

General Policy Council Members

(Executive Committee Members shown in bold)

Athens County

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

Monroe County

John Curtis
 Tim Price
John Pyles

Perry County

Janine Conrad
 Tim Danielson
Fred Shriner

Hocking County

Greg Green
Fred Hawk
John Walker
 Michael Walsh

Morgan County

Dean Cain
Ron Moore

Washington County

Dennis Blauser
Sam Cook
 Sharon Hoffee
 Mike Lorentz
 Cora Marshall
Michael Mullen
 Steve Weber

Meigs County

Mick Davenport
 Mike Gerlach
Donald Vaughan

Noble County

Richard Flood
Virgil Thompson

The **Executive Committee** has 15 members comprised of four non-elected representatives, one minority representative, Mayor's of the two largest cities in the District, and 8 county representatives appointed by the county commissioners. Like the General Policy Council, two-thirds of the Executive Committee are elected officials; one-third are nonelected officials and minority representatives.

First Annual Simcox Leadership Award Announced



John Curtis of Monroe County was honored with **The Simcox Leadership Award** for his more than 20 years of service. This honor recognizes a current or past Buckeye Hills Board member, business, community or county leader who exemplifies principles of vision and

leadership and commitment to the success of the 8-county region. The award honors the leadership of C. Boyer Simcox who served as Executive Director and as an advocate for our region. Curtis has served on the Executive Committee, the Personnel Committee and with the Revolving Loan Fund. Pictured above is John Curtis with his wife, Kay Curtis.

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- Supporting Economic & Community Development
- Creating Partnerships
- Leveraging Resources
- Providing Technical Support
- Advocating & Educating
- Planning Regionally
- Area Agency on Aging 8

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2008 Annual Report

From The Executive Director...



Dear Friends,

In 2008, we celebrated 40 years of work in the region by Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District. Serving more than 255,000 constituents in Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, and Washington Counties, our organization is a strong and vital community partner.

Whether reaching out to the region's aging in need of in-home assistance, providing communities with economic and community development support, or serving as advocates on the state and national level, the Buckeye Hills staff serves with dedication.

The Development Department:

- assists communities in securing funding to improve or extend water and sewer service;
- works to increase access to health care and education;
- provides gap financing for small businesses (through the Revolving Loan Fund) to create and retain private sector jobs;
- administers state and federal grants and loan funding; and
- advocates and serves as the liaison between state and federal partners and communities.

The Area Agency on Aging provides essential services to the nearly 48,000 residents aged 60+ and plans for the growth of this demographic as the Baby Boomers age.

This year, with support from county and community leaders, Buckeye Hills continued its proactive advocacy efforts defending funding for rural development and aging programs and promoting regional interests at state and federal levels.

Now, with more than 40 years behind us, Buckeye Hills continues to build on its foundation of fostering cooperation in regional planning, and in building a better quality of life for the residents we serve. We look forward to continued partnerships in 2009 and beyond.

Misty Casto
Executive Director



Development and AAA8 staff at work and having fun.

Judy Kuhn
Kara Wright
Kay Brammer
Kelli Lewis
Kerry Nicholson
Kim Steed
Linda Myers
Lindsay Place
Lisa Keaveney
Lynn Gedeon
Michelle Hyer
Mindy Cayton
Misty Anderson
Nancy Morris
Pat Biehl
Pat Palmer
Sandy Cicler
Sara Swisher
Sherry Crawford
Sue Lassiter
Tina Meunier
Tina Parker
Veronica Norman
Vicki Bennet

Quality Improvement Assistant
PAR Screener
RN, Assessor
Clinical Assistant
RN, Assessor
Clinical Supervisor
Nutrition Coordinator
Information & Referral Specialist
RN, Assessor
Case Manager, (RN) & (LSW)
Development Specialist 2
Planner
Quality Improvement Assistant
Quality Improvement Manager
Case Manager, RN
Clinical Supervisor
Case Manager, RN
Assessor
Secretary/Receptionist/Clinical Assistant
Ombudsman Specialist
Business Development Coordinator
Secretary/Receptionist/ Q.I. Assistant
Case Manager, LSW
Case Manager, RN

