

# ETDD Newsletter

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## ETDD HOLDS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The East Tennessee Development District Board of Directors held its 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Board Meeting and Luncheon on March 6, 2018 at Rothchild Conference Center in Knoxville. Approximately 125 members and guests were in attendance. ETDD was honored to have Commissioner David Purkey with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, present at the meeting. Commissioner Purkey provided a fascinating overview of the state police and first responder’s heroic efforts during the 2016 wildfire event in Sevier County. At the meeting the Annual Budget, Work Program and Local Assessments for 2018-2019 were approved. Executive Director Terrence J. Bobrowski presented the 2017-2018 Annual Report to the Region. During his remarks, Director Bobrowski paid tribute to the long-standing support that ETDD has received from its member local governments: “I would like to thank our member local governments for their support of this organization, not just this year but for our entire fifty two year history. We have a wonderful legacy of support here at the development district and I certainly hope that strong level of support continues for many years to come.” One of the highlights of the meeting was the election of new officers for ETDD. The following slate of officers and Executive Committee members for the coming year (beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019) were elected at the meeting:

### Officers

Chair:	E. L. Morton, Campbell County Mayor
Vice-Chair:	Ron Woody, Roane County Executive
Secretary:	Roland (Trey) Dykes, III, Member at Large
Treasurer:	Tim Yates, Monroe County Mayor

### Executive Committee Members

Anderson County:	Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor
Blount County:	Donald Mull, Mayor of Alcoa
Campbell County:	Andy Wallace, Development Representative
Claiborne County:	Jack Daniels, Claiborne County Mayor
Cocke County:	Crystal Ottinger, Cocke County Mayor
Grainger County:	Terry Wolfe, Mayor of Bean Station
Hamblen County:	Bill Brittain, Hamblen County Mayor
Jefferson County:	Mark Potts, Mayor of Jefferson City
Knox County:	Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor
Loudon County:	Rollen (Buddy) Bradshaw, Loudon County Mayor
Morgan County:	Don Edwards, Morgan County Executive
Roane County:	Wade Creswell, Development Representative
Scott County:	Dale Perdue, Scott County Mayor
Sevier County:	Larry Waters, Sevier County Mayor
Union County:	Mike Williams, Union County Mayor
State Representative:	Kent Calfee, 32 <sup>nd</sup> District
State Senator:	Ken Yager, 12 <sup>th</sup> District



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

ETDD staff is currently assisting the following agencies with economic opportunities:

- England – Claiborne County with a grant application for corporate and plant expansion.
- Eagle Bend – Anderson County with a grant administration for wastewater improvements.
- BMT-ETDD – Campbell County with close-out of their grant for plant expansion.
- BMT – Jacksboro – application for plant expansion.
- BMT – Jellico – application for new plant.
- Protomet – Loudon County with grant application for plant upgrades.
- Delconca – Loudon County with Grant administration for Loudon Utility infrastructure improvements.
- Hope Industries – Monroe County with grant Administration for plant improvements.
- Hubble – Loudon County with grant Administration for safety upgrades.
- Eastbridge Business Park – Grant administration on site development.
- MCL – Oak Ridge – Grant application for equipment upgrades.

### **Asset Based Planning**

ETDD, along with the University of Tennessee, is working with both Grainger and Monroe County to compile a local asset inventory that will be used to develop short and long-term goals for future economic development opportunities. The State has announced a round of grant applications for those communities that have completed the asset based planning process. The application is due April 15, 2018. ETDD staff will be working with Grainger and Monroe to identify a short-term goal for funding.

ETDD is assisting the following communities with the administration of their Asset Based Planning Grants: Scott County and Union County.

### **PINI (TACIR) SURVEY**

ETDD staff recently completed the collection of data that details the infrastructure needs from all 16 counties, 56 cities, 25 school systems, and 94 utility districts. All new and existing TDOT and Bridge projects within the ETDD region have been updated as well. We thank all the

participants for their help in supplying this information to ETDD staff. Infrastructure projects for the purpose of this survey included any needed public improvement need over \$50,000 in these categories: transportation, utilities, education (facilities), health, safety, welfare, culture, economic development, and various public facilities. The data has been entered and has gone thru a detailed quality control process. TACIR will publish a lengthy summary that details infrastructure needs for all of Tennessee. The report is presented to the Governor and state legislators for use as a planning tool and a funding decision-making tool. You may view the report at the following link:

