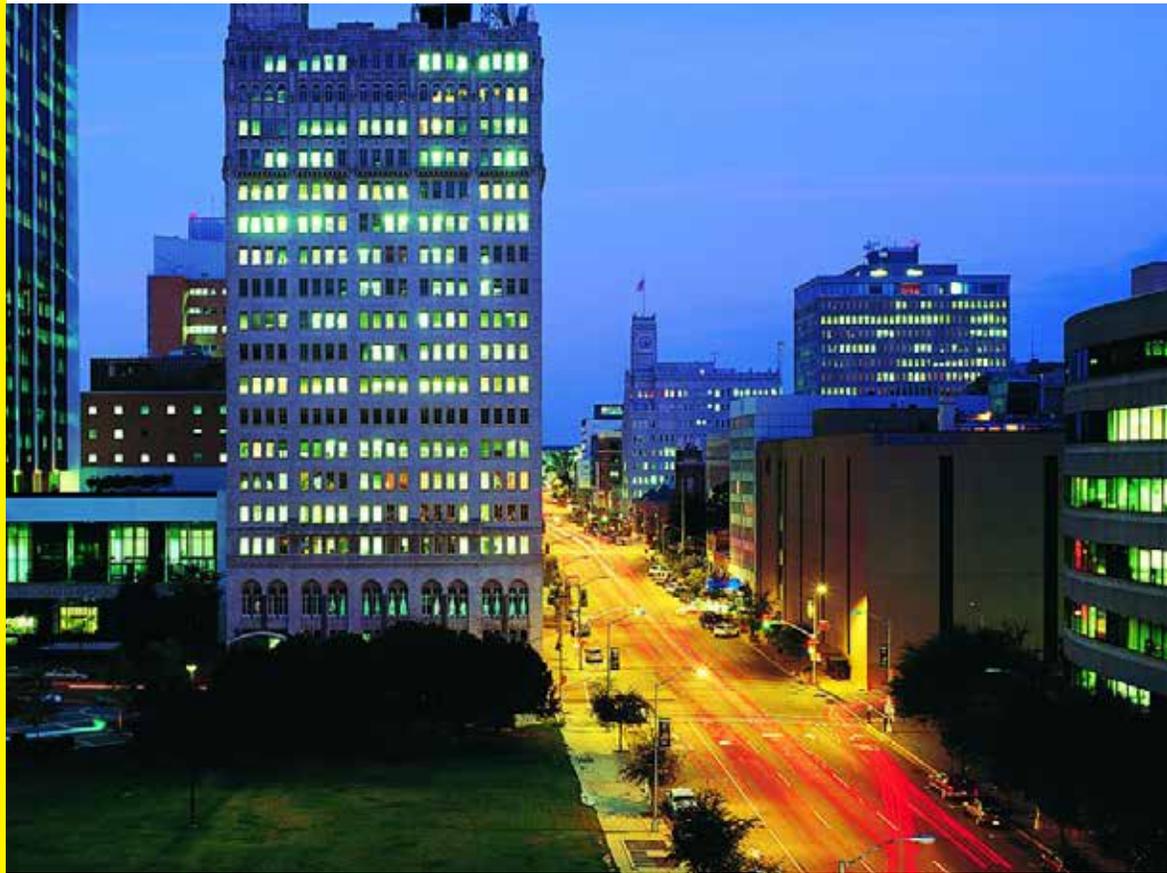


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

On behalf of the staff and the Board of Directors, it is an honor and a pleasure to present the 2013-2014 Annual Report of the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District. Hopefully, this document represents an interesting and attractive overview of the projects, programs, and activities during the last fiscal year. Organizationally, the District is a non-profit organization created to improve the overall well being of the seven county area by addressing problems and issues that go beyond any one political subdivision. The local cities and counties within this region are the entities this organization primarily serves. Many of our activities remain the same each year, while others greatly vary as the needs of this ever changing region vary quite a bit.

Our effectiveness can rarely be measured by one fiscal year, one project, program, or activity. Our major strength is bringing many groups, organizations, and interests into one common element for the long term benefit of this region. We represent the only organization of this type in this area and are constantly striving to bring about better coordination, cooperation, and consistency.

There is no way to truly determine our most significant or important activities for the year, but a few are:

- Initiated a new long range transportation plan for the Jackson metropolitan area, which will maintain eligibility for State and Federal funding for projects. Equally as important, this Plan will serve as an intergovernmental guide as to how transportation expenditures should be made in the most cost-effective fashion.
- Allocated over \$24 Million to 30 projects in order to fund high priority transportation projects as part of the current Metropolitan Planning Organization planning process.
- Established the Mississippi Access To Care system and center. State and Federal agencies have determined that there should be a comprehensive system from which to receive information, referral services, and the necessary enrollment into programs for assistance for the disabled and senior citizens. This Planning and Development District is responsible for this system throughout its jurisdiction and parts of southwest Mississippi.
- Was awarded the contract from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for CMPDD to initiate a regional disaster mitigation plan.
- Assisted local governments by applying and receiving approval on six (6) Community and Development Block Grants in the amount of \$12,303,150.
- Completed the first local Master Plan for Healthcare initiated by local governments and economic developers. The Plan was developed for Simpson County and not only would it become a formal statement of public policy, but numerous ordinances and investment of funds will take place as a result of it.
- Initiated a process by which local governments can be

Board President James Archer



CEO F. Clarke Holmes



come officially recognized as a consortium in order to continue to serve as the governance for workforce related matters within this region, as a result of the newly passed Federal Workforce Investment Act.

- Prepared a Master Plan for the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District which was successfully adopted by its governing board last year. This fiscal year the District received an Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations and a state award from the American Planning Association for this project.
- Adopted a concept named "Smart Planning", which takes the previously used process of integrating Geographic Information Systems into traditional planning and brings it to the next level of actually building viewers, and implementing decision making tools into the system. In the future, plans and special studies will reside in a computerized, digital format which is accessible through the use of phone, tablets and other devices.
- Completed its first year of a new fully integrated, state-of-the-art, accounting and financial management system. This system has proved to be extremely cost effective and has greatly reduced errors, labor consumption, and redundancy. Additional components, such as better time management, are also being added.
- Provided service to an average of over 98% of an allotted 2,400 elderly and disabled individuals enrolled in the Elderly and Disabled Home and Community-Based Waiver program. This is a record high for the District. This program through the Mississippi Division of Medicaid is a very cost effective way for the needy to stay in their homes rather than enter an institution.
- Greatly increased the efficiency and quality of the District's internal and external communication. This was accomplished by improving the proficiency of data management, as well as the ability to display this information in a more attractive and comprehensive manner.

After reviewing this document, I hope that you will agree that we have had a most productive and beneficial year. If you have any questions, comments, or need further information please feel free to contact the appropriate person within the organization.

ADMINISTRATION & COORDINATION

The Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) is a sub-state regional planning organization serving the governments of seven adjacent counties in Central Mississippi - Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo. CMPDD is a non-profit corporation concerned with meeting the ever changing needs of its seven member counties and thirty-four municipalities. The District promotes area-wide progress through regional planning and development concepts in such areas as local planning, governmental management, economic development financing, and human resource coordination.

CMPDD was created in 1968 through the voluntary actions of local governments and community leadership in cooperation with various federal and state agencies. Under Executive Order Number 81, Governor John Bell Williams officially designated this District as a Sub-State Planning and Development District in 1970.

The District prides itself in effectively organizing and managing its functions and activities. Each year an overall program of work is developed, which contains all projects and activities expected to be undertaken during the upcoming fiscal year. There is a corresponding budget for each project. In addition, a Mid-Year Report is presented in the identical format of the Work Program, and shows the progress of each activity along with a year-to-date spending analysis. The District also produces a newsletter each quarter, which relates the activities that have occurred during that three month period. Finally, the District maintains an up-to-date website. Information on planning and development, grants, loans, workforce training, aging activities, as well as transportation planning is available at www.cmpdd.org.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The District is governed by a Board of Directors composed of county and municipal elected officials, representatives of business and industry, and minority leaders. The Board of Supervisors from each county appoints three members - one in each category - and the municipalities in each county select an elected official as their representative. In addition to these members, representation from the City of Jackson is composed of two elected officials, a leader in business or industry, and a minority representative.

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COMMITTEES

The District is a very diverse organization concerned with many issues and opportunities. To provide the staff with adequate input and maximum policy direction, the Board of Directors has delegated much authority to its standing committee system which has proven to be an effective mechanism for providing guidance and direction in a timely manner. At each Board of Directors' meeting, reports from the committees are presented in written form, and the Board acts with recommendations from these committees. The committee members listed are those that are serving at the time this document was written.

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LOCAL PLANNING & REGIONAL ASSISTANCE

CMPDD offers comprehensive planning assistance to local governments, including preparation of comprehensive plans in accordance with State law, zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, sign ordinances, and unified development codes that embrace all development-related controls. CMPDD also prepares economic development plans for municipalities and counties, and performs economic feasibility studies for local governments and private parties. In addition, CMPDD is the only one of ten Mississippi Planning and Development Districts (PDD's) that has a staff of trained urban and regional planners; therefore, CMPDD, in cooperation with the other PDD's, offers planning assistance to local governments outside of its seven-county area.

The regional governmental assistance program is CMPDD's effort to provide common services to areas that have common issues and needs, thus lowering the cost of providing services to the citizens of the respective governmental units. The purpose of this program is to better address the total needs and demands of the local governments in the seven-county area in a regional and collective manner. Over the past year, the District provided notifications and technical assistance to local governments regarding various Federal and State grant opportunities, and hosted meetings at the District's headquarters to disseminate information. In addition, District staff provided technical assistance to the Central Mississippi Mayors Association, County Administrators, and City Clerks by coordinating regular meetings at the District headquarters. Also, CMPDD hosted regional meetings separately for the Mississippi Municipal League (MML) and the Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS). The focus of the regional meetings is to provide municipal and county officials with an update of ongoing legislative issues, as well as, setting future legislative priorities.

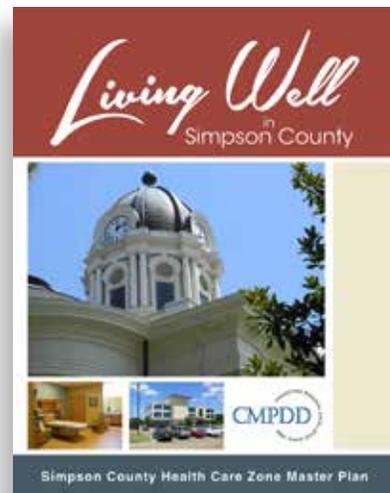
Through CMPDD's Geographic Information System (GIS) and Regional Data Center, assistance is provided on a contractual basis for mapping services and local economic studies, including feasibility studies, tax studies, and economic impact analyses.



COUNTY PLANNING & ASSISTANCE

SIMPSON COUNTY

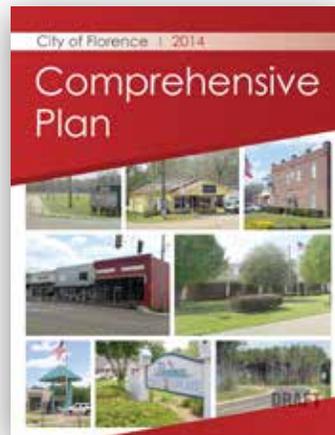
CMPDD is working with the Simpson County Economic Development Foundation to develop a Health Care Master Plan for Simpson County. For a county to qualify as a Health Care Zone, it must be part of a three county contiguous area that contains a minimum of 375 or more acute care hospital beds or it must be able to demonstrate a minimum investment of \$250 million in a hospital since July 1, 2012. Additionally, the Health Care Zone must encompass an area within a 5-mile radius of a hospital with a certificate of need. For a county failing to meet the Health Care Zone qualifications as defined above, a master plan must be developed by an AICP certified planner with work experience in Mississippi. A Health Care Master Plan is designed to be economic development tool for communities to follow in order to facilitate health care job creation and wealth.



CITY PLANNING & ASSISTANCE

CITY OF FLORENCE

The CMPDD completed an update of the City of Florence Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The current plan was developed by CMPDD and adopted by the City in 2003. Since that time the City has experienced a tremendous amount of growth and development, with population growing by 21% from 2000 to 2010. The new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance were developed to help the city address the many changes in development patterns that have taken place, as well as address anticipated land use and transportation needs.



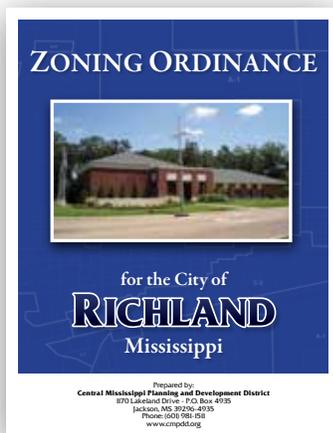
CITY OF MAGNOLIA

At the City of Magnolia's request, the District prepared an updated zoning map for the City, which includes annexed land to its northwest. The District surveyed the existing land uses in the annexed area and prepared a zoning plan for the area. The District presented the proposed zoning for the annexed area and a new Official Zoning Map, which was adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen following a public hearing.

TOWN OF PELAHATCHIE

The District has begun developing an update of the Town of Pelahatchie's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The plan update will include revisions to all four elements including the Goals and Objectives, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, and Public Facilities Plan. As part of the development of the Plan, the CMPDD will create an interactive web-based GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping application and viewer. With this internet based GIS viewing tool, users are able to pick and choose which background map and

data layer(s) they wish view from a menu of available information. This new service will allow accessibility to numerous informational data layers including aerial imagery, topography, existing land use, the land use plan, the transportation plan, recreational features/facilities, demographic data, flood zones, and zoning. Recommendations and elements found in the Comprehensive Plan will be incorporated into Pelahatchie's Zoning Ordinance which was last updated in 2005.



