

2000 Annual Report Executive Summary

Clinch - Powell Enterprise Community

The Clinch-Powell Enterprise Community (EC) proudly announces that funding of more than \$23 million in grants and loans came to the region as a result of the Enterprise Community designation. Designated on January 13, 1999 the Clinch-Powell Enterprise Community contains all or portions of Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins and Union counties in Tennessee. The Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation and Development Council serves as the lead entity and fiscal agent for the Enterprise Community.

The Clinch-Powell Enterprise Community celebrates tremendous success to date in the implementation of a Ten Year Strategic Plan that was put together based solely on public input. More than 1,300 citizens contributed to the Strategic Plan.

Partners and agencies such as Clinch Powell Educational Cooperative, Douglas Cherokee Economic Authority, Utility Districts, School Systems and many others are directly benefiting from the EC designation. Most importantly, the quality of life is improving with better water, housing, education and a brighter economic future. There follows a brief summary of projects listed by focus area that were made possible for partners with assistance from many public and private funding agencies and the EC designation.

Sustainable Economic Development:

- Clinch-Powell Community Kitchen – All Counties,
- Economic Development Feasibility Studies in Value Added Wood and Food
- Products and Heritage Industries- All Counties,
- Clinch-Powell Revolving Loan Fund – All Counties
- Phipps Bend Small Business Park - Hawkins
- Industrial Park Child Care Center - Claiborne
- Natural Resource Base Protection – Hancock, Claiborne, Grainger, Hawkins
- Technology Centers – Grainger, Hancock

Tourism

- Production of TN Wilderness Road CD-ROM – All Counties

Education and Arts

- Evenstart – Grainger, Hancock
- 21st Century Community Learning Center - Claiborne
- Safe Schools, Healthy Students – All Counties
- School Bond – Hancock
- Appalachia CARES – All Counties
- Bringing Up Grades - Hancock

Infrastructure

- Water and Waste Grants and Loans – Hawkins, Hancock, Grainger
- Tele-Democracy Video-Conferencing Network – All Counties

Basic Needs

- Single Family Housing Grants and Loans - All Counties
- Community Facility Grant and Loan - Unio

The EC Board of Directors includes three voting members from each EC county and six other non-voting members including the County Executives and a representative of the Clinch-Powell RC&D Council.