<https://www.tn.gov/tacir/infrastructure.html>

## **GRANT INFORMATION**

### **Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)**

Community Development Grant applications were due on February 23, 2018. ETDD staff assisted the following communities with submitting applications to the State. Caryville – fire truck; Cumberland Gap - wastewater plant; Dandridge - wastewater collection line repair; Harrogate – sewer line extension; Jefferson City – wastewater collection line repair; Madisonville - fire hall; New Market – communication equipment; Parrottsville – fire truck; Rocky Top – fire truck; Tazewell – Housing Rehab; Anderson County – fire hall; Clinton – Ambulances; Claiborne County - waterline extension; Cocke County - waterline extension; Loudon County – fire truck and Union County - ambulances. A total grant amount of \$5,413,089 was requested from the State. Awards are generally announced in the fall.

The level of funding is determined annually through congressional appropriations. Each state receives a projected allocation of CDBG funds, based on a federal formula and does not compete with other states for funding allocations. Tennessee typically receives about \$24M per year and 80-85% of the funds are used for water and sewer projects, approximately 10% is used for community livability project, and about 5% for housing rehabilitation. Economic development projects are funded as eligible applications are received.

ETDD staff is currently providing administrative services for open CDBG projects for the following ETDD communities:

1. Monroe County – Waterline
2. New Tazewell – Housing

3. Rockwood – Housing
4. Campbell County – Fire Equipment
5. Jefferson County – Waterline Extension
6. Norris – Wastewater Rehab
7. Morgan County – Waterline Extension
8. Roane County - Fire Equipment
9. White Pine - Waterline Extension
10. Scott County - Ambulances
11. Hamblen County - Fire Equipment
12. Campbell County - Drive for 55 Dual Enrollment Program
13. Mossy Creek Foundation - Façade Improvements

### **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)**

ETDD staff assisted the following communities with the preparation of ARC pre-applications: 1. City of Loudon – Dredging Inlet study; 2. Rockwood Utility – wastewater line extension to allow for Marina development; 3. Oneida TCAT – equipment for Diesel Mechanic Classes; 4. Scott County Industrial Development Board – Reservoir water level study; 5. Hiwassee College – equipment for Smart Classes; 6. Dandridge – Water tank at Interstate; 7. Union County – Sharps Chapel School wastewater system; 8. Campbell County – Workforce housing; 9. Arthur Shawnee Utility – Water tank. A total of \$2,927,550 was applied for through ARC matched by local commitments in the amount of \$1,781,310.

ETDD staff is currently providing administrative services to the following communities for their open ARC projects: 1. Morristown – wastewater plant improvements; 2. Claiborne County - waterline extension; 3. Newport Utilities - Broadband; 4. City of Madisonville - water tank.

### **Clean Tennessee Energy Grant**

In 2011, Tennessee and other states were parties to a federal court settlement of an enforcement action under the federal Clean Air Act that resulted in a consent decree with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). A part of the decree obligated TVA to provide Tennessee \$26.4 million to fund environmental mitigation projects. Awards were made over a six-year period that resulted in 133 grants with a total dollar amount of \$13.6 million. The rest of the monies available went to State facilities. How did our communities fare on these grants: Claiborne, Cocke Jefferson, Roane and Hamblen received anywhere from \$1 - \$50,000; Scott, Morgan and Union from \$50,000 to \$100,000; Campbell and Blount from \$100,000 to \$200,000; Monroe, Loudon, and Sevier from \$200,000 to \$400,000; Knox from \$400,000 to \$500,000 and Anderson from \$500,000 to

\$750,000. The only County that did not receive any funds due to lack of an application was Grainger County and its communities that are serviced by a private consulting firm. ETDD staff is currently assisting the following communities on the last round of approvals with administration: Cocke County – LED Lighting; Union County - HVAC units and City of LaFollette - HVAC units.

### **Local Parks and Recreation Fund**

TDEC Recreation Services announced the Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant applications are due on April 18, 2018. The recreation grant allows communities to request state funding for the purchase of land for parks, natural areas, greenways and the purchase of land for recreational facilities. Funds also may be used for trail development and capital projects in parks, natural areas and greenways. In conjunction with the Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant application, the State Recreation Educational Services also has announced that applications are due on April 18, 2018 for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The RTP provides grant funding for land acquisition for trails, trail maintenance, trail construction, trail rehabilitation and for trailhead support facilities.

