky Coalition Corporate Resolution – Mr. Vincent presented a corporate resolution for the West Kentucky Coalition authorizing the Pennyrile ADD to open a checking account as fiscal agent for the West Kentucky Coalition. A copy was provided in the online board packets and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Judge Todd Mansfield to approve the West Kentucky Coalition Corporate Resolution as presented. Mayor Jan Yonts seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Pride of the Pennyrile – we have been communicating with Lake Barkley State Resort Park and the golf course to make plans for this year's Pride of the Pennyrile Business & Industry Appreciation Event on the 4th Thursday of September. Now, more than ever, our businesses and industries need to be recognized and we are looking for ways to hold the event in a safe manner.
- PADD Operations – PADD continues to operate at 50% capacity in the office with no laps in service. Thanks to our staff for stepping up and being flexible.
- PADD Executive Committee – a meeting of the PADD Executive Committee will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks to discuss personnel issues and EDA CARES funding.

VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None

IX. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, **Motion** was made by Mr. Scott Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 p.m. Mayor Kevin Cotton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Judge Perry Newcom, Board Chair

Mayor Jan Yonts, Secretary

PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Monthly Expenditure Report
as of
August 31, 2020

	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>% Expended</u>
PERSONNEL				
Total Salaries	1,986,686.00	143,075.95	287,652.04	14.48%
Total Benefits	1,201,096.00	82,499.87	171,952.79	14.32%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	3,187,782.00	225,575.82	459,604.83	14.42%
TRAVEL				
Staff Travel	165,000.00	(201.05)	30.11	0.02%
Board Travel	65,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TRAVEL	230,000.00	(201.05)	30.11	0.01%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	714,614.00	78,725.38	135,256.10	18.93%
GRAND TOTALS	4,132,396.00	304,100.15	594,891.04	14.40%

SUBJECT TO AUDIT

SPAN Grants

Sept 14, 2020

BY

Craig Morris

Pennyrile ADD

State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) GRANT

Develop Bike and Walking Trail Master Plan's

The State is wanting each County Health Department
to contract with the ADD's to develop these Master
Bike and Walking Trail Plans

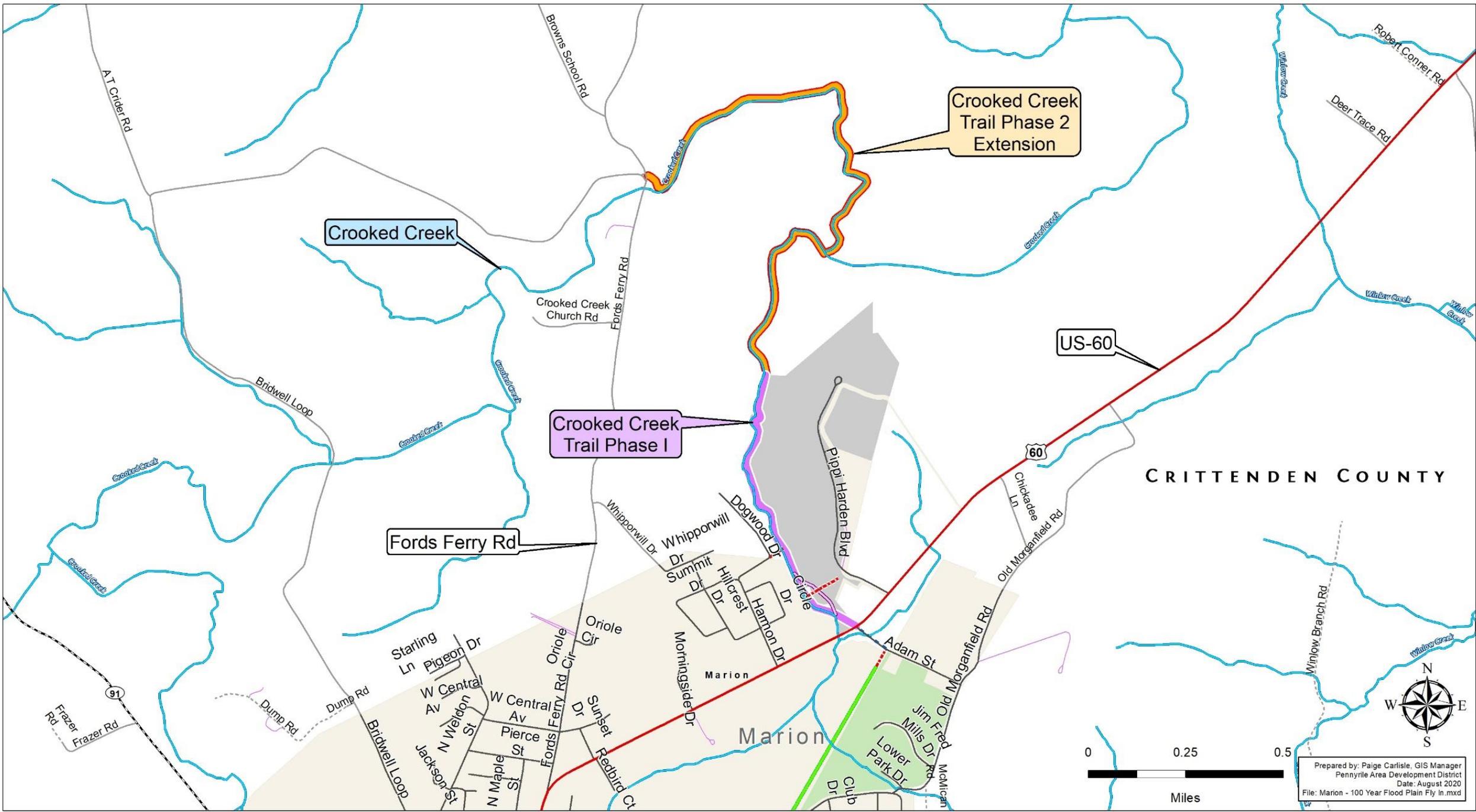
These Plans will Focus on developing Multi-Use Trails (Walking, Jogging and Bike Trail)





Most New Multi Use Trails Fall into Three (3) Categories

- **New extensions on existing Multi Use Trails to make them longer and access new neighborhoods.**
- **Trails that connect residential neighborhoods to parks, schools or commercial districts**
- **New Multi-Use Trails which are longer trails and their main purpose is exercise – these tend to be longer trails (over 1 mile).**



Crooked Creek

Crooked Creek Trail Phase 2 Extension

Crooked Creek Trail Phase I

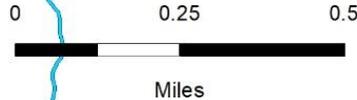
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Fords Ferry Rd

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Marion

Lower Mills Park



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 Pennyrile Area Development District
 Date: August 2020
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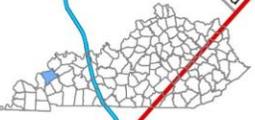


Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (HAWK Signals ...

