

# Annual Report 2010-2011

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# Message from the President and the CEO

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District, it is an honor and pleasure to present the 2010-2011 Annual Report. This annual report, while formatted differently, depicts very closely the activities outlined in the Work Program and Budget for this corresponding period. As a planning organization, we take great pride in structuring and timing our activities in a strategic, cost-effective fashion.

In describing our work activities it is important to note that this Annual Report is a mere snapshot of the events and activities for a specific time period. We strongly believe that organizations are never truly stagnant or standing still - they are either moving forwards or backwards. It is our objective to be constantly adjusting in a positive fashion to changing requirements, conditions, and demands. Since we represent the collective interest of cities and counties in Central Mississippi our primary objective is to address their changing requirements.

One of the major thrusts over the past year was to initiate the reconstruction of our Central Mississippi Data Center. This involved our current system being moved to a higher level of sophistication, speed, and capacity by improving our hardware and software capabilities to better serve our member governments. This activity, similar to most, will begin in one fiscal year and may take several years to reach its full potential. The foundation is strong and we will be emphasizing the use of shared, regional resources in order to provide a more cost effective approach to managing information, data, mapping, infrastructure, and other similar types of public and semipublic requirements.

After reviewing this document, we hope that you will agree that we have had a most productive and beneficial year. If you have any questions or need more information regarding any subject or program in this document, please feel free to contact the appropriate person in our office. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve this region.



*Board President Arthur L. Evans, Jr. (left) and Chief Executive Officer F. Clarke Holmes (right) are pictured in front of the new sign at the District office.*

Board President Arthur L. Evans, Jr.

Chief Executive Officer F. Clarke Holmes



Lieutenant Governor Phil Bryant spoke at the December 2010 meeting of the CMPDD Board of Directors.

# Administration & Coordination

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 services coordination.

The District 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.

CMPDD 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, CMPDD maintains an up-to-date website. Information on planning and development, grants, loans, workforce training, child care programs, aging activities, as well as transportation planning, is available at [www.cmpdd.org](http://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.

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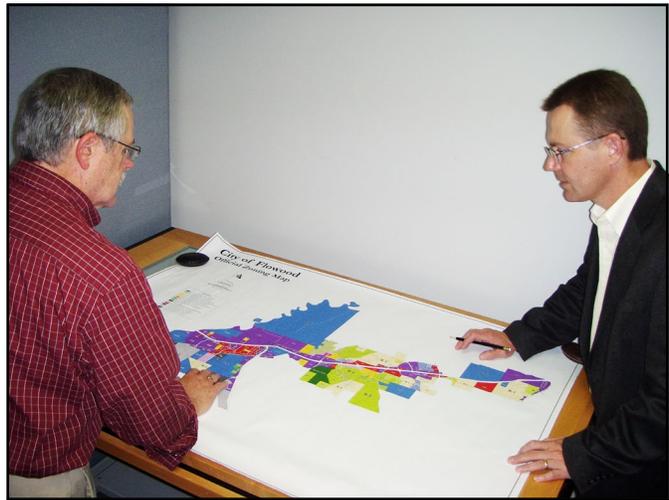
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# Local Planning & Regional Governmental Assistance



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, CMPDD 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 Central MS Information Center, the District provides assistance on a contractual basis for local economic studies, including feasibility studies, tax studies, and economic impact analyses. Further, the District convenes the GIS Users Group, comprised of GIS users in the District's seven-county area. The purpose of this group is to provide a venue to discuss common problems, issues, and solutions to computerized mapping. The ability of CMPDD's staff to adapt and work with various coalitions of

## COUNTY PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE

### Madison County

The District entered into a contract with Madison County to update the County's Comprehensive Plan. The District completed a draft of the plan, which is currently under review by the County's Planning Commission prior to a public hearing. Review and adoption by the Board of Supervisors is expected a short time after the Planning Commission holds the public hearing.

### Rankin County

The District has completed an update of the Rankin County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The new plan, as well as amendments to the County's zoning ordinance and map, has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

The District continues to provide technical assistance to Rankin County regarding planning and zoning-related issues by attending planning commission meetings and consulting with county officials as needed.

## County Redistricting

The District has contracted with Copiah, Madison, Rankin, Simpson and Warren County to develop redistricting plans. To date, Supervisory and Justice Court plans have been developed and adopted by Madison, Simpson and Warren Counties. The District has also contracted with several member municipalities and is working to determine those that are in need of redistricting and will develop plans as needed. Municipal elections are scheduled for June of 2013, which will allow ample time to develop, adopt, and submit new ward plans to the U.S. Department of Justice.

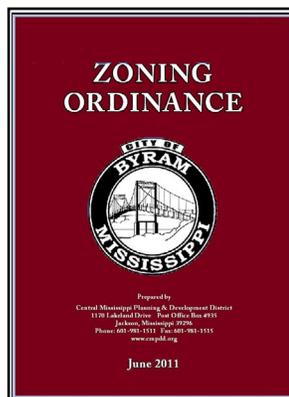
# CITY PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE

## City of Brandon

During FY 11, CMPDD staff continued to serve as the City's consulting city planner by attending planning commission meetings and meeting with city staff to review development plans, re-zoning and variance requests, and other planning related matters.

## City of Byram

The District worked with the City of Byram to develop the new City's first Zoning Ordinance. After nearly a year of working through several drafts of the ordinance with the City's planning staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the new Zoning Ordinance was adopted in June 2011.



## City of Clinton

In February 2011, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton unanimously adopted a new Zoning Ordinance prepared by CMPDD. The new ordinance became effective March 2, 2011, and it replaces the old ordinance prepared by the District, that had been in force since 1997. The new ordinance is based, in accordance with Mississippi law, upon a Comprehensive Plan prepared by CMPDD and adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in 2007.

The new ordinance includes several new zoning districts based upon the adopted Comprehensive Plan, and also adds general regulations relative to: conduct of garage sales;

transient vendors; condition of buildings and accessory structures on any property in the city; appearance of garages and carports; parking of commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods; required enclosure of garbage/disposal facilities and recycle bins and maintenance of such facilities; panhandling; commercial tree trimming and removal services; and metal buildings in commercial zones.

Also included in the Olde Towne Clinton District are new regulations requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to be obtained prior to any property owner undertaking certain actions which include: "Any construction, restoration or rehabilitation, relocation, painting or re-painting, addition to, interior remodeling, repair of or demolition of a building or structure, or construction and location of parking facilities or the cutting of live trees measuring twelve (12) inches in diameter five feet above the ground level." One of the main purposes of the COA is the preservation of the values of existing buildings and structures. The new Zoning Ordinance also includes landscaping regulations that were not part of the old 1997 ordinance. Transitional landscaping is required as a buffer between land uses that might not be compatible with each other such as commercial uses adjacent to single-family residential uses.

On September 20, 2011, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Clinton adopted new Sign Regulations that will be incorporated into the new Zoning Ordinance previously adopted on February 1, 2011. The new Sign Regulations, drafted by the District's Planning Director, Larry Smith, and Jerry Bounds, Clinton's Director of Community Development, will replace the sign regulations that were part of the Zoning Ordinance adopted in 1997, also prepared by CMPDD.

One of the major provisions in the new Sign Regulations is a height limitation of twelve feet for all signs in commercial and industrial zoning districts, except for the Olde Towne Clinton District, which has a height limitation of six feet. However, if an existing sign exceeds a height of twelve feet, it is allowed to remain as a legal nonconforming sign as long as it is not enlarged or altered in such a manner as to aggravate its nonconforming condition. If a legal nonconforming sign is destroyed beyond fifty percent of the replacement cost, it

must be removed and replaced in accordance with provisions of the ordinance.

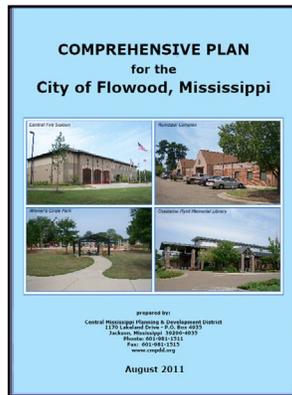
Another provision of the new regulations is the prohibition of all banner signs except for the grand opening of a new business. However, sandwich boards for businesses are allowed subject to certain restrictions.