ETDD staff is currently working with the following communities on submitting a grant application: City of Loudon, Jefferson County, Parrottsville, and Clinton.

The next benchmarking deadline is May 2018. Benchmarking provides points on the recreation grant application that makes your project more competitive. The benchmarking application will also provide your recreation department some notoriety across the State by being benchmarked. If you would like more information or would want, help to benchmark your community, call ETDD staff for assistance.

### **FEMA Grants**

The Assistance to Firefighter Grant was announced with a due date of February 2, 2018. ETDD staff assisted the following communities with compiling and submitting applications to FEMA: 1. Scott County – regional turnout-gear application; 2. Winfield – fire tanker; 3. Caryville – Extrication equipment; 4. Rocky Top – Air Cascade system; 5. Mid County Fire (Scott County) – Miscellaneous equipment and fire tanker; 6. Tazewell – extrication equipment; 7. Harrogate – Turnout gear, new radio equipment & dryer; 8. Madisonville – Turnout gear and washer/dryer; 9. 7<sup>th</sup> District (Scott County) – SCBA and Turnout gear; 10. Parrottsville – air cascade system; 11. Harriman – turnout gear. A total of \$1,061,589 in grant

funds was requested from FEMA with a local commitment of \$238,411.

The Assistance to Firefighter Grant for fire prevention was due on March 16, 2018. ETDD staff assisted the City of Clinton with an application.

### **Tennessee Energy Efficiency Loan Program**

OEP oversees the State's involvement with the Pathway Lending Energy Efficiency Loan Program (EELP). EELP launched in the fall of 2010 with the purpose of establishing a low-interest revolving loan fund to assist commercial and industrial businesses in implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements, which, in turn, reduce operating costs, improve productivity, and make Tennessee businesses more competitive. Pathway Lending operates and manages this revolving loan fund, to which the State and TVA each committed \$15 million and Pathway Lending committed \$5 million. Eligible projects under the EELP include: efficient equipment upgrades, lighting, HVAC/mechanical upgrades, building retrofits such as cool roofs, renewable energy projects, and co-generation.

Beginning January 4, 2016, the Energy Efficiency Loan Program began accepting applications from local governmental entities. This expansion offers up to six years of financing at 2% interest for qualified energy efficiency and renewable energy projects to Tennessee local governmental entities including municipalities, counties, school districts and other similar public agencies.

For more information or to apply, visit Pathway Lending's Energy Efficiency and Renewables Resources Page or contact Brandon England at (615) 425-7171 or [Brandon.England@PathwayLending.org](mailto:Brandon.England@PathwayLending.org).

### **Police Grants**

The bulletproof vest program just announced their 2017 awards with 109 police jurisdictions being approved for over \$404,000. ETDD assisted the following communities that were awarded: City of Sweetwater, Harriman, Oliver Springs, Bean Station, Clinton and Anderson County. A total of \$22,529.57 was awarded that allowed for the purchase of 95 vests. If you want to apply for Police grants all communities MUST be registered with SAM.GOV, Grants.GOV and COPS in order to apply. These registrations can take up to 30 days to complete. Due to security reasons, these grants are quite cumbersome and require that each community has one person that can keep up with their passwords and that person should be the only person that changes the passwords. Please, remember to get registered, if you are not registered we cannot help you due

to the time constraints. ETDD staff sent out a notice to offer communities help in getting registered with a few responding.

Please note that you can go online at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) to find out about different grants available. The site has a list of 26 federal grant-making agencies. Also, please get in the habit to frequent our website at [www.etdd.org](http://www.etdd.org) to receive updates on grants and other important information and deadlines.

## **SOLID WASTE**

### **Grainger County Vinyl Siding Recycling**

Grainger County now offers vinyl siding recycling. Residents of Grainger County may drop off their waste vinyl siding at the convenience center located at the old landfill site. Materials will be bundled onsite and collected by an end-user. Congratulations to Grainger County on this new effort at recycling and waste reduction!

### **Grant Awards**

ETDD staff assisted communities across East Tennessee with applications for TDEC grant funding in late 2017. In February 2018, TDEC announced over \$6 million in grant awards. Anderson County received funding for improvements to the Green Valley Convenience Center. Campbell County and Scott County received Measurement Grant funding for scales. Grainger County, Morgan County, Scott County, Union County, the Campbell County Highway Department, Dandridge, Norris, and Oliver Springs received Used Oil Grants to purchase equipment such as collection tanks, trailers, and used oil burners. Congratulations to all the communities who received funding for their waste reduction efforts!

