

Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District
2009 Annual Report

State of the "8"

Serving Ohio's
Athens, Hocking,
Meigs, Monroe,
Morgan, Noble,
Perry and
Washington
Counties



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Past President, Member

Buckeye Hills Executive Committee, Logan (Hocking County)

From The Executive Director...



Dear Friends,

Each year the President of the United States and the Governor provide a “state of the union or a state of the state” address. These serve to update citizens on key issues and programs. The 2009 Buckeye Hills-HVRDD Annual Report will serve as our “**State of the Eight**” update.

For more than 40 years, Buckeye Hills-HVRDD has worked to serve more than 255,000 constituents including nearly 45,000 senior citizens, across the eight-county district of Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, and Washington Counties.

We continue to serve as the region’s Local Development District (LDD) for the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Economic Development District (EDD) for the Economic Development Administration.

We worked to develop the region’s list of projects and priorities and to advocate for funding through The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In August, Buckeye Hills was pleased to host Ohio Governor Ted Strickland, Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH 6) and many from across the region to announce more than \$12.9 million of Recovery Act funding for water and sanitary sewer projects.

We celebrated the groundbreaking of the Gateway to Appalachia U.S. Route 33 Nelsonville Bypass project. With \$150 million in stimulus funding, the Bypass is the largest Ohio project funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The bypass will be the main corridor from Columbus to Charleston and is slated for completion in July 2013.

The grand opening of The Hocking College Energy Institute was possible in part through Buckeye Hills’ assistance in securing grants to develop and build the facility. The Institute received a \$1.6 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for construction of the facility and a \$192,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to help pay for equipment and the development of alternative energy technology curriculum. The Institute’s programs will diversify and strengthen Ohio’s clean-energy sectors.

Focusing on broadband expansion, Buckeye Hills staff shared the rural perspective with Dallas Tonsager, USDA Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development during his visit to Ohio. In addition, Buckeye Hills formed a Broadband committee and provided input from the region.

With additional funding support from The Ohio Stimulus program, 46 projects totaling more than \$19.4 million were submitted for funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission Round 23 SCIP, LTIP, and Small Government programs. This amount equals more than \$10 million in additional grant and loan dollars than the Round 22 program funding that totaled \$9,098,746.

Buckeye Hills coordinated a Tour of the region for Business Development staff from The Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) — the people who are ‘in charge’ of recruiting companies into Ohio. This was an opportunity to put our “best foot forward” and showcase the comprehensive economic development programs across the district and to partner with ODOD on future projects.

Staff visited each county to complete a second series of Town Hall forums and hear firsthand about the issues and concerns across the region. The revolving loan fund issued four loans for more than \$645,000 with 26 jobs created and 21 retained with additional private and public investments of nearly \$1.76 million.

The Area Agency on Aging 8 (AAA8) staff continued to reach out to the region’s aging and their caregivers to provide resources and a wide variety of access to in-home and community-based assistance. Our network of providers delivered more than \$11 million in services across the region last year. They served more than 210,000 home-delivered and congregate meals and provided hundreds of thousands of hours of homemaker and caregiver services to meet the needs of our region’s seniors and nearly 1,100 PASSPORT clients. The AAA8 Aging service providers worked to formalize a cooperative of rural providers. The Home Healthcare Provider Co-op incorporated and was also honored with the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (OAAAA) 2009 Provider Partnership Award for its efforts.

AAA8’s annual “Choices Expo” focused on long-term care planning and providing seniors and caregivers information to make the best choices for the future. Nearly 500 attendees and over 50 exhibitors participated

Buckeye Hills continues to represent stakeholder values in the state and federal public policy and funding environments. Working with legislators, leaders help to generate visibility to regional needs and help access critical funding. Buckeye Hills also works to serve as a regional leader in forming, shaping and changing public policy and strategies for service delivery. From access to quality health care, broadband and education to critical transportation and water/sewer infrastructure and support for programs such as Geographic Information Systems, Buckeye Hills continues to seek a better quality of life for the district’s eight counties and their residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Misty Casto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Misty Casto
Executive Director

2008-2009 Project Outcomes

Total costs for projects completed in 2009 were approximately \$67,635,943 million, with local communities and private business leveraging \$43,210,333 million against the \$24,425,610 million provided through state and federal funding sources. Administrative costs were \$622,392.

Leveraged Administration Dollars:

\$1 administration - \$108.67 in project dollars.

Revolving Loan Fund

In 2009, the program completed four loans for more than \$645,000 with 26 jobs created and 21 retained and additional private and public investments of nearly \$1.76 million. Loans closed in 2009 were Home Comfort LLC (Sardis), Chieftain Biofuels (Logan), Ketel1 Team Wear (Marietta), Tri-Star Wholesale (Marietta).