Buckeye Hills Staff

Executive Staff

Misty Casto: Executive Director

Gwynn Clifford: Communications Director

Doug Dye: Director of Fiscal Operations

Kim Flanigan: Long-Term Care Ombudsman Director

Rick Hindman: Assistant Executive Director/AAA Director

Jamie Lewis, CNA & MCSA: Security MIS Director

Jane Skeen, LSW: Home Care Director

Melissa Zoller: Development Director

Development & Area Agency on Aging 8 Staff

Alta Coffman	Case Manager, RN
Amanda Casto	Secretary/Receptionist
Angie Robinson	Secretary/Receptionist
Angie Scott	Case Manager, LSW
Anita Offenberger	Case Manager, RN
Brandi Hesson	Secretary/Receptionist
Brenda Wolfe	Fiscal Assistant 1
Bret Allphin	GIS Manager
Cathy Ash	Trainer
Charmel Wesel	Development Specialist 1
Christy Horn	Case Manager, RN
Christy Platt	Case Manager, RN
Darlene Vandine	Caregiver Advocate, LPN
Deanna Starkey	Secretary/Receptionist
Debbie Parsons	Fiscal Assistant 1
Denise Keyes	Fiscal Manager
Diane Keith	Information & Referral Specialist
Gerri VanNoy	Information & Referral Specialist
Glenda Collins	Clinical Operations Manager
Jamie Sweeney	Case Manager, LSW
Janie Collins	Program Assistant
Jayne Yates	Case Manager, RN
Jennifer Andros	Clinical Assistant
Jennifer Fuller	LSW, Assessor
Jenny Myers	Communications Specialist & Program Assistant
Joe Gage	Housing Coordinator

Development Department

2008 Project Outcomes

- ❖ 51 projects
- ❖ Total project cost: \$32,246,978
- ❖ Administrative cost: \$463,122
- ❖ 839 jobs created or retained
- ❖ Revolving Loan Fund: 3 Loans for \$338,402 with 19 jobs created & 39 jobs retained - Additional private/public investment of \$1,504,978

Leveraged Administrative Dollars:
\$1 administration = \$69.63 in project dollars



After more than six years of planning, the new Amesville "Clustered" Wastewater Project was marked by an official ribbon cutting ceremony in October. The project is the first of its kind in the state to receive a permit from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); it will serve 84 structures in Amesville. Several gathered as Amesville Village Council President John O'Donnell cut the "ribbon."

Buckeye Hills Hosts Town Hall Meetings



Noble County Town Hall Meeting

Town Hall meeting participants voiced their thoughts on a variety of topics and shared ideas for partnerships and working toward solutions. As a result, the true voice of those living



Shown above is Buckeye Hills Exec. Dir., Misty Casto addressing the Monroe County Town Hall Forum.

in the county and region was gathered, offering needed insight for future planning. The perspectives shared will help Buckeye Hills learn how to best serve people living in the 8-county region. County-by-county reports are available on the Buckeye-Hills website.

Marietta Receives \$250,000 ARC Grant for Armory Project



Representative Jennifer Garrison and Marietta Mayor Michael Mullen.

The City of Marietta was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Appalachia to renovate the City's vacant historic National Guard Armory for future use as a visitor information and multi-use community center in downtown Marietta. Governor's Office of Appalachia Director Fred Deel was joined by (from left) Christi Mash, Governor's Regional Director, State

Area Agency on Aging 8

Services & Programs:

- ❖ Hosted The Choices Expo on Nov. 12-13 in Marietta with over 300 participants and nearly 50 exhibitors attending.
- ❖ Conducted Home Energy Assistance Outreach Program across the region.
- ❖ Launched The Working Caregiver Program to regional employers.



AAA8 Supports AARP's Livable Communities Effort



Representatives from Marietta attended the AARP Livable Communities Committee meetings at the AAA8 office in Marietta to discuss the assets and challenges facing the city as it prepares to accommodate the growth of the city's aging population.

Pictured at the program launch from left to right are: Terry Zdrale Exec. Director of the O'Neill Senior Center; Misty Casto Exec. Director of Buckeye Hills'

AAA8: AARP's Rebecca Wheeler-Grieve and Marietta Mayor Michael "Moon" Mullen.

AAA8 Receives NADO Innovation Award



The Buckeye Hills AAA8 received an Innovation Award from The National Assoc. of Development Organizations (NADO) for implementing Healthy IDEAS and Healthy U evidence-based health promotion programs. Shown to the left is AAA8 Director Rick Hindman receiving the award from NADO's First Vice President Leanne Mazer.