### **Upcoming Grant Opportunity**

In April 2018, TDEC will begin accepting applications for Waste Reduction Grants. With a limit of \$200,000, funds can be used to purchase a variety of equipment, including containers, balers, crushers, sorters, densifiers, grinders. Additionally, funds can be used to purchase trucks with a gross weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more and to construct, expand, or improve waste reduction facilities. Please note that the Waste Reduction Grant requires a 10% - 50% Grant Match. ETDD staff can assist you with applying for this grant or answer any questions you may have about the application process. If you need assistance with grants or have any other solid waste needs, please call Tim Hendrick at 865-273-6003.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is a program through the National Park Service (NPS) that recognizes historically significant places and resources. NRHP listing provides many benefits, including access to preservation grants and tax incentives, and limited protection from federally-funded or licensed endeavors. Grant applications are due to the Tennessee Historical Commission each January. These are 60/40 matching grants that can be used for building restoration, architectural surveys, and educational activities with a preservation component. ETDD can assist in the identification of competitive preservation projects that may be eligible for these types of grants and can also provide grant writing services to communities in our region. ETDD staff can also assist in the preparation of nominations to the NRHP, which are highly technical and often take around a year to prepare and process. Beyond access to grants, NRHP listing allows for widespread recognition of the site's historic significance and increased heritage tourism opportunities.

ETDD preservation staff recently prepared a nomination for Bethel United Methodist Church in Morristown. Constructed in 1907, Bethel is located immediately adjacent to the former site of Morristown College. The original church was organized immediately following the Civil War, and it has served as a cornerstone of Morristown's African-American community since its founding. The church has connections to the Civil Rights movement of the mid-twentieth century and maintains an active congregation to this day. NRHP listing will provide crucial recognition of Bethel United Methodist Church's significance within the Morristown community.

ETDD works with a variety of local and regional preservation groups and advocates that can assist with NRHP nominations, preservation grant applications, and tax incentives. Please contact Lindsay Crockett with ETDD for preservation-related assistance and technical guidance.

## **HOUSING**

In January, ETDD submitted a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application on behalf of the Town of Tazewell. If funded, this grant would fund substantial housing rehabilitation projects for a neighborhood populated by low-income homeowners. In March, ETDD also submitted three HOME grant applications to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency on behalf of the Town of Winfield, Grainger County, and Union County. These projects could assist 10-15 households in each

community. The HOME program is a significant source of funding for housing rehabilitations projects in our region and continues to be a popular resource for this type of assistance.

ETDD received another allocation from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) for the Emergency Repair Program in December 2017, and continues to welcome new projects from our service provider partners. This allocation will be used to address repairs for houses across the 16-county region. The program provides grants for home repairs in households where the applicant is at least 60 years of age or disabled, and who meets ownership and income requirements. ETDD works with local non-profits and organizations who coordinate construction activities and qualify the homeowners. These service providers are an integral part of the Emergency Repair Program's activities in our 16-county region, and ETDD is seeking more partners to complete projects in several counties, including Blount, Claiborne, Monroe, and Union counties. THDA expects a 50% match for the grant funds used for emergency repairs. The program has provided a great deal of assistance in our area, but there is an ongoing need to locate funding that will assist low-income homeowners with housing repairs. ETDD maintains a list of local housing partners and assistance programs that can be accessed through the Housing page of our website, or by contacting us directly with specific needs.

ETDD housing staff is available to discuss housing needs and community housing grant applications. We can also provide information on local and regional housing service providers, agencies and alternate programs that can assist individuals in need of housing repair. For more information on these programs, contact Lindsay Crockett at (865) 273-6003.

## **RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO)**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation, TDOT is preparing Rural Regional Transportation Plans for both the East Tennessee South Rural Planning Organization and the East Tennessee North Rural Planning Organization. The initial kickoff meeting for these plans were held in September 2017. County level meetings have been conducted in many of the counties. Those attending these county level meetings include county mayors, road superintendents, municipal mayors, local planners, Chamber of Commerce staff and others. Additional meetings will be held during subsequent phases of plan development. The Rural Regional Transportation Plan will

identify current and future transportation needs in each of the RPOs.

