

LENOWISCO PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION



GENERAL PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE STATUS REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2012

Note: Bullet (➤) indicates new project or significant change from previous report.

All project management activities, contracted or otherwise, will be tracked with the Project Management Status Report as a separate document.

REGIONAL PROJECTS

Powell River Ecosystem Restoration; The first phase has been completed. DMME has accepted work and will take over O&M. The next phase (Lick Branch, Big Branch and the Everglades) is expected to be ready for construction this fall.

Crooked Road Tech Center & Access Road; Staff assisted the Scott County EDA secure funding for this project. Phase I of the building and the access road are completed.

Crooked Road Tech Center Phase II; Staff assisted the Scott County EDA with completion of Federal EDA and Virginia Tobacco Commission grant applications. Both funding awards were recently announced and construction work is underway.

Crooked Road Economic Impact Study; A study was completed reviewing the economic impact of the "Crooked Road." A copy of this study is available on the LENOWISCO website at <http://www.lenowisco.org/>

FY2012 Utility Rate Survey; Work on this survey is currently under way and should be finalized by spring 2012.

LENOWISCO Rural Transportation Plan; The LENOWISCO Board of Directors adopted this plan in June 2011 and final printing of the plan is now under way. The Board of Directors will consider a project ranking list in the coming months.

LENOWISCO Regional Water Supply Plan; Several years in the making, the regional (LENOWISCO, Cumberland Plateau, Mount Rogers) water supply plan has been completed and submitted to DEQ. Staff assisted our localities meet DEQ guidelines regarding public hearings, resolution adoption, and drought ordinance passage, as applicable.

➤ **LENOWISCO Comprehensive Hazard Mitigation Plan;** Staff hosted a kick-off meeting in December for the regional hazard mitigation plan. Work is under way.

LENOWISCO Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; Staff conducted a significant update to its CEDS document, which was submitted to the U.S. Economic Development Administration in October.

LEE COUNTY

Lee County Comprehensive Plan Update; Staff is assisting the Lee County Planning Commission with the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Update which is approximately 80 percent complete. The plan is currently being reviewed by the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

Silver Leaf Water Extension-Phase 1; The engineering firm has prepared final plans and specifications and these have been submitted to the appropriate agencies for review. All of the easement documents have been drawn up and submitted to the PSA for acquisition.

➤ **Ocoonita Loop Water Extension;** Project is nearing final completion.

Blackwater Water Extension; A groundbreaking ceremony for this project was held in May 2011 and the project is currently under construction.

➤ **Stickleyville Water Extension;** The project is approximately 90% complete.

➤ **Frog Level Water Project;** Planning and preliminary design work for this project are on-going.

Thompson Settlement Water Extension; LENOWISCO awarded \$44,644 to this project in August 2008. Staff assisted the Lane Group and Lee County PSA with the resubmission of a VDH application in March 2009.

Robbins Chapel Water Extension - Phase 3; The project is complete.

Town of Jonesville Cumberland Bowl RV Park; The Town received two Virginia Tobacco Commission grant awards for this project. Work is under way on the initial phases of this project.

Town of Jonesville Water System Improvements; The Town's engineering firm has completed the mapping, hydraulic analysis, and leak detection work.

Stone Creek Water Extension; A PER is being prepared for the St. Charles Water and Sewage Authority to determine project costs and feasibility.

Woodway Water Authority System Improvements; The Authority's engineering firm is conducting the leak detection study. VDH is provided funding for the study.

Constitutional Oaks Park Development; Staff continues to assist the Lee County IDA with various activities related to the initial phase of site development of the business park.

Constitutional Oaks Shell Building Build-out; Staff assisted the Lee County IDA secure funding to complete its 60,000 sq.ft. shell building.

Machinery/Equipment Acquisition; Staff assisted the Lee County IDA with a Virginia Tobacco Commission funding application to support an active prospect.

Constitutional Oaks Access Road; Staff has assisted the Lee County IDA on possible access road funding at the Constitutional Oaks Park. Planning work on this project will continue.

Pennington Gap Broadband Planning Grant; Staff continues to assist the Town as needed with its comprehensive Community Telecommunications Plan.

➤ **Ewing Decentralized Wastewater Project;** Project is complete

Data Center Site Prep Project; The Lee County IDA was awarded funding to aid in preparation of a developable site in the Patriot center complex in Pennington Gap. Site plans are being completed, and the project is expected to be out for bid soon.

Wastewater Plant Expansion Design Project; The Lee County IDA was awarded funding to complete final design and permitting related to expansion of the Rose Hill wastewater treatment plant to accommodate and expedite future growth at the IDA's Constitutional Oaks business park in western Lee County. Final design is nearing completion.

➤ **Rose Hill Comprehensive Community Development;** Staff assisted Lee County and its Redevelopment and Housing Authority initiate a CDBG Planning Grant. Initial activities have been completed, and the County awaits further DHCD approval. (Staff also assisted with a similar proposal for a Woodway housing rehabilitation project, to be pursued subsequently.)