"Since the inception of the RLF Program, it has made 121 loans totaling more than \$7.5 million. These loans have created over 800 jobs and retained another 810 jobs in the 8-county region," said Executive Director Misty Casto. "The RLF program is one of the primary economic development tools serving small businesses in rural areas."

In 2009, Tina Meunier, the Revolving Loan Fund Business Development Coordinator completed the coursework and requirements to earn a national professional certification from the Economic Development Finance Service. EDFS is offered through The National Assoc. of Development Organizations for those who administer small business loans. To learn more about the RLF, contact 740-374-9436.



Athens County Town Hall Meeting

shared their thoughts and ideas on a variety of topics and shared suggestions for possible partnerships and solutions. Perspectives shared will help Buckeye Hills learn how to best serve residents of the 8-county region. County-by-county reports are available at www.buckeyehills.org.



Noble County Town Hall Meeting

Buckeye Hills Town Hall Meetings

Town Hall meeting participants

Region 11 Familiarization Tour

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Shown above are leaders from across the region at the tour's informational luncheon hosted in Marietta. Shown from left (front row) Sara Marr, Athens County; Shannon Wells, Morgan County; Mike Jacoby, Washington County; (back row) Todd Shelton, Athens County; Brad Biggs, Ohio Department of Development; Fred Deel, Governor's Office of Appalachia; Jim Hart, Perry County; Martin Irvine, Ohio Department of Development and Carl Davis, Monroe County.

Ohio Public Works Commission

Buckeye Hills serves as the liaison for District 18 of the Ohio Public Works Commission. District 18 includes Athens, Belmont, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, and Washington Counties.

The State Capital Improvement/Local Transportation Improvements Programs (SCIP/LTIP), funded by the OPWC provides funding for road, bridge, culvert, water, wastewater, solid waste, and storm water facility projects. Over the past 20 years the SCIP/LTIP Program has brought approximately one hundred forty million dollars into District 18 to assist local governments develop infrastructure.

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The local Small Government Program Committee submitted ten projects to the Ohio Public Works Commission to compete for funds available in the Small Government Program (Round 23). Only subdivisions with a population of 5,000 or less may compete for the funds. In February 2009, six of the ten projects submitted were selected to receive funding by the Ohio Small Government Commission.

Hands-On Mobile Training Now Available



Thanks to the efforts of The Mid-Ohio Valley Maintenance Council, a 2008 grant for \$250,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and

The Washington County Career Center — Adult Technical Training, a mobile industrial training unit is now available to regional employers. Counties served include Washington, Morgan, Monroe, Noble, Meigs, Athens, Hocking and Perry. Mobile labs are developed based on employers' specific training needs.

Monroe Care Center to Add Assisted Living Services with Grant

The Governor's Office of Appalachia provided a \$250,000 grant for The Monroe County Care Center

to construct the addition of assisted living units to expand services. The new 10,745 square foot facility will house 15 units, a central living room, country kitchen, private dining area, beauty shop and laundry facilities.



YMCA Opens Wellness Center with Grant

The new Reno YMCA facility at the industrial park on Ohio 7 North was funded in 2007 with a \$250,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Appalachia and is intended to make the Reno Business Park and newly created industrial complex more attractive to prospective businesses. The fitness center opened in Feb. 2009 with Nautilus, exercise and strength training and a fully-equipped weight room.

Hocking Energy Institute Receives ARC Grant

The Hocking College Energy Institute received a \$48,500 federal grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission

(ARC). The federal funds support the college's new Energy Institute to train students in the advanced energy technology sector.

Opened in 2009, the Institute provides 12,000 sq. feet of training and lab space for organizations producing new energy products. Training in wind and solar energy development, biofuels production, and fuel cell production is included in program offerings.



Buckeye Hills Provides Updates to County Commissioners



Executive Director Misty Casto visited with the District's County Commissioners and continued to reach out to leaders with details on Buckeye Hills' services and needs for federal economic stimulus funding opportunities.



Casto is shown above with Washington County Commissioners from left Steven Weber; Casto; Cora Marshall and Sam Cook.

Shown above with the Morgan County Commission Board (from left) Don Reynolds, Mike Reed and Dean Cain. Each county received details on services provided in their area by Buckeye Hills and its Area Agency on Aging 8.

Racine Receives ARC Grant

Racine received a grant from the ARC for \$166,518 to support the development of a new commercial

business district. Located across the street from Hill's Gas Station, the area will eventually include a Dollar General Store and the Home National Bank.