CITY OF RICHLAND

Earlier this year, the District completed preparation of an updated Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, and the City adopted the new ordinance and map in April of 2014. This update included extensive revisions plus all amendments adopted since 2004 when the ordinance was last updated. The new ordinance and map followed the adoption of the City's new Comprehensive Plan and reflected certain aspects of those two documents. The new Zoning map reflects current zoning, as well as changes made in accordance with the Land Use Map from the Richland Comprehensive Plan.

The District is currently at work updating the City's Subdivision Regulations.

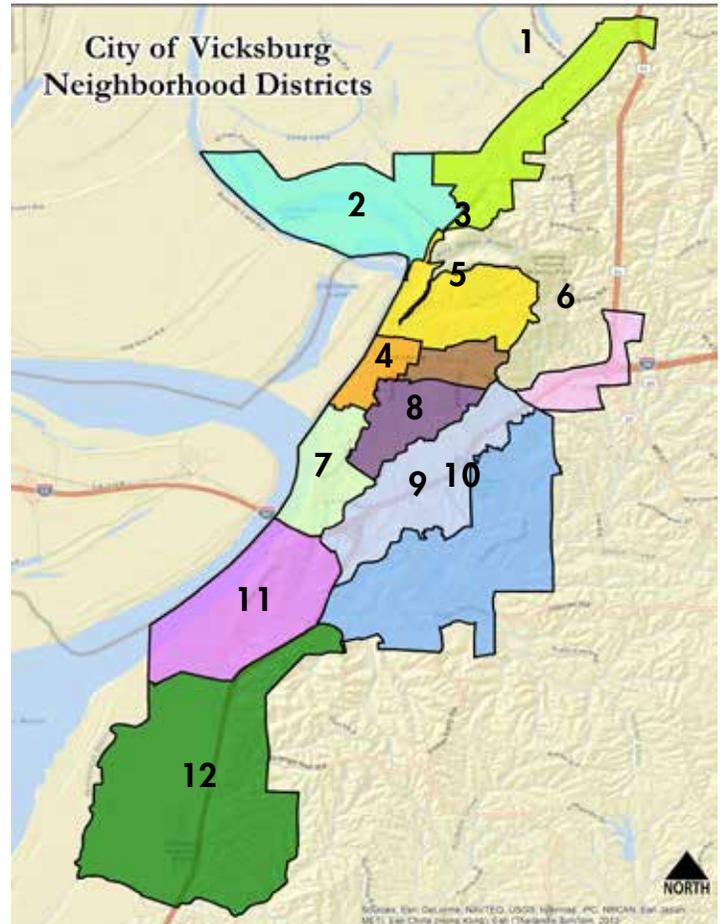
CITY OF VICKSBURG

The District worked with the City of Vicksburg to develop an update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The plan is largely complete and needs only the results of a forum questionnaire to include in the Plan before it is ready for review by the City. The plan recommends among other things, four gateway entrances to Vicksburg and three corridors linking the gateways, improvements to the City's waterfront, open space improvements, and cultural heritage attractions.

Additionally, the plan divides the city into 12 distinct neighborhoods, and each neighborhood has physical needs that should be addressed.

Neighborhood Districts

- 1 - North Washington Street
- 2 - Haining Road
- 3 - Martin Luther King Boulevard
- 4 - Downtown Historic District
- 5 - West Clay Street
- 6 - East Clay Street
- 7 - South Washington Street
- 8 - Midtown
- 9 - Interstate 20
- 10 - Waterways
- 11 - Warrenton Road
- 12 - Highway 61 South



CITY OF YAZOO CITY

Under a technical assistance contract with the City of Yazoo City, CMPDD worked on a regular basis with the City's Planning and Zoning Board as a technical advisor. During the past year, CMPDD prepared a number of amendments to the City's zoning ordinance and a new sign ordinance. The proposed Sign Ordinance is currently under review by City officials.

MUNICIPAL & COUNTY REDISTRICTING

CMPDD is widely recognized for years of experience in redistricting and uses state-of-the-art software specifically developed for redistricting. After the release of the 2010 U.S. Census, the District began to work with its member governments to develop redistricting plans.

The District has prepared redistricting plans for six (6) counties and sixteen (16) municipalities. Of those, twenty have been submitted and approved by the U.S. Department of Justice. One county is still considering adoption of plans.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT MASTER PLAN & SPECIALIZED STUDIES

At their December 19, 2013 meeting, the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District (PRVWSD) Board of Directors adopted the PRVWSD Master Plan developed by CMPDD. The purpose of the Master Plan is to serve as a policy guide for the physical and economic development of the PRVWSD. Elements included in this plan are Land Use, Transportation, Public Facilities along with a Capital Improvements Program, an Analysis of the Regional Economic Impact of PRVWSD, and the development of a Web-Based GIS Mapping Viewer.

Throughout the process of preparing the Master Plan for PRVWSD, the input and feedback of residents, business owners, and other interested parties was sought. CMPDD conducted an online survey, conducted a live survey of PRVWSD recreational facility users, and hosted two public meetings during the development of the Master Plan. The intention of these meetings was to understand the needs, desires, and vision of the residential and business community within and near the PRVWSD and users of the PRVWSD facilities. The surveys were used to assist in the calculation of the PRVWSD's economic impact on the region and the state.

The Land Use Plan element will be used primarily as a general and long-range policy guide to decisions concerning future land development. The PRVWSD area is located in five counties; Hinds, Leake, Madison, Rankin and Scott, and three municipalities; Jackson, Madison, and Ridgeland. Each jurisdiction addresses land use planning and zoning of PRVWSD property differently. The purpose of the PRVWSD Land Use Plan is to better coordinate these planning efforts to ensure harmony in land use plans and associated zoning of PRVWSD properties.

As part of the development of the Master Plan for the PRVWSD, CMPDD created an interactive web-based GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping application and viewer. With this internet based GIS viewing tool, users are able to pick and choose which background map and data layer(s) they wish view from a menu of available information. This new service will allow accessibility to numerous informational data layers including aerial imagery, topography, existing land use, the land use plan, the transportation plan, recreational features/facilities, demographic data,

land ownership, building footprints, flood zones, and zoning. A link to the viewer can be found on the Ross Barnett Reservoir website at <http://therez.ms/index.html>.

The CMPDD has completed three studies for the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. The District completed an analysis of un-leased or un-developed parcels, a financial projection, and a rate study for campgrounds.

In the Prioritization of Parcels report, the CMPDD developed a brief analysis of un-leased and/or un-developed parcels of land belonging to the PRVWSD. This analysis was based on the PRVWSD Master Plan, as well as the road network and available infrastructure. The parcels were prioritized based on development feasibility and potential. This report also provided PRVWSD with recommendations on the type of development for each parcel.

The District also developed a Financial Projection of the PRVWSD's General Fund revenues and expenditures. These projections are based on a simple linear regression model of historical data which includes build-out assumptions for future development. Several scenarios were projected to provide the most realistic projection of both revenues and expenditures. This analysis provided PRVWSD with a picture of their financial future and the need for budgetary adjustments.

The final study involved the District gathering and organizing data from over 50 campgrounds in Mississippi and neighboring states for the purpose of comparing rates of similar campgrounds in the PRVWSD. Data was collected on the type and number of camp sites, amenities and services offered at each camp site, as well as the campground as a whole, and occupancy rates were collected. Rental rates on a nightly, weekly, and monthly basis by type of camp site (i.e. water, sewer, and electricity hookups versus primitive), and data on seasonal rates and group discounts were collected. Once compiled, the District presented to PRVWSD a comparison of their rates and the rates of the surveyed campgrounds. Overall, it was determined that PRVWSD's rates are slightly below the average rates of the surveyed campgrounds. The results of this study may be used by PRVWSD to adjust their rates as they see necessary.

CMPDD COMPLETES STUDY FOR PROPOSED COUNTY LINE ROAD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

In September of 2014, CMPDD staff completed an assessment study for the stakeholders involved in the proposed formation of the County Line Road Business Improvement District (the "BID"). The purpose of the assessment study was to establish the potential assessment revenue to assist those involved in managing and establishing a budget for the proposed BID. The BID area which crosses county lines covers approximately .83 square miles and is made up of businesses along the Ridgeland and Jackson stretch of County Line Road from Highway 51 on the west end to just past Pear Orchard Road on the east end of County Line Road. The BID boundary excludes residential property which is forbidden by state statute from being included in the BID area.

To conduct the study, CMPDD planners and GIS staff gathered property information from the Hinds and Madison County Tax Assessors office to establish a possible basis for assessing the BID members if the BID gets formed. The GIS team mapped the entire area by land parcel and made it possible to analyze property ownership, building footprints, and other

characteristics of the area. The assessment revenue estimates produced by the study will be critical in determining the feasibility of moving forward with forming the BID.

The proposed BID has a total aggregate assessable area of 23,263,577 sq. ft. If the area was assessed at a rate of \$0.05 per sq. ft., the BID can expect to generate annual revenue of approximately \$1,163,179 to cover expenses and fund its improvement initiatives. If the area were assessed at a rate of \$0.15 per sq. ft., the BID can expect to generate annual revenue of approximately \$3,489,537 to cover expenses and fund its improvement initiatives. If the BID comes to fruition, the actual assessment method and amount will be determined by its board of directors

HAZARD MITIGATION

In April 2014, CMPDD was selected through the Request For Proposal process conducted by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to develop an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan for select communities participating in the District 5 mitigation update process. In accordance with requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local communities are required to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in place to maintain eligibility for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding. In addition, communities are required to update their plan every five-years to track progress implementing mitigation actions and to evaluate any changes that might have occurred.

Mitigation plans identify the natural hazards that impact communities, identify actions to reduce losses from those hazards, and establish a coordinated process to implement the actions identified in the plan. Mitigation efforts are most effective when they are based on a comprehensive long-term plan that is developed before a disaster occurs.

Communities participating in the plan update process for District 5 include Claiborne, Hinds, Issaquena, Sharkey, and Simpson Counties along with the Cities of Madison, Canton, Crystal Springs, and the Town of Puckett. As the project leader, CMPDD has been busy working with

those participating in the plan update process to conduct a comprehensive examination of all natural hazards affecting the region. The Hazard Mitigation Plan that will be developed at the end of this project will meet all of the requirements of Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations and will recognize the unique characteristics of each community participating in the planning process. The planning process being used includes completing 6 main tasks and at the end of FY 2014, CMPDD was working on Task 4:

- TASK 1 Building the Planning Team
- TASK 2 Creating an Outreach Strategy
- TASK 3 Reviewing Community Capabilities
- TASK 4 Conducting a Risk Assessment
- TASK 5 Developing a Mitigation Strategy
- TASK 6 Plan Review, Approval and Adoption

Next, the committee will look at identifying specific areas at risk to each natural hazard and develop an action plan to reduce those risks. As with any mitigation planning process, open public involvement is essential to the development of an effective comprehensive plan. Additional information concerning the mitigation planning process is on the District's mitigation website page <http://www.cmpdd.org/mitigation-planning/>.

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI MAYORS ASSOCIATION

The Central Mississippi Mayors Association (CMMA) consists of the Mayors from the 34 municipalities within the District's seven county region of Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo Counties. The organization was established to further relationships throughout the region and provide an avenue for the exchange of ideas, coordination of activities, and to address common issues pertinent to municipal government. During this Fiscal Year, the CMMA met on a quarterly basis, three times at CMPDD's headquarters and once in conjunction with the Mississippi Mayors League (MML) conference, to discuss common issues such as funding programs, pending legislation affecting municipalities, and current laws. During FY 2014, CMMA hosted a legislative reception for House and Senate members from central Mississippi in early February.



CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CITY CLERKS

The District hosts quarterly meetings of the City Clerks representing the thirty-four cities within its region. These meetings provide the Clerks with the opportunity to discuss common goals, issues, and concerns, as well as share best practices with each other. At each meeting, CMPDD highlights specific programs and services that are available through the District.

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS

The District hosts quarterly meetings of the County Administrators representing the District's seven county region of Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo Counties. These meetings provide the County Administrators with the opportunity to discuss common goals, issues, and concerns, as well as share best practices with each other. At each meeting, CMPDD highlights specific programs and services that are available through the District.

REGIONAL DATA CENTER

During the past year, the Regional Data center continued to provide on-line accessibility to interactive web-based information technology through the CMPDD website. This information system incorporates Geographic Information System (GIS) technology and web-server hardware/software upgrades to allow map based retrieval of numerous data sets at completely customizable scales and complexities. As always, CMPDD strives to provide current and comprehensive information to businesses, industries, and other potential economic development prospects in order to assist them in expanding or relocating their business activities to this area. This type of information is user driven and continuous adjustments are made to the system so that persons and groups needing various types of data will have instant access whenever possible. The Regional Data Center provides a comprehensive approach to business and industrial development and uses both local and regional data in this effort.

One of the District's most popular data products is the Radial Demographic Profile, which utilizes geo-referenced data and can provide a wide range of demographic and business profile information for a given radius or drive-time polygon around a specified point. Radial Profiles are critical components of market research for business location analysis and are utilized by entrepreneurs, businesses looking to expand or locate, and economic developers looking to attract new business and industry to the area. A sample 5-mile radial demographic profile of CMPDD,

with the District's office as the center point of the radial, is displayed on the District's website.

In addition, the Regional Data Center has access to current economic information at numerous geographic levels, which offers a single integrated data source specifically designed to meet the needs of higher education, workforce development, economic development, government, and private industry. The staff at the District are experts in geo-profiling and take pride in helping to attract economic development projects to central Mississippi using demographic data and GIS tools.