Finally, the new regulations place restrictions on signs in the Olde Towne Clinton District. In addition to a height limitation of six feet (called a "monument sign"), all signs in that District must be reviewed by the Historical Preservation Committee and the Clinton Planning Commission as part of the site plan review provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

The new sign regulations will become effective on October 20, 2011.

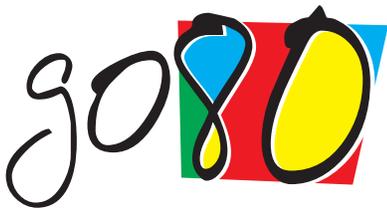
## City of Flowood

The District updated the Flowood Comprehensive Plan. CMPDD staff have developed a computerized existing land use map and a computerized future land use and major thoroughfares map. The City reviewed and adopted the plan on October 3, 2011, after a public hearing. The plan instituted a policy to restrict apartments as a percentage of the City's total housing stock to 15 percent. The District also developed several amendments to the City's zoning ordinance and produced an updated zoning ordinance.



## City of Jackson

CMPDD worked with the City of Jackson throughout 2010 and into 2011 to develop an Economic Development



Strategy for the Highway 80 Corridor, stretching from the Pearl River to the City of Clinton. The Economic Development Strategy provides the City with a comprehensive plan for the redevelopment of and reinvestment in the economically challenged Corridor, which includes the Metrocenter Mall.

The Strategy has been developed in a manner that allows it to serve as a guide to implementation for the City. The implementation of the Strategy is dependent on procedural and policy changes and marketing by the City, as well as public and private investment in the proposed development. Recommendations include:

- Amendments to the Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance to be more conducive for development
- Implementation of an available properties inventory
- Review of the City's economic development practices and implement new strategies

- Utilize the marketing materials featuring the concept plans to promote the Corridor
- Encourage private developers to utilize the phaseable concept plans for six areas to spur revitalization

The City has begun implementing several of the Strategy's recommendations. Specifically, CMPDD has assisted the City recently with the adoption of the recommended land use and thoroughfare plan amendments and zoning ordinance and map amendments. To view the concept plans for each site, proposed land use map, thoroughfares plan, and marketing materials, please visit the Strategy's website. The website address is [www.jacksonms.gov/home/hwy80/index.html](http://www.jacksonms.gov/home/hwy80/index.html) and can be linked to from the City of Jackson's homepage.

## City of Madison

During FY 2011 the District began an update of the City of Madison's Comprehensive Plan. The current comprehensive plan, prepared by the District, was adopted on December 21, 2004, with a horizon date of 2030.

From 2000 to 2010, the population of Madison increased from 14,692 to 24,149 persons, according to Census Bureau figures. In order to comply with Mississippi law regarding comprehensive plans and to keep pace with the rapid growth, Madison officials contracted in August 2010, with the District to update the Comprehensive Plan with a horizon year of 2035. The plan update includes the following tasks:

- Preparation of a base map of the Madison Study Area: Mississippi law requires that comprehensive plans encompass the area within a City's paths of growth over the next twenty to twenty-five years, known as the study area. Since development around (outside) a municipality impacts property values inside the City, the study area selected for the Comprehensive Plan update encompassed those areas that the City may annex within the next twenty-five years. The District updated the base map of the City of Madison and the surrounding study area, adding all new subdivisions and other features, including lakes and creeks.
- Inventory of existing land use in the Study Area: The District conducted an inventory of all existing land uses within the Madison study area by standard land use classification. Dwelling unit counts produced under this task were used to estimate the current population of the study area.
- Development of population and employment estimates and projections for the Study Area: The District developed year-2011 population estimates for the Madison study area based upon the inventory of existing land use. The 2011 estimated population of the City is 27,416 persons, up from 24,149 according to the 2010 Census. The estimated population of the study area is 34,725. Based in part upon the updated population estimates, CMPDD developed population projections; the projected 2035 population of the study area is 50,751 persons. The District also developed employment-by-place-of-work projections by Traffic Analysis Zone to the year 2035. Total employment

in the study area is expected to increase from 7,885 in 2008 to 12,962 by 2035.

- Preparation of Goals and Objectives Element: The CMPDD updated the Goals and Objectives (Chapter I) element for the planning period.
- Land Use Plan Element: The District prepared an updated Land Use Plan. This Land Use Plan is based in part upon projections of population and employment to the year 2035 and upon the Goals and Objectives element.
- Transportation Plan Element: Proposed improvements to streets and highways in the Madison area were derived in part from discussions with the Madison Public Works Director. The roadway improvements proposed in the Madison Transportation Plan are designed to alleviate the capacity deficiencies identified through application of a computerized traffic simulation model used in connection with the development of *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan* adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization on March 30, 2011.
- Community Facilities Plan Element: The Community Facilities Plan is being updated using year 2035 population projections, and includes an inventory of existing facilities and projections of future needs through 2035 for public buildings, public schools, parks and recreation facilities, and utilities and drainage improvements.

It is anticipated that the updated Comprehensive Plan will be adopted by December 31, 2011.

## Town of Pelahatchie

During FY 11, CMPDD continued to update and maintain Pelahatchie's website. Accessible at [www.pelahatchie.org](http://www.pelahatchie.org), the site features news and information about Pelahatchie such as city services, local schools and churches, recreational activities, information on the Industrial Park and a listing of businesses. The site also contains interactive features that allow users to download building permits, applications for water, sewer and refuse services and privilege license. Users may also use the online maps to view city zoning or ward boundaries or even download the official zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations.

During FY 2011, CMPDD also continued to provide Pelahatchie with professional and technical assistance with the implementation of the Town's zoning regulations. Planning assistance has included attending board meetings, reviewing proposed site plans, and drafting zoning ordinance amendments. CMPDD also continues to maintain the Town's official zoning map.

## City of Raymond

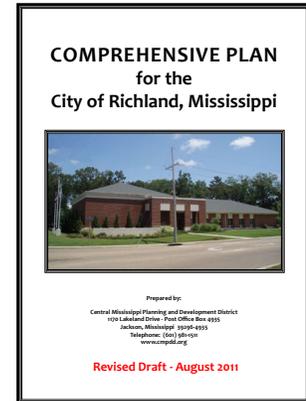
In 2011, the District began to update the City of Raymond's Comprehensive Plan. An existing land use study has been completed, and the District is currently developing an expanded Goals and Objectives section. The plan is

expected to be completed by the middle of 2012.

## City of Richland

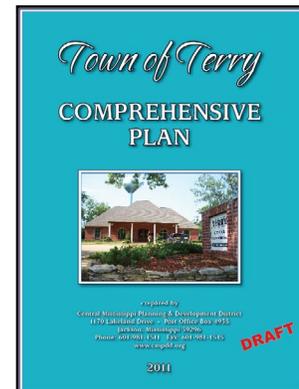
A third draft of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Richland was transmitted to the City in August 2011. The 2010 Census population of Richland was 6,912, with an estimated 2010 population of the Richland Study Area of 9,821 persons. By 2035, the population of the current incorporated area is projected to be 12,012, with a projected 2035 population of the study area of 16,650 persons.

It is anticipated that the Comprehensive Plan will be adopted in the fall of 2011, to be followed by preparation of a new Zoning Ordinance and new Subdivision Regulations.



## Town of Terry

During Fiscal Year 2011, the District completed an update of a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Terry. The previous plan, also prepared by the District, was adopted in 2004. The draft Comprehensive Plan contains population counts, estimates, and projections for Terry through year 2035. Terry's population increased by 12% between the years of 1970-1990, however, their population increased substantially between the years of 1990-2010 by 73.4%. It is assumed that Terry's population will continue to grow at a steady rate, even as the county's overall population continues to decline. Naturally, as the Town grows, the geographic area considered to be part of the Town will grow. It is anticipated that the updated plan will be adopted by Terry during 2012.