In December 2017, the RPOs met to rank projects for input into the TDOT's project selection process. The RPOs ranking can be found on the East Tennessee Development District website.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has started a new process for requests for a new project / new start projects. This process will apply to projects not listed in the IMPROVE Act list of projects. The process is known as the Community Transportation Planning Request (CTPR). ETDD staff is current working on three CRPR for projects in Union, Roane and Claiborne counties.

The East Tennessee Development District website contains the most up-to-date information on the two RPO's. The web site includes the most up to date TDOT Project Status Reports that provide a description and status of all TDOT projects in each county within the RPO. The link to this website is <http://www.etdd.org/services/community-development/transportation/>.

### **PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE**

The Planning Advisory Services (PAS) continues to offer a wide array of planning services to local jurisdictions in the region on a contractual basis at the East Tennessee Development District. Since the inception of the planning program, the planning advisory service has increased its contract volume for full-time planning services to thirty-four (34) cities and counties in the East Tennessee Region with two (2) additional cities that are provided services on an as-needed basis. The program was established to assist cities and counties with growth and development issues at the local and regional levels by providing technical advisory services to local governments. There are a broad array of planning services offered under six (6) different primary program components. Daily services typically consist of a variety of activities that include site plan and subdivision plat review; advising local officials, developers, and the general public on community processes; staffing local planning commission meetings and other meetings, and making recommendations on agenda items. In addition, ETDD offers planning commissioner training on a regular basis; either coordinating training with other agencies or conducting the training sessions. Lastly, planning staff coordinates with other agencies and planning organizations to foster cooperation for a regional planning approach in East Tennessee.

Due to the greater popularity of online rental platforms like Airbnb, local jurisdictions have been considering the best manner in which to regulate and be afforded some oversight over these types of operations in their various forms. For planning purposes, local governments have mainly been debating regulations involving the most suitable locations for these types of operations. These types of activities have become so popular that the issue is now being considered by the Tennessee General Assembly. A bill is being considered (HB1020/SB1086) that will establish the framework for greater oversight of these operations that is much more expansive than just planning-related issues. These provisions may allow state and local jurisdiction the ability to collect and remit applicable taxes, impose licensing requirements, establish safety and code standards, and limits local land use regulatory authority. Anyone with interest in this issue is encouraged to look into this lengthy piece of legislation.

The anticipated free regional training programs for planning commissioners this year is planned on being held in late May or early June of this year. These will be structured similar to the ones provided in the past with a total of four separate two-hour training sessions covering two different topics. Tentative topics include private property rights and complete streets. These training sessions are anticipated on being held in Jefferson City and Farragut.

### **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

The primary focus for GIS staff this quarter centered on grants. GIS staff created 86 maps and illustrations for CDGB grants, which included site location maps, minority concentration maps, jurisdiction boundaries, FEMA FIRMettes, and target area survey maps. The Caryville CDBG grant required a more detailed map showing fire hydrants. GIS staff digitized the hydrant points based on markups provided by the city to create a fire hydrant and service area map. This map can also be used for other planning purposes in the future.

GIS staff produced maps for four HOME grants, one Section 106 environmental, and preliminary work maps for two community transportation planning grants. In addition to these, 10 maps were created for the Claiborne County Solid Waste Needs Assessment. A new ongoing project includes a White Pine fire hydrant/fire district map based on data from the fire department and Jefferson County.

A variety of GIS projects for the Planning Advisory Service this quarter included several proposed rezoning illustrations and map updates, and two planning region maps. Also, staff

worked with the Kingston planner and city staff to update the Kingston Parks and Facilities map with numerous changes.

In addition to the work program activities mentioned, GIS staff has been researching the Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) for the 2020 Census and attended two webinars.

### **AREAWIDE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** **SBA 504 NEWS**

The SBA 504 loan program rates have increased slightly over the past several months but continues to be very attractive financing for small business owners. As of March 2017, the 504 loan rates are 5.112% for the 10 year note and 5.378% for the 20 year note. For fiscal year 2017, beginning October 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018 there have been \$1,791,384,000 SBA 504 loans approved nationally representing a decrease of 10% in loan volume as compared to the same period in 2017. Although nationally the 504 loan volume is down, the average loan amount has increased 1.4%. Areawide Development Corporation has processed one new loan request from October 1, 2017 through March 15, 2018 that has been approved by SBA totaling \$3,208,000. A second application is currently in underwriting at the Sacramento Loan Processing Center.

