

# FOUR LAKE REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



Berving the Middle Tennessee Counties of Macon, Bmith, Bumner, Trousdale, and Wilson

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# 2008/2009 ANNUAL REPORT and



July 10, 2009 Bluegrass Yacht & Country Club Hendersonville, TN

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The Four Lake Regional Industrial Development Authority is unique.

In 1974 the Tennessee Valley Authority announced construction of the world's largest nuclear power plant at Hartsville, Tennessee.

In 1975 the impacted counties - Trousdale (Hartsville) and the four contiguous counties (Macon, Smith, Sumner and Wilson) formed the Hartsville Project Coordinating Committee to work together with TVA to mitigate impacts as the project was developed.



In 1977 construction employment reached a high of 7,000 at the Trousdale County site.

In 1982 after progressive cutbacks, construction was halted with employment virtually eliminated, resulting in significant economic dislocations in the regional economy.

In 1983 a Farmer Home Administration sponsored analysis, "The Hartsville Project Impact Study" was released calling for the establishment of an industrial development authority to specifically focus on the work of attracting jobs to the area.

Legislation creating the Four Lake Regional Industrial Development Authority was passed by public act of the State Legislature on April 15, 1986.

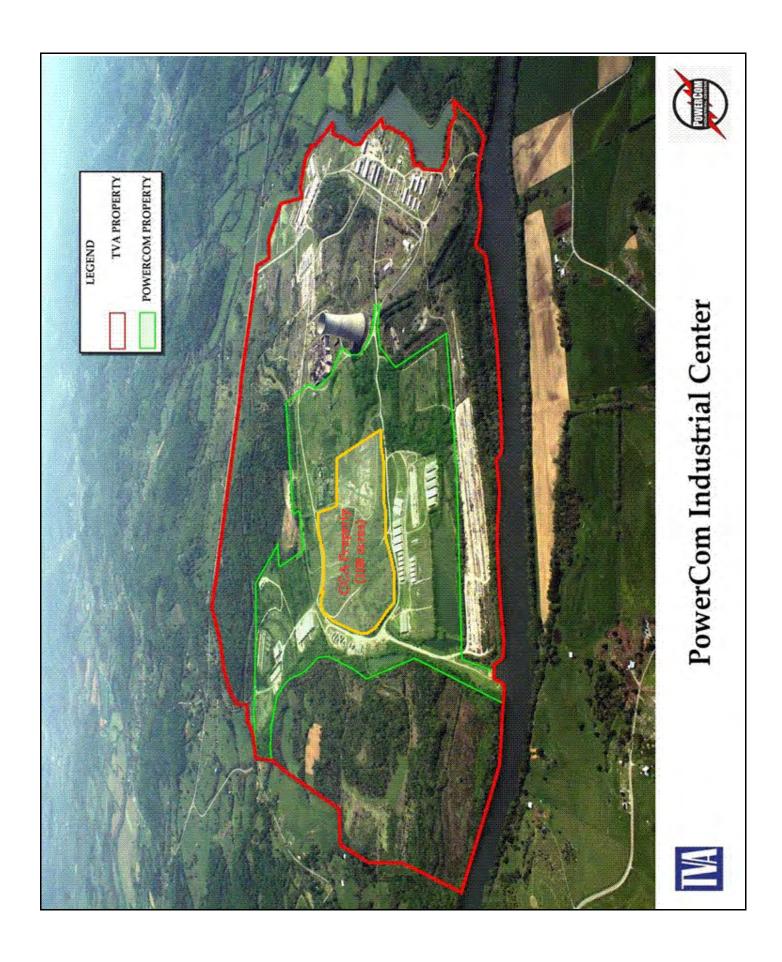
In 1988 the Authority contracted staff and initiated a work program.

Enabling legislation states that the Authority was "created and established for the purpose of developing the resources of the region embracing the counties of Macon, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale and Wilson ...."

More specifically, the Authority "is directed to focus its activity toward economic development and improving employment opportunities in the region ...."