## Town of Wesson

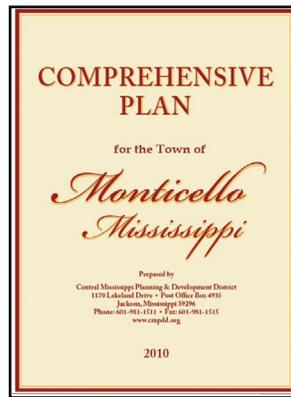
The District completed an update of the Town of Wesson Zoning Ordinance and Map. District planners worked with City officials during FY 2010-2011 on drafting the new zoning regulations and zoning map.

## City of Yazoo City

The District has been working with Yazoo City's Planning and Zoning Board to train them in their new zoning ordinance and the accompanying new procedures for zoning matters. The City signed a Technical Assistance contract with the District to draft a sign ordinance, a landscape ordinance, and other such documents as needed in the months to follow.

## Town of Monticello

On January 18, 2011, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Monticello officially adopted a Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Zoning map prepared jointly by CMPCC and Southwest MS Planning and Development District. The comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance will serve as tools necessary to help guide and govern future growth and development in the Town through the plan's horizon year of 2030.



## City Redistricting

The District has contracted with several member municipalities and is working to determine those that are in need of redistricting and will develop plans as needed. Municipal elections are scheduled for June of 2013, which will allow ample time to develop, adopt and submit new ward plans to the U.S. Department of Justice.

# REGIONAL PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE

## Central Mississippi Information Center

CMPDD continues to develop radial and drive time demographic profiles which utilize geo-referenced data to provide demographics for a certain mile or drive time radius around a specified point. These profiles are typically utilized by entrepreneurs, businesses looking to expand or locate, and economic developers looking to attract new industry and businesses. Current profiles provide detailed demographic data including 2010 Census estimates, STI PopStats 2011 estimates and 2021 forecasts.

Information Center staff continue to develop and release custom demographic reports under the Information Center link on CMPDD's website using the latest available Census data releases. Custom reports are also generated for individuals and businesses needing specific data not included on the website. The District is also creating a state of the art web accessible information management system, which will let the user create custom reports through ESRI's Business Analyst Online. Upon completion, the Information Center will become the Regional Data Center and it will give CMPDD's members technology-based resources with the most accurate data available and enhanced customer support that will continue to meet their needs today and in the years to come.

CMPDD has also completed several economic impact studies for the Greater Jackson Alliance through an economic impact modeling software. Impact studies capture a picture of the economic impact that will be generated by facility developments by assessing: the number of new direct and indirect jobs to be created; salaries to be paid to new workers; number of new residents expected in the area; taxable sales expected; and additional residential and commercial property to be added to local tax rolls. Expected annual revenues from sales, property, hotel, and school taxes, as well as from utilities are reported over a ten year period for each local taxing district.

## CentCom

CentCom is a service provided by CMPDD to its member governments that offers website and email hosting, as well as website design, at an affordable price. Communication and marketing through email and websites has become an important tool for local governments to reach out to its 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. This program's goal is to provide member governments with a low cost alternative to meeting their email and web hosting needs, as well as website design.



During FY 2011 the District completed development of websites for the City of Florence and has begun developing a website for Crystal Springs. The District has been in contact with additional municipalities and provided web design information, as well as a pricing list to promote this service. Additionally, staff members serve as technical support, along with Venture Technologies, for CentCom's existing client base which receives web hosting and/or email hosting through the District.

## Economic Development Website Creation

In December 2010, the District helped the City of Ridgeland launch a new website designed to enhance economic development efforts in the City. The District worked with the City of Ridgeland to revamp and redesign the City's [www.rampupridgeland.com](http://www.rampupridgeland.com) website. The site, which was originally designed as a planning tool to assist with developing the City's Master Plan, has been revamped into an economic development tool to help foster growth in the City. The redesigned site can now be used by local residents, global businesses or local investors who are looking to relocate or expand a business to help match their business needs with the best possible locations in Ridgeland. The site contains a searchable database of available property throughout the City as well as general demographic information regarding the City's economic and social characteristics. The database will allow users to search for available sites based on specific needs such as location, size, or availability of a site.

The District has also worked with Canton Municipal Utilities, the City of Canton, and the Canton Chamber Main Street Association to develop a website promoting the City of Canton. The site, [www.cantonms.net](http://www.cantonms.net) was designed to be a one-stop source of information for anything related

to Canton. The site can be used to search for available property, as well as a source to find information about local parks or the phone number to City Hall.



Building Name	Size	City/State	Sale Price
Canton Commercial & Industrial Center	207 acres	Canton, MS	Negotiable
Falcon Products Building	250,000 sq. ft.	Canton, MS	Negotiable
Canton Logistics Center	1,000,000 sq. ft.	Canton, MS	



## Census Training

Over the past year, District staff participated in a variety of different training opportunities related to the release of the 2010 Census Data. In November, District staff participated in a Census Information Training session held at the University of Mississippi and hosted by the State Data Center and the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts. State Data Center staff, along with staff members from the Dallas Regional Office of the U.S. Census Bureau, presented updates on the Economic Census, Local Employment Dynamics, Redistricting, the American Community Survey, and Final Participation Rates. In September, District staff attended additional training offered by the U.S. Census Bureau at the Jackson Medical Mall, where they learned how to use the new American Factfinder tool which was released to distribute the 2010 Census data.

## Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

The development and maintenance of a Geographic Information System (GIS) continues to be a major undertaking of the District for a host ongoing data analysis needs. For instance, CMPDD offers comprehensive planning assistance to local governments, including preparation of Comprehensive Plans in accordance with State law that includes such elements as an existing land use inventory, future land use recommendations, a transportation plan, and zoning ordinances, all of which rely heavily on GIS technology to meet those needs. CMPDD also prepares Economic Development Plans for municipalities and counties, and performs economic feasibility studies for local governments and private parties which also require significant GIS related data input and analysis.

A geographic information system is essentially a computer-based technology process for viewing and manipulating data that can be referenced geographically. The use of such technology gives CMPDD planners and 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 aimed specifically at aiding decision-making processes at all levels of government. 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

A major portion of GIS implementation at CMPDD is associated with data entry and conversion. Planners continually take to the field to collect information on existing development patterns and roadway conditions, which in turn are entered into computerized systems for detailed 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 to assist in making regional plans and decisions has resulted in improved governmental management procedures. 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. Obviously, much of the GIS data needed for planning purposes is changing constantly and requires systematic and continuous update to be accurate and useful. Managing and maintaining such dynamic data is both difficult and time consuming, but absolutely necessary in order to realize measurable benefits of GIS system implementation.

One of the District's most popular data products is the Radial Demographic Profile, which utilizes geo-referenced data to provide demographics for a given radius 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 for economic development. For each site, statistical data is gathered and digital maps produced which provide an inventory of available sites, utilities, existing infrastructure, lot lines, and building footprints.

Hazard mitigation planning is another area that employs the use of GIS technology to accurately record the location of critical community facilities that warrant special attention to reduce a jurisdiction's vulnerability during natural disasters. District staff continues to work with each local jurisdiction to develop a community profile and complete a risk assessment of each jurisdiction which identifies specific hazards threatening the jurisdiction, characterizes the jurisdiction's vulnerability to those hazards, and outlines an action plan of projects and/or programs that can be implemented to reduce those vulnerabilities.

Finally, regarding the transportation planning process for the Jackson Urbanized Area, GIS technology provided an integral component in developing year 2035 projections. These forecasts were developed based upon Land Use Plans developed for each county or municipality in the projected Jackson Urbanized Area. Using GIS software, CMPDD developed population, school enrollment and traffic projections for each of the 664 Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ). Based on the results of the traffic simulation model, traffic projections were then used as one of the main criteria for prioritizing street, road, and highway improvements in the urbanized area over the next twenty-five years.