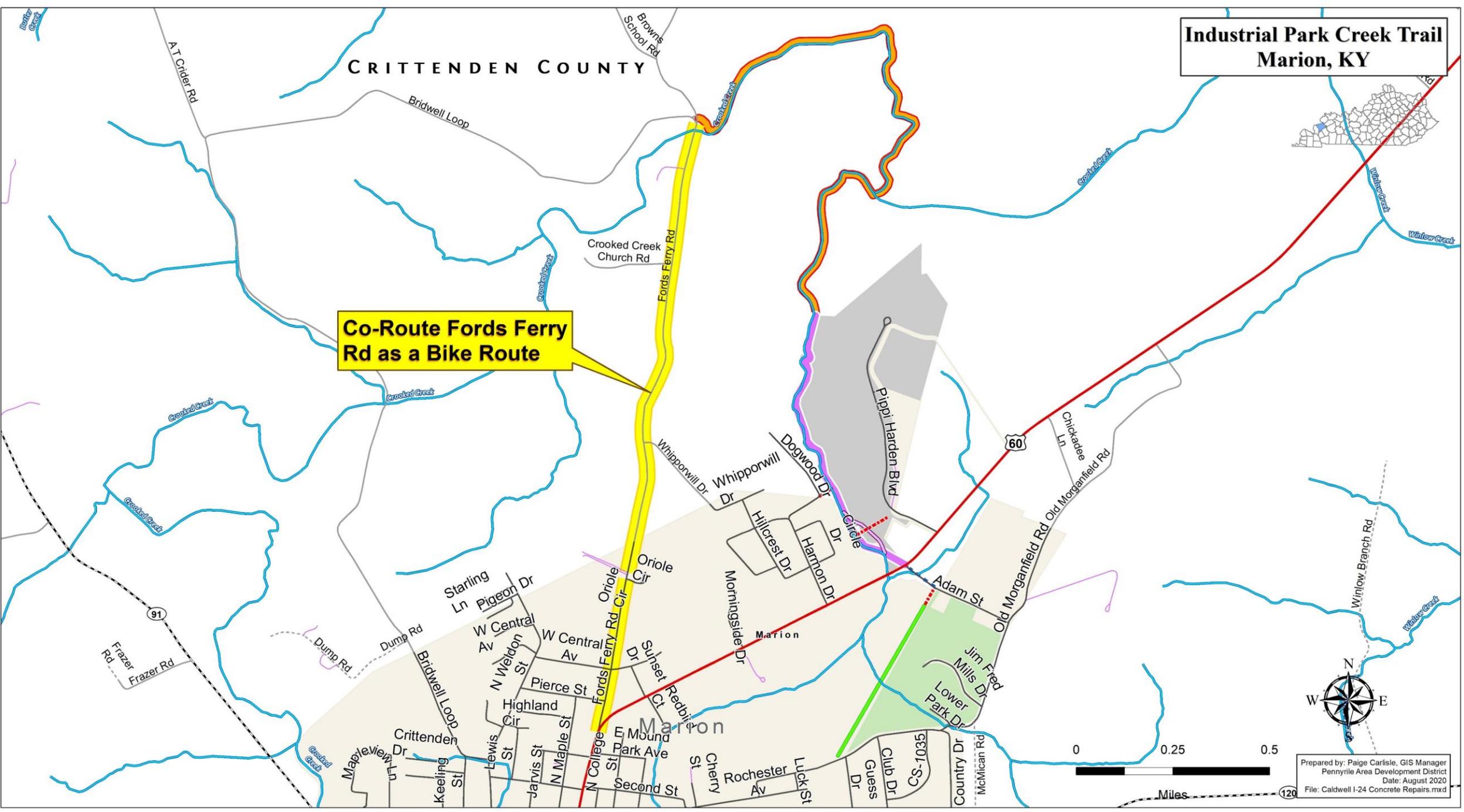
Industrial Park Creek Trail Marion, KY

Co-Route Fords Ferry Rd as a Bike Route

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Neighborhood

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Commercial District

Park

Neighborhood

Neighborhood

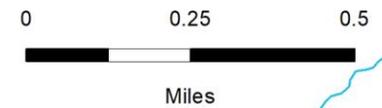
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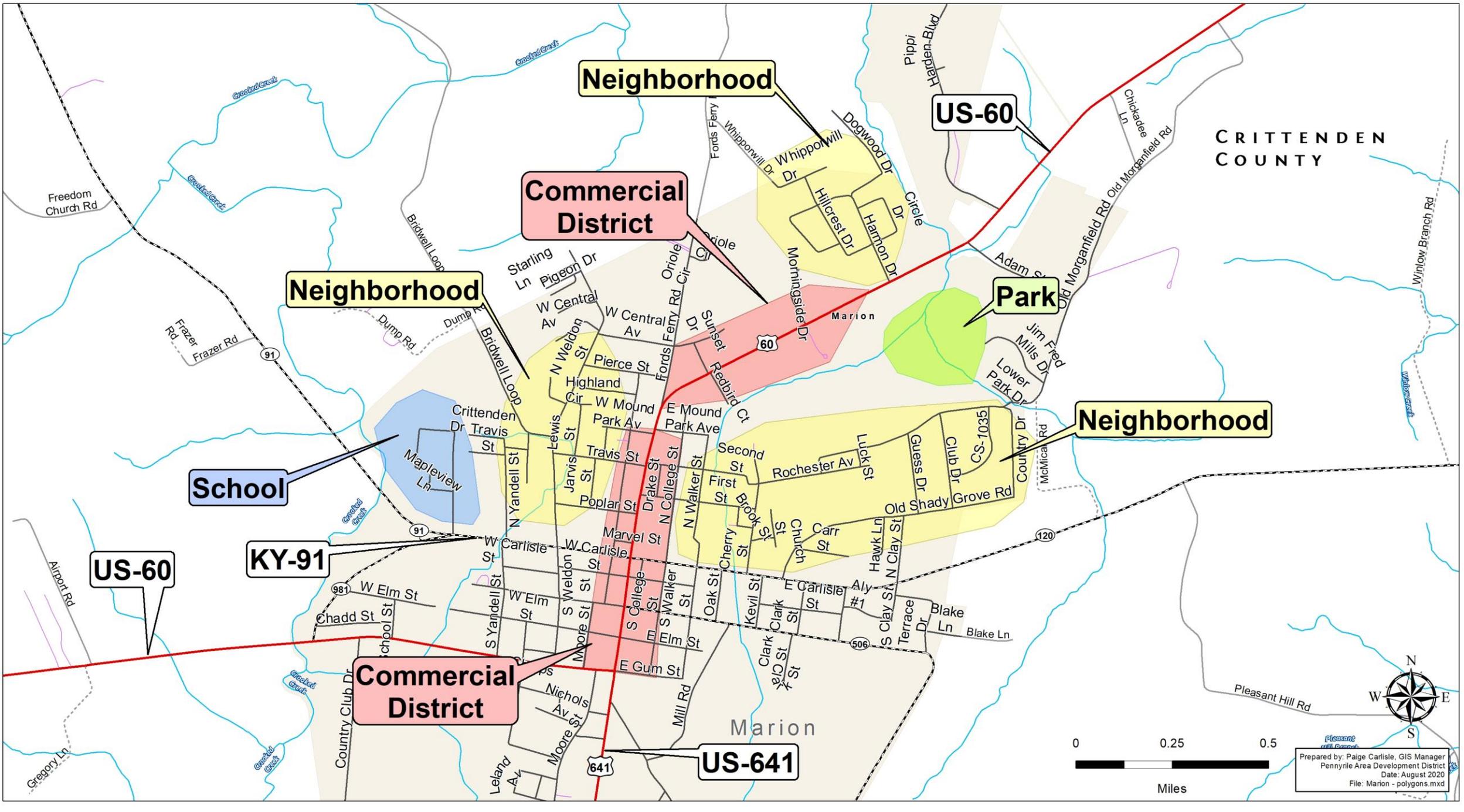
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Commercial District