Area Agency on Aging (AAA8) Services and Units Provided:

Alzheimers Education	3,654 hours
Home Medical Equipment	1,277 units
Senior Volunteers	4,164 hours
Sr. Volunteers RSVP	75,455 hours
Personal Care	411,373 hours
Homemaker	11,798 hours
Home Delivered Meals	207,392 meals
Adult Day Care	1,740 hours
Congregate Meals	40,876 meals
Medical Escort	2,592 trips
Transportation	19,983 trips
Legal Assistance	352 cases

July 2007 through June 30, 2008

REVENUES

Economic Development Administration (EDA)	\$ 54,628.00
Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)	200,259.91
Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)	830,580.75
State of Ohio – Local Development District Support	130,494.00
ODOB Job Ready Site	1,040.65
Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)	55,322.45
Trickle Up Program	3,326.28
Community Development Block Grant Administration	20,930.76
City of Marietta	5,000.00
U.S. EPA Grant	593.36
Local Per Capita Contribution	30,500.00
Revolving Loan Fund	94,207.04
PASSPORT Program	2,216,525.75
Misc. Income	<u>13,900.54</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,657,309.49

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$1,571,546.77
Fringe Benefits	920,066.03
Travel	215,241.90
Equipment	38,843.02
Contractual Services	30,496.10
Rent	176,504.46
Other Direct Costs	278,442.45
Indirect Cost	<u>410,307.20</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,641,447.93

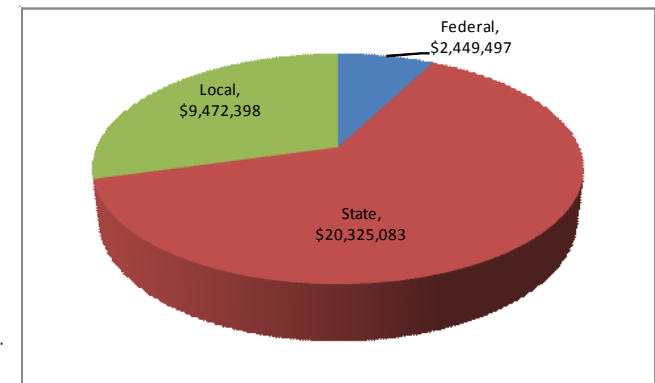
BALANCE

\$15,861.56

Audited Statement

Development Department Funding

Total costs for the 2008 Development projects were approximately \$32 million, with local communities and private business leveraging \$9 million against the nearly \$23 million provided through state and federal funding sources.



2008 Revenues and Expenditures



Doug Dye: Director of Fiscal Operations

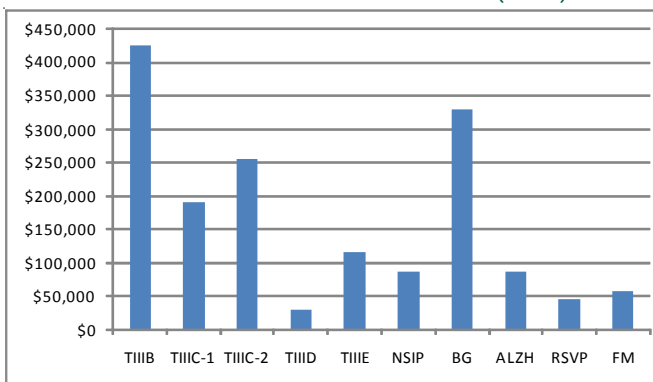
This was the 31st year that Buckeye Hills has operated with a federally approved Cost Allocation Plan. This allows all the programs administered by the agency to be included in a single set of books and accounting records. The Cost Allocation Plan and its indirect cost rate permit a more equitable distribution of common agency costs among all the funding entities.

A single audit will include all of the administrative operations of BH-HVRDD. All of the agency's programs are audited annually by a certified public accounting firm. Audit reports for 2008 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 after completion of the annual audit, or utilized in the following year for allowable program activities.

Local in-kind contributions are not reflected in the overall summary. Purchase of service contracts administered by the Area Agency on Aging 8 and the loan activities of the Revolving Loan fund are not included in this report.

Area Agency on Aging Funding

The Area Agency on Aging receives funding through many sources to administer and support in-home services for clients over 60. 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 US Dept. of Agriculture. The State of Ohio funds Block Grant (BG), National Senior Service Corps, Alzheimer's, RSVP and Housing repair assistance through the Department of Development.