CENTCOM

CentCom is a web and email hosting service that CMPDD provides to its local governments. Communication and marketing through email and websites have become important tools for local governments to reach out to their citizens and the world. Developing a website can also improve day-to-day operations by making available general information, permit applications, registration forms, regulations and ordinances, and other applications to improve access to local government by its citizens. The goal of CentCom is to provide a cost efficient service for the District's member governments that address all of their email and web hosting needs.

Throughout FY 2014, the District has continually update and maintained websites and email accounts for CentCom customers, which include several not-for-profit organizations and local governments. The District also provides technical support, along with Venture Technologies, that may arise for any and all of the services provided to CentCom clients.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The District assisted the Greater Jackson Alliance and Rankin First with various technical capacities over this year. For the Greater Jackson Alliance, the District updated and revised their inventory of industrial sites and parks. Work initially began in January, 2012 and has resulted in over thirty revised sites.

Over the past year, the District has completed its task of producing paper maps for each site and also developed an interactive computerized mapping tool. The mapping tool allows prospects the ability to look at available infrastructure, utility lines, lot lines, existing buildings, floodways, and topography elevations.

In 2014, the District began working with the Southwest

Mississippi Partnership in developing an online based mapping tool, as well as packaged uniform demographic data and industrial park maps. The partnership currently includes economic development organizations in Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson.

The District also continued its relationship with Rankin First by continuously updating and maintaining Rankin First's online commercial and industrial real estate database. The online mapping tool and the commercial and industrial database provide economic developers in our region with unique tools to assist them with business recruitment efforts.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

Geographic Information System (GIS) design, maintenance, and upgrades continue to be a primary focus of GIS Department at CMPDD. During this past year, District GIS staff assisted the District's planning staff with numerous ongoing and special projects using GIS technology aimed at information management and increasing public access/availability. More specifically, GIS technology was used extensively in data gathering and analysis on two unique projects - the County Line Road Business Improvement District, and the Simpson County Health Care Master Plan. In addition, the District relied heavily on GIS to assist land use planners with ongoing planning assistance in regard to the Pelahatchie Comprehensive Plan Update, the Warren County Comprehensive Plan Update, the City of Florence Comprehensive Plan, and the City of Vicksburg Comprehensive Plan Update. Finally, the power of GIS was used for redistricting in Copiah County, producing project maps for grant writers, assisting with emergency management plan updates, and for aiding data management for transportation and transit planning as part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) efforts.

A geographic information system is essentially an ongoing computer-based technology process for viewing and manipulating data that can be referenced geographically. The use of GIS technology gives CMPDD staff and outside researchers the ability to analyze and visually display a host of geographically referenced information very effectively. Powerful database management and display features of today's GIS software packages allow geographic data to be merged into easily interpretable maps and graphics to aid in decision-making processes. At CMPDD, the major uses of GIS technology can be broken into the following categories:

- Land use planning
- Transportation planning
- Redistricting
- Pavement management
- Demographic analysis
- Population estimates and projections
- Site selection radial searches
- Economic development mapping
- Roadway inventory
- Redevelopment
- Property management

A major portion of GIS implementation at CMPDD is associated with data collection. Planners and technicians continually take to the field to collect information on existing development patterns and roadway conditions, which is then converted to digital layer based information for analysis. Another valuable source of information has been that of local counties and cities which are acquiring or have implemented GIS at the local level. This sharing of local data and current high resolution aerial imagery to assist in making regional plans and decisions has resulted in improved governmental management procedures at all levels of government. As GIS use becomes more widespread, the networking of GIS users allows the District to communicate more effectively with other cities, counties, external organizations and the general public.

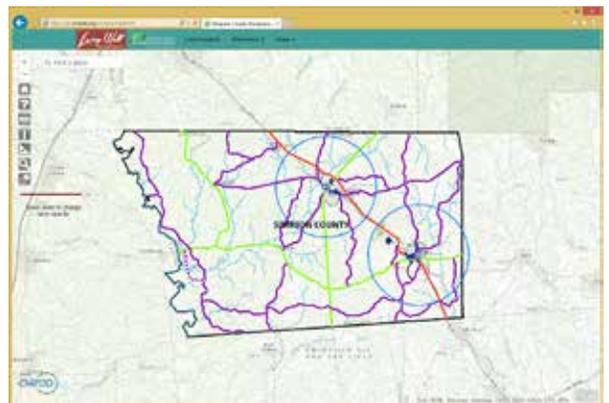
The GIS Department continues to receive requests for the ever popular Radial Demographic Profile, which utilizes geo-referenced data to provide demographics for a given radius or drive-time polygon around a specified point. Radial Profiles are critical components of market research for business location analysis and are utilized by entrepreneurs, businesses looking to expand or locate, and economic developers looking to attract new industry and business.

Another important ongoing mapping service that the District provides involves the preparation of industrial park maps depicting an existing inventory of available sites, buildings, parking, and utilities. For each site, both statistical and map data was compiled and made available in both printed and web-based viewing format to meet the needs of varied users.

In addition, the transportation planning process for the Jackson Urbanized Area relied heavily on GIS technology in monitoring growth and development in terms of traffic and congestion management. Using GIS software, District planners were able to streamline the collection and verification of socio-economic data and projections by Traffic Analysis Zone's (TAZ). Traffic projections will now be developed based upon Land Use Plans and zoning adopted by each municipality and each county in the Jackson Metropolitan Area. These projections will then used to produce Year 2040 traffic projections by applying a traffic simulation model to these forecasts. Based on the results of the model, traffic projections will be used as one of the criteria for prioritizing street, road, and highway improvements in the urbanized area over the next twenty-five years.

Finally, the District was able to continue to support and upgrade its internet based GIS viewing tools where users are able to pick and choose base maps and data layer(s) from a menu of available information. It is anticipated that additional layers and functionality will be added as we strive to meet the demanding needs of users.

As can be seen from the list of uses, and because GIS technology is of enormous assistance in so many different areas of local, regional and national concerns, the District continues to maximize the utilization of this valuable decision-making resource.



Simpson County Health Map Viewer

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The District, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Jackson Metropolitan Area, is responsible for directing a federally-mandated Transportation Planning Process. Federal regulations require that all “urbanized areas” (cities with populations of 50,000 or more plus the surrounding closely settled area) have a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive Transportation Planning Process. On June 29, 2012 the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century* transportation bill or MAP-21 was signed into law. This transportation legislation extends federal highway, rail, and transit programs for 27 months, and authorizes \$120 billion in spending.

As a result of MAP-21, the previous Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs were combined into a “Transportation Alternatives Program”, or TAP. MAP-21 allows TAP funding to be split 50/50 between the State and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO’s) within the State. The amount sub-allocated to the MPO’s is then divided proportionately based on population.

One of the primary responsibilities of the District as the MPO is the preparation of a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The most recent LRTP, the 2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan, was adopted by the MPO’s Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee on March 30, 2011. These plans must be updated a minimum of every five (5) years in areas meeting minimum air quality standards and every four (4) years in “nonattainment” areas. The Jackson Urbanized area is deemed an attainment area and the next update of the LRTP will be submitted to the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee for its consideration by December 31, 2015. The MPO is also responsible for developing a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) every two years. The TIP lists projects receiving Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP), Earmark, and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds used for transportation related projects that include roadway capacity improvements, resurfacing/reconstruction, traffic operation improvements, and transit related activities.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES

The Jackson MPO functions under a committee structure comprised of the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee and the Intermodal Technical Committee. In addition, the MPO is served by two advocacy committees, the first being the Stakeholders Committee and the other being the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee to the Intermodal Technical Committee. The Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee consists of elected and appointed officials representing the county and municipal jurisdictions located in the Jackson MPO planning area boundary, as well as the Director of the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT). This committee also includes the Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Jackson, and the Regional Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), each serve as non-voting members. This committee is responsible for making all policy decisions regarding the transportation planning process in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA). These decisions include approving numerous transportation related documents including the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Public Participation Plan (PPP) and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

The Intermodal Technical Committee is comprised of representatives whose skills and training are more technical in nature and necessary to undertake comprehensive transportation planning activities for the JUA. Representatives from each of the county and municipal jurisdictions located in the Jackson MPO planning area are included on this committee, as well as representatives of all trans-

portation modes in the area, including streets/highways, public transportation, bicycling/walking, air transportation, railroad, and the trucking industry. This committee reviews and makes recommendations on the same documents mentioned above and makes additional recommendations on other transportation related matters to the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee as they arise.

The PPP for the Jackson Metropolitan Area Transportation Planning Process, adopted by the MPO in 2008, established a Stakeholders Committee. This Committee consists of agencies, organizations, or individuals that are not represented on the Intermodal Technical Committee but have a vested interest in transportation planning efforts in the Jackson MPO planning area. These stakeholders or resource agencies are invited to all public hearings that are scheduled in conjunction with meetings of the Intermodal Technical Committee.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Subcommittee of the Intermodal Technical Committee is comprised of individuals who serve on the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee and Intermodal Technical Committee, and who are also representatives of Bicycle and Pedestrian Advocacy Groups. This committee is responsible for providing input into the transportation planning process as it relates to bicycle and pedestrian planning, reviewing proposed and existing bicycle and pedestrian documentation, and making recommendations to the Intermodal Technical Committee concerning all matters related to bicycle and pedestrian planning activities.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Meetings of the Intermodal Technical Committee were held on November 6, 2013 and February 5, May 7 and August 6th, 2014. During these meetings several items were presented for discussion and review. These items included: proposed amendments to the *Public Participation Plan, Prospectus, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2012-2015* and the *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan Volume III Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities*. Updated planning agreements between the Jackson MPO, the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the City of Jackson, as well as *Project Submittal Guidelines and Application for Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds, the 2015-2019 TIP for the Jackson Urbanized Area, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Years 2015-2016* and a resolution confirming the City of Jackson as the designated recipient of FTA Section 5307 funds were considered. Finally, projects selected for Surface Transportation Program (STP) and TAP funds through the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* transportation bill were considered. The Intermodal Technical Committee recommended approval to the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee of all of the preceding items discussed.

Meetings of the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee were held on November 13, 2013, February 12, May 14, and August 13, 2014. All items recommended for approval by the Intermodal Technical Committee, referenced above, were presented to and approved by the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee.

PARTICIPATION PLAN AND CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT/INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Federal regulations require a periodic review of a MPO's *Public Participation Plan (PPP)*. Updates were proposed to the PPP, as a result of this review, that added a method for measuring the effectiveness of the Plan and also to incorporate language contained in the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* transportation bill. A draft copy of the updated plan was placed on the MPO's website (www.cmpdd.org) for the required 45 day public comment period. On February 12, 2014, all comments received during the public comment period were presented to the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee for consideration

prior to the committee voting to approve the proposed updates.

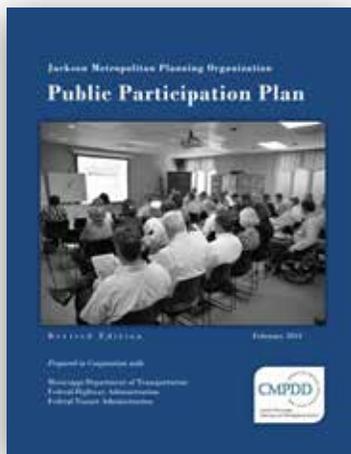
In order to promote involvement and provide information to the public regarding the draft *2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* for the Jackson Urbanized Area, a copy of the draft was made available for a 45 day public review and comment

period on the Jackson MPO's website. The MPO also published display ads in the *Clarion Ledger* and *Jackson Advocate* informing the public of a public hearing on the draft TIP that followed the 45 day public review and comment period. In addition, county-wide summits were held, on April 22-24, 2014, to solicit additional public comment on the TIP in each of the three (3) counties (Hinds, Madison and Rankin) in the Jackson MPO Urbanized Area. A Stakeholders Committee meeting was held on May 6, 2014 to allow interested stakeholders the opportunity to express

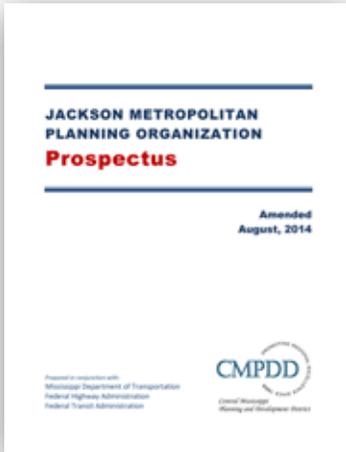
any comments they may have regarding the draft TIP. The public hearing was held, in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting of the Intermodal Technical Committee, on May 7, 2014, to solicit additional input on the draft TIP. All comments received through the aforementioned public involvement activities were presented to the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee for consideration prior to a vote being held to approve the 2015-2019 TIP.

Proposed amendments to the *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan Volume III Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan* were placed on the CMPDD's website, in compliance with the adopted PPP, for the required 10 day public comment period in October, 2013 and April, 2014. Proposed amendments to the 2012-2015 TIP were also placed on CMPDD's website for the required 10 day public comment period in October 2013, January 2014, and April 2014. All comments received during the public comment periods previously mentioned were presented to the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee for consideration prior to the committee voting to approve any of the proposed amendments.

The District, in order to better track its outreach activities, maintains a log of all transportation related meetings attended by staff members. This log documents the nature of each meeting, meeting location, and the various groups and concerned citizens in attendance. The transportation topics discussed at these meetings include, but are not limited to: improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the Jackson Urbanized Area and statewide; updated Federal sign retroreflectivity requirements; improved coordination among local and statewide transit providers; and updating of local comprehensive plans, which include a transportation planning component. Staff members also respond to public comments and questions, as received, through mail, email, and phone conversations. District personnel throughout the year also prepare articles to be included in CMPDD's quarterly newsletter, the *Central Update* and CMPDD's *Annual Report*.