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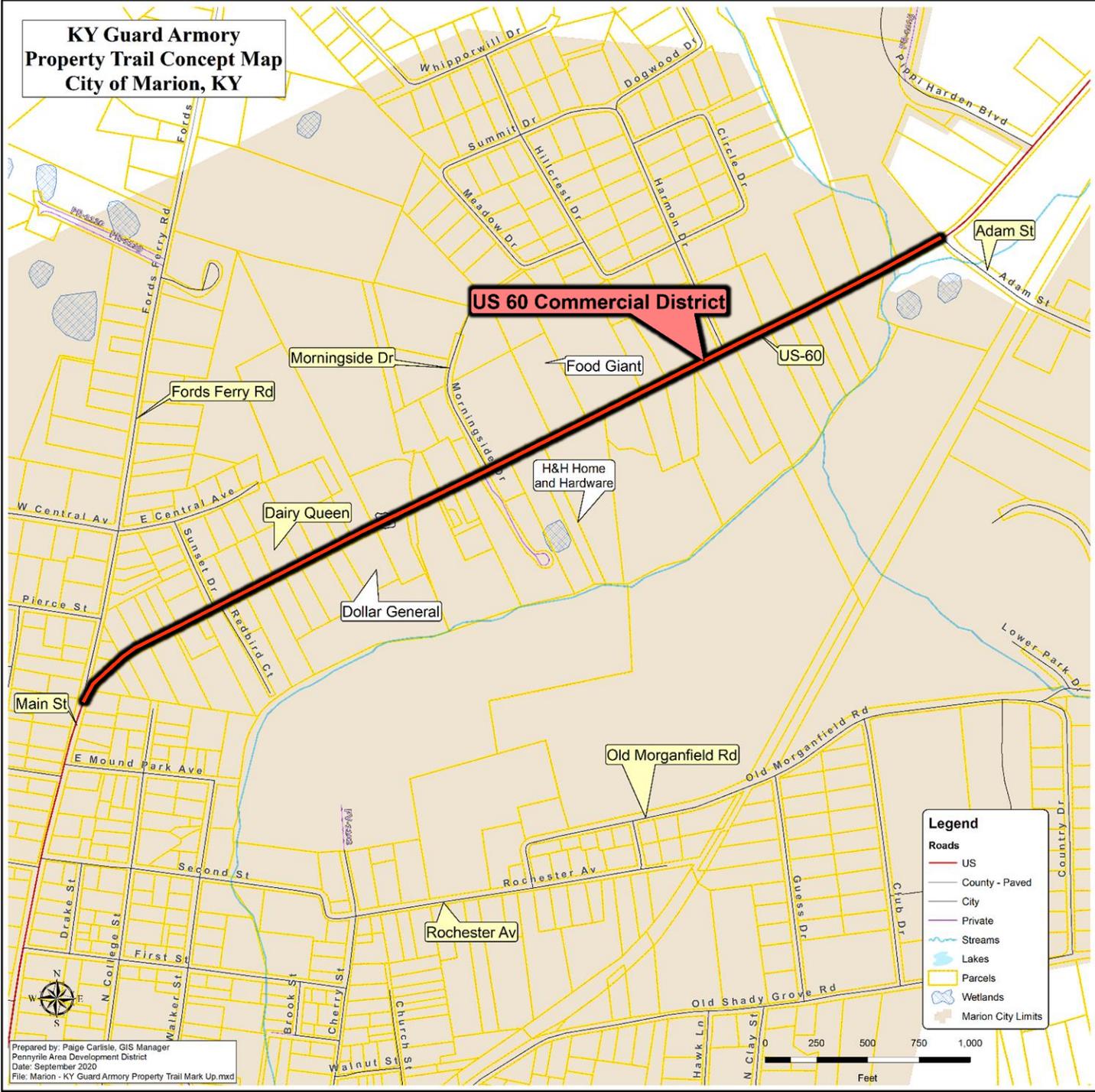
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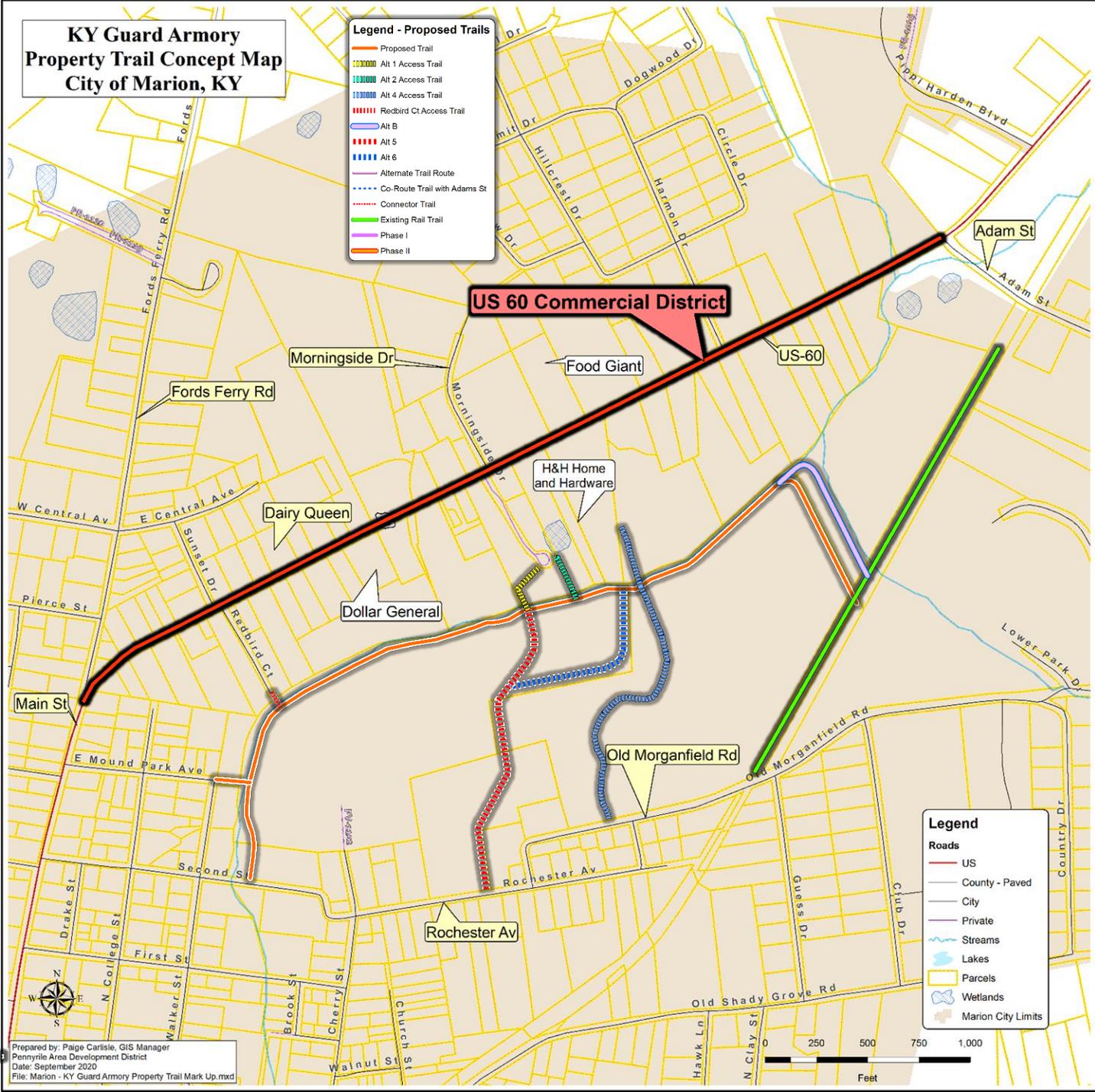
**KY Guard Armory
Property Trail Concept Map
City of Marion, KY**



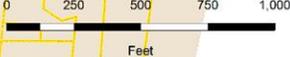
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KY Guard Armory Property Trail Concept Map City of Marion, KY

- ### Legend - Proposed Trails
- Proposed Trail
 - Alt 1 Access Trail
 - Alt 2 Access Trail
 - Alt 4 Access Trail
 - Redbird Ct Access Trail
 - Alt B
 - Alt 5
 - Alt 6
 - Alternate Trail Route
 - Co-Route Trail with Adams St
 - Connector Trail
 - Existing Rail Trail
 - Phase I
 - Phase II



- ### Legend
- #### Roads
- US
 - County - Paved
 - City
 - Private
 - Streams
 - Lakes
 - Parcels
 - Wetlands
 - Marion City Limits



The End

QUESTIONS?

Eight (8) PADD County Health Departments that have received SPAN Funding

- Christian
- Crittenden
- Caldwell
- Hopkins
- Lyon
- Muhlenberg
- Todd
- Trigg

Proposed Dogwood Dr.
Access Trail
211.20 Feet

Pedestrian Bridge

Alt 2





Some Main Points of this Project

- These Master Trail Plans will focus is on creating new **Multi Use Trails** not sidewalks.
- These are 30 YEAR PLANS
- If privately owned land is involved, all Trails will **ONLY** involve **Voluntary Easements.**
- When developing this Plan, do not let future FUNDING or the ability of OBTAINING EASEMENTS be impediments to selecting a project for this Plan.
- THERE ARE ALMOST ALWAYS WORK-AROUNDS FOR PROBLEMS

Some Trail Recommendations

- Multi Use Trails (Bike/Walking Trails) Need to be 8 t 10 feet wide.
- Could Restrict use of Trails to Day Light Hours Only
- Could have security cameras on poles along trails in key locations.
- Trail “Rules” posted at all trail entrances.
- Could be patrolled by city police on UTVs (side by sides).



PENNYRILE AAAIL WAITING LIST

As of September 9, 2020

	Home Delivered Meals	Homemaking	Personal Care
Caldwell	27	31	13
Christian	185	94	30
Crittenden	24	14	8
Hopkins	116	41	6
Livingston	2	11	12
Lyon	18	18	11
Muhlenberg	19	15	2
Todd	10	1	2
Trigg	36	20	6
Totals	437	245	90

Pennyrile AAAIL Meals Update

	3/16/2020 - 9/4/2020	Total Clients Served	Current Clients
COVID19 Home Delivered Meals	51,856	748	615
Homecare & Title III Home Delivered Meals	48,700	438	371
Curbside Pick-Up Meals (Congregate Meals)	29,206	537	366
TOTALS	129,762	1,723	1,321

Current Homecare & Title III clients on hold due to COVID19	24
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Home and Community Based Waiver Programs
(Participant Directed Services / Traditional)
Veterans Directed Care Program

Programs	Active	Pending
Participant Directed Services - HCB Waiver	105	52
Traditional HCB Waiver	101	50
Veterans Directed Care	101	2
Total	307	104

April 6, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, Room: S-230
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Hart Senate Office Building, Room: 419
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol Building, Room: H-232
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol Building, Room: H-204
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors, the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services, and ADVancing States, we are writing to request state administrative relief in the next legislation regarding coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Specifically, **we request a delay in the deadline for implementing Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirements that were included in the 21st Century Cures Act.** Our associations collectively represent the government agencies responsible for administering a wide range of publicly funded health care and long-term services and supports (LTSS) for older adults and people with disabilities in every state and territory.

As our nation collectively works to address the pandemic, it is requiring our members in every state to reassign their staff and divert their limited administrative resources towards this pressing issue. The current situation requires extensive efforts from the state agencies to develop and submit necessary federal waivers, monitor service closures, establish alternate delivery mechanisms, implement back-up plans, and respond to individual members who are in crisis. Perhaps most importantly, our members are trying to sustain the essential provider networks within the states to protect ongoing access to essential LTSS. Providers across the country are also taking extraordinary measures to ensure continuity of services and the EVV mandate is a burden that distracts from their core work and requires financial and staff resources to implement.