After years of contact and pleas with the then 3-member TVA Board of Directors, approximately 554 acres of the mothballed TVA nuclear site were sold to the Four Lake Authority in June 2002 for regional economic development purposes. The property (see property boundary map on page 2) was purchased for the appraised value of \$1.7 million with the stipulation that the Four Lake Authority make a minimum of \$1.5 million in infrastructure improvements during the first five years of ownership. These initial infrastructure improvements (water, sewer, and natural gas lines), as well as a 750,000 gallon water storage tank, were completed in 2005.

On April 27, 2007, the Four Lake Authority made the final payment of \$1,700,000 to TVA - insuring free and clear ownership of the 554 acres.





The Four Lake Regional Industrial Development Authority's administrative attachment is with the State Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Authority is governed by a twenty-member Board of Directors comprised of the following:

- county mayors/executives of each of the five counties in the region;
- mayors of each county seat municipality in the region, except for Trousdale County (a Metro Government)
  wherein the county Chairman Pro-Tem currently serves as "ex-officio" member of the Board;
- mayor of any incorporated municipality in the region with a population in excess of 25,000 (Hendersonville);
- a representative from the Industrial Development Board of each county;
- a representative of the Governor;
- a State Representative and State Senator serving said region; and,
- the representative of the U.S. Congressman serving the Four Lake region.

An Executive Committee, comprised of one Board member from each of the five member counties, provides direct oversight for the Authority's operations. The Executive Committee meets quarterly, or more frequently if required. Members serving for the 2008-2009 fiscal year were the County Mayors/ Executives of Macon, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, and Wilson as follows:



**Chairman**Jerry Clift
Trousdale Co. Executive



**Vice-Chairman**Shelvy Linville
Macon Co. Mayor



**Sec./Treas.**Robert Dedman
Wilson Co. Mayor



**Sumner Co. Rep.** Anthony Holt Sumner Co. Exec.



**Smith Co. Rep.** Micheal Nesbitt Smith Co. Mayor

Other Board members serving for the 2008-2009 fiscal year included:

## **Macon County**

J. Y. Carter, Mayor of Lafayette Jon Hesson, Industrial Dev. Board

## **Trousdale County**

Tim Roberson, Chairman Pro-Tem Philip Holder, Industrial Dev. Bd.

# **Governor's Representative**

Jerry Merriman, TN Dept. of ECD

# **Smith County**

Phillip Piper, Industrial Dev. Board

## Wilson County

Philip Craighead, Mayor of Lebanon *U.S. Congressional Rep.* Phil Smartt, Industrial Dev. Board

# State Senator

Mae Beavers

# Sumner County

David Bowman, Mayor of Carthage Jo Ann Graves, Mayor of Gallatin Scott Foster, Mayor of Hendersonville Thomas Neal, Jr., Industrial Dev. Bd.

Mike Terry for Bart Gordon

# State Representative

Stratton Bone

# **Staff for the Authority includes:**



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Tennessee Valley Authority **Economic Development** www.tvaed.com



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# A ctivities & Accomplishments



# PowerCom Industrial Center

The PowerCom name and logo were created for the property to reflect the industry-specific marketing plan developed to target companies with a need for a dual-feed, uninterrupted power source. There are also plans to equip the PowerCom Industrial Center with state-of-the-art telecommunication capabilities. The availability of a large acreage site, navigable river access, and 346,430 square feet of <u>available</u> warehousing space (see pages 10 & 11 for building locations) are also emphasized in Four Lake's marketing efforts.

Two independent, nationally-recognized site certifications have been achieved for the PowerCom site. Four Lake's website (<a href="www.fourlake.org">www.fourlake.org</a>) activity continues to grow and an extensive update is scheduled for August/September.

A 54,000 square foot speculative industrial building was designed and completed with a final "walk-thru" on March 10, 2008 (see page 6 for picture & specs). Current negotiations are in progress with a significant prospect for a

new division of the company to begin operations in the Spec Building.