As evidenced by these and numerous other projects and programs utilizing GIS capabilities, the demand for accurate

GIS information for decision making is unequalled in this era of spatial technology advances. Because GIS technology can be of enormous assistance in so many different areas of local, regional and national concern, the District will continue to strive to maximize the utilization of such a valuable information management resource.



## Hazard Mitigation Plans

Hazard Mitigation is defined as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards. Everyone living in the CMPDD area has been affected at some point by natural hazards, from a large winter storm that produced freezing rain throughout the region, to a smaller localized weather event such as lightning that caused property damage. The frequency and severity of future weather events is difficult to predict, but trends show extreme weather patterns are on the rise.

Over the last year, District staff have been working with local jurisdictions to update and revised the twenty-six (26) Hazard Mitigation Plans in our region that were developed in 2005. This has included organizing hazard mitigation councils and holding meetings to identify risk factors and identify mitigation strategies. The District has completed the revision process for each of these plans in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which maintains each jurisdiction's eligibility for Mitigation Grant Funds. Each revised plan documents the review and revision process, identifies and analyses any changes that have occurred that effect vulnerabilities faced from natural hazards, as well as outlines an updated action plan to reduce the known risks. While some hazards such as expansive soils and flooding pose a greater threat to some areas than others the District's overall vulnerability or risk rating to natural hazards include:

- Low overall risk: Earthquake and Expansive Soil
- Medium overall risk: Drought, Hurricane, Wildfires, and Winter Storm
- High overall risk: Flooding, Hail, Lightning, Dam/Levee Failure, and Tornado



*Pictured above are some of the mayors who are members of the CMMA (l-r): Henry Banks, Hazlehurst; John Gallagher, Eden; Knox Ross, Jr., Pelahatchie; Les Childress, Flora; Nick Tremont, Byram; Mabel Everett, Braxton; McArthur Straughter, Yazoo City; Russ Espiritu, Puckett; Paul Winfield, Vicksburg; Jimmy Clyde, Magee; Isla Tullos, Raymond; and Alton Shaw, Wesson.*

### 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 FY 2011, the CMMA met on a quarterly basis at CMPDD's headquarters to discuss common issues such as funding programs, pending legislation affecting municipalities, current laws, and redistricting. They also hosted a legislative reception for House and Senate members.



### 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. The group has also been addressed by representatives from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Mississippi Arts Commission.

### Statewide Government Associations

Over the past year, CMPDD hosted regional meetings for the Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) and the Mississippi Municipal League (MML). The MAS regional meeting was held in May at CMPDD's office and dinner was provided. The meeting was attended by supervisors from the District's seven-counties, state legislators, state agency personnel, and MAS staff and board members. The meeting was held to provide supervisors with a legislative update and to elect new board members from the region for MAS.

MML's regional meeting was held in August at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. During the meeting, lunch was provided and MML presented the legislative agenda for the upcoming year, as well as sought input to help formulate MML's legislative agenda for the upcoming year.

District staff attended both annual conventions of MAS and MML, where they attended various workshops and general sessions, manned the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts' exhibit booth, assisted with convention registration, participating in a round table discussion, and hosted a hospitality room.

# Transportation Planning



The District is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Jackson Metropolitan Area, 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. The *Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA21)* passed in June 1998, continued the enhanced role of local governments in planning and selecting transportation projects in metropolitan areas that was established under the *Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA)*.

After numerous extensions to TEA-21, which initially expired on September 30, 2003, Congress passed the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)*, and it was signed into law on August 10, 2005. SAFETEA-LU expired on September 30, 2009, and Congress is making extensions to that legislation. It is anticipated that a re-authorization will be passed during FY 2012. However, the MPO has adopted a *Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Years 2011-12*, which proposes transportation planning tasks. The largest task of the Work Program was the completion of Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan* was adopted by the MPO on March 30, 2011.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is comprised of local elected officials and members of the business and minority communities from Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. They make decisions regarding the LRTP and determine the allocation and distribution of federal transportation improvement funds in the metropolitan area. These funding decisions are reflected in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) developed every two years and amended as necessary.

The Intermodal Technical Committee, comprised of public works directors, city/county engineers and planners, and other technical personnel, makes recommendations to the MPO regarding transportation matters.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Subcommittee of the Intermodal Technical Committee was organized during FY 2010 to assist with the update of the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

The Participation Plan for the Jackson Metropolitan Area Transportation Planning Process, adopted by the MPO in 2008, established a Stakeholders Committee. The Stakeholders Committee includes agencies, organizations, and individuals who are not represented on the Intermodal Technical Committee. These stakeholders or resource agencies are invited to all public hearings that are scheduled in conjunction with meetings of the Intermodal Technical Committee.



## PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

On November 10, 2010, the Metropolitan Planning Organization met to consider the 2035 forecasts of population, housing, employment and school enrollment used in connection with the update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): the *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan*. The 2035 forecasts were based in part upon local Land Use Plans prepared for cities and counties in the study area of the LRTP. Formulas were used to convert land use acreage from those Land Use Plans into 2035 forecasts of population, housing and employment. School enrollment forecasts were based upon recent trend data provided by the schools. The forecasts were further divided into three phases: 2015, 2025 and 2035. These forecasts were fed into a traffic simulation model to produce traffic projections for each phase of the LRTP. The traffic projections were assigned to an existing plus committed street and highway network, which consisted of a list of existing streets and highways was compiled along with the improvements for which funding had been secured. This produced a list of street and highways that currently have traffic capacity deficiencies. Both the forecasts and the list of existing plus committed street and highway network were approved by

the MPO in November following a recommendation from the Intermodal Technical Committee.

At the February 9, 2011 MPO meeting, the draft LRTP was presented and discussed (see complete article on the LRTP).

On May 11, 2011, the Interim Executive Director/Chief Engineer of the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Melinda McGrath, presented an update of highway projects in the Jackson Metropolitan Area and made some remarks about the Federal requirements for traffic sign retro-reflectivity. Some proposed amendments to the *Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012* (UPWP) were approved by the MPO at that meeting.

On August 10, 2011 some amendments to the *Participation Plan for the Jackson Metropolitan Area Transportation Planning Process* were approved, including a reduction in to the number of times each year that the Intermodal Technical Committee normally meets from six to four. Also, the length of time that proposed amendments to the LRTP must be posted on the CMPDD website was reduced from 21 days to 10 days. Finally, the length of time for proposed amendments to the Participation Plan for public comment was reduced from 60 days to 45 days. Some additional amendments to the UPWP were also approved by the MPO, including a significant expansion to the maintenance of a transportation data base and establishment of a regional traffic sign retro-reflectivity (see separate articles on these topics).

## LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Following a March 23, 2011 public hearing and joint meeting of the Intermodal Technical Committee and Transportation Stakeholders Committee, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) unanimously adopted the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan*. Federal regulations governing transportation planning require that LRTP's be updated every five years; the previous LRTP, the *2030 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan*, was adopted in March, 2006.

The adoption of the plan concluded a year-long process that began in February, 2010, with meetings between the District, the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the other MPO's in Mississippi. The *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan* will become part of the *Mississippi Unified Long-Range Transportation Infrastructure Plan (MULTIPLAN)*, developed by Mississippi Department of Transportation. The *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan* consists of five volumes, each intended to address specific surface transportation issues required by the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)*, passed by Congress in 2005.

### Volume I - Streets and Highways Plan

includes demographic trends and projections utilized in a computerized traffic simulation model to forecast travel demands in phases: 2015, 2025 and the target year of the plan, 2035. These projected travel volumes were used to develop recommended street and highway improvements. Because Federal regulations require that the plan be "financially constrained", the proposed improvements had to be limited to the amount of Federal and other revenues reasonably expected to be available for each phase of the plan. The

total estimated cost of street and highway improvements for all three phases is \$1,226,602,154. The adopted plan also includes "vision needs"; these are proposed improvements for which adequate funding is not expected to be available within the period covered by the plan; the vision needs total cost estimate is \$1,181,040,000. For a complete listing of proposed street and highway improvements included in Volume I, go to the District's website at [www.cmpdd.org](http://www.cmpdd.org); a link to the 2035 Plan appears on the main page of the website.