Because of these unexpected strains on the program administration and our service systems overall, staff at state agencies and providers are unable to spend time operationalizing new federal requirements and will therefore be unable to meet the deadlines originally anticipated in federal and state planning. As you know, the 21st Century Cures Act requires states to implement EVV for personal care services (PCS) requiring an in-home visit no later than January 1, 2020 and for home healthcare services no later than January 1, 2023. The original deadline for EVV PCS was 2019; however, Congress passed a one-year

relieve in response to delays in federal guidance that limited state ability to meet this timeline. Over the past several years, states have worked diligently to implement EVV despite unclear requirements and shifting federal guidance. Due to these challenges, much work remains before the systems become operational. However, at this juncture, state policy and program staff must spend their time addressing the immediate crisis and EVV cannot be a priority.

One of the proposals considered for the third COVID relief bill included a delay of EVV until 6 months after the end of the pandemic. While we believe that this was a helpful proposal and encourage Congress to include a delay, a delay to a specific date could help with planning and resource allocation purposes. We recommend a delay of no less than one year until January 1, 2021.

Recommendation: Delay the effective date of the Cures Act EVV penalties by one year or, at a minimum, no less than 6 months until the pandemic ends.

We appreciate the ongoing bipartisan efforts to address COVID-19. We and our members remain committed to assuring that the health and welfare of the individuals we serve are maintained. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Damon Terzaghi at dterzaghi@advancingstates.org.

Sincerely,



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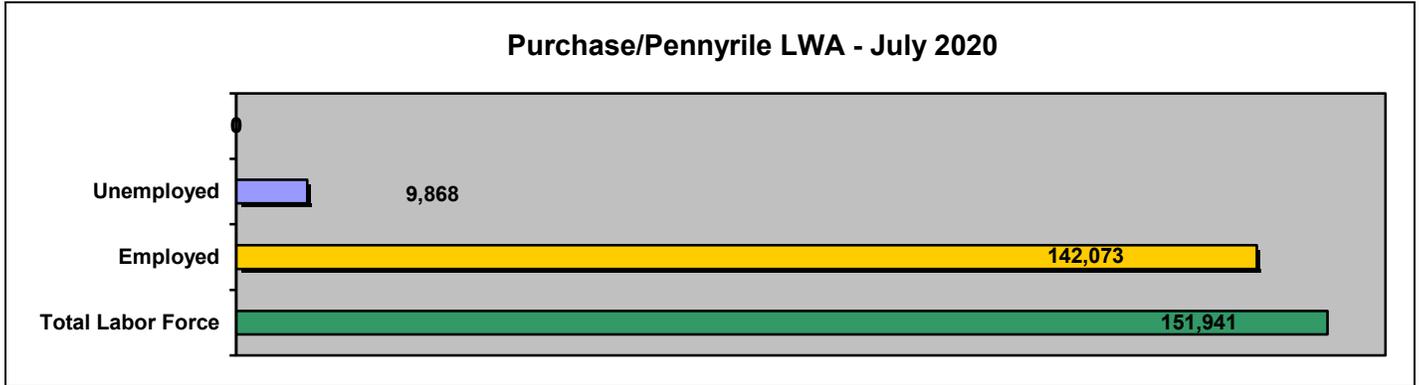


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Cc: Members of the U.S. Senate
Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

LABOR MARKET SNAPSHOT – 2020

West Kentucky Workforce Board West Kentucky Workforce Development Area



LWA Unemployment Rates (July 2019 – July 2020)

	Jul '19	Aug '19	Sep '19	Oct '19	Nov '19	Dec '19	Jan '20	Feb '20	Mar '20	Apr '20	May '20	June '20	July '20
LWA	5.7	4.9	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	5.5	5.2	6.6	15.5	10.2	4.8	6.5
Ballard	6.2	5.5	4.6	4.3	4.6	5.4	6.4	5.8	6.6	14.7	9.2	4.5	6.3
Caldwell	5.4	5.4	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6	5.5	5.2	6.7	14.6	8.6	4.5	6.3
Calloway	4.7	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.5	4.4	5.2	5.9	12.7	7.8	4.4	5.9
Carlisle	4.5	4.3	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.7	4.7	4.3	4.9	8.7	5.5	3.0	4.5
Christian	6.3	5.8	5.2	5.9	4.8	4.8	5.8	5.4	6.5	17.9	12.0	5.7	7.4
Crittenden	5.1	4.6	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.8	5.3	4.8	5.6	11.8	7.3	3.7	5.2
Fulton	6.9	5.9	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.3	4.7	6.1	11.2	8.0	5.2	6.8
Graves	5.0	4.7	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	5.1	4.7	5.5	12.9	8.0	4.4	5.9
Hickman	5.1	4.9	4.1	3.8	4.7	4.8	5.3	5.1	5.9	10.5	6.4	3.7	5.0
Hopkins	5.0	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.0	5.1	4.7	6.4	20.3	13.3	6.0	7.1
Livingston	5.6	5.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.0	6.5	6.4	7.1	15.4	11.0	5.3	7.0
Lyon	4.9	4.6	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.2	5.4	4.7	5.8	11.3	6.7	3.6	5.0
Marshall	5.0	4.4	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.0	5.4	5.2	5.7	13.9	8.6	4.2	5.5
McCracken	5.4	5.0	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.5	5.5	5.1	5.8	16.9	10.9	5.4	6.9
Muhlenberg	7.0	6.8	5.8	5.7	6.1	6.3	7.4	7.2	8.0	16.1	11.6	6.2	8.4
Todd	4.0	3.9	3.3	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.6	4.2	4.8	11.7	7.1	3.3	4.7
Trigg	5.1	4.2	3.8	4.4	3.8	4.0	5.5	5.3	6.2	17.1	10.0	4.7	6.3

*Source: Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS)

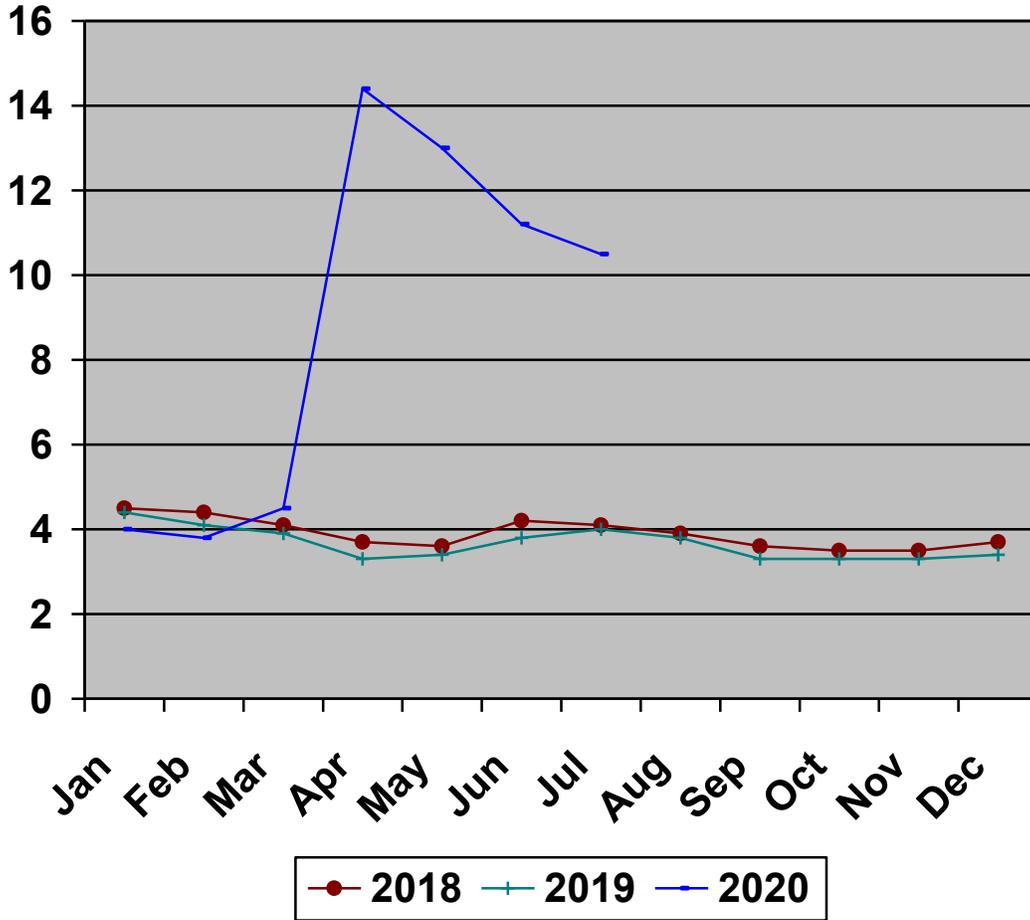
July 2020 Averages

U.S. Unemployment Rate – 10.5% (seasonally adjusted)