SCOTT COUNTY

Holston Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion; Construction is complete and final testing is currently under way. The PSA is currently treating sewage from the Town of Gate City at the plant and the old Gate City plant is now offline and demolished.

Route 65 Spivey Store to 3-Way Grocery (Clinch River Highway Phase II) Water Project; Construction began in early July 2011 and is progressing well.

Clinch River Highway Water Project - Phase I; The PSA completed construction.

Clinch River Water Treatment Plant; Staff and the Scott County PSA met with representatives from then-Congressman's Boucher's office, Rural Development and The Lane Group regarding potential funding sources. Planning and environmental work continues. The PSA Board of Directors has identified this as a top priority project.

Town of Nickelsville Community Medical Facility; Staff assisted the Town of Nickelsville with a CDBG application in March 2010 for this project. Staff further assisted the Town with the submission of a Virginia Tobacco Commission grant, subsequently funded at \$250,000. The CDBG award was also granted in the amount of \$700,000. Staff stands ready to assist the Town of Nickelsville with project management activities. Staff assisted with the submission of a \$430,000 application to the Tobacco Commission in mid July 2011, which has been referred to the VTC Executive Committee and a funding decision is still pending.

Possum Creek Water Extension – Phase I; Construction is complete.

Possum Creek Water Extension – Phase 2; PSA force account work on this project recently began.

Filter Plant Road Sewer Extension; This project will provide sewer service to the new Scott County Schools sports complex along Filter Plant Road near Gate City. LENOWISCO has provided design funds for this project and the project will be completed using force account work.

Stanley Valley Water Project; The PER has been submitted for VDH review. Staff assisted the PSA with a community meeting during November to gauge interest for this project. LENOWISCO will continue to assist the PSA during the planning stages.

Anglers Way Water Project; A funding application to CDBG was submitted on March 30, 2011. A funding decision is expected by February 2012.

- **Big Stoney Creek Water Project;** Staff anticipates assisting Scott County and the Scott County PSA on a CDBG water project submission in March 2012 for this project.
- **Foggy Bottom Water Project;** Staff anticipates assisting the Scott County PSA on a VDH loan/grant water project submission in March-April 2012 for this project.

Quarry Pond Water Supply Study; An earlier study did not adequately test the regeneration rate of the Quarry Pond (on the western end of Gate City) as a water source. The Scott County PSA and Crossroads Engineering completed testing in March 2009, drawing roughly 1.25 million gallons of water from the reservoir to test the regeneration rate. This study was completed and submitted for VDH review.

Boozy Creek Phase III Water Extension; Planning work is under way for this project. The PSA plans to apply to the Virginia Department of Health for project funding in the future.

Otterhouse Water Extension; Construction is complete.

Yuma Sewer Extension, Phase 1A; Construction is underway.

Yuma Sewer Extension, Phases 1B and 2; Staff is currently assisting the PSA on the update of the Yuma Sewer Environmental Report for these additional phases. The PSA plans to apply to USDA Rural Development in the coming months for this project.

Daniel Boone Sewer Project; The Scott County PSA is working with Lane Engineering to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report for this project. The PSA plans to apply to the USDA Rural Development agency for funding in the coming months.

Wadlow Gap Water Extension; Project is complete.

Rye Cove Water Extension; Project is complete.

Fort Blackmore Water Extension; Project is complete.

Duffield Gateway Project; Construction work was recently completed.

Wadlow Gap Sewer Extension; A PER is being prepared to determine feasibility and cost of extending public sewer service to the Wadlow Gap community.

Scott County Zoning Ordinance; The County has received Requests for Proposals from firms interested in helping to prepare the County's Zoning Ordinance. Staff will continue to assist the County in any manner requested with this matter.

Scott County Comprehensive Plan Update; the 2011 update has been completed.

Little Valley Water Project; Staff assisted the Scott County PSA with the submission of a Virginia Department of Health application in March 2007 that was subsequently funded. Plans are approved and the project is currently under construction and nearing completion.

Copper Creek Overlook; Paving and striping was completed in late 2009. Staff continues to work with VDOT and the Scott County EDA to install picnic tables, etc at the site.

E-Corridor Park Walking Trail; Staff is working with the Scott County EDA and The Lane Group for this project, currently funded from the VDOT Enhancement Grant Program. The project engineer will continue design work for this project as staff assists the EDA with VDOT project management. The project team is currently awaiting VDOT review of the construction plans.

Daniel Boone Expo and Interpretive Center; The Scott County EDA has worked with the project engineer and the project is expected to be re-bid soon.

Blackwater Water Extension; Staff assisted the Scott County PSA with resubmission of a VDH funding application in March 2008, with a funding offer extended in December 2008. The project was advertised for construction bids in March 2010, and bids came in below the engineer's estimate. Construction is under way

Bishoptown Area Water Project; Construction is complete.

Mine Data Center Study; Staff assisted the Scott County EDA in securing funding for feasibility analysis for the former Sunbright limestone mine.

Twin Springs Well; The Scott County PSA is exploring the possibility of assisting the Twin Springs High School with a new well. LENOWISCO staff will be available to assist as necessary on this project.