**Volume II - Regional Transit Plan** reviews previous transit studies including recommendations made in November, 2010 by the consultant, Neel-Schaffer, Inc., and District staff to reduce the cost of providing transit service on the JATLAN fixed route/fixed schedule system that the City of Jackson operates within the City only. The Regional Transit Plan also includes a comparison of the Jackson system with other in systems in the southeastern U. S.: Columbia, South Carolina; Montgomery, Alabama; Nashville, Tennessee; North Little Rock, Arkansas; and Tallahassee, Florida. Finally, the transit plan includes recommended short-term (1-5 year) and long-term (6-25 year) actions to improve and expand transit-related service in the area, including a study to evaluate the feasibility of formation of a regional transit authority organized around the MPO board.

**Volume III - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan** (see separate article on this topic). During 2010, District staff worked to update the existing *Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*, which was adopted in June, 2006. The *Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* is a vision plan that lists bicycle and pedestrian projects that are proposed to be completed over the course of the next 25 years. The plan is divided into eight (8) chapters which include: Vision, Goals and Objectives, Benefits of Bicycling and Walking, Facilities by Type, Bicyclists by Group, Critical Selection Factors, Construction and Maintenance, Best Practices, and Education and Outreach.



**Volume IV - Congestion Management Process (CMP)** The CMS is an update of a previous plan, which was adopted in May, 2007 and known as the Congestion Management System. The Congestion Management Process reflects the roadway segments that experience the greatest level of traffic congestion and provides strategies for reducing the congestion on those selected segments.

**Volume V - Transportation Safety, Security, and Environmental Mitigation Analysis** includes a description of typical traffic safety programs that are relatively uniform from state to state in their approach to make the highway system safer for their users. SAFETEA-LU Part 450 requires that each state and MPO must have a planning process that addresses the need to increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users. The safety analysis reviews traffic crash data and trends, crash locations, and makes recommendations on how to reduce traffic accidents by type of collision: rear-end collisions, angle collisions, sideswipes and other collision types. The second chapter of Volume V, Regional Security, describes the MPO's role in security planning and response. The five elements of an MPO's role: (1) Traditional (as overseeing ongoing system management and operations); (2) Convener (helping coordinate the efforts of local agencies); (3) Champion ("aggressively" dealing with security plans, concerns, and responses); (4) Developer (creating security plans and responses), and (5) Operator (carrying out the strategies that have been developed). Chapter 3 of Volume V, Environmental Mitigation Analysis, evaluates the environmental impacts of the transportation plan, including: potential wetlands impacts; impacts upon threatened and endangered species; impacts upon National Register of Historic Place properties; and environmental justice concerns, particularly minority populations and low income populations.

Andrew Hughes, Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration notified Mayor Rosemary Aultman, Chairperson of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, on August 8, 2011 that the *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan* had been approved in compliance with all Federal transportation planning regulations. The next update of the LRTP must be adopted by March 30, 2016.

## Congestion Management Process

During FY 2011, the District completed a re-inventorying of a number of transportation corridors in the Jackson Urbanized Area deemed to be over capacity and/or underperforming. The data collected from this re-inventory was used to determine which segments have shown improvement from the previous Congestion Management Study and which segments still are experiencing major congestion issues. The data collected was used to create Volume IV - Congestion Management Process for the 2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan. This volume of the plan identified the roadway segments currently experiencing the greatest level of degradation to free flow traffic conditions and listed ways to mitigate the congestion on these segments.

The data collected for the plan was used to determine the level of congestion on major transportation routes in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA). Data collection takes place during off-peak traffic hours (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) and peak traffic hours (7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) to determine the degree of congestion on each route. Traffic volume projections from the *MULTIPLAN* traffic simulation model were used for the updated Congestion Management Study to determine the projected level of congestion for horizon years 2015, 2025, and 2035. The congestion management process is updated on selected roadway segments as needed, and at a minimum every five years, in conjunction with the update to the *Jackson Urbanized Area*

*Transportation Plan*, for all roadway segments in the current congestion management study, therefore, the District will update the entire congestion management process in 2015.

## Pedestrian Walkway and Bicycle Facilities

During FY 2011, District staff worked with the newly formed Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Subcommittee of the Intermodal Technical Committee to produce the updated *Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*, which was adopted in March, 2011 as one of the five volumes of the 2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan. District staff re-inventoried the existing bike and pedestrian walkway facilities located throughout the JUA from the previous plan and met with public officials in the JUA to develop a list of each of the counties and municipalities proposed bikeway projects with a horizon date of 2035. These pathways, once constructed, would provide the JUA with a bikeway network that connects Hinds, Madison, and Rankin counties.

In addition to the proposed projects, the plan addresses safety measures, makes recommendations for education and outreach programs, expresses the need to promote multi-modal connectivity, and provides a chart that shows the available funding sources for bikeway related projects. This plan will be updated as new projects are proposed. The *JUA Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* will be updated every five years in conjunction with the update of the JUA Long Range Transportation Plan.

## ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

### Participation Plan and Public Involvement/Informational Activities

An important part of the Transportation Planning Process conducted by CMPDD is the citizen involvement and informational activities carried out in compliance with the *Participation Plan* adopted by the MPO in 2008. In order to promote involvement and provide information to the public regarding the draft 2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan, the District held three county-wide summits in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The meetings were held in Hinds, Rankin, and Madison counties on February 22, 23, and 24, 2011 respectively. Questionnaires were distributed at each of the meetings and records were maintained regarding each citizen's comment and the responses, each of which was included in the final adopted plan. A public hearing on the draft 2035 plan was held on March 23, 2011 in conjunction with a joint meeting of the Intermodal Technical Committee and Transportation Stakeholders Committee. Again, the comments and responses were recorded and included in the final plan. A press conference on the adopted 2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan was held on July 13, 2011, which was widely covered by all news media outlets.



Central District Transportation Commissioner Dick Hall (2nd from left) at a public hearing at the CMPDD office.

Also part of the District's public involvement and informational activities is the CMPDD Speakers Bureau. An example of that effort was the presentation of the 2035 Plan to the Madison County Foundation on July 21, 2011, including a discussion of the District's update of the Madison County Comprehensive Plan.

The District's website ([www.cmpdd.org](http://www.cmpdd.org)) is also used to solicit comments on transportation planning issues.



## Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

During the year, several amendments to the *Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2010-2013* were approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization. TIP is a financially constrained four-year program that addresses the short-term transportation priorities that are consistent with the area's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Included among the amendments were:

- Conversion of Capitol Street in Jackson from one-way to two-way operation
- Construction of U.S. Hwy. 51 to MS Hwy. 43 Connector in Canton
- Addition of turn lanes and a multi-use trail to Arrow Dr. from Cynthia Rd. to W. Access Rd. at Clinton High School
- Signalization and intersection improvements at Clinton Pkwy. and Fairmont St. in Clinton
- Construction of a split diamond interchange on I- 55 with a Ridgeland Connector to U.S. Hwy 51
- Construction of Sowell Rd. Extension from U.S. Hwy. 51 to MS Hwy. 43
- Construction of the MS Hwy. 18 Brandon bypass
- Construction of MS Hwy. 149 overpass over the Kansas City Southern Railroad
- Widening of I-20 from Natchez Trace Pkwy. to MS Hwy.18
- Widening of I-55 from Byram to the Copiah County Line
- Widening of I-55 from Byram to McDowell Rd.

A new *Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2012-2015* will be presented to the MPO in November 2011.

## Metro Area Traffic Count Program

The District's traffic counting program collects data for the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA) on non-state maintained 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. Traffic count data can be found on CMPDD's website at [www.cmpdd.org](http://www.cmpdd.org), by clicking on the Transportation Planning link and then selecting Traffic Counts. A map will display that provides traffic count data, not only from CMPDD's counts, but also from data collected by MDOT.