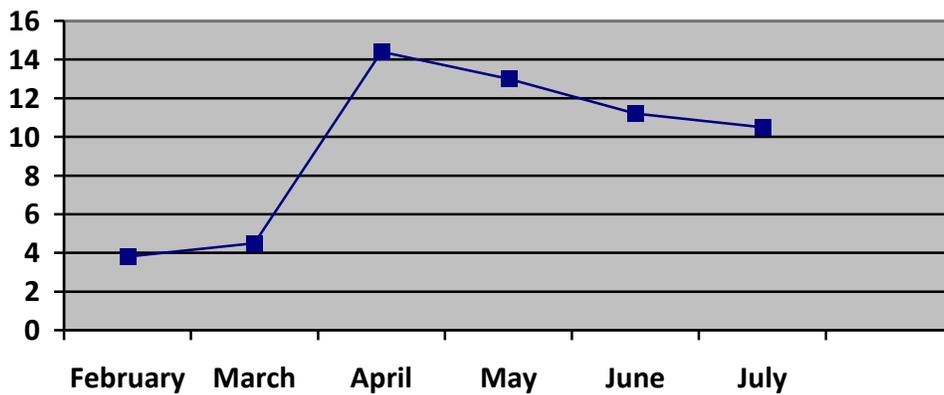
Kentucky Unemployment Rate – 6.2% (seasonally adjusted)

West Kentucky Unemployment Rate – 6.5% (not seasonally adjusted)

**2018- 2020 Annual Unemployment Rate
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11:45 am—12:00 pm Q&A



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Pennyrile Area Development District

Resolution 2020-02

WHEREAS, broadband is essential today for community vitality, including competitive economic development, affordable and quality health care, equitable education and effective government; and

WHEREAS, vast areas of the Pennyrile region lack access to affordable and reliable high-speed broadband services that meet or exceed the federal broadband standards; and

WHEREAS, the recent COVID-19 pandemic has put a spotlight on the need for broadband access in rural areas. As Kentuckians complied with shelter in place guidelines, the need for broadband for work, school, doctor appointments, and other essential communications has been amplified; and

WHEREAS, Kenergy Corp. is a nonprofit electric cooperative engaged in the business of distributing retail electric power to member consumers in the Pennyrile counties of Hopkins, Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon, and Livingston; and

WHEREAS, Kenergy Corp. desires to provide broadband access to its members; however, KRS 278.2201 and KRS 278.2213 prohibits Public Service Commission (PSC) regulated electricity providers from subsidizing non-regulated activities such as broadband development; and

WHEREAS, Kenergy Corp. has requested a waiver of KRS 278.2201 and KRS 278.2213 from the PSC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Pennyrile Area Development District supports the development of broadband infrastructure throughout the region.
2. The Pennyrile Area Development District supports Kenergy's request for a waiver from PSC allowing them to engage in the development and financing of broadband activities.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Pennyrile Area Development District held on the 14th day of September, 2020.

Judge Perry Newcom, Chair

Attest

**MINUTES OF
PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Judge Hollis Alexander, Judge Larry Curling, Mr. Bart Frazer, Ms. Lori Harper, Mr. Gary Jones, Mr. Scott Marshall, Judge Perry Newcom, Judge Steve Tribble, Judge Wade White, Judge Jack Whitfield, and Mayor Jan Yonts.

GUEST: Tonya Grace, Kentucky New Era

STAFF: Cheri Farmer, Amy Frogue, Alisha Sutton, and Jason Vincent.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Perry Newcom called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and recognized a voting quorum. Due to the current State of Emergency regarding threats to public health presented by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, this meeting was conducted by videoconference (Zoom).
- II. MINUTES:** Minutes of the June 25, 2020 Executive Committee meeting were presented for approval. A copy was included in the online meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Judge Hollis Alexander to approve the June 25, 2020 minutes as presented. Judge Jack Whitfield seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- III. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ms. Alisha Sutton, Administrative Officer, presented the Financial Report as of 7/31/2020. A copy was provided in the online packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Ms. Sutton reported year to date personnel expenses total \$234,029.01 (7.34% of personnel budget); Travel expenses total \$231.16 (.10% of travel budget) - due to COVID-19 mandates, travel has been limited; Operating Expenses total \$56,530.72 (7.91% of operating expense budget); and Total Expenses Year to Date are \$290,790.89, which is 7.04% of budgeted expenditures. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Mr. Scott Marshall to accept the Financial Report as presented. Mr. Gary Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Jason Vincent, Executive Director, stated a copy of the credit card statements was provided in the online packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Please review the statements at your convenience and let us know if you have any questions. As you will see, there has not been a lot of activity. Informational; no action taken.

- IV. DISASTER RECOVERY/RESILIENCY COORDINATOR RFQ:** Mr. Vincent stated last week a press release was issued from the Governor's office announcing the award of \$6M in CARES Act funding through the EDA with \$392,000 allocated to each of the 15 Area Development Districts. The remaining 1% each year will cover administrative costs for DLG.
 - **DRC Job Ad** - A portion of the EDA funds will be used to hire a Disaster Recovery/Resiliency Coordinator on a contract basis (24 months or when funds end), under the direction of PeADD, to act as the centralized regional point of contact for all coronavirus related information. A job advertisement was published in the Kentucky New Area and on all PeADD social media platforms. Ms. Amy Frogue, Associate Director, CED, reviewed details of the position and responsibilities outlined in the DRC

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Job Ad, which was provided in the online meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There were no questions or concerns.

- DRC RFQ Scoring Summary – Mr. Vincent stated Officers of the PADD Board of Directors (Judge Perry Newcom, Judge Hollis Alexander, Ms. Crissy Carter, and Mayor Jan Yonts) reviewed and evaluated applications utilizing criteria based on RFQ requirements and protocols. Two individuals, Michael Kelley (Madisonville/Hopkins Co.) and Chris Sutton (Eddyville/Lyon Co.) were the only two applicants. A copy of the scoring sheet was provided in the online meeting packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Based on ranking, Mr. Sutton is the recommended candidate. There were additional questions and discussion regarding the evaluation process and breakdown/use of funds. Ms. Alisha Sutton stated the budgeted amount is \$170,000 (\$156,800 EDA awarded funding and \$13,200 additional RLF award funding). There were no further questions. **Motion** made by Judge Hollis Alexander to authorize PeADD to offer the position of DRC Coordinator to Mr. Chris Sutton. Judge Wade White seconded the motion and the motion carried.

V. LOAN REVIEW: Ms. Amy Frogue stated the Loan Committee met earlier today and are recommending the following loan proposals for approval:

- Marion Hardwoods, Inc. Loan – Marion Hardwoods, Inc. is a sawmill operation in Marion, KY and its main customer is Altenburg Hardwood Lumber Co. located in Altenburg, Missouri. A copy of the Loan Review Data Sheet was provided in the online meeting packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Marion Hardwoods is expanding in order to produce higher value lumber and increase production volume by 25-40% by adding a second saw. Total loan amount from PADD is \$125,000 at an interest rate of 4% for 10-year term. Other proposed financing is a loan from the City of Marion for \$125,000; a grant from the City of Marion for \$120,000; and owner equipment in the amount of \$279,300 for total project of \$649,300. The project is anticipated to create four (4) full-time jobs and retain 15 full-time jobs at the location. The City of Marion loan will be contingent upon the annexation of the property. **Motion** made by Judge Wade White to accept the loan request recommendation from the Loan Committee as presented for Marion Hardwoods, Inc. in the amount of \$125,000; contingent on the loan approval from the City of Marion. Judge Larry Curling seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Strader Farms, LLC COVID RLF Loan – this is the first COVID-19 Business Loan applicant. Strader Farms, LLC is located in North Todd County and is a small farming operation. A copy of the COVID-19 Business Loan Summary was provided in the online meeting packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. The loan request is in the amount of \$25,000 to be used for working capital (fuel, salaries – 2 employees, and utilities) at an interest rate of .5% for a term of 36-months. Collateral is a 1997 Chevrolet truck and personal guarantee of owners Jamie Strader and Carter Strader. Mr. Vincent stated the Straders received a good reference from Judge Executive Todd Mansfield. **Motion** made by Ms. Lori Harper to accept the loan request recommendation from the Loan Committee as presented for Strader Farmers, LLC in the amount of \$25,000. Mr. Scott Marshall seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Mr. Vincent stated we received a \$690,000 funding award for this program to provide loans to small businesses over the next two years, so please let us know if you have a business in your community that needs assistance. Once the DRC Coordinator is on board, he will begin marketing and advertising this program more aggressively.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, **Motion** was made by Mr. Scott Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 p.m. Judge Steve Tribble seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Perry Newcom, Board Chair

Jan Yonts, Board Secretary

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Project Summary Report

KY202008121010

Title: Casey's General Stores request to USDA Higher Blend Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIP)

Project Information	Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information
WRIS:	Casey's General Stores		Federal: \$4,978,400.00
Status: Approved			Applicant: \$4,978,400.00
Federal: USDA	Jake Comer	Jake Comer	State: \$0.00
CFDA: 10.754	(515) 201-4440	(515) 201-4440	Local: \$0.00
County: Muhlenberg	Jake.Comer@caseys.com	Jake.Comer@caseys.com	Program: \$0.00
			Other: \$0.00
			TOTAL: \$9,956,800.00

(List):

Desc.: Casey's General Stores is proposing to replace 6 fuel dispensers at the existing Casey's at 645 S 2nd St, Central City KY 42330, to add blended fuels. If awarded, the swap will be conducted during the project period, estimated prior to April 30, 2022. By the end of 2020, Casey's will have a more specific time frame for the Kentucky site. The request includes 70 sites in 13 states, including one site in Kentucky.