Shown at the presentation are Bret Allphin of Buckeye Hills, Racine Mayor Scott Hill, GOA Director Fred Deel,

David Spencer Racine Clerk/Treasurer, Ike Spencer Racine Council President and Patty Pickens President of Meigs County Chamber of Commerce.

Caldwell Receives ARC Grant

Caldwell received a \$237,650 ARC grant for sewer improvements. The grant will help separate the village's sewer and storm sewer systems and provide improved service to 213

households, six businesses and the high school. Shown are: Noble Commissioner Bob Nau; Caldwell Sewer Plant Supt. John Bates; Caldwell Village Clerk Connie Bunting; Caldwell Council Pres. Dan Shaw (behind); Governor's Office of Appalachia Fred Deel; Caldwell Mayor Lowell Anderson; District Rep. for US Senator George Voinovich - Brandon Kern; and Buckeye Hills, Bret Allphin.



Buckeye Hills Hosts Statewide ARRA Announcement

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and Congressman Charlie Wilson (D-OH 6) joined many from across the region at the Buckeye Hills office in August to announce more than \$12.9 million of Recovery Act funding for Ohio water and sanitary sewer projects.



Shown above are (from left): Congressman Wilson; Lisa Patt-McDaniel, ODOT; Misty Casto, Buckeye Hills; Ohio Governor Ted Strickland; and Fred Deel, Governor's Office of Appalachia.

To be completed with expanded Ohio Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds through ARRA, Ohio helped fund 24 water and sanitation sewer projects. In the BH-HVRDD region, projects were slated in Meigs, Noble, Perry and Washington Counties.



Closser Center Welcomes New Tenants

The Appalachian Development Corporation and Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley

Regional Development District opened the Thomas A. Closser Business Center to encourage regional business development. The Center, located at 245 Millers Lane (CR 9) in Marietta, has several business tenants.

The Closser Business Center has leasable offices ranging from 99-209 square feet and is conveniently located near SR 7 and I-77. The two-story building has two conference rooms, storage space, kitchen area, four restrooms, and convenient parking.

Call 740-374-9436 for space and lease details.

ODOT Breaks Ground on Gateway to Appalachia - Nelsonville Bypass

Athens County Commissioner Lenny Eliason welcomed Gov. Ted Strickland, U.S. Congressmen and other



officials who celebrated the groundbreaking of the second and third phases of the Nelsonville bypass. Being called the Gateway to Appalachia, the bypass is the largest

transportation project in Ohio funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is slated for completion in 2013.

The bypass will be the main corridor from Columbus to Charleston, W.Va. "We didn't have the money without the stimulus to actually build it," said Jolene Molitoris, Director of ODOT. "This stimulus money, combined with the money we did have available, made it possible to go on."



Shown with Misty Casto, Buckeye Hills Exec. Director at the event was Victor Mendez, administrator for the Federal Highway administration. He said the groundbreaking was a celebration of 305 construction jobs that will be either saved or created.

Congressman Zack Space, (OH -18th District) said the project will help address the region's poverty.

"This area in particular has taken a very hard hit," Space said. "The unemployment rates in these Southern Ohio counties are the highest in the state, ranging anywhere from 10 percent up to around 16 percent." He said there are also thousands that work full time, yet remain in poverty.

Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH - 6th District) said he truly believes that this type of infrastructure is important to our state and to the region. It's been a lifetime dream that this corridor could be opened on Route 33 from Athens to Columbus.



Advocacy & Legislative Education

Buckeye Hills often represents the region and its stakeholder values in the state and federal public policy and funding environments. Engaging legislators, Buckeye Hills shares regional needs and links legislators to programs and services across the district.



Ohio Districts Visit DC

The executive directors of Buckeye Hills-HVRDD, two other Ohio districts (OMEGA and OVRDC)

visited Washington, D.C. to advocate for full funding of the Appalachian Regional Commission and Economic Development Administration. They also brought attention to rural transportation and infrastructure, broadband and senior issues as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus Package. Shown above from left are John Hemmings of OVRDC; Buckeye Hills Exec. Director Misty Casto, U.S. Senator George Voinovich — a longtime supporter of The ARC; and Greg DiDonato of OMEGA. Below, they are shown with Congressman Zack Space.