PASSPORT:

In the past year, more than 750 individuals participated in the PASSPORT program affording them the opportunity to receive quality care and support services in the comfort of their own homes. Nearly five people will be cared for through state funds available through PASSPORT for the same cost of providing state-funded care for one person in a nursing facility.

- ❖ Served 771 PASSPORT Clients through nearly 80 regional providers with service dollars of: \$7,730,390.
- ❖ PASSPORT Enrollment as of Dec. 2008:
Athens: 172 ❖ Hocking: 119 ❖ Meigs: 87 ❖ Monroe: 36 ❖ Morgan: 57
Noble: 32 ❖ Perry: 118 ❖ Washington: 150

Housing Program:

The Housing Coordinator completed 26 jobs for a total of \$96,968. The projects were predominately handicap access issues for clients that had mobility needs and minor home modification for safer home environments and were funded by a variety of grant resources.

Senior Farmers Market Program:

With grant support from USDA, the Senior Farmers Market served 1,144 seniors with \$51,825 in coupons redeemed. The program was supported by nearly 80 farmers or markets.



Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program:

- ❖ 179 cases
- ❖ 1,351 total hours
- ❖ 86.6% resolution

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.



Above: Kim Flanigan, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Director shares program details at The Choices Expo. Exhibitors join in a game of chair volleyball.

Advocacy & Legislative Awards

As a Council of Government (COG), Buckeye Hills has the unique ability to perform cross jurisdictional work and often manage and represent stakeholder values in the state and federal public policy and funding environments. Engaging legislators at the state and federal level, COGs help to generate visibility to regional needs. They also often serve as regional leaders in forming, shaping and changing public policy and strategies for service delivery.

The Bottom Line: Improving the quality of life for the nearly 255,000 residents (including nearly 42,000 senior citizens) across eight Ohio Appalachian counties.

U.S. Senator Voinovich Receives Congressional Partnership Award

Executive Director Misty Casto was pleased to honor U.S. Senator George Voinovich with the National Association of Development Organizations' Congressional Partnership Award. This honor recognizes Members of Congress who have demonstrated leadership in promoting Regional Community and Economic Development. Accepting the award was Brandon Kern of the SE Ohio Regional Office for the Senator. Voinovich was nominated for his work to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Commission. He helped secure \$75 million for the ARC in the 2008 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill. The funding was a \$10 million increase over 2007 levels.



Zack Space Receives Appalachian & NADO Congressional Awards

U.S. Congressman Zack Space of Ohio received a 2008 Congressional Award from the Development District Association of Appalachia for his advocacy on behalf of the 23 million people of Appalachia.



Shown at left are Morgan County Commissioner Dean Cain and Executive Director Misty Casto presenting Zack Space with The National Development Organization Assoc. Congressional Partnership Award.

Garrison Receives Ohio Distinguished Legislator Award

Mike Jacoby, Director of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority, and Misty Casto, Buckeye Hills, present Representative Jennifer Garrison (D-93rd District) with the Ohio Economic Development Association's (OEDA) Distinguished Legislator Award. OEDA recognizes Ohio Legislators who demonstrate leadership in promoting regional community and economic development.



Ohio Senator Tim Schaffer Visits Perry County PASSPORT Client



The popular PASSPORT program that allows elderly Ohioans to receive less-expensive care in the comfort of their own homes is making a difference to one Perry County family. Buckeye Hills Area Agency on Aging 8 and its provider Cambridge Home Health hosted a home visit with PASSPORT Client and Ohio Senator Tim

Schaffer. Dannie Dyeris is 66 and enjoys being able to stay in the comfort of his New Lexington home because of equipment and services provided by PASSPORT.

Area Agency on Aging 8 Legislative Partnership Award



The AAA8 Partnership Award recognizes a current or past AAA8 Region local, state or federal legislator who supports the principles and an ongoing commitment to the mission of AAA8 in serving the region's caregivers and aging population. For 2008: **Ohio Representative**, (now Senator) **Jimmy Stewart** was nominated for his efforts on the Unified Long-Term Care Budget as a member of The Joint Committee on Medicaid Technology and Reform.



At left: Executive Director Misty Casto with Jerri Dahler, U.S. Congressman Charlie Wilson's regional office Representative. At right: Executive Director Misty Casto with OH Senator Joy Padgett and Senator-elect Jimmy Stewart.