KY202008181033

Title: Madisonville - Noel Avenue Interceptor Project

Project Information	Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information
WRIS: SX21107022	City of Madisonville		Federal: \$8,816,034.32
Status: Under Review			Applicant: \$2,267,933.68
Federal: EDA	Kevin Cotton	Amy Frogue	State: \$0.00
CFDA: 11.300	(270) 824-2100	(270) 886-9484	Local: \$0.00
County: Hopkins	mayor@madisonvillegov.com	amy.frogue@ky.gov	Program: \$0.00
			Other: \$0.00
			TOTAL: \$11,083,968.00

(List):

Desc.: Phase 1: This phase consists of 1,291 LF of 48 inch gravity up to its connection with the existing 36 inch sewer southwest of Devonshire Drive. From that junction approximately 4,369 LF of 42 inch gravity sewer will be laid to Noel Avenue, at which time the Noel Avenue Lift Station will be abandoned. This phase has also been designed in such a way that in the future 1,158 LF of 8 inch PVC sewer can be installed to Meadow Lane thereby eliminating the need for the Meadow Lane pump station which will be abandoned. The projected construction cost for Phase 1 is \$2,894,972.

Phase 2: Approximately 3,673 LF of 36 inch will be laid to and connected to the existing Noel Avenue trunk line and the Mahr Park line just west of Pride Avenue Drive Spur. From this point the sewer line is reduced down to a 30 inch PVC and proceeds north and east to the Ahlstrom Filtration discharge point, a distance of 2,537 LF to the end of the project interceptor. Also during the section, the line has been designed to eliminate three additional lift stations, which are Thompson Avenue, Railroad Street and Southern States lift stations. The projected construction cost for Phase 2 is \$2,877,133.

Phase 3: This phase consists of the construction of a new lift station behind Sureway, and the abandonment of the existing Hospital lift station. Currently the flow from Ahlstrom and flow from the Railroad Lift station flows via gravity east under Main Street and CSX to the Hospital lift station. The flow from Ahlstrom combined with Baptist Health Hospital, Railroad Lift Station and some flow from Martin Mall is currently pumped east toward the East Side Lift Station, which equates to approximately 900 gpm. Phase 3 will install a new lift station behind Sureway which will take that flow plus an additional 400 gpm from the proposed Phase 4 Transportation Lift Station and pump it to the starting point of the West Noel Interceptor behind Ahlstrom. This project will dramatically reduce the flow to Eastside

KY202008241044

Title: Earlington - Hwy 336 & Flat Creek Rd Water Line Extension

Project Information	Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information
WRIS: WX21107056	City of Earlington		Federal: \$685,900.00
Status: Under Review			Applicant: \$0.00
Federal: EDA	Philip Hunt	Amy Frogue	State: \$0.00
CFDA: 11.300	(270) 383-5364	(270) 886-9484	Local: \$0.00
County: Hopkins	mayor@earlingtongovcity.com	amy.frogue@ky.gov	Program: \$0.00
			Other: \$0.00
(List):			TOTAL: \$685,900.00

Desc.: The City of Earlington is seeking to construct a water line extension along Sandcut Rd (Ky-336) to run utility services to a new industrial site. The project includes approximately 5,200 LF of 8" PVC, 15 valves, 5 hydrants, and SCADA. This project will be constructed in conjunction with the Earlington Sewer Line Extension Project (SX21107030).

KY202008241045

Title: Earlington - Hwy 336 & Flat Creek Rd Sewer Line Extension

Project Information	Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information
WRIS: SX21107030	City of Earlington		Federal: \$314,100.00
Status: Under Review			Applicant: \$0.00
Federal: EDA	Philip Hunt	Amy Frogue	State: \$0.00
CFDA: 11.300	(270) 383-5364	(270) 886-9484	Local: \$0.00
County: Hopkins	mayor@earlingtongovcity.com	amy.frogue@ky.gov	Program: \$0.00
			Other: \$0.00
(List):			TOTAL: \$314,100.00

Desc.: The City of Earlington is seeking to construct a sewer line extension along Flat Creek Rd. and Sandcut Rd. to serve a new industry planning to build on Sandcut Rd. The Project includes approximately 1,000 LF of 8" PVC gravity sewer and approximately 1,500 LF of 4" PVC force main. In addition, a duplex pump station will be constructed. This project will be constructed in conjunction with the Earlington Water Line Extension Project (WX21107056).

September 11, 2020



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

COVID-19 Relief and Stopgap Spending Negotiations Continue as Fiscal Year Deadline Approaches

Congressional negotiations regarding additional COVID-19 relief legislation continued this week as lawmakers returned from August recess. On Thursday, the Senate held a vote on the so-called "skinny" coronavirus relief legislation that was originally unveiled in August. However, the bill fell short of the 60 votes needed for the legislation to pass in the Senate, turning attention back on talks between Congressional leaders and the White House. The overall cost of another round of coronavirus relief funding remains one of the central obstacles hampering negotiations.

Meanwhile, lawmakers must also work quickly on a stopgap spending bill before FY 2020 appropriations expire at the end of this month. Last week, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin agreed to pursue a "clean" continuing resolution (CR) that would extend current FY 2020 spending levels into the next fiscal year, while avoiding so-called "poison pill" provisions that could interfere with bill passage.

However, key areas of disagreement remain, particularly regarding the length of the funding extension, and certain requests for inclusion in the CR made by lawmakers and the Administration. The inclusion of billions of dollars of relief for states affected by natural disasters like hurricanes and wildfires in the CR has also complicated negotiations. In order to prevent a partial government shutdown, a CR must be passed before the end of the fiscal year on September 30.

NADO NEWS AND NOTES

Economic Development Administration Announces Notice of Funding Opportunity for STEM Talent Challenge

The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) has [announced](#) a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the [STEM Talent Challenge](#). EDA is seeking applications from eligible applicants to create and implement innovative science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) apprenticeship models that complement their respective region's innovation economy. The STEM Talent Challenge seeks to develop or expand regional workforce capacity to support high-growth, high-wage entrepreneurial ventures, industries of the future (which usually includes industries that leverage emerging technologies), and other innovation-driven businesses that have a high likelihood of accelerating economic competitiveness and job creation in their respective regions and in the United States. EDA has made available \$2,000,000 for investment in a projected total of ten awards. Applications are due **October 14**. To view a list of eligible applicants or apply for this NOFO, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.eda.gov/grants).

Please Respond to Our NADO Member Survey about How Your Organization is Utilizing CARES Act Funding

This past spring, NADO and NADO RF staff reached out to members with two short questionnaires to hear how you are responding to the challenges and setbacks caused by the current pandemic, as well as resource needs in anticipation of federal funding. By now, nearly all EDDs have received non-competitive EDA CARES Act funding to support recovery and resilience efforts and have begun to take the next steps in hiring staff, initiating projects, and building wider coalitions. Please take a few minutes to respond to a [new 5-minute inquiry](#) about how your organization plans to utilize EDA and other federal CARES Act funding and what the current status of your effort is. The information you provide will be used by our staff

to advance our research and information dissemination activities as well as inform our advocacy initiatives. Click [here](#) to access the survey. Please contact Brett Schwartz at bschwartz@nado.org with any questions and comments about the survey.



NADO's Virtual 2020 Annual Training Conference Preliminary Agenda Now Available

NADO's virtual 2020 Annual Training Conference (ATC) will be held from **October 20-22**. Registration is now open; you can access the registration page [here](#) and you can access the preliminary agenda [here](#). As staff continue planning sessions and confirming speakers, the agenda will be updated regularly. The opening plenary session on Tuesday October 20 will provide attendees with promising examples of the work NADO members are doing to help their regions manage the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. On Wednesday October 21, Josh Davies from the Center for Work Ethic Development will share his expertise on emerging trends in workforce development. And on Thursday October 22, a plenary session will take a close look at the relationship between economic development and justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion – this session will be facilitated by Jazmine Kilpatrick who focuses on this topic in her role with the Local Government Federal Credit Union and will include a panel of NADO members who have been working on these issues in their regions and organizations.

A slate of breakout sessions will feature topics including innovative approaches to public engagement; resiliency planning to support economic recovery; brownfields redevelopment strategies; continuity of operations plans; building up tourism-based economies that can endure economic downturns; broadband connectivity; entrepreneurship and Wealthworks; housing as part of economic strategy; and more. As a twist on standard “conversation cafés,” NADO will instead offer “block parties” during one of the lunchtime blocks—these will provide attendees with opportunities to stop by a virtual meeting room to talk about specific topics.

NADO typically recognizes NADO Impact Award winners during a roundtable reception at the ATC. While an in-person reception won't be possible this year, NADO is planning a special way to share the winners with you during the conference and will provide more details soon.