Staff Visits Legislators

Buckeye Hills staff traveled to D.C. for the national and Appalachian



annual meetings. Before a visit with Sen. Voinovich's office, shown from left are: Gwynn Stewart; Denise Keyes; Misty Casto; Michelle Hyer; Charmel Wesel and Bret Allphin. At left: AAA8 met with Ohio Rep. Debbie Phillips (92nd District) in the home of Athens County PASSPORT client Arvella Lehman to discuss the program, state



funding and future needs of seniors. Shown from left are: Jerri McGhee, Cambridge Home Health Care; Arvella Lehman; Rep. Phillips; and Jamie Sweeney, LSW, and Dir. Rick Hindman both of AAA8.



Ohio Rep. Phillips Visits Marietta

State Rep. Debbie Phillips (92nd District) visited with leaders from Buckeye Hills to learn more about the development district and its Area Agency

on Aging. Shown with Rep. Phillips (center) is Exec. Director Misty Casto and Asst. Exec. Dir. Rick Hindman.



Ohio Rep. Garrison Visits Office

State Rep. Jennifer Garrison (93rd District) visited with leaders from Buckeye Hills to provide input and assistance on regional projects

related to the Federal stimulus process as well as state budget needs. Shown with Garrison (right) is Exec. Director Misty Casto.

Development Districts Host Legislative Event

Buckeye Hills, in cooperation with the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) and the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC), hosted a reception for Ohio legislators to inform and educate lawmakers on The Appalachian Regional Commission Local Development District (LDD) program and the work happening across Ohio's 32 counties. Several Executive Board members and County Commissioners attended the event to share with legislators.



At left: Jennifer Garrison (93rd District) visited with John Curtis of Monroe County.

At bottom left: Debbie Phillips (92nd District) visits with Buckeye Hills Fiscal Director Doug Dye.



Below: Dan Dodd (91st District) visits with Perry County Commissioners Fred Shriner and Ed Keister.



Area Agency on Aging 8

AAA8 Services and Units Provided:

Alzheimers Education	2,929 hours
Senior Volunteers (Foster Grandparents)	4,425 hours
Sr. Volunteers RSVP	74,066 hours
Sr. Volunteers Sr. Companion	5,673 hours
Personal Care (PP, Title III & Caregiver)	478,934 hours
Homemaker (PP, Title III & Caregiver)	21,084 hours
Home Delivered Meals (PP, Title III & ARRA)	210,992 meals
Congregate Meals (Title III/NSIP & ARRA)	41,752 meals
Adult Day Care (PP, Title III & Caregiver)	2,437 days
Medical Escort	2,434 trips
Legal Assistance	953 cases
Home Medical Equipment	1,702 units
Transportation	21,303 trips
PASSPORT Transportation	50,121 miles



PASSPORT: In the past year, nearly 1,100 individuals participated in the PASSPORT program affording the opportunity to receive quality care and support services in the comfort of their own homes. The program makes better use of taxpayer dollars. Nearly five people will be cared for through state PASSPORT funds for the same cost of providing care for one person in a nursing facility. AAA8 served PASSPORT Clients with support from nearly 80 regional providers and service dollars of \$9,524,103.



Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

The Ombudsman Program addresses concerns about the quality of long-term care services and negotiates for the solution of problems that arise between providers and consumers of long-term care services. The Ombudsman investigates complaints, confidentially, advocates for client's rights, and negotiates with service providers to resolve problems.

- ❖ More than 500 visits were completed by staff and volunteers with more than 400 volunteer hours
- ❖ 179 cases with 1,317 total hours invested
- ❖ 91.7% resolution rate



HOME Choice

Once individuals are in long-term care facilities, it is difficult for them to move back into the community because they usually do not have homes or access to other services and supports necessary for daily living. Transition coordination will help them plan and arrange for services and supports they will need while relocating from an institution to a community.

Home Choice assists 60+ and people of any age with disabilities who wish to move from long-term care facilities to home and community settings. It will support individuals with transition services up to \$2,000, by locating housing, transitioning and connecting to community services such as health care, pharmacies, personal assistance and more. A community support coach, nursing, social work or counseling, and nutritional consultation are other services.

AAA8's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program assisted with the transition of four nursing facility residents "back to the community." Three clients have remained in community living. Two of these individuals were under 60 and one moved to another region to be near family. There were five additional residents who were in the transition process or awaiting program approval.



Housing Program

AAA8 completed 39 housing jobs for a total of \$220,819. The projects were predominately handicap access

issues for clients that had mobility needs and minor home modification for safer home environments and used a variety of grant resources.

Buckeye Hills also received a \$384,400 Housing Assistance Grant. The grant was an increase of \$184,400 above the funding received during the last grant cycle. The grant is used for Handicap Modifications and minor home repair for those who meet income guidelines. AAA8 found that one pressing need for seniors is home modification for personal mobility. The largest percentage of work accomplished was bathroom redesign (because of decreased mobility) followed by entry ramps where the senior can no longer negotiate steps without the risk of falling.