PROSPECTUS



There were two revisions made to the *Prospectus* during FY 2014. The first revision was to modify the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment/Administrative Modification Flowchart. This revision established new cost thresholds when determining to process a proposed change to the TIP as an amendment or administrative modification. On February 12, 2014, upon recommendation by the Intermodal Technical Committee, this revision to the *Prospectus* was approved by the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee. The second revision to the *Prospectus* was to satisfy joint guidance issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on new requirements established as a result of the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)* transportation bill. The joint guidance requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) that serve an area designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA) must include officials of public agencies that administer or operate major modes of transportation in the metropolitan area, including representation by providers of public transportation on their policy boards. The intent of this provision is that representatives of providers of public transportation, once designated, should have equal decision making rights and authorities as the other members that are on the policy board of an MPO. On August 13, 2014, upon recommendation by the Intermodal Technical Committee, this revision to the *Prospectus* was approved by the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

On August 13, 2014, the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee, upon recommendation by the Intermodal Technical Committee, unanimously approved the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 (UPWP). This Work Program includes all of the transportation planning activities to be conducted by the District and the City of Jackson's Department of Planning

and Development during the next two years. One of the major priorities identified in the UPWP is completion of the update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The District has begun preparing the update and plans to have an updated version adopted by the MPO by December, 2015.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

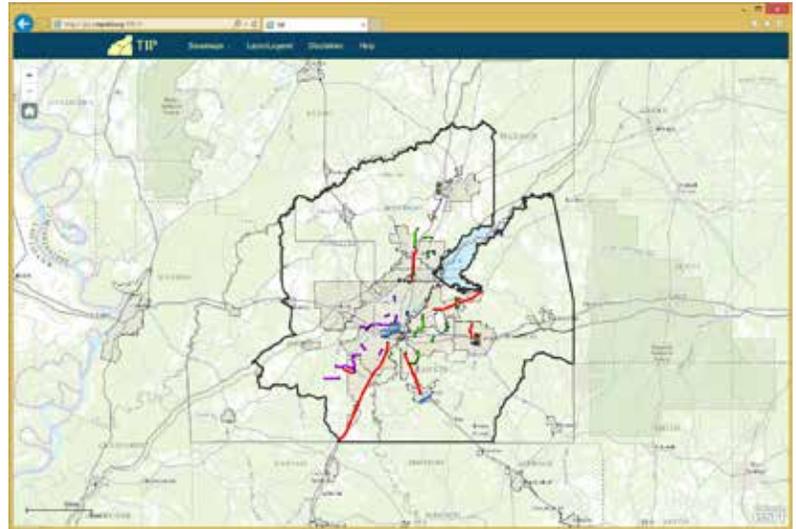
District staff members participate in various training courses and conferences relating to transportation planning each year. Among the sessions attended by the staff during FY 2014 were:

- Statewide Bike Summit on October 2, held in Jackson
- Mississippi Geospatial Conference on October 17-18, held in Long Beach
- Annual Conference of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Planning Association on November 6-8, held in Hattiesburg
- Annual Conference of the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts held in Biloxi in April, 2014
- Annual and Mid-Winter Conferences of the Mississippi Municipal League and the Mississippi Association of Supervisors
- Statewide Transportation Coordination Summit held July 16-17, in Jackson
- Statewide Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings held quarterly
- Several web-based training sessions relating to the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act
- Census training workshop on November 7-8, held in Oxford
- Additional classroom style training sessions provided by the National Highway Institute (NHI) and the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

Additionally, a District staff member served as instructor for a statewide training sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Transportation's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) on Sign Retroreflectivity. The training sessions were held in Jackson and Hattiesburg.

TRANSPORTATION DATABASE

During FY 2014, the District's GIS staff continued preparation/revision of updated base maps for the Cities of Florence, Pelahatchie, Raymond, and Terry in connection with the development of Comprehensive Plans for those communities. The MPO's GIS staff also updated maps and map layers used in the 2015-2019 TIP and for the TIP viewer, found on the District's website at www.cmpdd.org. District staff also continued development of a web-based Regional Data Center, which involves working with the National Strategic Planning and Analysis Research Center (nSPARC) at Mississippi State University to develop procedures for obtaining more reliable socio-economic data for the next update of the LRTP. Additionally, the District continued to update its website by updating and developing new transportation related viewers. These viewers include, but are not limited to, traffic count data, proposed and existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, the functionally classified roadways in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA), and the JUA study boundary.



LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

During FY 2014, District planners continued preparation of local Land Use and Transportation Plans. A methodology has been developed whereby the adopted land use patterns from the local Land Use Plans can be translated into forecasts of population, number of dwelling units, and employment. School enrollment projections can also be developed based in part upon local Public Facilities Plans. The staff continued to assist the Cities of Florence, Pelahatchie, Raymond, and Terry in the development of the updated local Land Use Plans and Transportation Plans. The data used in the development of these plan updates will be used to develop forecasts needed for the next Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update - the 2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan. District staff members have already begun discussing and collecting data for the LRTP update and plan to have the new LRTP adopted by December, 2015.

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLANNING

During FY 2014 there were two (2) amendments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan, which is a component of the 2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan. These amendments added new bike and pedestrian facility routes to the existing bike and pedestrian map in the transportation plan. These new routes were in the Cities of Canton and Florence. The City of Canton route is along Woodland Drive and the proposed Woodland Drive Extension. This route would terminate on the north end at Dinkins Street and connect to the existing bike lanes on the Canton Parkway on the south end of the proposed extension. The City of Florence route is along Erlich Road Extension from Hwy. 469 to Williams Road.

On November 13, 2013, the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee approved Project Submittal Guidelines and an Application Process for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds. Following approval of the Project Submittal Guidelines five (5) applications for TAP funds were received by MPO staff and ranked according to project evaluation criteria established in the Project Submittal Guidelines. The project rankings were submitted to the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee for review and were approved on February 12, 2014. The approval re-

sulted in four (4) of the five (5) project applications being funded. These projects include the addition of multiple bike lanes and signed bike routes in the City of Brandon, bike lanes along Erlich Road in the City of Florence, conversion of Highland Drive in the City of Jackson from four auto lanes to two auto lanes and two repurposed lanes for bikes and pedestrians, and the addition of a separated bike path along Rice and Tisdale Roads in the City of Madison.

Meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee were held on February 5 and August 6, 2014. Topics discussed at these subcommittee meetings included updates on existing bike and pedestrian projects currently under development, the Mississippi Bike Walk Summit, the 2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan, and various other bike and pedestrian related topics. In addition to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, District staff continue to serve on and/or support various bicycle and pedestrian organizations and activities throughout the region, including the Southwest Mississippi area Recreational Trails (SMaRT) group, the Museum to Market group convened by the Greater Jackson Partnership, and the transportation planning committee of Madison County just to name a few.

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS

During Fiscal Year 2014, District staff continued monitoring traffic congestion in the Jackson urbanized study area utilizing the measurements and parameters established in the updated Congestion Management Process element of the *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan*. District staff participated in meetings with other transportation officials to discuss best practices that can be implemented to reduce traffic congestion in the area on those roadway segments experiencing high levels of congestion. These practices include, but are not limited to, improved traffic signalization, proposed alternate routes, ride sharing, improved and expanded bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and increased ridership on the local transit system.

TRANSIT PLANNING

District personnel participated in the Annual Statewide Transportation Coordination Transit Summit in Jackson on July 16-17, 2014. The purpose of this summit is to bring transportation providers and professionals together to share best practices and show how to improve transit systems across the state and also how to improve in areas where the system may be lacking.

A revised planning agreement between the MPO and the City of Jackson was submitted to and approved by the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee on February 12, 2014. These planning agreements were updated in accordance with federal regulations that state the MPO, the State, and the public transportation operators are required to cooperatively determine their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process. These responsibilities must be clearly identified in written agreements among the MPO, the State, and the public transportation operators serving a Metropolitan Planning Area. The agreements must include specific provisions for cooperatively developing and sharing information related to the development of financial plans that support the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and for development of the annual listing of obligated proj-

ects. The updated agreement includes revised language, required as a result of the new transportation bill MAP-21, and lists in more detail the roles and responsibilities of both the MPO and the City.

A resolution confirming the City of Jackson as the designated recipient of FTA Section 5307 funds was approved by the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee on August 13, 2014. MAP-21 requires all public transit service providers applying for FTA Section 5307 funds must be "designated recipients" in order to apply for the funds. The resolution was developed and approved in order to meet this requirement and ensures that the City of Jackson could continue to apply for the aforementioned funds.

District staff completed an inventory of all JATRAN transit routes and stops during FY 2014. The purpose of this inventory was to verify that each route and stop location was accurately depicted on existing transit system maps. The data collected was submitted to the City of Jackson to review and verify for accuracy. Once the City has completed its review, new maps and an interactive transit viewer will be developed and made available on the MPO's website at www.cmpdd.org.

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITIES

REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGN RETROREFLECTIVITY PROGRAM

The *Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity Maintenance and Management Plan for the Jackson Urbanized Area* was adopted by the MPO in November 2011. This plan meets the requirements established by the 1993 Department of Transportation Appropriations Act which stated: "The Secretary of Transportation shall revise the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD) to include a standard for retro-reflectivity that must be maintained for traffic signs and pavement markings which apply to all roads open to public travel." In December 2007, the Federal Highway Administration issued Final Regulations (the Final Rule) governing the MUTCD for Maintaining Traffic Sign Retro-reflectivity. The Final Rule established certain standards that must be achieved regarding sign retro-reflectivity (the ability of a material to return light to its source).

During Fiscal Year 2014, District staff, per request, provided training assistance to local governments in the CMPDD's district boundaries. Staff members met one-on-one with several local governments and reviewed the Federal requirements concerning minimum sign retroreflectivity standards, set up and explained how to use the iTrac Signs software, and provided in field training on how to use the Road Vista 922 sign retroreflectometer. In addition, District staff provided ongoing technical assistance and additional training to the local governments as needed throughout the year. During FY 2014, the District assisted the City of Byram and both Madison and Simpson Counties.

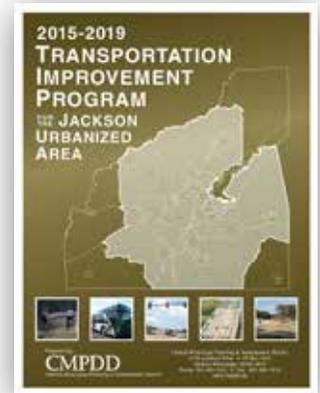
During the first half of FY 2014, a District staff member, at the MDOT's request, served as an instructor for statewide Sign Retroreflectivity Training Sessions. At these training sessions, held in Jackson and Hattiesburg, information was provided to course participants on the federal requirements and deadlines concerning sign retroreflectivity, and the methods that can be used to determine if a sign meets minimum federal sign retroreflectivity standards. Additionally, training was provided that demonstrated how to use sign inventory software for sign data collection and tracking, and how to use a sign retroreflectometer.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a financially constrained four-year program for addressing short-term transportation priorities that are consistent with the area's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The TIP allocates limited transportation funds among the various capital and operating needs of the Jackson Urbanized Area, based on MPO approved priorities.

During FY 2014, there were several administrative modifications and amendments made to the adopted *Jackson Metropolitan Area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2015*. These modifications and amendments included transit projects and several Interstate, State Highway and local road projects located throughout the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA). Additionally, MPO staff along with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) met once every two (2) months, throughout FY 2014, individually with each Local Public Agency (LPA) with projects included in the TIP which had not been obligated. The purpose of these meetings was to improve tracking of all projects included in the TIP and assist the LPA's in moving their projects to receive obligation authority. A project is deemed "obligated" when MDOT notifies a project sponsor it is authorized to advertise the project for bids.

A new TIP for FY's 2015-2019 for the Jackson Urbanized Area was also developed during FY 2014. The draft of the new TIP was made available for public review and comment per the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP) requirements and submitted to the Intermodal Technical and Metropolitan Planning Committee's for review. On May 14, 2014 the draft TIP was presented to and adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee.



PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Pavement Management System is an inventory of the principal arterial, minor arterial, and collector roadways in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA). This inventory is taken once each year on a three (3) year cyclical basis for Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. Data is collected for the Pavement Management System by inventorying the roadways through the use of windshield surveys. Windshield surveys are taken by driving the entire length of the roadway and determining the level of surface degradation that has occurred. The person conducting the surveys looks for the types and extent of cracking, such as alligator, edge, or longitudinal/transverse lines. Other surface impediments that may be present are patching, rutting, potholes and poor storm water drainage. This data is used, along with traffic

count data, to ascertain which roadways are in the greatest need of funding for surface repair or reconstruction. The collected data is input into a software program called Road Safety Management System (RSMS). Once the data has been analyzed the software will rank the roadways from worst to best dependent on the extent and severity of the roads surface conditions, roughness and drainage.

During FY 2014, CMPDD completed a re-inventory of the functionally classified arterial and collector roadways in Hinds County. Based on the aforementioned cyclical approach for inventorying roadways in the JUA, the District will complete a Pavement Management System re-inventory for Rankin County in FY 2015.