NADO is excited to be able to offer the ATC via a virtual platform this year and we hope that you will take advantage of the lower conference rates to allow more staff to attend than would typically be possible. Registration rates this year are \$350 for members (early bird rate prior ends October 6, 2020) and \$500 for non-members. Registration is now open; you can access the registration page [here](#). Please visit www.nado.org regularly for ongoing updates and information about the conference agenda and the registration process. We will share conference updates on

NADO's [website](#), in NADO News, through direct communications from NADO staff, and through our Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Upcoming Webinar Series to Feature StatsAmerica Resources; First Installment Will Highlight the Big Radius Tool

A new series of webinars and demos has been announced for [StatsAmerica.org](#), a site built for and used by hundreds of thousands of people each year to help in their community and economic development efforts. It is built and maintained by the [Indiana Business Research Center \(IBRC\)](#) at Indiana University, with significant support from the [U.S. Economic Development Administration](#). In the first demo on **September 17 at 1:30 p.m. ET**, IBRC staff will explore the features and ask for feedback on [The Big Radius Tool](#), which generates an economic and labor force report for a custom radius ranging from 25 to 500 miles. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



NADO's 2020 Photo Contest Extended Until September 18

The [2020 NADO Photo Contest](#) has been extended until **September 18**. Thank you to all who have submitted photos already! The contest is an opportunity for our member organizations to tell the story of their regions through images that capture the people and places that make their communities wonderful places to live, work, and play. Photos submitted from our member organizations will be judged in the following categories: *Building Vibrant Places*, *Strengthening the Built and Natural Environments*, *Investing in our Regional Economy*, *Sustaining our Communities*, and *COVID-19 Response and Recovery*. Winners and runners-up will be decided in these five categories, as well as a "People's Choice" winner that will be selected by public votes through our Facebook page. Last year, nearly 150 images were submitted – click [here](#) to see the 2019 winners and runners-up. Click [here](#) to learn contest details and download an application form. Contact Brett Schwartz at bschwartz@nado.org with any questions.

National Regional Transportation Conference Videos Available

Recordings of NADO's 2020 National Regional Transportation Conference sessions have been posted to the [conference website](#). Find a link to the videos under the Agenda and Presentations tab. The videos are password protected for registered attendees only; attendees should check their email for a message from NADO staff containing the password. Slides and other session materials are available to attendees and non-attendees on the Agenda and Presentations page.

Save the date for next year's National Regional Transportation Conference, scheduled for July 20 – 22, 2021!

Aspen Institute to Host Webinar on Rural Housing Challenges in the Unfolding Pandemic

Since the pandemic began, homes have become offices, schools, places of worship and our safe havens. But in many rural places and tribal communities, housing is a growing challenge. Many cannot work or learn from home because of connectivity challenges. Others face mortgages or rents too high to afford with newly depressed wages or newly inflated real estate and rent prices caused by competition from a flood of urban refugees. But brick by brick and loan by loan, committed rural organizations are providing assistance to keep rural residents sheltered as the pandemic and its effects unfold.

Join the Aspen Institute for the third ROAD Session, in which rural and tribal organizations will share their analysis and useful strategies for helping rural residents, workers and families address housing distress and homelessness. They will provide details on available housing programs and modes of collaboration useful to advance safe, affordable, solutions now and over the long-term, including strategies that could help fend off further crisis if federal and state unemployment and housing assistance run dry. This virtual exchange will be held on **September 22, 2020 from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. ET** and will be followed by Peer-Learning Breakout Sessions. You can register for the [virtual exchange here](#).

Funding Opportunity: Community Mobility Ready-to-Launch Grants

The National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM)'s Community Mobility Ready-to-Launch Grants will fund community teams to conduct pilots of already designed solutions that support low-income community members to become more fully engaged in economic opportunities, improve their health and well-being, and/or become more integrated into their community. Grants up to \$75,000 will be awarded to selected applicants. Applicants must be a non-profit or a government agency that is able to receive, or be a subrecipient of, federal funding. For details, visit the [NCMM website](#). The deadline to apply is **October 1, 2020**.

Determinants of Health in Rural Communities Toolkit

The Rural Health Information Hub has developed a Social Determinants of Health in Rural Communities [Toolkit](#). The toolkit compiles promising models and resources to support organizations implementing programs to address social determinants of health in rural communities. Topics include food access, health promotion, telehealth, and rural transportation. In addition, the toolkit offers strategies for evaluating programs, sustaining funding, and disseminating information.

USDOT Releases National Freight Strategic Plan

On September 3, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) released its first [National Freight Strategic Plan](#). The plan was developed through a multi-agency effort involving extensive consultation with freight stakeholders in both the public and private sectors. USDOT will use the plan to guide national freight policy, programs, initiatives, and investments; identify freight data and research needs; and provide a framework for increased cross-sector,

multijurisdictional, and multimodal coordination. The plan identifies strategic objectives within three goal areas: safety, infrastructure, and innovation. The plan also documents the nation's existing freight network and significant trends and challenges. Read the full document [here](#) (PDF).

HUD Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program Funding Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) announcing the availability of \$91,125,000 in FY 2020 funding for its [Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program](#). Community Compass is designed to help communities navigate complex housing and community development challenges by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, tools, capacity, and systems to implement HUD programs and policies successfully.

Eligible applicants for this NOFO are applying to be HUD technical assistance (TA) providers, not for funding specific projects of their own. HUD is seeking applicants with knowledge and expertise in the areas of programs for housing, education, economic development, and workforce development. For more information, a [FAQ sheet](#) is available. All questions regarding specific program requirements for this NOFO should be directed to communitycompass@hud.gov.

Orton Family Foundation Hosting Webinar Series on its Heart and Soul Approach to Community Development

The [Orton Family Foundation](#) is hosting a free [Getting Started with Community Heart & Soul Virtual Workshop series](#), starting on **September 29**. This five-part series will prepare participants to get started with Community Heart & Soul, a unique community development model that brings people together to build stronger, healthier, and more economically vibrant small cities and towns based on what matters most to everyone. It results in a clear path for the future while restoring pride, attracting new leaders, honoring history and culture, and building trust. Guided by three principles—"involve everyone," "focus on what matters most," and "play the long game"—Community Heart & Soul towns in 19 states from Maine to Washington are demonstrating resilience during crisis. Click [here](#) to learn more about the webinar series and register.

FTA Announces Innovative Mobility Grant Recipients

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently announced that 25 projects have been funded as part of the Accelerating Innovative Mobility (AIM) [program](#), including 20 projects located in rural areas. A complete [list of AIM recipients](#) is available on the FTA website.

Job Announcements

Research Triangle Foundation in North Carolina Seeks Vice President of Strategic Engagement

The Research Triangle Foundation (RTF) in North Carolina is seeking a strategic relationship builder to fill its Vice President (VP) of Strategic Engagement position. The VP of Strategic Engagement reports to the President & CEO and is responsible for strategically positioning

North Carolina's Research Triangle Park (RTP) through strengthening RTP company, university, and other stakeholder relationships. This role promotes RTP and RTF activities while establishing relationships with key Park Company representatives. The VP of Strategic Engagement will serve as staff and administer the activities of a number of organizations under the RTF umbrella including TUCASI, Owners & Tenants Association, the RTP Service District Advisory Council and sub-committees of Owners & Tenants that currently include the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (DEI), Security Committee, O&T Executive Committee and Committee on the Environment and Sustainability and the RTP Charitable Fund. For more information about this job please view [here](#).

Economic Recovery Coordinator in Southwest Colorado

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation is seeking a part time economic development recovery coordinator. Applicants should have prior project/economic development experience, collaboration skills, experience with Archuleta County, Colorado or similar mountain communities, and proven written and verbal communication skills. All proposals should be submitted via e-mail or hard copy to Laura Lewis Marchino at laura@scan.org or to Region 9 Economic Development District (EDD), 135 Burnett Dr. Unit 1, Durango Colorado 81301, no later than **5 p.m. on September 18, 2020**. Details of the job description, requirements, and documents needed in submitting resumes can be found at www.pagosaspringscdc.org. For more information about this job please view [here](#).

NADO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NADO 2020 Annual Training Conference

Will be held virtually from October 20-22, 2020

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PADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The PADD Board of Directors held a virtual meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. (CDT). Federal and State reports were provided by agency representatives. KY State Senator Whitney Westerfield reported CARES Act funding is making a difference in many sectors. He noted there are a host of issues related to COVID-19 that continue to be discussed and addressed, such as students returning to in-person school instruction, use & limitation of executive orders, evictions, and unemployment insurance claims. While not in session, committees are reviewing regulations and exploring areas based upon feedback. Amy Frogue, PADD Associate Director, CED, presented a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Plan for the CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund Supplemental Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Award. The RLF Loan Fund Plan was approved by the Board. Jill Collins, Pennyrile AAAIL Director, provided an update on the aging waiting list, nutrition program and plans for the upcoming Walk to End Alzheimer's event.