Buckeye Hills also received a \$120,000 Homeless Assistance Grant for Monroe, Noble, Washington and Morgan counties through the Ohio Housing Trust Fund to assist those who are homeless or with pending foreclosures or rental evictions.



Senior Farmers Market Program:

With coupons worth \$50 to buy produce, eligible seniors received welcome relief from rising food budgets. The Senior Farmers Market

Nutrition Program (SFMNP) provides income-eligible seniors coupons to purchase fresh, locally grown fruits, herbs and vegetables. With grant support from USDA, the Senior Farmers Market served 1,654 seniors with \$71,125 in coupons redeemed. The program was supported by nearly 80 farmers or markets.

"This is an appreciated program. I hope it continues. I greatly benefited from it."

Program Participant: Pomeroy, Meigs County





AAA8 Launches Hospital to Home Program

Helping patients transition from “in-patient” to in-home” care, a new AAA8 program was made possible with funds from the American Reinvestment & Recovery Act and Older Americans Act funding.

The AAA8 Hospital to Home Program provides a smooth transition from in-patient to the home. It is a “warm hand off” from one level of care to another. In addition to a Long-Term Care Consultation that provides patients and their families with options and education about types of care, how to pay for it and other factors in making long-term care decisions. The Hospital to Home program also includes short-term home delivered meals.



AAA8 Heightens Awareness of Elder Abuse Issues

AAA8 staff encouraged residents and providers across the region to wear purple and attend an Elder Abuse Awareness Day balloon launch on June 15. The event draws attention to the serious issue of Elder Abuse and took place in Marietta at the O’Neill Senior Center.



Diner’s Choice Program Launched

In 2009, AAA8 offered seniors access to a new nutrition program called Diner’s Choice. Designed to give residents better access to nutrition

sites, it uses the services of local restaurants in areas determined to be under-served by regional congregate meal sites. With this funding, AAA8 wanted to increase access to senior nutrition programs by partnering with restaurants in areas that did not have existing congregate sites. By working with local restaurants, the ARRA funding had a double impact, nutritious meals for seniors and providing money to the local economy.

Shown at left at Peach’s Place in Perry County, are (standing left) Ken Grannon, Assistant Manager; Fred Shriner, Perry County Commissioner and Buckeye Hills AAA8 Executive Committee Member; (Seated left) Nancy Gibson - Perry County Resident and member of the AAA8 Regional Advisory Council and Iris Cottrill - AAA8 Case Manager.

Healthy U Program Continues

The AAA8 Chronic Disease Self-Management program (CDSMP) known as “Healthy U” was hosted by the Carroll Senior Center in New Matamoras (Washington County). The “Healthy U” plan provides training in managing chronic conditions such as heart disease, emphysema, hypertension and diabetes.



Program participants meet for two hours each week for a six-week program. Things such as how to eat well, how to manage emotions, ways to exercise or make fitness a priority, medication how-to’s, and communicating with medical professionals are all part of the “Healthy U” series.

AAA8 Utilizes Geographic Information System Services (GIS)

Buckeye Hills provides GIS mapping services to the eight county region. In coordination with Emergency Management partners throughout the district, these services will now include mapping of ‘at risk’ residents. PASSPORT case managers were trained with handheld GPS devices to “map” AAA8 clients. These maps will provide Emergency Management officials with details on at-risk residents in the case of emergencies such as flood, snow and fire.



AAA8 Mission Statement & Web Site Revised

In 2009, AAA8 updated its Mission Statement and web site.

“To advocate for and educate older adults and their caregivers and promote long-term care choices and consumer protection so they can take advantage of opportunities that enable them to maintain wellness, independence and dignity.” The statement was simplified and includes the work AAA8 is doing with wellness and for caregivers. The newly designed AAA8 web site — www.areaagency8.org was also launched.



Home Healthcare Provider Co-op Forms & Receives OAAAA Partnership Award

AAA8 and the Ohio Cooperative Development Center at OSU South Centers worked with regional home healthcare provider representatives to form a working home health care cooperative — The Home Healthcare Provider Co-op.

The group was recognized at the annual meeting of The Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging with the 2009 Provider Partnership Award.



Shown from front left are: Angie Robinson, Valley Home Care Solutions; Becky Genei, Genesis Home Care; and Mike Gordon, Fosterbridge. Back from left: Tom Snyder, OSU - OCDC; Madeline Watson, Noble County Health Dept.; Wanda Morris, Interim Healthcare; Sherri Becker, Wash. County Career Center and Mindy Cayton, AAA8

Medicare Fraud Coalition Formed

With support from ODA grant funding, AAA8 began development of the Southeastern Ohio Medicare Fraud Coalition to educate rural, isolated seniors about Medicare Fraud.