METRO AREA TRAFFIC COUNTING PROGRAM

The District's traffic counting program collects data for the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA) on roadways that are a part of the functional class system. These counts are collected through a collaborative process with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), which collects traffic count data throughout the state for all state, and some non-state maintained highways, arterial, and collector streets. During FY 2014, District staff worked to improve the current traffic count viewer on the District's website at www.cmpdd.org. In FY 2015, additional features will be added to the traffic count map that includes historical traffic count data, as well as traffic projections. The traffic count data provided on the MPO's website map includes data collected by the District and MDOT.

Traffic count data collected by the District is used for a number of transportation planning activities including the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Congestion Management Process, and Pavement Management System. The traffic count data collected for the JUA is collected on a three year cyclical basis for all functionally classified roadways located in Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. The District collected traffic count data in Hinds County during FY 2014. After the data collection process is completed for Hinds County, the District will start collecting data for Rankin County. As mentioned above these counts are performed on a cyclical basis, however; the District will perform additional special request counts as needed by its member governments.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The District was created in 1968 to address chronic and critical economic development problems in the central Mississippi region. To fulfill that mission, an overall economic development plan was formulated and continues to be updated. This plan is known today as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. This planning process identifies the barriers which must be removed and the opportunities which can be built upon for the seven county region to prosper. The District's staff work daily to help secure federal and state grants which help provide the identified infrastructure improvements needed to attract business and industrial prospects, as well as investments to allow local businesses to expand or remain in central Mississippi.

The District operates a variety of federal and state loan programs to finance local businesses and industries. Whether working with local economic and community development leaders or national leaders in Washington, D. C., job creation continues to be of primary importance to CMPDD.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) was established to generate jobs, help retain existing jobs, and stimulate industrial and commercial growth in economically distressed areas of the United States. EDA assistance is available to rural and urban areas of the nation experiencing high unemployment, low income, or other severe economic distress. EDA is guided by the basic principle that distressed communities must be empowered to develop and implement their own economic development and revitalization strategies, therefore it aids distressed communities address problems associated with long-term economic distress, as well as sudden and severe economic dislocations including recovering from the economic impacts of natural disasters, the closure of military installations and other Federal facilities, changing trade patterns, and the depletion of natural resources.



CMPDD serves as the local arm of the EDA and assists its local governments in obtaining grant funding for local projects. These funds are in turn used to support job creation and private investment that will stimulate economic development in low income and high unemployment areas. Funds are provided to support the construction, expansion or upgrade to essential public infrastructure and facilities. The benefiting local government, university, or non-profit must partner with a private company who will benefit from the infrastructure improvements to create or retain jobs. Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The District issued its annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) survey. The responses were compiled and used for the 2015 update of the CEDS for FY2013 – 2018, and it has been submitted to EDA for approval. The CEDS is available on www.cmpdd.org.

The CEDS, through input from member governments and local economic development officials, establishes CMPDD's goals, objectives, and key economic development projects to be implemented over a five-year period. Each year, CMPDD reviews its performance in achieving its goals and objectives, and updates the CEDS as necessary based on the changing needs of its member governments.

EDA FUNDED PROJECTS

The Copiah Water Association was awarded an EDA Public Works Grant in the amount of \$399,405. The District assisted in the application process and has administered the grant. The funds are being used to construct a new water main to serve the relocation of Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital. The Copiah Water Association is contributing \$266,270 to the project. The Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital, whose current building must be replaced to continue its vital operations, has committed to a \$16 million investment while creating 29 new jobs.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center has opened the initial section of East University Drive, which was funded in part through an EDA Public Works grant in the amount of \$1.5 million. The District assisted in

the application process and serves as the administrator of the grant. The roadway's new intersection with Lakeland Drive is fully operational and has eased congestion on UMMC's campus. The second phase of the project, which will extend the three-lane section to Woodrow Wilson Drive, is set to be bid in late 2014. Construction will begin in January 2015, and is slated to be complete by November 2015. The project also includes the relocation and expansion of vital infrastructure along the roadway to allow for future growth on campus.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Community development in most Mississippi communities is an integral part of improving the overall economy. Strong, viable communities with adequate infrastructure and public facilities are critical to meet the needs of the public, as well as to support improved growth development. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is designed to aid in the development of viable communities which provide for their residents decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities. The CDBG program utilizes federal funds which are administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA). The District provides local governments with technical assistance in all aspects of application preparation, including public hearings and site visits by MDA. Upon approval of a project, CMPDD also provides the needed administration expertise required to meet federal guidelines.

KATRINA-CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

During this Fiscal Year, CMPDD assisted the University of Mississippi Medical Center in the administration of an Katrina Supplemental CDBG Economic Development fund award from MDA in the amount of \$10,000,000. The District also assisted in the preparation and submission of the original grant application. UMMC is using the funds to construction a new building to house the School

of Medicine. The CDBG funds will be specifically used to fund site and infrastructure work necessary to support the new building. UMMC will invest approximately \$51 million in the new building and 200 new jobs on campus will be created. Site work began in November 2013, and building construction will begin in January 2015.



CDBG PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM

The CDBG Public Facility Program provides grant funds to local units of government for a variety of public improvement projects (e.g., water or sewer facilities, storm drainage, public buildings, street reconstruction, etc) that benefit low and moderate income families and areas. Special priority is given to water and sanitary sewer projects that eliminate existing health and safety hazards.

During Fiscal Year 2013-14, the following applications, submitted by the District, were approved by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) for funding:

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
Town of D'Lo	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	\$450,000	N/A
Copiah County	Water System Improvements	406,450	\$ 80,000
Town of Utica	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	450,000	391,456

Also during Fiscal Year 2013-14, the District assisted local governments with the preparation of CDBG Public Facility applications. In May 2014, the District submitted the following seven (7) applications listed below to MDA for review and all seven ranked high enough to receive a site visit. Although a visit does not guarantee approval of the application, it is an important step toward receiving CDBG funding.

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
City of Brandon	Unsewered sewer	\$600,000	\$732,100
City of Byram	Unsewered sewer	525,000	632,000
City of Hazlehurst	Unsewered sewer	360,000	360,000
City of Madison	Inclusive ADA Playground	305,000	315,000
City of Vicksburg	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	413,000	790,000
Town of Wesson	ADA Town Hall Improvements	450,000	N/A
Yazoo County	ADA improvements to Courthouse	534,215	660,000



CDBG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The CDBG Economic Development program provides grants to local governments for construction of public improvements or loans necessary to secure the location or expansion of business or industry in Mississippi. The purpose of the program is to assist projects that create new job opportunities for citizens of Mississippi, especially persons who are from low to moderate income families.

The Mississippi Development Authority approved a CDBG Economic Development (ED) application that CMPDD prepared and submitted on behalf of the City of Hazlehurst. Hazlehurst requested \$570,000 or a total project cost of \$774,000 to construct sewer system extensions and improvements to support the relocation of Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital to Copiah County. The new location is not developed and does not have infrastructure in place. Since the water needs are in the Copiah Water Association certificated area, the Copiah Water Associ-

ation will construct the water system extensions through an Economic Development Administration grant and Copiah Water Association funds. The matching funds for this grant were from a \$204,000 Delta Regional Authority grant which CMPDD prepared and submitted on their behalf. The Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital has committed to hire 29 new employees and invest \$16,000,000 in construction and equipment.

The Town of Puckett has received a CDBG Economic Development award in the amount of \$426,700, which the District assisted the Town in writing the application and will now assist in administering the award. The Town will use the funds to widen an existing roadway to allow easier and safer access to R-Squared Puckett, Inc., as well as to relocate utilities as a result of the roadway. R-Squared Puckett, Inc. will invest approximately \$2 million in building improvements and will create 50 new jobs.

ADDITIONAL GRANT & LOAN ACTIVITIES

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM LOANS (CAP)

The Local Government Capital Improvements Program (CAP) was enacted by the State Legislature and is designed for making loans to counties or municipalities to finance capital improvements in Mississippi. Counties and municipalities are encouraged to use these loans in connection with state and federal programs, and the funds for loans are derived from the issuance of state bonds. Eligible projects include the following:

- Construction or repair of water and sewer facilities
- Construction or repair of drainage systems for industrial development
- Improvements in fire protection
- Construction of new buildings for economic development
- Renovation or repair of existing buildings for economic development purposes
- Purchase of buildings for economic development purposes
- Construction of any county or municipally-owned health care facilities, excluding any county health departments
- Construction, purchase, renovation, or repair of any building to be utilized as an auditorium or convention center
- Construction of multipurpose facilities for tourism development
- Construction or repair of access roads for industrial development
- Construction or repair of railroad spurs for industrial development
- Construction, repair and renovation of parks, swimming pools, and recreational and athletic facilities.

The cumulative maximum loan amount for any eligible local unit of government during a calendar year is \$1,000,000 for tax-exempt and taxable loans. The minimum loan amount allowed per project is \$30,000. The maximum CAP loan indebtedness allowed per applicant is \$2,500,000 outstanding principal balance.

The District prepared and submitted and received approval of CAP Revolving Loan applications for four (4) municipalities.

The Town of Flora received \$1,800,000 for sewer improvements. In the early 90s the City began expanding its water and sewer facilities to areas where infrastructure was inadequate to serve proper fire protection and wastewater. This phase of the Hogg Creek sewer improvements will provide a public wastewater facility to the areas remaining that currently have old septic systems or onsite treatments plants. The contract period for this phase is one year.

The Town of Edwards received \$136,340 to complete an existing 2012 CDBG PF sewer project in the amount of \$69,489 and an additional \$66,851 for repairs to the existing sewer pump stations.

The Town of Pelahatchie received \$634,160 to purchase a building for the expansion of Multicraft International, an existing business in the Pelahatchie Industrial Park.

The Town of Utica received \$391,456 to be used as matching funds for a 2013 CDBG Public Facilities application for the construction of sanitary sewer improvements including pump station, lines and treatment.

SMALL MUNICIPALITIES & LIMITED POPULATION COUNTIES GRANT PROGRAM

The Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program (SMLPC) is designed for making grants to small municipalities and limited population counties, or natural gas districts to finance projects which promote economic growth in the state. Grants are available to municipalities with a population of 10,000 or less, and counties with a population of 30,000 or less. Eligible projects financed with SMLPC must be publicly owned and include, but are not limited to the following items: drainage systems; utilities such as water supply systems and gas supply systems; sewer systems (pipe treatment); transportation facilities directly affecting the site, including roads, bridges, rail lines, or pipelines; marine structures; land purchases and improvements; airfield and airport improvements; acquisition and improvements of buildings. The maximum grant award is \$150,000.

Early in Fiscal Year 2013-2014, The City of Florence was awarded \$150,000 in SMLPC funds from an application which CMPDD prepared and submitted on their behalf. The funds are to be used to expand the Municipal Complex building and the City will provide \$477,800 in matching funds.

CMPDD also assisted with the preparation and submitted the following eight (8) SMLPC applications during this fiscal year:

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>SMLPC Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
City of Crystal Springs	City Entrance and Downtown Imp.	\$145,485	\$ -0-
Town of Edwards	Multi-purpose Building	150,000	80,000
Town of Flora	Street Improvements	148,967	-0-
City of Mendenhall	Downtown Improvements	150,000	11,975
Town of Pelahatchie	Downtown Improvements	150,000	-0-
Town of Puckett	New Fire Station	150,000	-0-
City of Raymond	Street and Downtown Improvements	150,000	-0-
Yazoo County	Courthouse Improvements	150,000	-0-

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and is an 80/20 match program for the development of substantial trails. The 2012/2013 program was designed to encourage the construction of new trail projects that benefit the environment and the redesign, reconstruction, non-routine maintenance, or relocation of trails that mitigate and minimize the impact to the natural environment. Project sponsors are encouraged to work in partnership with trail-user groups, volunteer groups, the business community, and local, state, and federal agencies to develop projects that benefit the various modes of trail uses in a safe and satisfying manner.



dawn to dusk, but when this trail becomes a reality, it will provide not only the residents of Madison, but many others an ability to enjoy the beautiful natural feature of the Natchez Trace Parkway.

During this Fiscal Year, CMPDD assisted the City of Madison and the Town of Wesson with completing, submitting, and receiving approval of their applications for RTP funding.

The Town of Wesson will construct a 1000 ft. trail with 12 light poles with underground wiring and a 20' x 60' open air pavilion. Currently the Town has no public area for recreational activities, but this project will place a recreational trail on a piece of property located at the corner of Church and Beech Street. This will not only act as a recreational trail, but also as an educational one, by encompassing the history of Wesson through the placing of informational signage (similar to the historic places signs placed by the state), and by environmental markers identifying trees and shrubbery along the path. The trail will be 1000 feet in length encircling a little over one acre of property, adding a 20' x 60' open air pavilion, and placing antique style post lighting with underground wiring. The Town's intent is to develop an area where families can enjoy the outdoors, provide a means for physical exercise through a path that will be designed for both pedestrian and/or bicycle use, and educate others on the history of the Town and the environment surrounding it.

The trail for the City of Madison will be a ten foot wide multi-use trail that will link to the trail systems of Madison and Ridgeland. The major reason for this project is to connect the 2 present day trails. For those that are utilizing these trails now, they have to get on Old Canton Road, which is heavily used, and go under the Natchez Trace Bridge with traffic. This is a hazard that can be alleviated by this connector trail. This trail will connect Madison to Ridgeland and the Natchez Trace Parkway, which is one of the most beautiful and historical areas of the State. The length of this projected trail is 930 feet and will run on the eastern side of Old Canton Road. The property is right-of-way of the Natchez Trace Parkway and is the missing link between trails that end at the Madison and Ridgeland City limits. The predominant use will be walkers, bikers and skaters. The present day trails are heavily used from

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) is a federal-state partnership created by Congress through the "Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000". DRA serves a 240 county/parish area in an eight-state region. In Mississippi, 45 counties (including the seven counties in CMPDD's area) are eligible for funding under DRA. The purpose of DRA is to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development partnerships that will have a positive impact on the region's economy. Priority for funding is given to four types of projects: basic public infrastructure; transportation infrastructure; business development; and job training and employment-related education. Also, DRA funds may be used to leverage other federal and state programs. Under federal law, 75 percent of funds are targeted to distressed counties and pockets of poverty, and 50 percent of dollars are earmarked for transportation and basic public infrastructure.