As a reminder, SBA announced in October 2017 the 504 loan program would be offering a third financing option for small business owners of a fully amortizing 25 year debenture. SBA announced March 6, 2018 during the 504 Quarterly Connect Call they will begin accepting and underwriting applications at the end of April 2018. ADC staff is pleased to have this additional debenture option for our clients. Managing cash flow is a common struggle many small business owners face. The longer maturity of the 25 debenture means a lower monthly payment and improved cash flow of the small business.

Mr. Don Woods, Director of the Areawide Development Corporation since its inception, has announced his retirement effective June 1, 2018. Mr. Woods has been an employee of ETDD and the ADC for the past 43 years and holds the record for the longest tenure with the two agencies. Mr. Woods is responsible for the growth and success of the ADC and has also contributed greatly to the success of ETDD during his service as the Deputy Director. A reception honoring his service will be held at the Green Meadow Country Club in Alcoa, TN from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Congratulations to Don for a job well done!

### **2018 US Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)**

In 2017, communities received notification from the Census Bureau and ETDD that the voluntary 2020 Census *Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA)* will be conducted this year. That process will begin soon. For entities (counties and municipalities) that did not register, you will fall under a Tennessee “state participant” review. This review will focus on high priority areas in each county, which in most cases probably means areas of new growth or new group housing. It will NOT be a comprehensive review of all your addresses due to the enormity of the project, staffing limitations, and time constraints. The state LUCA liaison for unregistered entities will be Dennis Pedersen, Director of GIS Services under the Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration. ETDD is currently investigating and, if possible, may participate as a reviewer for the state. If we do so, we will require support and participation from our district communities. The process is still under investigation, but if we participate with you, you will need to provide assistance by reviewing unresolved addresses in your jurisdiction. Note that it may be necessary for anyone participating to sign a Federal Title 13 Confidentiality and Security Agreement, agreeing to properly handle and safeguard all Title 13 digital or hardcopy material. Be aware that once we have the address data from the census bureau and the state, we will only have 120 calendar days to complete the entire process and return the review for the district. We expect to receive the data in early April.

Why is LUCA important? While LUCA is voluntary, it is one step in preparation for the 2020 decennial census that will help the Census Bureau conduct an accurate population count. An accurate count is important for several reasons, including the following:

- Apportioning representation among states as mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution.
- Drawing congressional and state legislative districts, school districts, and voting precincts.
- Enforcing voting rights and civil rights legislation.
- Informing planning decisions of federal, state, and local government, and organizational decisions of businesses and non-profits.
- Distributing federal dollars.

In summary, if ETDD assists in the state LUCA review, we ask that you consider participating with us to ensure the best possible results for your community.

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### March 2018

- 6 ETDD & ETHRA Annual Business Meetings, Rothchild's, Knoxville
- 12-13 TCSA Day on the Hill, Doubletree Hotel, Nashville
- 13-14 TDDA Annual Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Nashville
- 18-21 DDAA/NADO Washington Policy Conference, Arlington, VA
- 26-27 TML Legislative Conference, Nashville, TN
- 30 Good Friday, ETDD offices closed

### April 2018

- 10 ETDD Executive Committee & ETHRA Policy Council Meetings, ETHRA Offices
- 11 Areawide Development Corporation Board of Directors meeting, Kodak, TN
- 17 East TN Regional Fire Chiefs Council meeting, Pigeon Forge FD
- 17-19 DDAA Professional Development Conference, Knoxville Hilton
- 18 LPRF grant application deadline
- 18-19 USDA Rural Development Conference, Murfreesboro, TN
- 25-27 TDDA and ATVG meetings, Paris, TN

### May 2018

- 8 ETDD Executive Committee & ETHRA Policy Council Meetings, ETHRA Offices
- 19-21 Southeast Regional Directors Institute Annual Conference, Kingsport, TN
- 22-24 TCSA Annual Legislative Conference, Gatlinburg, TN
- 24 Tennessee Development District Association meeting, Nashville
- 28 Memorial Day, ETDD offices closed

### June 2018

- 9-12 TML Annual Conference, Knoxville, TN
- 12 ETDD Executive Committee & ETHRA Policy Council Meetings, ETHRA offices
- 21 Tennessee Development District Association meeting, Nashville