Choices Expo A Great Success!

With support from the many 2009 Choices Expo sponsors, exhibitors and activities coordinators, the event was a great success.



2009 Expo Title Sponsor, Results Radio. The live remote broadcast was hosted by Z-106 who mentioned event sponsors and nearly 50 exhibitors.



Home Energy Assistance Outreach Program

AAA8 conducted Home Energy Assistance Outreach Program across the region.

You Earned It. Now Keep It! Seminar a Success



Certified Elder Law Attorney and Author Don Chapin presented a common sense approach to estate planning and elder law issues to the public on Sept. 24 and to area professionals for continuing education credit on Sept. 23.

Nearly one hundred attended the public seminar as Chapin boiled the topics down into an easy-to-understand presentation on estate planning for seniors and their families. The evaluations for the program were outstanding and the professional audiences requested a full-day training on these topics. Shown above are David and Eileen Cline who traveled to the event from Monroe County.



Region Benefits from Assisted Living Waiver Program

Choices of all kinds face Ohio's aging population and the loved ones who care for them. At her residence, Assisted Living

Waiver client Wilma Wilson visits with Area Agency on Aging 8 Case Manager Alta Coffman, RN, (standing) and Debbie Burnside, RN, Assisted Living Unit Manager for Riverside Country Care Center. Wilson gets the care she needs at the location of her choice with support from Ohio's Assisted Living Waiver Program.



Families Benefit from Choices Program

Programs that allow elderly Ohioans to receive less-expensive care in the comfort of their own homes are making a difference to families in Appalachia. Bertha Paynter, celebrated her 101st

birthday in 2009 and enjoys remaining at home with her daughter, Shirley near Mt. Perry. With support from a program called Choices, Shirley is paid two and a half hours a day to care for her mother. In 2009, Bertha's Choices service plan was \$13,145, a savings of more than \$43,000 when compared to the average annual cost for nursing facility care in Ohio.

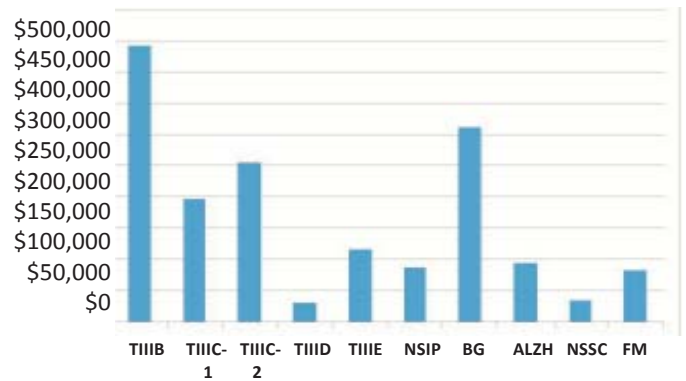
2009 Revenues and Expenditures

This summary covers the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. Local in-kind contributions are not reflected in the overall summary. Purchase of service contracts administered by the Area Agency on Aging and the loan activities of the Revolving Loan fund are not included in this report.

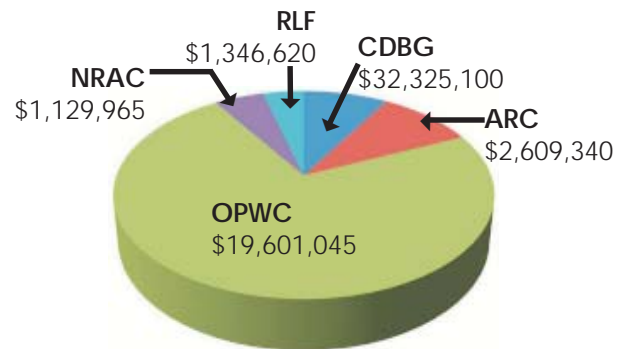
This was the 32nd year that Buckeye Hills has operated with a federally approved Cost Allocation Plan. This allows all the programs administered by the agency to be included in a single set of books and accounting records. The Cost Allocation Plan and its indirect cost rate permit a more equitable distribution of common agency costs among all the funding entities. A single audit will include all administrative operations of BH-HVRDD. All of the agency's programs are audited annually by a certified public accounting firm. Audit reports for 2009 reflect that the agency's operating policies and procedures are adequate and efficient, and in compliance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the funding agencies. All grant funds received above actual costs are either returned to the funding agency following the annual audit, or used in the next year for allowable program activities.