CMPDD has a Certified DRA Project Specialist on staff who is a graduate of the professional development academy sponsored by DRA and CMPDD has again been designated as a Certified Strategic Partner with DRA.

The following 2013 applications, which were submitted by CMPDD, were funded by DRA:

Applicant	Project Description	DRA Funds	Matching Funds
City of Hazlehurst	Water and Sewer Improvements	\$343,688	\$ 2,153,978
Madison Count	Purchase New Bloodmobile	281,750	15,000
Magee General Hospital	Hospital Pharmacy Improvements	76,856	10,000

Listed below are the applications prepared and submitted by CMPDD for 2014 DRA funds. The DRA has deemed projects with an asterisk by their name as eligible for funding.

Applicant	Project Description	DRA Funds	Matching Funds
City of Hazlehurst*	Lake Hazle Dam Rehabilitation	\$293,347	\$ N/A
Copiah County	Accelerated MS Business Transformation Project	250,000	N/A
Yazoo County	Yazoo County Courthouse Restoration	250,000	1,760,000

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program provides 50% matching grants for the acquisition and/or development of outdoor recreation facilities. This program is administered on the federal level by the National Park Service (NPS) with federal funds appropriated by Congress through the United States Department of the Interior, and on the state level by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP), Outdoor Recreation Grants Office.

During this Fiscal Year, the District assisted five local governments with the preparation of applications for Land and Water Conservation Funds. All five of the applications were approved for funding.

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBCDBG Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
City of Hazlehurst	Ballfield Lighting	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
City of Madison	Inclusive Americans with Disabilities Act Playground	100,000	100,000
Town of Pelahatchie	Playground Improvements	42,455	42,455
Town of Puckett	Tennis Courts	82,750	82,750
Town of Wesson	Park Development	57,500	57,500

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

The District approved twelve loans (12) for a total of \$8,532,082 in its Economic Development Financing Programs during FY 2014. These loans leveraged \$16,784,019 in private capital resulting in total projects of \$25,316,101 and one hundred and twenty-seven (127) new jobs. In addition, the District continued to assist many small businesses with information, referral, debt restructuring, loan payment deferments, liquidations, and technical assistance.

The overall impact of the District's Economic Development Financing activities included the creation and retention of jobs and the expansion of local tax bases for member governments. The following paragraphs, charts, and photographs present details and highlights on each of the District's economic development financing programs.

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.

The Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. is certified as Certified Development Company (CDC) under the U. S. Small Business Administration's 504 Certified Development Company Program. It provides loans to small businesses for their use in acquiring fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery, and equipment. These loans can provide up to 40% of a project's cost and are financed at attractive interest rates for a term of ten or twenty years. The following seven loans were approved in Fiscal Year 2013-2014:

<u>Business</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>
Hilton Garden Inn	Rankin	\$4,170,000	\$13,900,000	64	Hotel - 112 Rooms
Amar Nath, LLC	Madison	697,372	1,992,492	19	Child Care Facility
RFFS, LLC	Jackson	864,348	2,160,870	3	Funeral Home
Twenty-Four Seven Fitness, LLC	Pearl River	300,000	750,000	3	Fitness Center
AMR Petroleum	Hinds	455,200	1,517,334	6	Shell Convenience Store
Karan Hoss	Hinds	547,480	1,368,699	16	Beauty Supply Warehouse
Karan Hoss	Hinds	465,182	1,162,956	16	Beauty Supply Warehouse
Total (7)		\$7,499,382	\$22,852,351	127	

MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

The Mississippi Small Business Assistance Loan Program (MSBALP) received its funding from the State of Mississippi. It provides loans to eligible small businesses for their use in acquiring fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, and working capital. These loans can provide up to the lesser of one-half of the total debt financing or \$250,000. The loan amount can be up to the lesser of one-half of the total debt financing cost or \$250,000. The District continued to service this loan program's portfolio and approved the following loan.

<u>Business</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>
Fast Fill #4 Convenience Store	Madison	\$ 250,000	\$750,000	2	Convenience Store

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The EDA Revolving Loan Program received its funding from the U. S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration. It provides loan funds for small businesses to use in acquiring fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, and working capital. The loan amount can be up to a maximum amount of \$200,000. The District continued to service this loan program’s portfolio.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM (MSBEP)

The Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program (MBELP) received its funding from the State of Mississippi. It provides loans to eligible, certified, minority-owned businesses for their use in acquiring fixed assets, which include land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, and working capital. These loans can provide up to the lesser of one-half of the total debt financing or \$250,000. During Fiscal Year 2013-14 the following loans were approved

<u>Business</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>
Agape Christian Academy Phaz II	Hinds	\$ 175,000	\$ 367,500	11	Child Care Center
M3A Architecture, PLLC	Hinds	250,000	568,000	11	Architectural Firm
Next Generation Academy, LLC	Hinds	132,500	278,250	16	Child Care Center
Ray of Sunshine Learning Center	Rankin	<u>225,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>11</u>	Child Care Center
Total (4)		\$782,500	\$1,713,750	49	

RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Rural Business Enterprise Grant Loan Program received its funding from the U. S. Rural Development Administration. It provides loan funds for small businesses for their use in acquiring fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, and working capital. The loan amount can be up to a maximum amount of \$500,000. The District continued to service this loan program’s portfolio.



FARISH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT LOAN PROGRAM

The Farish Street Historic District Loan Program received its funding from the State of Mississippi. It provides loans for eligible small businesses located in the Farish Street Historic District in Jackson, Mississippi. The loan amount can be up to a maximum amount of \$1,000,000 per entity or borrower. Loan proceeds are limited to the development of commercial and culturally significant properties located in the District, to include new building construction and or the rehabilitation of historic buildings. The District continued to service this loan’s portfolio.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

As part of its overall economic development efforts, the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District is directly involved in the development of the local workforce. The District administers the federal Workforce Investment Act grant program to help local workers obtain the skills they need to serve as productive members of society and to achieve personal economic sufficiency.

CMPDD serves as fiscal agent for the program and, in conjunction with Southwest Mississippi Planning and Development District, administers the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) as Southcentral Mississippi Works, a seventeen county local workforce investment area.

As required by the Act, guidance and oversight is provided by a Local Workforce Investment Board and a Youth Council appointed by elected officials from the area. The Local Workforce Investment Board, with assistance from CMPDD staff, maintains a comprehensive workforce development plan which outlines workforce needs and services available to meet those needs.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM

One of the main goals of WIA is to coordinate a variety of workforce development efforts into a comprehensive system. To accomplish this goal, Southcentral Mississippi Works has formed partnerships with various state and local agencies responsible for workforce related programs. Southcentral Mississippi Works operates ten regional WIN Job Centers which provide job seekers, incumbent workers, and employers with convenient access to a broad array of labor market information and services. The Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES), under contract with Southcentral Mississippi Works, operates six of these WIN Job Centers and Hinds Community College,

in conjunction with MDES, operates three. Additionally, Warren County Association for Retarded Citizens operates a specialty WIN Job Center focused on the employment needs of developmentally disabled individuals.

Activities and services provided through these centers offer all residents of the area access to the latest labor market information, career planning tools, job search resources and other employment related information. Employers can access a variety of services including applicant screening, interview rooms, information on labor supply and availability of training options.

SERVICES TO YOUTH

WIA offers a variety of options for helping youth prepare for future careers. Services for youth are guided by the Southcentral Mississippi Works Youth Council.

During Program Year 2013-2014, Southcentral Mississippi Works provided a Senior Transition Program identified low-income high school seniors and assisted them in preparing for life after high school. A series of workshops were provided by local volunteers, including local business leaders, to assist the seniors in finalizing plans for post-secondary education, or entry into the military, or the workforce. Workshops were hands-on, real life activities designed to aid the seniors developing a specific life plan including areas such as financial management, time management, career planning, employment application and resume skills, and other areas of interest.



Southcentral Mississippi Works also implemented activities for out-of-school youth. First, on-the-job training was offered to those youth ready to enter the labor market but who lacked a specific occupational skill. Second, under a waiver provided by the State, eligible youth were provided Individual Training Accounts which allowed them to pursue post-secondary vocational and technical training programs at area community colleges. This provided these youth with recognized occupational skills which led to productive employment. Additionally, out-of-school youth who lacked labor market experience were offered limited work experience opportunities designed to better prepare them for getting and keeping a job.

PROGRAM YEAR 2013-2014 HIGHLIGHTS

CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Previously, Southcentral Mississippi Works initiated efforts to implement a nationally recognized Career Readiness Certificate program. This effort was again fully implemented during program year 2012-13. In coordination with the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB), the workforce area contracted with ACT, Inc. and KeyTrain to enable each WIN Job Center in the area to assess job seekers on three aspects of functional skill and, through the MCCB, award Career Readiness Certificates which indicate what type jobs the individuals are able to successfully perform. The Career Readiness Certificate program provides a tool for the WIN Job Center

to help clients identify the occupational areas available to them and to assure employers that referrals have been objectively assessed regarding their ability to learn and adequately perform job requirements. During this program year, applicants for training under the Individual Training Account (ITA) program were required to pass the Career Readiness Certificate assessment at an appropriate level prior to entering training in the occupation they selected. Obtaining the Career Readiness Certificate prior to training ensures that the participant has the requisite basic skills to be successful in training and in the occupation.

MADISON COUNTY WIN JOB CENTER

During program year 2013-14, Southcentral Mississippi Works continued to develop a state of the art WIN Job Center in Madison County. This center is designed to meet the rapidly changing workforce needs of the area. The model center brings together a variety of workforce related agencies and programs in one location providing comprehensive services to job seekers and employers. The center addresses the total workforce needs of the area while emphasizing the immediate and long-term needs of the emerging automotive industry.

MISSISSIPPI COMPREHENSIVE WORKFORCE TRAINING & EDUCATION CONSOLIDATION ACT OF 2004

During the 2004 session, the Mississippi Legislature passed the Mississippi Comprehensive *Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act of 2004*. This legislation is intended to simplify and consolidate the variety of federal and state workforce development efforts. One major change resulting from the new State law is an expanded role for community and junior colleges in the overall workforce development system. Southcentral Mississippi Works continued working closely with area schools to determine how to best increase the role of community colleges in the delivery of WIA services. Each of

the four community colleges in the area received funding for "Educational Coordinator" positions that work for the community college but are out-stationed in the WIN Job Centers to aide coordination between the WIA program, operated through the WIN Centers, and training programs provided by the colleges. Additionally, in early 2006, Hinds Community College assumed the role as "One-Stop" operator for the WIN Centers in Jackson, Pearl, and Vicksburg. This allows a closer relationship between the community college and those WIN Centers.

NEXTJOB

During program year 2013-14, Southcentral Mississippi Works, continued offering the NextJob program. This program offered participants an opportunity to utilize computer aided resources to plan, prepare for, and apply for jobs available in the area. The NextJob program was available to area WIA participants. These participants used the program to identify available jobs and their skill requirements, develop resumes, and apply for jobs for which they were qualified.



H -B TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING GRANT

In April 2012, CMPDD was awarded an H-1B Technical Assistance Grant from the U. S. Department of Labor. This competitive grant provides \$5,000,000 over a period of four years to provide On-the-Job Training (OJT) in high skilled occupations in the Informational Technology and Advanced Manufacturing sectors. The H-1B OJT program provides financial assistance to employers who agree to hire, train, and retain eligible individuals. This assistance is considered to be compensation for the extraordinary costs associated with training individuals and the costs associated with the lower productivity of these individuals during their training period. In addition to assisting employers with training costs, OJT is designed for the placement and training of individuals in appropriate permanent full-time skilled employment. Other partners to this training effort include the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership, local community colleges, and a number of employers who have committed to the project.

H-1B OJT training for small employers, defined as those having 50 or fewer full-time employees (not counting the

OJT trainees), is limited to a maximum reimbursement of \$10,000 per trainee. H-1B OJT training for medium and large employers, defined as those having 51 or more full-time employees (not counting the OJT trainees), is limited to a maximum reimbursement of \$7,500 per trainee. The H-1B grant is expected to serve approximately 490 individuals over the four year period.



SOUTHCENTRAL MISSISSIPPI WORKS WIN JOB CENTER LOCATIONS

Brookhaven	Brookhaven WIN Job Center 545 Brookway Boulevard Post Office Box 790 Brookhaven, MS 39602-0790 601-833-3511
Canton	Madison County WIN Job Center 152 Watford Parkway Drive Canton, MS 39046 601-859-7609
Hazlehurst	Hazlehurst WIN Job Center 1016 Carroll Drive Post Office Box 511 Hazlehurst, MS 39083-0511 601-894-2121
Jackson	Jackson WIN Job Center 5959 I-55 Frontage Road, Suite C Jackson, MS 39213 601-321-7931
McComb	McComb WIN Job Center 416 Marion Avenue Post Office Box 1306 McComb, MS 39649-1306 601-648-4421
Natchez	Natchez WIN Job Center 107 John Pitchford Parkway Natchez, MS 39120 601-442-0243



Pearl	Pearl WIN Job Center 212 St. Paul Street Pearl, MS 39208-5134 601-321-5441
Vicksburg	Vicksburg WIN Job Center 1625 Monroe Street Post Office Box 1398 Vicksburg, MS 39181-1398 601-638-1452
Vicksburg	Warren Co. Association for Retarded Citizens (Specialty) 100 Smokey Lane Vicksburg, MS 39180 601-638-2761
Yazoo City	Yazoo City WIN Job Center 306 E. Jefferson Road Post Office Box 287 Yazoo City, MS 39194-0287 662-746-1141

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT OPERATIONS

WIA SEQUENCE OF SERVICES (ADULTS AND DISLOCATED WORKERS)

Southcentral Mississippi Works provides universal access to a sequence of employment directed services. Job seekers progress through various levels of service until they reach their employment goal.