Bush Mill Restoration Project; The Scott County EDA and the Southwest Virginia Community Foundation were recently awarded \$200,000 from the VDOT Enhancement Grant Program for this project. LENOWISCO staff will assist with the environmental review and right of way certification. The environmental review process was recently completed by LENOWISCO staff and the document has been submitted to VDOT for review.

ASD Geothermal Project; Staff continues to assist Scott County and Appalachian Sustainable Development with a DMME Energy Efficiency Block Grant to develop a geothermal system to serve the ASD packinghouse situated in the Duffield industrial park.

Big Moccasin Water Project; Staff stands ready to assist the PSA in development of this large project between Gate City and Nickelsville (approx. 400 connections). PSA has requested preliminary planning and design funds from LENOWISCO and those have been awarded.

WISE COUNTY

Wise County Zoning Map Update; Additional changes have been requested and are ongoing at this time. Staff is currently working on transferring and conflating existing zoning data to the 7 ½' vector base mapping using new software similar to Lee County. Digitizing work on zoning revisions received from Wise County is ongoing.

Energy Research Facility; Staff continues to assist the Wise County IDA as needed with various items related to the project.

Big Stone Gap Community Network; This project has been incorporated into the larger LENOWISCO Rural Area Network. Fiber is currently in place in downtown Big Stone Gap and available for customer connections.

Lower Birchfield Water Extension; DHCD and VDH awarded funding for the project and construction is under way.

Crane's Nest and Tacoma Sewer Extension; The PSA's engineering firm is finalizing the PER after the PSA reviewed the draft copy and made comments. It has been submitted to DEQ and VDH for review.

Town of Pound Water System Improvements; The Town has received a \$50,000 VDH grant for improvements to the town's water system. The Town has also received a loan/grant offer from its second VDH application for water system improvements and construction is currently under way

Town of Pound Leak Detection; The Town received a VDH planning grant for leak detection work.

Town of Appalachia Leak Detection Study; The Town's engineering firm has completed 95 percent of the mapping and is identifying leaks in the town's water system. The final report will contain a plan to improve the town's accountability.

Bold Camp Sewer Extension Phase II; The project is nearing final completion.

Esserville Sewer Extension; A PER has been completed and approved by DEQ for public sewer service in the Esserville area.

Town of Big Stone Water & Sewer System Improvements; The Town has been awarded Rural Development funding for waterline replacement, with the project currently under construction.

Town of Pound Downtown Revitalization; This project is complete.

Town of Big Stone Gap Downtown Revitalization; This project was awarded funding in January 2010 and is progressing forward.

Town of Wise Downtown Revitalization; Construction of Big Glades Square is complete.

Town of Wise Downtown Streetscape Project; Staff continues to assist the Town of Wise with a VDOT Enhancement Grant for streetscaping and sidewalk work near Big Glades Square.

Town of St. Paul Downtown Revitalization; Staff is assisting the Town as needed.

St. Paul Hillman House Renovations; The project is complete.

Clinch River Farmers Market; Staff assisted the Town of St. Paul with a successful Virginia Tobacco Commission funding application to develop a permanent structure for its farmers market, and continues to assist the Town as needed.

Powell River Trail Project; The Town of Appalachia was awarded \$318,000 via the VDOT Enhancement Grant program in June 2010 and an additional \$184,000 in 2011. Plans to remove the rail from this corridor are underway. Bridge stabilization work is currently underway and should be completed in the coming weeks.

- **Wise Inn Redevelopment;** Staff continues to assist the County and the IDA with various issues related to project funding and implementation. A project developer has been selected, CDBG and ARC funding were recently finalized, and final design is nearing completion.

Lower Exeter Sewer; Staff is assisting the County, the Upper Tennessee River Roundtable, the Town of Appalachia, and Hands across the Mountain with planning for public sewer to the lower Exeter community. Staff assisted the Town with a Southern Rivers Watershed Enhancement Program grant application subsequently funded by DHCD.

- **Upper Exeter Sewer;** The project is currently under construction.

South Coeburn Housing Rehab; Property could not be acquired for necessary community improvements; therefore the CDBG application was not submitted.

Innovation Highway; Staff continues to assist Wise County in the preliminary planning activities of the Innovation Highway project which would connect US 58 and the Lonesome Pine Regional Business & Technology Park. A VDOT-funded corridor study has been completed and is available for review by contacting the Transportation Planning Manager.

- **Hamilton Town Sewer Project;** CDBG funding was awarded, and the project has been advertised for construction bids.

Emergency Generator Project; Staff assisted the Wise County PSA with an Environmental Review for the emergency generator project that will install generators at 16 sites throughout the County to provide back-up power in the event of a power outage. The E.R. was submitted to USDA Rural Development for review in September 2010.

Town of Appalachia Tourism Master Plan; Staff assisted the Town in the submission of a USDA Rural Business Opportunity Grant submission for a tourism master plan. The Town was notified its application will not be funded at this time.

CITY OF NORTON

Country Cabin Water Extension; Construction is complete.

City of Norton Sewer Rehabilitation and Extension Project; The project is complete.