Sheila Clark, WKWB Director, provided an update on the labor market, unemployment rates, career center activity, the National Dislocated Worker's Grant employment recovery opportunity, and youth programs in the west KY area. Judge Executive Jack Whitfield (Hopkins Co.), presented information on the formation of the West Kentucky Coalition whose purpose will be to provide a platform for which the western most counties of the Commonwealth can come together to share and promote a common and coordinated level of support on issues that affect our region at the local, state, and federal levels. Jason Vincent, PADD Executive Director, presented a corporate resolution for the Revolving Loan Fund (CARES Act funding) and a corporate resolution for Pennyrile Area Development District, acting fiscal agent for West Kentucky Coalition, for approval; both resolutions were approved by the Board. We will continue to hold our monthly board meetings in a virtual manner until COVID-19 restrictions allow otherwise. In the meantime, operations at the PADD Office continue in accordance with our Healthy at Work Plan. Please contact our office at 270-886-9484 if we can be of assistance to you!

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PeADD COVID-19 Business Relief Working Capital Loan Program



Beginning on July 1, 2020, the Pennyrile Area Development District will offer a working capital loan program to support local small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Utilizing additional Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Funds, the PeADD Board of Directors approved using these additional funds for loans ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. These loans can be used to meet short-term working capital needs such as payroll, rent, utilities, interest payments, supplies, inventory management, and/or payments to suppliers.

Businesses must be located within one of the Pennyrile counties to be eligible to apply: Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg. Loan terms include a maximum of 36 months, with an optional six (6) month deferral from the date of loan closure. Interest rates will range from 0.5% to 2.44%. No closing fees will be charged unless appraisal or title work is required. The business does have to provide any available collateral and show an ability to repay the loan. Applications will be accepted until the funds are exhausted, or until June 30, 2022.

Priority will be given to projects that have the greatest impact on employment. Additionally, projects should be in the industrial, commercial, agricultural, and service sectors. Businesses that have received a loan through the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) for the same activity are not eligible to apply for this program. An application packet for the PeADD COVID-19 Business Relief Working Capital Loan Program can be found at the Pennyrile ADD website, www.peadd.org, or may also request an application by phone at 270-886-9484 or via email to chris.sutton@ky.gov or amy.froque@ky.gov.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - CONT'D



Chris Sutton

Disaster Recovery/Resiliency Coordinator Selected

PADD welcomed back Chris Sutton on September 1, 2020 as the organization's Disaster Recovery/Resiliency Coordinator. The Disaster Recovery/Resiliency Coordinator (DRC), a 24 month contract position, was funded through CARES Act funds from the Economic Development Administration that will be administered by the Kentucky Department for Local Government. In his capacity as the DRC, Sutton will be tasked with acting as a centralized regional point of contact for all coronavirus related information as it pertains to cities, counties, Emergency Management Directors, first responders, businesses, industries, education, medical providers, and other community stakeholder organizations to identify impacts, recovery needs, and resources. The DRC will also assist area stakeholders in the development of strategies and/or solutions presented by the coronavirus in an effort to overcome obstacles and to re-adapt economically. Sutton will also oversee PADD's COVID-19 Business Relief Working Capital Revolving Loan Fund Program. Chris can be reached via email at chris.sutton@ky.gov.

PENNYRILE AAAIL

Ombudsman Resume Visits in Nursing Homes...on a Limited Basis

Pennyrile District Long Term Care Ombudsman, Cindy Tabor, began in person visits on August 24, 2020. As of August 14, 2020, Long Term Care Ombudsman are now considered an "essential visitor" by the Department for Aging and Independent Living, Office of the Commissioner. Cindy Tabor, pictured right, is allowed to visit one nursing facility every five days. There are 30 facilities in the Pennyrile, nine county district. Many new restrictions apply, part of which are the face mask and face shield. Every facility is different and they set their policies based on the recommendations of the Governor's Office and DAAL. It is recommended to call the facility first to schedule a visit by friends, family, or the Ombudsman. If you have concerns, questions or complaints about friends or family residing in a nursing facility, there are several ways to contact your local ombudsman program:

Phone: 270-886-9484

Website: www.peadd.org

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Cindy Tabor

Senior Citizen Centers Operations - Update

The nine senior centers in the Pennyrile Region continue to be closed, since March 16, 2020, in an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Curbside meal pick-up at all nine senior centers continues to be an alternative option to congregated meals (lunch meals served at senior centers).

State and federally funded home delivered meals continue to be provided in all nine counties and an additional 760 individuals have received home delivered meals based on additional federal funding related to COVID-19. From March 16, 2020 to August 21, 2020, clients in the Pennyrile Region were provided with over 118,500 meals.

Additional services such as homemaking and personal care continue to be provided, following CDC guidelines related to COVID-19, with federal and state funding to individuals in the Pennyrile Region. Currently there is a waiting list for in-home services.

Individuals needing meals or in-home assistance can contact the Pennyrile Aging & Disability Resource Center at 1-866-844-4396 for more information, eligibility screening, and referral to potential services/programs.



Shannon Jackson

Area on Aging & Independent Living Welcomes New Staff Member

Shannon Jackson was hired as a social service case manager on August 10, 2020. She lives in Muhlenberg County and is a 2002 graduate of Western Kentucky University with a BA in psychology and a 2017 graduate of Regent University with a MA in Human Services Counseling. She worked for over 17 years in various positions at the Pennyroyal Center and has experience with Long Term Care. Shannon is married and has two sons. She enjoys the outdoors, animals, gardening, cooking and crafts. She is also an active member of Joines Chapel General Baptist Church. **Welcome Shannon!**

Medicare Beneficiaries!

Are you currently receiving Medicare and paying for your Part B monthly premium? If so, there is a program that may be able to assist you with that premium cost. If your income is under \$1,456/single or \$1,960/married and your resources/assets are under \$7,860/single or \$11,800/married, then you may qualify to receive assistance through the state with a program called the Medicare Savings Program. This program may help pay for your Part B premiums and *potentially* assist in also paying for Part A premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments, depending on your income level. To determine if you are eligible and to apply, contact Ali Jones with the Pennyrile Area Development District in Hopkinsville, KY at (866) 844-4396 or (270) 886-9484.

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10:00 am—11:30 am Carhartt Opportunities & Veteran Success Stories
 11:30 am—11:45 am Madisonville/Hopkins County Community Spotlight
 11:45 am—12:00 pm Q&A



EMPLOYMENT RECOVERY

Employment Recovery exists to assist workers impacted by closures, layoffs, and temporary layoffs due to the pandemic. Services planned include short-term training leading to employment opportunities in existing high demand jobs as well as emerging sectors, temporary employment to assist with humanitarian assistance, recovery, health, and safety, individualized career services and counseling, supportive services, and assistance to retain employment quickly in high demand sectors such as healthcare, trucking, and other regional needs.

Visit our website at www.wkworkforce.work/employmentrecovery for more information, including:

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PADD STAFF RECOGNITION



Belinda Babb

Belinda Babb, National Family Caregiver Program Coordinator, began working at PADD on September 1, 2015 and is celebrating five(5) years of service. Belinda is responsible for the day to day implementation of the National Family Caregiver Program, including home assessments, case management and facilitating local Alzheimer's support groups. She also provides assistance to the LTC Ombudsman program. Prior to joining PADD, Belinda was employed at the Christian County Health Department as an Account Clerk III. In addition, she served eight years in the Army National Guard and was promoted to Staff Sergeant in 2004. She graduated from Lindsey Wilson College in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services and Counseling. Her primary goal was to work with women and children, but God led her to work with the elderly population. She enjoys talking with the elders we serve through this great agency. Belinda's favorite past-time is health and fitness. She is a licensed Zumba instructor and loves giving back to those in need through all types of fitness programs. She is also the Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Hopkinsville High School, where she enjoys working with young ladies who love the game of basketball. Her husband, Anthony, is the Head Basketball Coach, and this year they celebrated 17 years of marriage. She hopes the young ladies watching them work together as a team will make a difference in their lives someday. Family is very important to Belinda and she enjoys spending time with their six children and 10 grandchildren, laughing and enjoying life to the fullest!



Cheri Farmer, PADD Executive Assistant, began working for PADD on September 20, 2010 and is celebrating ten (10) years of service. Cheri serves as Executive Assistant to Jason Vincent, PADD Executive Director, and is responsible for administrative correspondence, record keeping, all travel arrangements for staff and board members, and is editor of our monthly newsletter and annual report. Prior to joining PADD, Cheri was employed by Heritage Bank as an Executive Assistant and she has also worked in the health care field in the same capacity for over 16 years. She graduated from Austin Peay State University with an Associate of Science Degree and one of her passions is giving back to and supporting the communities in which she lives/works. Cheri has served on various boards and committees to include the United Way of the Pennyriple, Leadership-Hopkinsville Christian County, Christian County Chamber Military Affairs, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She and her husband, Ted, have been married for 24 years and together they have two sons, Stephen and Jackson. She is an active member of Pembroke Baptist Church, enjoys spending time with family, especially her grandson Charles, and scrapbooking with friends!



Cheri Farmer

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