On February 22, 2008, Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), the nation's largest provider of corrections management services to federal, state, and local governments, announced its intent to construct Trousdale Corrections Center (on a 108 acre site) in the PowerCom Industrial Center. With its corporate headquarters located in Nashville, CCA designs, builds, finances, owns, operates, and presently manages 65 correctional and detention facilities in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

CCA's site-prep construction efforts began April 22, 2008, with basic completion in February, 2009.



CCA - 108 acre property footprint

Presently, the project's facility construction is "on hold", due to the current economic downturn and the budget trimming each state is facing. Once completed, the facility has a planned capacity of 2,040 medium-security beds, employing a minimum of 350 personnel in security, facility management, accounting, nursing, human resources, business management, quality assurance, teaching and education administration. The workforce will have full benefit packages; 85% of the total employment will be drawn from the Four Lake region.

As an educator, employer and economic contributor, CCA's presence will prove to be an important part in the lives of those who live and work in the five counties of the Four Lake region.



# **Newly Completed Spec Building**

## **Building Information**

Total Square Feet 54,000 (expandable to 100,000)

200' x 250' Dimensions

Adjoining Acres Avail.

Office Space (separate) 4,000 s.f. (elastomeric exterior paint)

Parking Spaces 26 paved/25 unpaved Construction Material Masonry & Metal

Concrete Floor 6" thick (future)

Ceiling Eave Height 30' minimum/38' maximum Dock Doors 2 - electric coiling Drive-In Doors 2 - electric coiling Column Spacing 1 row/centerline (25')

Sprinklered In place

Walls 10' high split face block all around/

foamed cores with R-26 rating/4"

thick pre-finished steel

Roof Standing seam metal with R-26 rating/

corrugated deck with 2" foam insula-

tion

Kalwal Panels 20% light transmission provided all

around building

High bay 400 watt metal halide at Lighting

24' on centers

4 exhaust fans & vents Ventilation

### Utility Information

Electric Svc. Provider Tri-County EMC

Phase Three/4 wire service with 480v trans-

former

Natural Gas Svc. Provider Nashville Gas

Natural Gas Line Size

Water Svc. Provider Hartsville/Trousdale Co. Water &

Sewer Dept.

Water Line Size 18"

Sewer Svc. Provider Hartsville/Trousdale Co. Water &

Sewer Dept.

Sewer Line Size 10" Force Main

## Location Information

100 Trousdale Way Address

Hartsville, TN 37074

Major Interstate 19 miles to I-40 via Hwy 231

0.8 mile to Hwy 25 Major Highway

Major Commercial Airport 40 miles to Nashville International Dock Facility

On site - Cumberland River access

None

Latitude N 36 20.833 Longitude W 86 5.865

Rail Access

# **Business Incubator**

The Business Incubator Program, owned and operated by the Four Lake Authority, currently leases 10 buildings totaling 92,000 square feet to eight businesses employing 25 persons. See pages 10 & 11 for current/active tenant locations in Village 1 and Village 2.

The following is a summary of graduates and tenants:

✓ <u>Armster Reclaimed Lumber</u>, a Connecticut-based entity, refurbishes reclaimed lumber from the land, buildings, and rivers. A division opened at the PowerCom site September, 2008 in a 12,000 sf building with one acre of barren land. The current economic times forced the closing of the TN division on 06/01/09.