<u>Service Level</u>	<u>Description of Services Offered</u>
Core	Core services are essentially informational in nature and are intended to help individual assess their job skills and determine the types of jobs for which they are qualified.
Intensive	Intensive services require significant staff involvement and are intended to help job seekers develop and implement an employment plan leading to their desired job.
Training	Job seekers needing to acquire or improve specific occupational skills can enroll into approved training programs offered through community colleges or other training providers. Additionally, training can be provided "on-the-job" with an employer.

During program year 2013-2014, Southcentral Mississippi Works continued its commitment to individuals who need some form of occupational training in order to be successful in the labor market. Training services were provided through either Individual Training Accounts or formal On-The-Job Training contracts. Individual Training Accounts cover tuition and related costs of attending established occupational or vocational training programs. On-The-Job Training allows workers to gain new skills while on the job and allows employers to reduce training costs by reimbursing a portion of the trainee's wages while they are learning.

In addition to training services, Southcentral Mississippi Works assisted numerous other individuals with basic labor exchange services and helped them find suitable employment when additional skill training was not required.

Southcentral Mississippi Works provided assistance to employers, as well as job seekers. Through the WIN Job Centers, employers located qualified employees, obtained information on the local labor market, received assistance with training new workers, and located other resources to assist them in meeting the needs of their business.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT OPERATIONS

During program year 2013-14, Mississippi utilized the "common measures" standards for the U.S. Department of Labor. This new performance measuring system will eventually result in common comparative measures that will be used across a variety of federal programs. Southcentral Mississippi Works achieved the following overall performance:

ADULTS

<u>Performance Indicator</u>	<u>State Standard</u>	<u>State Actual</u>	<u>Local Actual</u>
Entered Employment Rate	60.2%	74.2%	89.09%
Employment Retention Rate	82.3%	87.1%	93.25%
Average Earnings	\$12,097	\$11,690	\$14,225

DISLOCATED WORKERS

<u>Performance Indicator</u>	<u>State Standard</u>	<u>State Actual</u>	<u>Local Actual</u>
Entered Employment Rate	60.3%	67.5%	69.8%
Employment Retention Rate	82.2%	84.9%	87.4%
Average Earnings	\$13,348	\$11,840	\$13,500

YOUTH

<u>Performance Indicator</u>	<u>State Standard</u>	<u>State Actual</u>	<u>Local Actual</u>
Placement in Employment or Education	71.5%	76.7%	71.1%
Attainment of Degree or Certificate	78.7%	96.1%	92.0%

Although Southcentral Mississippi Works (SMW) saw a continuing reduction in federal funds allocated, emphasis continued to be placed on providing training during program year 2013-2014. Under current laws, WIA is the only program that offers training options to a broad base of workers to help them gain the skills needed to fill jobs in demand in the current economy and in the coming year, SMW will continue to focus on providing skill training to those who need it.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Central Mississippi Planning and Development District, serving as the Area Agency on Aging, continues to build on its strengths in its efforts to develop a comprehensive system of services for older persons. Since its designation as the Area Agency on Aging in 1973, the District continues to play a significant role in the creation of new services and the expansion of many services which are designed to promote independence for the elderly in central Mississippi. Aside from the usual supportive services, the District has advocated for other significant services, including the establishment of assisted-living facilities, adult day care services, and support for caregivers, including Alzheimer victims and their families.

According to recent population projects by Mississippi's Institution of Higher Learning, the 60 years of age and older populations in central Mississippi will continue to grow. Estimates by county are as follows:

COUNTY	Year 2015	Year 2020	% Change
Copiah	6,574	7,501	14.10
Hinds	50,756	57,649	13.58
Madison	18,908	23,497	24.27
Rankin	31,887	37,523	17.68
Simpson	6,198	6,963	12.34
Warren	11,370	12,985	14.20
Yazoo	5,534	6,071	13.39
Total	131,227	150,218	14.47

With this continued growth in the population, it is anticipated that there will be more families in Mississippi which will need help in caring for an older adult at home. Further, it is estimated that 25 to 30 percent of all nursing home patients do not need to be institutionalized, but their families have had limited alternatives. In general, the preference for most families is to keep their older family member at home where they can live, participate, and maintain a viable presence within the family structure whenever possible.

The Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended, the primary piece of legislation which created the network of Area Agencies on Aging and its mission, has not provided adequate funding from year to year to keep pace with the growth and needs of the aging population. This has caused many of the District's services to be limited. In spite of this, the District has managed to deliver quality services through a variety of means including partnering with other agencies, selecting quality service providers, working with local elected officials, and involving and including the private sector in aging matters.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

The Boards of Supervisors in Central Mississippi made a commitment to their older citizens by providing local cash contributions listed in the chart to the District to supplement federal and state resources. Without their help, there would be a loss of home-delivered meals, homemaker visits, transportation trips, and case management services.

County	Amount
Copiah County Board of Supervisors	\$ 6,154
Hinds County Board of Supervisors	30,629
Madison County Board of Supervisors	8,896
Rankin County Board of Supervisors	6,143
Simpson County Board of Supervisors	6,592
Warren County Board of Supervisors	7,597
Yazoo County Board of Supervisors	11,413
Total	\$ 77,424



HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2014

- Prepared the Fiscal Year 2014-2017 Area Plan on Aging for Central Mississippi
- Maintained 75 clients with Lifeline Units, which monitor a senior’s safety 24 hours a day
- Sustained an ongoing partnership with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce through the Senior Nutrition Farmers Market Program. A total of 438 vouchers were issued to eligible participants.
- Continued to market the Home-Delivered Meals (Pay As You Go) Program for seniors in the region. During this fiscal year, fifteen individuals have enrolled in the program.
- Collaborated with other community representatives in transitioning four (4) nursing home/institutional residents successfully back into the community through the Bridge to Independence Program.
- Received a Wal-Mart Foundation Hunger Grant for \$100,000 to expand the Home-Delivered Meals Program.
- Continued to serve on various committees for the purpose of providing/advocating resources to assist the elderly, including:
 - Entergy’s Project Concern
 - Local TRIAD groups
 - Mississippi State Department of Health, At Risk Population Task Force
 - Technical Assistance Committee for MS Association of Planning and Development Districts
 - Southeastern Association of Area Agencies
 - Mississippi State Board of Health/Metro Home Health Advisory Council
 - Mississippi Transportation Coalition Committee
 - MAC 2.0 Stakeholder Group
- Provided training opportunities for various staff and contractors, including attendance at the following:
 - Mississippi Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Training
 - Mississippi Associations of Planning and Development Districts Annual Conference
 - Other local workshops and seminars
- Awarded a grant from the Mississippi Department of Human Services to collaborate and create a fiscally responsible “No Wrong Door System” through the implementation of the Canton Mississippi Access to Care Center.
- Hosted a very successful Community Health Fair & Scam Jam on May 28, 2014
- Conducted a Chronic Disease Self-Management Program six (6) week training class with over twenty participants

FY 2014 PROVIDERS OF AGING SERVICES

<u>County</u>	<u>Provider</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
Copiah Hinds	Copiah County Human Resource Agency	\$ 366,370
	Hinds County Human Resource Agency	256,517
	City of Jackson	894,964
	Clinton Community Christian Corporation	158,022
	Senior Care Centers of America, Inc.	245,480
	Hinds County Board of Supervisors	58,759
Madison Rankin	Madison County Senior Services	196,429
	Rankin County Human Resource Agency	216,805
	City of Pearl	70,380
Simpson	South Central Community Action Agency	175,988
Warren	Community Council of Warren County, Inc.	265,550
Yazoo	Yazoo County Human Resource Agency	321,073
District-Wide	Oxford HealthCare	387,363
District-Wide	Senior Care Centers of America, Inc.	245,892
District-Wide	MS Center for Legal Services Corp.	16,667
Total		\$ 3,876,259

*includes program income, local cash and in-kind match, and federal and state dollars

PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SANTA FOR SENIORS

As in past years, the annual “Santa for Seniors” project was a success. Several other organizations also participated in purchasing gifts for seniors, including the Metro Jackson Chapter of the National Insurance and Financial Advisors, the Jackson Association of Health Underwriters, and Home Instead, Inc., a Clinton, MS based company. These companies joined with CMPDD to provide more than 700 needy seniors in the Jackson Metro area with Christmas gifts selected from wish lists that they were

asked to complete. Gifts included housecoats, pajamas, gowns, toiletries and other similar items and they were delivered by District staff before Christmas Day.

Recipients included residents at nursing homes, personal care homes, and Medicaid Waiver clients. Seniors expressed their sincere gratitude and were excited to receive the needed items. For many seniors, it was the only gift they would receive.

WALMART FOUNDATION SENIOR HUNGER PROJECT

For the second year in a row the District received a grant of \$100,000 from the Walmart Foundation’s Senior Hunger Project. In 2010, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation launched “Fighting Hunger Together” – a \$2 billion cash and in-kind commitment through 2015 to fight hunger in America. This initiative leverages Walmart’s size and resources to provide nutritious food and the Walmart Foundation’s ability to grant funding to nonprofits that help elevate the issue. The funds were used to provide nutritious home-delivered meals to approximately 100 seniors, which helped reduce the District’s lengthy waiting list.



HOME & COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

INFORMATION, REFERRAL & OUTREACH

The Information and Referral Offices in each county serve as the focal point for information in that county. Qualified staff members were made available to inform older persons regarding the services, benefits, and resources in the community which could assist them with their problems. There were 26,110 contacts made by individuals requesting assistance regarding available resources and the need for services.

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

The ADRC is part of a nationwide effort to restructure services and supports for older adults and people with disabilities by creating an integrated point of entry into the long-term care system. Consumers and their families frequently end up confused and frustrated when trying to access information and support for social services.

The District’s ADRC makes it possible for individuals to enter a “One-Stop” point of entry for all services. This project is designed to reduce or eliminate consumers from being bounced around from agency to agency, with no systematic follow-up to make sure that needs are met. Calling or visiting the ADRC assures that people of all income levels and a range of populations - older adults, younger individuals with disabilities, family caregivers, and people planning for their future long-term support - will receive the help that they need thus empowering them to make informed choices.



There were 2,962 calls documented through the Center. In addition to responding to telephone inquiries, ADRC staff received training, collected additional information for the database, and performed numerous other tasks. Referrals to the ADRC came primarily from self-referrals, family members, and other social service agencies.

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The District received \$69,753 in funding under the Title V, Senior Community Employment Program, to employ eight (8) individuals to work in community service employment in Hinds and Rankin Counties. This project promotes useful part-time employment for low income persons who are 55 years of age and older, and to the extent feasible, assists and promotes the transition of program enrollees to

private or other unsubsidized employment.

The District has hosted one AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer to work in the field of aging. The volunteer has complemented the services rendered at the Area Agency on Aging by providing additional support to staff in the area of the Senior Medicare Patrol Program.

STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) & STATE MEDICARE PATROL PROGRAM (SMP)

The SHIP and SMP Programs are designed to increase the knowledge of older persons regarding health insurance, public benefits, including Medicare, Medicaid, HMOs, and long-term care insurance. The programs were created to inform and to increase the number of eligible Medicare beneficiaries through distribution of information.

Because of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2000, the District's Insurance Counselors became a critical component in the area of advocacy for several months during this fiscal year. Beneficiaries were interested in assistance in deter-

mining the best Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. SMP and SHIP Insurance Counselors advised beneficiaries over the telephone and conducted face-to-face meetings on Medicare Plans and Medicare Identity Theft reaching 7,751 seniors. Throughout the fiscal year, 36 informative presentations were conducted to approximately 854 individuals, and staff attended 22 health fairs that reached an additional 1,719 seniors. Both programs disseminated material to local agencies and churches, over 13,500 pieces of literature were printed and mailed in an effort to reach seniors and disabled individuals.

HOMEMAKER SERVICES

Many older persons are functionally impaired and experience difficulty in performing routine household tasks which they need to sustain themselves in their own homes. Priority is given to those persons who have been screened as frail, vulnerable, lack family and friend support systems, and are at risk of early institutionalization without some type of in-home intervention.