Development Department Funding — Chart at right:

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Above: The Area Agency on Aging receives funding from many sources to administer and support in-home services. The Federal government provides funding for Title III services through the Older Americans Act. Nutrition service incentives (NSIP) and Senior Farmer's Market (FM) are funded through the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Ohio Dept. of Aging funds Block Grant (BG), National Senior Service Corps and Alzheimer's. Housing repair assistance is funded through the Ohio Dept. of Development.



REVENUES

Economic Development Administration (EDA)	\$54,628.00
Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)	221,782.32
Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)	736,210.80
State of Ohio - Local Development District Support	130,494.00
Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)	68,891.51
EDA GIS Enhancement Grant	15,152.95
Community Development Block Grant Administration	17,112.23
City of Marietta	4,971.49
U.S. EPA Grant	328.44
Local Per Capita Contribution	30,500.00
Revolving Loan Fund	96,733.51
PASSPORT Program	2,581,409.00
Misc. Income	<u>12,978.06</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,971,192.31

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$1,634,047.21
Fringe Benefits	999,734.37
Travel	254,337.82
Equipment	125,944.13
Contractual Services	36,856.56
Rent	179,199.87
Other Direct Costs	263,334.92
Indirect Cost	<u>465,702.32</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,959,157.20

BALANCE

Audited Statement

\$ 12,035.11

Pie Chart Above:

RLF =
Revolving Loan
Fund

CDBG =
Community
Development
Block Grant

ARC =
Appalachian
Region
Commission

NRAC =
Natural
Resources
Assistance
Council

OPWC = Ohio
Public Works
Commission

Buckeye Hills Staff & AAA8 Regional Advisory Council

Executive Staff

Misty Casto	Executive Director
Douglas Dye	Director of Fiscal Operations
Kim Flanigan	Long-Term Care Ombudsman Dir.
Rick Hindman	Assist. Exec. Director & AAA Director
Jamie Lewis, CNA/MCSA	Security MIS Director
Jane Skeen, LSW	Home Care Director
Gwynn Stewart, MSC	Communications Director
Melissa Zoller	Development Director

Buckeye Hills Staff

Allphin, Bret	GIS Manager
Anderson, Misty	Quality Improvement Assistant
Andros, Jennifer	Clinical Assistant
Ash, Cathy	Program Manager/Trainer, LSW
Bennett, Vicki	Case Manager, RN
Biehl, Pat	Case Manager, RN
Brammer, Kay	Assessor, RN
Cayton, Mindy	Planner
Cisler, Sandy	Case Manager, RN
Collins, Glenda	Clinical Operations Manager, RN
Collins, Janie	Program Assistant
Crawford, Sherry	Clinical Assistant
Coffman, Alta	Case Manager, RN
Cottrill, Iris	Assessor, RN
Davidson, Sue	Ombudsman Specialist
Fuller, Jennifer	Case Manager, LSW
Gage, Joe	Housing Coordinator
Gedeon, Lynn	Case Manager, RN & LSW
Hesson, Brandi	Secretary/Receptionist
Horn, Christy	Case Manager, RN
Huff, Debra	Q.I. Coordinator, MSW
Hyer, Michelle	Development Specialist 1
Keaveney, Lisa	Assessor, RN
Keith, Diane	Information & Referral Specialist
Keyes, Denise	Fiscal Manager
Kuhn, Judy	Q.I. Manager, RN
Lewis, Kelli	Clinical Assistant
Matura, Pam	Program Assistant
Meunier, Tina	Business Development Coordinator
Morris, Nancy (Retired 2009)	Quality Improvement Manager
Myers, Jenny	Communications & Pgm. Asst.
Myers, Linda (Retired 2009)	Nutritionist
Nicholson, Kerry	Assessor, RN
Norman, Veronica	Case Manager, LSW
Offenberger, Anita	Case Manager, RN
Palmer, Pat (Retired 2009)	Clinical Supervisor
Parker, Tina	Quality Improvement Assistant
Parsons, Debbie	Fiscal Assistant 1
Place, Lindsay	Information & Referral Specialist
Platt, Chris	Case Manager, RN
Robinson, Angela	Secretary/Receptionist
Scott, Angela	Case Manager, LSW
Starkey, Deanna	Secretary/Receptionist
Steed, Kim	Clinical Supervisor, RN
Sweeney, Jamie	Case Manager, LSW
Swisher, Sarah	Clinical Supervisor, LSW
Vandine, Darlene	Caregiver Advocate, LPN
VanNoy, Gerri	Information & Referral Specialist
Vogt, Jeffery	LTC Ombudsman Assistant II
Ward, Amanda	Secretary/Receptionist
Weasel, Charmel	Development Specialist 1
Wolfe, Brenda	Fiscal Assistant 1
Wright, Kara	PAR Screener, LSW
Yates, Jayne	Case Manager, RN