- ✓ <u>Covenant Displays</u>, after eight years as an Incubator tenant, graduated in 2003 to a new location in Lebanon. The company produces special-order acrylic display stands, primarily for the religious bookstore market. This family-owned business employs six.
- ✓ <u>Cowan International, Inc.</u> graduated from the Incubator ten years ago, moving to a permanent location in Red Boiling Springs. The company manufactures cabinetry for the high-end residential market. This family-owned and operated business employs 17.
- ✓ <u>ElecMech Salvage</u> located to a 4,000 square foot building in May, 2005. This family enterprise originally began in Cumberland Gap, TN and employs three. They rehab switch boxes and other heavy electrical equipment mainly for mining operations. Mitchell Gibson, owner (see photo on page 9), is always looking to expand.
- ✓ <u>General Spring</u> continues to operate its spring manufacturing facility at the site since 1992. They currently employ 10 and occupy two buildings totaling 36,000 sq. ft. The industry filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in September, 2008. A liquidation sale occurred on June 26, 2009.
- ✓ <u>North Central Recycling</u>, a regional trash recycling entity for the North Central Tennessee area, utilizes Trousdale County inmate labor. Since 1994, NCR occupies a 16,000 sq. ft. building and continues to provide a valuable service for the Four Lake region (see photos on page 9).
- ✓ <u>Piedmont Gallery, Inc.</u>, a flooring and millwork manufacturer with its home office in Fairview, TN, located the cabinetry division and employees to a 4,000 sf building in October, 2008. This manufacturer utilizes modern-day lumber, as well as river-reclaimed wood types, in the building, designing, and installation of hardwood floors, cabinets, high-end furniture, etc. The owner, Leo Berg, plans to expand the cabinetry division into another PowerCom 4,000 sf building this summer, employing two persons on site (see photos on page 9).
- ✓ <u>RMT Mowers</u>, formerly known as A.P. Hicks Ent., Inc., began operations 08/01/07 in the 12,000 square foot Power Stores building, including the two mobile trailer offices located thereon. This operation manufactures mowers for state/county/city and contract highway mowing. The current downturn of the nation's economy forced hard times on this company. They left the PowerCom site 04/15/09.

- ✓ <u>Smith County Industrial Coatings</u>, an Incubator graduate of 16 years, continues to thrive at its permanent location in Gordonsville. Current employment is 15.
- ✓ <u>Southern Debindery</u> occupies two 4,000 sq. ft. buildings where they recycle out-of-edition textbooks. The Lebanon-based company employs three.
- ✓ <u>State of Tennessee/Division of Geology</u>, leases a 4,000 sq. ft. building for the storage of rock/core samples gathered in the region. A tenant since 2000, this division of the State's Department of Environment and Conservation studies, analyzes, and records the core findings for future reference. This Geological Division employs two.
- ✓ <u>SunFresh Farms</u> moved to a permanent location on the Wilson County and Smith County line 11 years ago. This family-owned and operated firm produces, packages, markets and ships vegetables and berries for regional markets. They currently employ 15 persons.
- ✓ <u>Tennessee Valley Authority</u> leases one 16,000 sf building for the warehousing of varying types of temperature-sensitive instruments, as well as equipment. A tenant since the land transfer and payment in April, 2007, TVA has continuously proved to be a good, helpful neighbor to the Four Lake Authority.
- ✓ <u>Victory Truck Lighting</u>, formerly known as SOLAS Parts, Inc., located to a 4,000 sq. ft. building in April 2006. Two family owners and employees sell new and used truck parts and lights to businesses and small owner operators. Rex Payne, part-owner, was killed at his Lafayette home in the February 5, 2008 tornado which ripped through the Four Lake Region. The other owner, Gary Waddell, continues to operate the company (see photo on page 9).
- ✓ <u>Volunteer Adhesives</u> relocated to Lafayette in 2003 and continues to thrive. A producer of special-order industrial adhesives, the company employs 20.

Forty newly-designed, building-location signs are presently being assembled by Advance Sign in Lebanon. With the aid of a TVA Special Opportunities Communities Readiness Grant, these signs will be installed on each building by August, 2009, utilizing Emergency 911 address regulations. See photo below.