The traffic count program provides data that is an integral component for a number of transportation planning activities including the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Congestion Management Process, and Pavement Management System. Data is collected on a three year cyclical basis for all functionally classified roadways found in Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. The District has completed collecting traffic count data for Madison County, begun collecting data for Hinds County, and will continue data collection until all functionally classified roadways in the county have been counted. Following completion of the data collection for Hinds County, CMPDD will begin to collect traffic count data for Rankin County in calendar year 2012. Though these counts are performed on a cyclical basis, the District also performs traffic count studies by special request of its member governments as needed.

## Pavement Management System

The Pavement Management System is an inventory of the principal arterial, minor arterial, and collector roadways in the Jackson Urbanized Area. This inventory is taken once each year on a 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 survey 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 data into a software program called, Road Safety Management System (RSMS). Once the data has been analyzed the software will compile and rank the roadways from worst to best dependent on the level of surface degradation found through the use of the windshield surveys.

During FY 2011, CMPDD completed a re-inventory of the functionally classified arterial and collector roadways found in Madison and Hinds Counties. Based on the aforementioned cyclical approach for inventorying roadways in the Urbanized Area, the District will complete a Pavement Management System re-inventory for Rankin County in FY 2012.

## Transportation Data Base Management

One of the most important transportation support tasks of the District as the MPO is the maintenance of a transportation data center. In August 2011, the scope of that task was significantly expanded to establish a comprehensive system for collecting, maintaining, and analyzing transportation-related data for the metropolitan planning area. Computerized maps will continue to provide the foundation of the data maintenance system. However, the District has begun a partnership with the National Strategic Planning and Research Center (NSPARC) at Mississippi State University making it possible to more accurately monitor urban development and transportation indicators, including, but not limited to, population, housing, employment, school enrollment and a host of other factors. This data will be collected by Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ's)

During FY 2011, CMPDD staff delineated TAZ's for the Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP) that will allow the District to verify "base-year data" used in developing the *2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan*.

## Training Courses and Conferences

District staff members participate in various training courses and conferences relating to transportation planning every year. Among the sessions attended by the staff during FY 2011 were:

- Two MPO staff members participated in the Annual Conference of the American Planning Association in Ocean Springs on November 4-5, 2010
- District personnel attended the Annual Conference of the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts on April 25-29, 2011; and
- District staff members participated in a Statewide Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting on September 15 and 16, 2011.

## Establishment/Maintenance of a Regional Retro-reflectivity System

A new task added to the *Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012* in August 2011, was the establishment and maintenance of a regional traffic sign retro-reflectivity system. The 1993 Department of Transportation Appropriations Act 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). Signs must have retro-reflective surfaces so that the light striking them from vehicle headlights is reflected back to the driver's eyes.

Accordingly, the District intends to establish a regional system to assist local governments in the Jackson Urbanized Area in maintaining traffic control signs that meet the minimum standards for retro-reflectivity as prescribed in the MUTCD. During FY 2012, the District staff will assist local governments in the MPO study area in implementing a plan to meet the requirements of the MUTCD. Local government personnel will inventory their signs and enter sign information (sign type by location, date last replaced if known, date proposed for replacement, etc.) into the regional traffic sign database.



# 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 area to prosper. District staff work daily to help secure federal and state grants which help to 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. Additionally, 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 ACTIVITIES

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.

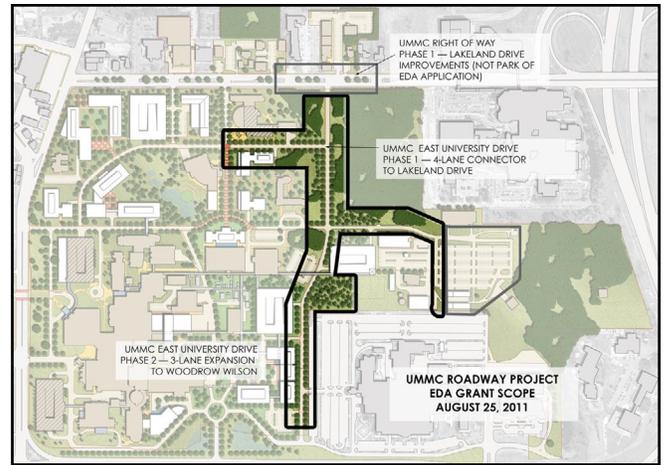
### Annual EDA Conference

The Economic Development Administration, Southern Economic Development Council, and the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration hosted the 2011 Southeast Economic and Workforce Development Conference in Asheville, North Carolina in early August. Staff from CMPDD attended the conference and had the opportunity to participate in sessions regarding resources available for labor market analysis and challenges to and opportunities for economic growth and development. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear John Fernandez, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, US Department of Commerce, and Joan Oates, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, US Department of Labor.

## EDA Applications Submitted

- CMPDD assisted Yazoo City in the preparation and submission of a Public Works - Economic Adjustment grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the Willie Morris Parkway project. The 1.54 mile, 4-lane parkway will connect US Hwy. 49 with MS Hwy. 3, providing direct access to the Federal Bureau of Prison's (FBOP) Federal Correctional Complex of Yazoo City. The parkway will also serve an under-utilized industrial park, the Yazoo Valley Electric Power Commission, the Yazoo-Warren Mental Health Service, National Guard, and the newly constructed Hampton Inn. The FBOP is currently investing \$207 million to construct a new maximum security facility and several other related buildings. The expansion will result in the creation of 350 new jobs.
- CMPDD assisted the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) in preparation and submission of a grant application for the construction of East University Drive for approximately \$1.5 million. The proposed multi-lane roadway will serve as the new entrance to UMMC's Campus from Lakeland Drive, which will expand the ingress and egress capacity, as well as

provide access to areas of campus slated for development in the near future. Furthermore, the roadway serves as the foundation of UMMC's Master Plan which calls for expended education, clinical, and research facilities. As a result, UMMC will create 225 additional jobs and make a \$21 million capital investment.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

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.

## CDBG Public Facilities

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 FY 2010-11, the District assisted local governments with preparation of CDBG Public Facility Applications. In May, 2011, the District submitted five (5) applications to MDA for review. Listed below are the submitted applications.

MDA conducted site visits for the proposed projects that ranked high enough to be eligible for potential funding. The projects listed below for Georgetown, Ridgeland, and Simpson County all received site visits. Although a visit does not guarantee approval of the application, it is an important step toward receiving CDBG funding.

<b>Community Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>CDBG Funds</b>	<b>Match Funds</b>
City of Canton	Drainage Improvements	\$ 289,087	\$289,087
Town of Flora	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	337,000	-0-
Town of Georgetown	Water System Improvements	400,000	-0-
City of Ridgeland	Boundless Playground	269,500	30,000
Simpson County	Renovations/Improvements on DHS Building	285,000	285,000

## CDBG Emergency Public Facility Applications

The purpose of the CDBG Emergency Public Facilities program is to provide funding for any eligible CDBG activity necessary to address community development needs having a particular urgency, because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of

the community. Projects typically funded under this program are the result of damage resulting from a flood, hurricane, wind/tornado, fire, ice storm, etc.

The District prepared, submitted, and received approval of the following four (4) CDBG Emergency Public Facility applications on behalf of the following:

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>
City of Crystal Springs	Sanitary Sewer Repairs	\$70,421
Village of Satartia	Drainage System Repairs	85,601
Yazoo County	Water Well Repairs (Hilton Heights)	4,052
City of Magee	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	47,700

## CDBG Community Self-Help

The Community Self-Help program uses a “self-help” approach to assist small communities in solving their problems for less cost. MDA staff work with local residents to combine the communities own resources (materials, volunteer labor, leadership and financing) with available grant and loans. Projects can often be accomplished with a cost savings of 30% or more. Applications are accepted year-round.

During FY 2010-11, CMPDD assisted with the preparation and submitted the following applications which were approved by the MDA for funding:

- The City of Brandon requested and received \$100,000 to develop a new park featuring picnic facilities, a multipurpose ball field, and play structure in the West Sunset community. Brandon committed to provide matching funds in the amount of \$41,706 using individual and business donations and in-kind services.
- The City of Magee has received \$100,000 to construct a playground with exercise equipment in the City of Magee Sportsplex, an existing City Park. Magee will also use \$25,500 in local donations and in-kind services to complete the project.
- The Town of Pelahatchie received \$100,000 to construct a playground in the new Milltown Park located in downtown by using both Community Development Block Grant funds and \$37,650 in local donations and in-kind services.