AAA8 Regional Advisory Council

The AAA8 Regional Advisory Council (RAC) serves as a liaison between Seniors and their local County Councils on Aging. The RAC is formed of representatives from those County Councils on Aging and other AAA8 appointees. The 2009 RAC members were:

Athens County

Dotty Carey
Louise Hershey
Mark Sullivan

Hocking County

Bob Daubenmier
Greg Green
Charlotte Johnson
Jack Stage

Meigs County

Tom Anderson
Alice Wolfe

Monroe County

Jean Ackerman
Carl Davis
Tim Price
Betty Weber
Morgan County
Bruce Dozer
Don Reynolds

Noble County

Natalie Kennedy
Ruth McElfresh
Robert Nau

Madeline Watson

Perry County

Nancy Gibson
Fred Shriner
Sara Hoover

Washington County

Keith Hanson
Cora Marshall

Steve Weber

AAA Appointees

Ruth Paine
Doris Poole
Lois Sizemore
Joan Stroh
Caroline Vaughn

In Memory: Stewart Burkhalter • 1931-2009 (Monroe)



GIS Program Receives Grant; Manager Earns National GISP Certification

In 2009, the Buckeye Hills Development team Geographic

Information Systems (GIS) Manager, Bret Allphin, GISP, met the standards and requirements to become a Certified Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Professional (GISP) through The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI).

GISP is a national-level certification program for professionals to ensure they have met the minimum standards for educational achievement, professional experience, and manner in which they contribute to the profession.

Allphin (center) is shown above accepting an ARC grant from Fred Deel Governor's Office of Appalachia and Racine Mayor Scott Hill. The \$11,000 grant was matched by EDA to support the expansion of the GIS program to a web-based format. GIS services support communities and their efforts to supply critical data to the region.

Buckeye Hills Leadership

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has 15 members comprised of four non-elected representatives, one minority representative, Mayors of the two largest cities in the District, and eight county representatives appointed by county commissioners. Like the General Policy Council, two-thirds of the Executive Committee are elected officials; one-third are non-elected officials and minority representatives.

*(Executive Committee Members shown in **bold.**)*

Athens County

Nancy Aiken
Lenny Eliason
Larry Payne
Dick Shaw
John Simpson
Paul Wiehl

Hocking County

Greg Green
Fred Hawk
John Walker
Michael Walsh

Meigs County

Mick Davenport
Mike Gerlach
Donald Vaughan

Monroe County

John Curtis
John Pyles

Morgan County

Dean Cain
Ron Moore, President

Noble County

Richard Flood
Virgil Thompson, Vice Pres.

Perry County

Janine Conrad
Tim Danielson
Fred Shriner

Washington County

Cora Marshall
Dennis Blausner
Mike Lorentz
Michael Mullen
Sam Cook, Treasurer
Sharon Hoffee
Steve Weber

The Appalachian Development Corporation

The ADC works to secure new business and industry in the district; to promote the growth and expansion of the businesses and industries already established; to work for the development of more business and industrial opportunities for employment; and, to assist in attaining these purposes by coordinating efforts between government, federal, state and local, and private citizens and organizations.

Heber Piatt, President	Monroe County
Gary Starner, Vice-President	Hocking County
Joe Matthews, Treasurer	Washington County
Lenny Eliason	Athens County
Bob Daubenmier	Hocking County
Michael Walsh	Hocking County
Gary Hudson	Monroe County
John Curtis	Monroe County
Ron Moore	Morgan County
Virgil Thompson	Noble County
Fred Shriner	Perry County
Sam Cook	Washington County

Boyer Simcox Leadership Award

Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District (BH-HVRDD) honored long-time member of the Board of Directors Bob Daubenmier of Logan with the Boyer Simcox Leadership Award at its 2009 April Semi-Annual Meeting.



The Simcox Leadership Award recognizes a current or past Buckeye Hills District Board member, business, community or county leader who exemplifies principles of vision and leadership and commitment to the success of the 8-county region. Bob has served with the Buckeye Hills Executive Committee most recently as President and has been involved with work in the region for more than 16 years. He has also served as a Hocking County township clerk, county commissioner and president of Logan City Council.

"To say that Bob exemplifies vision and leadership is an understatement," said Buckeye Hills Executive Director Misty Casto. "He is a dedicated civic and community leader and has served with commitment and candor. I am honored to know Bob and to have worked with him over the past 16 years."



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