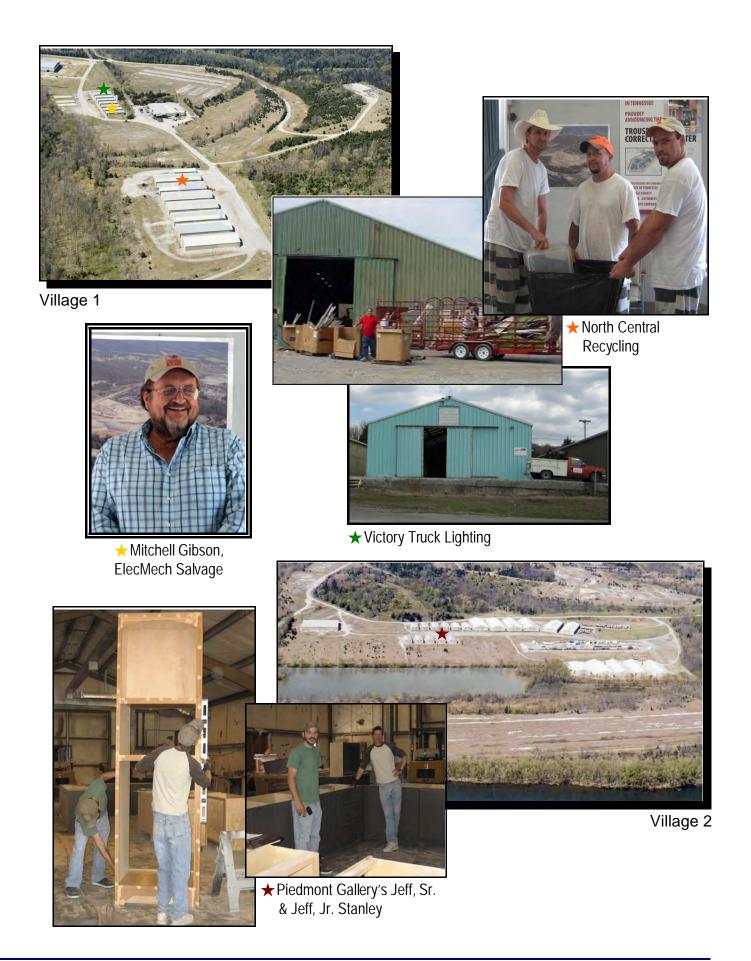
Estimates are being gathered presently for the painting, re-skirting, and trimming of the buildings in Village 1 & Village 2 of the PowerCom Industrial Center.

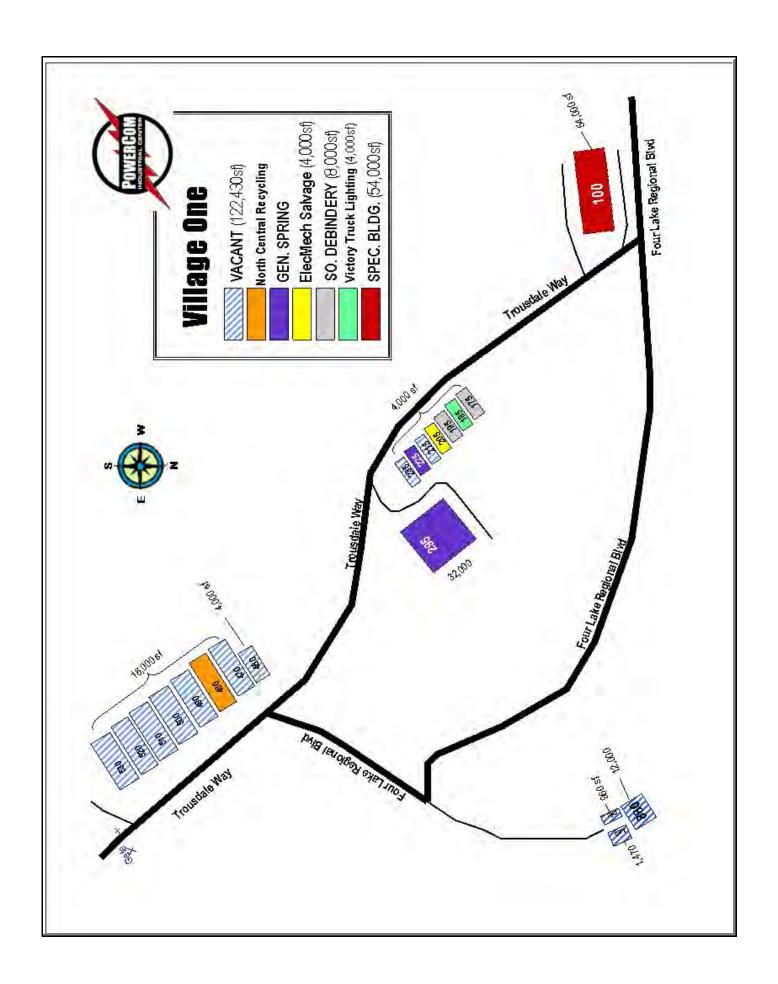
Speed limit signs have been located throughout the Center - noting a speed of 20 mph for employees, as well as construction traffic.