Also during this Fiscal Year, one of the Self Help projects which the District prepared and submitted, won the 2011 Governor’s Community Projects of Excellence Award. The Town of Braxton received the honor presented to Braxton’s Mayor Mabel Everett by Governor Haley Barbour. Braxton used the funds for refurbishing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, and installing a treatment plant in order to convert an abandoned building for use as the Braxton Community Center. The Town had previously acquired the building, a former convenience store, for this project. The new



Braxton Awards Ceremony

Community Center offers information and services to the public, as well as providing an excellent location for economic development activities, such as a Farmers Market. Eventually Braxton plans to dedicate a portion of the Community center as a Library and Museum.

## CDBG Economic Development Projects

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. One excellent example of these projects was seen at a ribbon cutting ceremony held this Fiscal Year to celebrate the recent expansion of CCI, an existing industry located in the Hazlehurst Industrial Park. This expansion was made possible by a CDBG Economic Development grant to Copiah County, which provided for various infrastructure improvements include the construction of an access road and erosion improvements. CCI committed to provide \$300,000 investment in this project and to create 25 new jobs, and the County provided \$49,000 as matching funds.

The District prepared and submitted an application for the City of Pearl, which received approval in the amount

of \$514,462, to fund infrastructure improvements to support the recent location of The Scotts Company to the Gulf Line Road Industrial Park. The District also prepared and submitted an application on behalf of Copiah County in the

amount of \$1,000,000 for the construction of renovation and improvements to an existing County owned building to support the location of a new industry to the Copiah County Industrial Park.

## ADDITIONAL GRANT AND LOAN ACTIVITIES

### Small Municipalities and 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 \$100,000. The following five applications were prepared and submitted by the District during FY 2010-2011:



<b>Community Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>SMLPC Funds</b>	<b>Match Funds</b>
Town of Braxton	New Town Hall	\$100,000	\$ -0-
City of Hazlehurst	City Hall Improvements	36,256	36,256
City of Magee	Downtown/Street Improvements	57,200	57,200
Town of Puckett	Library Improvements	90,000	-0-
Town of Wesson	Public Building ADA Improvements	100,000	26,887

The following seven applications submitted by the District were funded during FY 2010-2011:

<b>Community Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>SMLPC Funds</b>	<b>Match Funds</b>
City of Bentonia	Fire Station Construction	\$ 100,000	\$214,065
City of Byram	Police Station Improvements	100,000	200,000
City of Florence	Sidewalk Construction	54,020	54,020
City of Flowood	Lighting & Beautification Improvements	100,000	100,000
Town of Pelahatchie	Fire Station Improvements	25,000	25,000
City of Raymond	Fire Station Construction	100,000	170,000
City of Richland	City Hall Improvements	50,000	77,721

## 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.

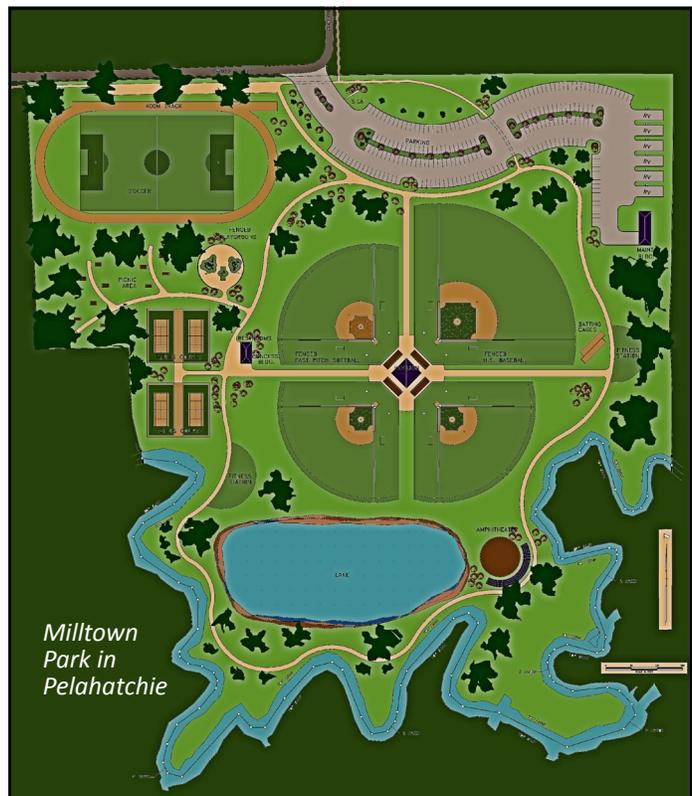
The cumulative maximum loan amount for any eligible local unit of government during a calendar year is \$1,000,000 for tax-exempt and taxable loans. The minimum loan amount allowed per project is \$30,000. The maximum CAP loan indebtedness allowed per applicant is \$2,500,000 outstanding principal balance.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

- Town of Terry for \$150,000 to partially fund the construction of sanitary sewer system extensions to an un-served area of Town. This CAP loan will be used to match an approved 2010 CDBG Public Facility project.
- The Town of Pelahatchie for \$250,000 for the construction of the new Milltown Park near the downtown area.
- Copiah County for \$100,000 for construction of renovations and improvements to an existing County owned building to support the location of a new industry to the Copiah County Industrial Park
- City of Flowood for \$1,000,000 for construction of a new water well and associated well treatment building to house the well chlorination system, electrical and control system, and emergency generator system.

## Recreation Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is an 80/20 match program for substantial trail development. The RTP 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.

On behalf of the Town of Pelahatchie, CMPDD prepared, submitted and received approval of an application for an amendment in the amount of \$240,000 in additional RTP funds for the development of a 5,950 linear feet, 10 foot wide, asphalt, non-motorized, diversified use trail in Milltown Park, a new park development near downtown Pelahatchie. Additionally, the Town of Pelahatchie will provide a



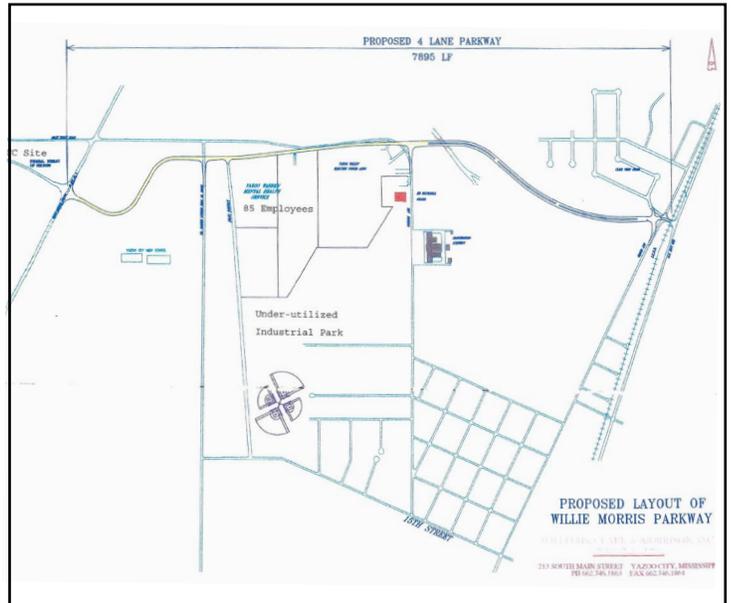
## Economic Development Highways Program

The Economic Development Highway Act (EDH), administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), is a program designed for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions with highway projects, which encourage private companies to engage in “high economic benefit” projects within their area.

This program promotes industrial and other significant development in the State of Mississippi through the construction and/or improvement of highways in areas that demonstrate actual and immediate potential for the creation, or expansion of major industries or other significant development. The highway or highway segment to be constructed must be necessary to ensure adequate and appropriate access to a proposed company project for the purpose of encouraging its location within a political subdivision.