County	Hours
Copiah	2,993
Hinds	4,428
Madison	1,768
Rankin	2,967
Simpson	2,338
Warren	4,744
Yazoo	2,396
Total	21,634

County	Annual Meals
Copiah (1 site)	4,489
Hinds (4 sites)	11,653
Madison (1 site)	4,912
Rankin (1 site)	3,628
Simpson (1 site)	2,010
Yazoo (1 site)	3,668
City of Jackson (9 sites)	44,701
Total	75,061

CONGREGATE MEALS

Eighteen (18) nutrition sites in central Mississippi served hot, nutritionally-balanced meals, five days a week to the 60 years old and older population. These sites provide a pleasing setting for meals and an atmosphere for socialization and activities.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE

Living alone can be quite frightening to seniors who feel that if something traumatic happened in their homes that no one would be alerted. They need reassurance that help is just a button away. To address this need, the District has placed 49 Emergency Response Units in the homes of seniors living alone. The District pays \$20.00 a month per unit for these seniors to be monitored 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. These units are located in the following counties:

County	Units
Copiah	2
Hinds	27
Madison	3
Rankin	7
Simpson	2
Warren	0
Yazoo	8
Total	49

<u>County</u>	<u>Annual Meals</u>
Copiah	29,826
Hinds	44,852
Madison	18,570
Rankin	35,360
Simpson	8,700
Warren	30,695
Yazoo	41,675
City of Jackson	70,000
Private Pay	527
National Family Caregiver Support Program	1,595
Wal-Mart Grant	25,045
Total Meals	306,845

HOME-DELIVERED MEALS

The Home-Delivered Meals program is designed to provide meals to individuals 60 years of age and older who are homebound due to failing health and/or physical limitations. This program serves these individuals a balanced meal five days a week, either frozen or hot. Hot meals are delivered daily and at least five (5) frozen meals are delivered weekly. This program receives the highest percentage of funding through the District and is the most popular program that the District operates throughout its seven-county area, with 1,176 meals being served daily.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

The District contracts with several local entities to provide transportation to those seniors who no longer drive or for other reasons have no dependable transportation. Trips are provided primarily for medical appointments, shopping, or other essential services. Daily routes are established for each area, and many of the buses are equipped for the disabled.

<u>County</u>	<u>Trips</u>
Copiah	13,512
Hinds	13,219
Madison	6,927
Rankin	16,641
Simpson	3,783
Warren	4,159
Yazoo	10,556
City of Jackson	33,498
Total Trips	102,295

BRIDGE TO INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

The District administered the Bridge to Independence (B2I) Program funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The District also works in conjunction with the Mississippi Division of Medicaid to provide these services to eligible participants. B2I is a statewide program designed to assist individuals who reside in nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual and development disabilities to return to the community. The Bridge to Independence Program is built around the core principles of consumer choice and empowerment to assist individuals in facilities to identify potential living options.

The District's Community Navigator provided information, education, and referral to Medicaid beneficiaries interested in transitioning out of institutional care into the community. The District's staff provided assistance and collaborated with various community representatives in transitioning four (4) nursing home/institutional residents successfully back into the community throughout central Mississippi.

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Family caregivers are an essential part of any long-term care system. They maintain and coordinate care for the elderly, chronically or terminally ill, or disabled relatives at home. The likelihood of each person becoming or needing a caregiver is rapidly increasing. Due to its pervasive quality, it is imperative to address the needs of these caregivers in continuing their care at home for their loved ones. As the health system undergoes swift and significant changes, the future will bring even greater needs and stresses.

With funds under the National Family Caregiver Support Program, authorized under the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000, the District works to provide assistance to families in the following areas: Adult Day Care Respite; In-Home Respite; Information and Assistance; and Supplemental Services. During this fiscal year, 57 caregivers received 9,876 hours of relief time, 12 individuals received assistance with diapers and blue pads, and 4 wheelchair ramps were built at homes to assist with mobility. The District also provided 80 clients with emergency service supplies.

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ADULT DAY CARE

The District contracted with Senior Care Centers of America, Inc. to operate adult day care centers for the metro Jackson area. The Day Centers provided 2,693 hours of care to eligible clients during this fiscal year with an average daily attendance of 35-40 persons per day. Two locations, one in Jackson and one in Clinton, offered a comprehensive array of services which were integrated with other health care delivery systems. The centers are open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and provide two snacks and lunch daily.

ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION & ADVOCACY SERVICES

ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Elder Abuse Prevention Program is designed to alert the public to the critical need for individual and collective action to protect abused, neglected, and exploited older adults in the community. This program serves as an information and referral base for broadening public and private involvement in the protection of at-risk older persons.

The District provides trained speakers for professional, civic, and church groups who wish to be a part of a crusade against abuse. District staff also conducted five (5) workshops at area meetings and at in-service training sessions, as well as worked closely with the Mississippi Department of Human Services on three (3) cases of suspected abuse.

NURSING HOME OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

Through contractual arrangements with local entities throughout the seven-county area, trained ombudsmen visit all nursing homes and licensed personal care homes to investigate complaints from residents and their families regarding the care they receive in these facilities. While assuming these responsibilities, they serve as companions and advocates to these individuals. In Central Mississippi, there are 40 long-term care nursing home facilities with 4,180 beds; 45 personal care homes and assisted living facilities with 1,506 beds; 38 skilled nursing facilities; and 2 intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled with 152 beds. The District's Ombudsman and certified County Ombudsman conducted 1,004 facility visits; attended 70 resident council meetings; 12 family council meetings; 2 family care plan meetings; and participated in 34 state surveys. Complaints were investigated by county as shown in the chart.

<u>County</u>	<u>Resident Contacts</u>	<u>Contact Complaints</u>
Copiah	82	7
Hinds	10,354	603
Madison	7,583	168
Rankin	1,000	10
Simpson	602	11
Warren	4,966	21
Yazoo	1,228	50
Total	16,209	633

LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The District provided legal assistance to 89 clients through a contract with the Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation. Areas of assistance included issues relating to name change, Social Security, wills and estates, Advance Directives and Powers of Attorney, and home ownership and property.

MISSISSIPPI ACCESS TO CARE (MAC) CENTER

In April 2014, the District was awarded a grant through the Mississippi Department of Human Services to administer the Mississippi Access to Care Center in central and southwest Mississippi. The Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Centers are one part of a larger "No Wrong Door" network in the State of Mississippi. As a part of Medicaid's (CMS) Balancing Incentive Program, there is an effort to create a fiscally responsible, person-driven system that offers a full array of choices, thereby empowering individuals to navigate through the complexities of administrative and community resource barriers and locate the appropriate services and supports through a No Wrong Door System. This program will enable individuals and their families to make informed decisions relative to long-term care options and secure needed services or benefits by locating resources available in their communities.

The District has hired professional staff and provided ongoing training to ensure that individuals are offered consultation,

information, and referral to needed services in person, over the telephone, through home visits, and at other requested locations. The Canton MAC Center is a warm and accessible place where individuals can obtain information and services or apply for benefits and is located at 152 Watford Parkway Drive, Suite B., Canton, Mississippi 39046. To date, the MAC Center staff has successfully received Certifications by the Alliance of Information & Referral Systems and attended training in areas focused on: (1) Person-Centered Thinking; (2) MAC Center policies and procedures; (3) Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) database systems; and (4) Senior Safety.



MEDICAID WAIVER

HOME & COMMUNITY BASED ELDERLY & DISABLED WAIVER PROGRAM

Medicaid, the largest public program financing long-term care, has an inherent bias toward institutionalization. In an attempt to reduce this bias, Congress established the home and community-based service waiver program in 1981. Mississippi applied for a waiver to fund Home and Community-Based Service for people who met Medicaid eligibility requirements for nursing home care and the Elderly and Disabled Home and Community-Based Service Program began shortly thereafter. Annual costs for nursing facility care are estimated at \$755 million, with these waiver services being estimated at \$540 million. This results in an annual cost savings of over \$215 million for the State of Mississippi.

To qualify for participation in this program:

- Clients must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older
- Clients must score 50 or above on the Medicaid Long term Care Pre-Admission Screening
- Must qualify by either Supplemental Security Income (SSI) income eligibility or 300% of SSI Income eligibility
- Must require nursing facility level of care
- Must meet all income, resources, and other Mississippi Medicaid eligibility requirements

Through participation with the State of Mississippi Division of Medicaid, CMPDD provides case management, personal care attendant services, in-home respite services, adult day care services, home delivered meals, expanded home health services, institutional respite services, and transition assistance. All of these service costs are reimbursable to a provider by the State Division of Medicaid.

A registered nurse and a licensed social worker are defined as a team and they provide case management services on a monthly basis. In this Fiscal Year, the Division of Medicaid gave CMPDD the capacity to serve 2,400 participants on an annual basis. Capacity is based on the number of clients served, reported referrals or waiting lists for each county, and allotted slots for individuals transitioning from nursing facilities. The placement of teams and the clients they served during the Fiscal Year 2013-2014, are listed below by county:

County	Teams		Clients Served	
			Active	Pending
Copiah	2 full		202	9
Hinds	8 full	3 half	975	207
Madison	2 full		194	43
Rankin	1 full	1 half	177	28
Simpson	1 full		105	13
Warren	1 full		117	9
Yazoo	2 full		220	15
Total	17 full	4 half	1,993	324

The District also delivered daily meals to clients of this program during Fiscal Year 2013-2014, for a total of 324,388 meals being served.



MAPDD

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

CMPDD is under contract with the other nine Planning and Development Districts (PDDs) across the state to act as their association manager. CMPDD is responsible for setting up monthly information and administrative meetings, as well as spearheading the association's annual conference, and coordinating receptions throughout the year. Working collectively, the PDDs meet monthly at CMPDD's office to discuss matters of common interests, hear federal and state officials provide updates and information on their programs, as well as conduct PDD business.

2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts (MAPDD) held its annual conference in Biloxi at the Beau Rivage Hotel April 29th – May 2nd. The conference was attended by over 550 participants from across the State. CMPDD staff members not only handle the pre-conference organization but the day to day operations during the conference. Featured speakers included: Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann, Mississippi Department of Employment Security Executive Director Mark Henry, and Mississippi Development Authority's Tourism Director Malcolm White. In addition, three featured panel discussions were held on the art of structuring successful projects; innovative solutions for financing economic development and public facility projects; and tools for successful CDBG projects. Other sessions included legislative updates from MAS and MML; learning how GIS mapping capabilities can benefit local governments; benefits of partnering with local workforce training providers; financial resources for small businesses; as well as several sessions approved for continuing education credit for licensed social workers.

District staff members have already started planning for the Association's 2015 conference, which is scheduled for April 21st – 24th at the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi.



OTHER MAPDD ACTIVITIES

In addition to the annual conference, CMPDD staff coordinated a number of other MAPDD activities over the last year. In November 2012, District staff organized and participated in a Census Training workshop held at the University of Mississippi. The workshop sponsored by MAPDD and the State Data Center provided training to Planning and Development District (PDD) staff members on how to compare American Community Survey data, sources on where to find socioeconomic and health related data, and how to create custom geographies on the Census website to gather data.

District staff also coordinated the Association's activities for PDD involvement with the Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) and Mississippi Municipal League's (MML) mid-winter and summer conferences. Staff members participated in every aspect of each conference including attending various workshops, making presentations, participating in round table discussions, staffing the MAPDD exhibit booth, and assisting with conference registration. Finally, District staff worked with MAS and MML to coordinate regional legislative meetings held in each PDD's district.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash & Investments	\$11,448,899
Receivables	580,136
Prepaid Expenses	<u>62,615</u>
Total Current Assets	\$12,091,649
Long Term Assets:	
Fixed Assets (Furniture & Fixtures, Equipment & Building)	\$ 1,778,832
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,113,831</u>
Total Long Term Assets	\$ 665,001
Total Assets	\$ 12,756,650
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Current Liabilities:	
Accrued Leave	\$ 967,615
Accounts Payable (Net)	582,698
Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>-0-</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,550,313
Long Term Liabilities	<u>-0-</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,550,313
Fund Balances:	
Agency Equity	<u>\$11,206,337</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 12,756,650

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC. UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Revenues:

Interest	\$ 41,377
Lease	885,013
Federal/State	15,379,130
Assessments General and Services	308,128
Program Income	242,683
Local Contracts	656,972
Local Cash/In-Kind	935,735
Loan Revenue	4,675,891
Miscellaneous	<u>33,079</u>
Total Revenues	\$23,158,008

Expenditures:

Services	\$ 9,576,360
Loans Made	296,200
Personnel	5,154,338
Overhead	1,791,721
Other	1,301,082

Total Expenditures **\$18,119,702**

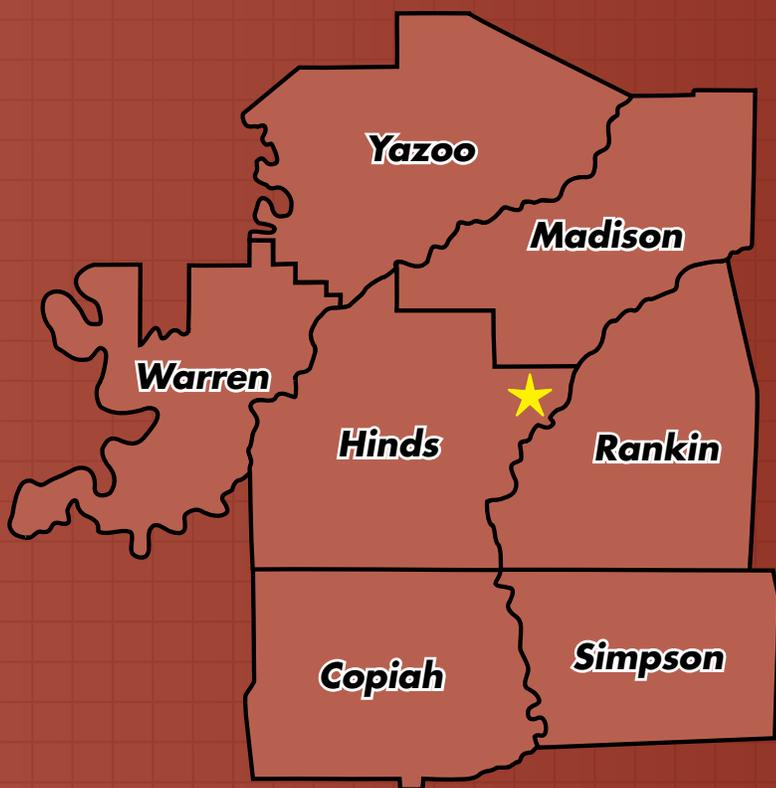
Revenues Over Expenditures **\$ 5,038,306**



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