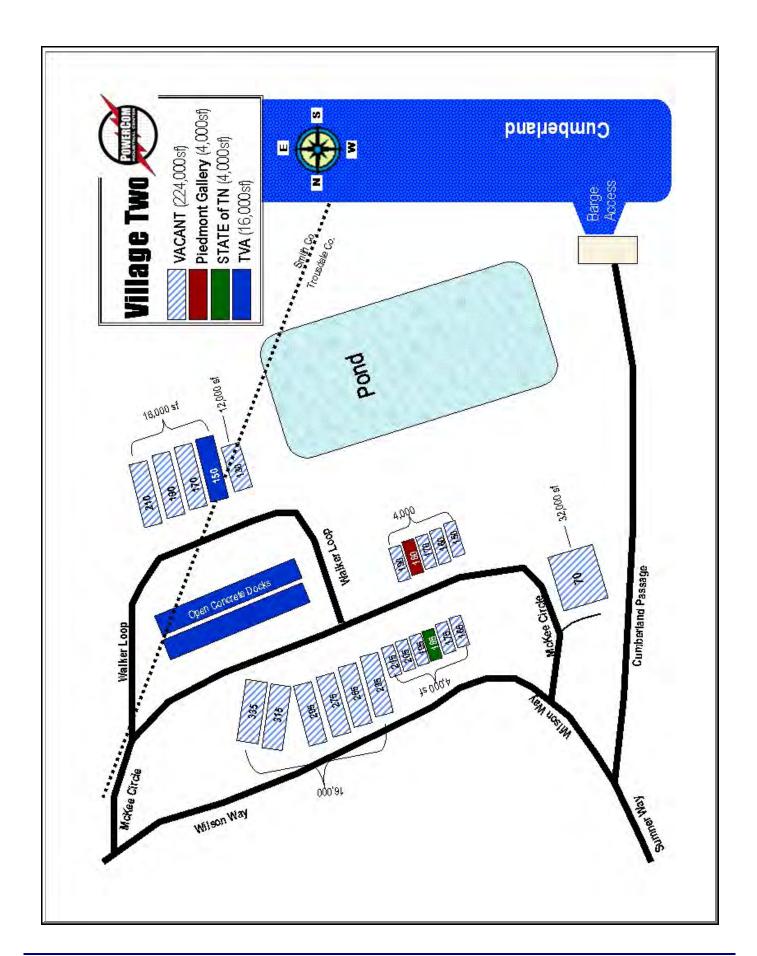
We are confident the planned building upgrades will prove beneficial to the available workforce of the Four Lake Region.



Example of existing building with new paint & sign.







# **Business Development Assistance**

✓ Four Lake assists and houses a satellite office of the Volunteer State Community College TN Small Business Development Center (TSBDC). The Center provides group sessions and one-on-one counseling & training for small business owners and entrepreneurs needing assistance in the FLRIDA region. The services are extended to existing businesses and startups.



The Center's Director, Charles Alexander, provides on-location counseling at the Four Lake office the second Wednesday of every month from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. For the convenience of interested residents of the Four Lake region, as well as the VSCC/TSBDC region, appointments with Mr. Alexander may be scheduled by calling the Four Lake office.

The VSCC/TSBDC program is funded through the Small Business Administration and Volunteer State Community College.

# Workforce Development

✓ The Tennessee Technology Center/Hartsville continues to increase its presence as a quality provider of technical training in the Center's five-county service area (same as the Four Lake Authority region). Enrollment figures as of December, 2008 reflect a 35.5% increase over the 2007 totals - making TTC/Hartsville one of the top eight in the nation's category of "Fastest-Growing Public Two-Year Colleges".



The Technology Center is a valuable asset to our five counties for both on-campus <u>career centered</u> training and off-campus specific <u>needs centered</u> training to meet the requirements of individual industry or business. In addition to the main campus, TTC/H has four Instructional Service Centers at Trousdale County High School, Hartsville; Tri-County Extension Campus, Red Boiling Springs; Union High Resource Center, Gallatin; and Wilson County Career and Technical Education Center, Lebanon. Twelve new employees have been hired as a result of the Center's expansion efforts.

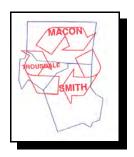
The TTC/Hartsville strives to fulfill its purpose to "provide high-quality training that is economical and accessible to all residents of Tennessee, thereby contributing to the economic and community development of the communities" in which they serve. The Four Lake Authority's Assistant Director/Program Manager serves on the TTC/H Advisory Committee.

✓ The Assistant Director/Program Manager of the FLRIDA is an active Alumnus of Leadership Upper Cumberland, a 15 county regional effort designed to: promote the education and training of persons for leadership and involvement in public affairs of the region; establish channels of communication among regional leaders; and, to assist in the development and enhancement of county leadership programs in each member county.



# Solid Waste Management

✓ The Greater Nashville Regional Council, the Upper Cumberland Development District, and the State Department of Environment & Conservation have assumed direct technical support for the North Central Solid Waste Planning Region (NCPR). The Four Lake Authority continues to supply the NCPR with coordinating/liaison support as it discharges its planning responsibilities under the '91 Solid Waste Management Act. The NCPR's Fourteenth Annual Progress Report has been submitted to the State; we are currently awaiting its acceptance.



# Other Activities

✓ In cooperation with the Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Association, the Four Lake Authority assists in updating and distributing Community Data Sheets for twelve communities in the region.



LafayettePortlandCarthageWestmorelandSouth CarthageWhite HouseGordonsvilleHartsvilleGallatinLebanonHendersonvilleMt. Juliet

The Four Lake region's Community Data Profiles, as well as others, can also be obtained from the MTIDA website at: <a href="https://www.mtida.org">www.mtida.org</a>

- ✓ Update and distribute annually the "Regional Profile of Available Industrial Buildings & Sites" for the five Four Lake counties. This Profile is available in the Four Lake office and is distributed at the Four Lake Annual Board of Directors meeting.
- ✓ Assist with investment locations and expansions as requested.

NOTE: Most of the information contained in this Annual Report, and more, can be found on the Four Lake website. Please visit us at <a href="https://www.fourlake.org">www.fourlake.org</a>



# **GENERAL FUND** 2008-2009

# **REVENUES**

TOTAL REVENUES	\$278,246.00
Rent (Incubator Buildings)	\$152,154.00
Other	126,092.00

# **EXPENDITURES**

Salaries/Benefits (ss/mc match, ins., retirement)	\$107,261.00
Travel	3,370.00
Contract Services	21,808.00
Communications	4,939.00
Postage	683.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,503.00
Dues/Fees/Subscriptions	2,229.00
Miscellaneous	4,157.00
Office Rent/Insurance/Utilities	10,141.00
Audit	1,840.00
Advertising	19,995.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$180,926.00

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND 2008-2009

# **REVENUES**

Fund Carry Over Balance	\$2,041,767.00
In-lieu-of Tax This Year	677,675.00
Interest	36,568.00

**TOTAL REVENUES** \$2,756,010.00

# **EXPENDITURES**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$610,795.00