CMPDD prepared and submitted an application on behalf of the City of Yazoo City for \$3,300,000 for the construction of the Willie Morris Parkway project, which has been awarded by MDA. The 1.54 mile, 4-lane parkway will connect US Hwy. 49 with MS Hwy. 3, providing direct access to the Federal Correctional Complex of Yazoo City. The parkway will also serve an under-utilized industrial park, the Yazoo Valley Electric Power Commission, the Yazoo-Warren Mental Health Service, the National Guard, and the newly constructed Hampton Inn. The Federal Bureau of Prisons is currently investing \$207 million to construct a new maximum security facility and several other related buildings, which will create an additional 350 jobs.

Total cost of parkway construction is estimated to be \$7.8 million. In addition to the requested EDH funds, the City has received a portion of the remaining cost and has committed to providing \$2.5 million of its own funds.



## 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.



The District hosted a forum for its member governments interested in applying for DRA funds and listed below are the applications prepared and submitted by CMPDD for 2011 funds.

<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Project Description</u></b>	<b><u>DRA Funds</u></b>	<b><u>Matching Funds</u></b>
Magee General Hospital	Pharmacy Expansion	\$178,635	\$ 26,516
Simpson Community Healthcare, Inc.	Rural Health Clinic Expansion	105,000	30,000
Town of Terry	Fire Station/Public Works Bldg.	165,600	370,000

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

The District approved three (3) loans for a total of \$764,000 in its Economic Development Financing Programs during FY 2010-2011. These loans leveraged \$1,114,000 in private capital resulting in total projects of \$1,878,000 and created or retaining 21 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 text, charts, and photographs present details and highlights on each of the District's economic development financing programs.

## Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. (CMDC)

The District has a contractual relationship with the Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. whereby the CMPDD provides the staff needed to operate the U. S. Small Business Administration's 504 Certified Development Company Program. This program is operated in conjunction with other financial institutions. It provides loans to small businesses for their use in acquiring fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery, and equipment. These loans provide up to 40% of a project's cost at attractive interest rates for the term of ten or twenty years. The following loan was approved in FY 2010-2011:



<u>Business</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>CMCD Loan</u>	<u>Total Loan</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Product / Service</u>
Delta Packaging Company LLC	Rankin	\$325,000	\$1,000,000	17	Wholesale Industrial Supplies

## Mississippi Small Business Assistance Loan Program (MSBA)

This program is funded by the State of Mississippi and provides loan funds for Mississippi owned small businesses. The loan amount can be up to the lesser of one-half of the total project cost or \$250,000. Loan proceeds may be used for land, building, machinery, equipment, inventory, working capital, and other business purposes. During FY 2010-2011, the following loan was approved:



<u>Business</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>MSBA Loan</u>	<u>Total Loan</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>
Mini-Mart	Madison	\$250,000	\$500,000	2	Convenience Store

## Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program (MSBELP)

This program is funded by the State of Mississippi and provides loan funds for minority owned businesses. The loan amount can be up to the lesser of one-half of the total project cost or \$250,000. Loan proceeds may be used for land, building, machinery, equipment, inventory, working capital, and other business purposes. In FY 2010-2011, the following loan was approved:



<u>Business</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>MSBELP Loan</u>	<u>Total Loan</u>	<u>Jobs</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>
Montgomery Family Clinic	Madison	\$189,000	\$378,000	2	Health Care Clinic

## Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund

This program is funded by the Economic Development Administration and provides loan funds for small businesses located in all areas of the District, except Rankin and Warren Counties. The loan amount can be up to a maximum amount of \$200,000. During FY 2010-2011, the District continued to service this loan portfolio that had an initial capitalization of \$750,000.

## Farish Street Historic District Loan Program

This program is funded by the State of Mississippi and provides loan funds of \$6,500,000 for 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 property located in the Historic District, to include new building construction and or the rehabilitation of historic buildings. CMPDD continued to service this loan portfolio during FY 2010-2011.

## Rural Business Enterprise Grant Revolving Loan Fund

This program is funded by the Rural Development Administration and provides loan funds for small businesses located in all areas of the District except Rankin County. The loan amount can be up to a maximum amount of \$500,000. During FY 2010-2011, the District continued to service this loan portfolio of \$478,000.



*Restoring a building facade on Farish Street*

# Human Services Development



As part of its overall economic development efforts, CMPDD is directly involved in the development of the local workforce and encouraging long-term employment. The District administers federal grants designed to help local workers obtain the skills they need to serve as productive members of society and to achieve personal economic sufficiency through employment.

Long-term employment is encouraged if parents can obtain affordable child care, thus allowing them to remain in or enter the workforce. To meet this goal, CMPDD serves as the Child Care Management Agency for its seven county geographic area. The District sees its role in workforce development and assisting workers with child care as a major contribution to the stimulation of productivity, and the growth and expansion of the local economy.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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 (SMW)*, 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.

## Program Year 2010-2011 Highlights

### CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Previously, *Southcentral Mississippi Works* initiated efforts to implement a nationally recognized Career Readiness Certificate program. This effort was fully implemented during program year 2010. In coordination with the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, 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 SBCJC, 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 program year 2010, 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 2010, *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 AND 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 for a closer relationship between the community college and these WIN Centers.

### AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

In February 2008, the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* passed and added additional funds to the programs provided under the Workforce Investment Act. These funds were available for expenditure during program years 2009 and 2010. During program year 2010-2011, SMW continued to utilize ARRA funds to increase the number of participants receiving occupational skill training to prepare them to meet the needs of local area employers.

### NEXTJOB

During program year 2010-2011, *Southcentral Mississippi Works*, implemented 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.



## 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



## 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 2010-2011, *Southcentral Mississippi Works* provided services to 498 younger youth (ages 14-18) and 512 older youth (ages 19-21). 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.

During program year 2010-2011, *Southcentral Mississippi Works* 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.

Mobile WIN Job Center



## Workforce Investment Operations

*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.

During FY 2010-2011, *SMW* enrolled over 6,500 individuals, many of whom received some form of occupational training. 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

### **ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER NEW ENROLLMENTS (JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2011)**

<u>Adults</u>	<u>Dislocated Workers</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Total</u>
3,306	2,471	1,010	6,787

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.

### **WIA SEQUENCE OF SERVICES (ADULTS AND DISLOCATED WORKERS)**

<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.

## Local Performance Data

During Program Year 2010-2011, 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:

<b>OVERALL PERFORMANCE</b>			
	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Dislocated Workers</u>	<u>Youth</u>
Enrollments	3,306	2,471	1,010
Exits	3,542	1,819	1,378

During Program Year 2010-2011, Mississippi implemented a new data collection and reporting system for the WIA program, which brought significant changes to the way information on the program is collected and calculated. In the table below, exits include participants enrolled in a previous year but who terminated from the program during program year 2010-2011.

Although at the end of Program Year 2010-2011, *Southcentral Mississippi Works* received a 43% reduction in federal funds allocated, increased emphasis will be placed on training. 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.



<b>ADULTS</b>			
<u>Performance Indicator</u>	<u>State Standard</u>	<u>Local Actual</u>	<u>State Actual</u>
Entered Employment Rate	58%	57.1%	54.5%
Employment Retention Rate	83%	80.3%	79.9%
Average Earnings	\$9,200	\$11,362	\$11,408

<b>DISLOCATED WORKERS</b>			
<u>Performance Indicator</u>	<u>State Standard</u>	<u>Local Actual</u>	<u>State Actual</u>
Entered Employment Rate	82%	60.4%	58.4%
Employment Retention Rate	85%	78.2%	78.4%
Average Earnings	\$11,050	\$13,469	\$13,366

<b>YOUTH</b>			
<u>Performance Indicator</u>	<u>State Standard</u>	<u>Local Actual</u>	<u>State Actual</u>
Placement in Employment or Education	67%	56.5%	70.0%
Attainment of Degree or Certificate	70%	56.1%	69.2%

# CHILD CARE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A major goal of economic development is to provide individuals with the opportunity to become and remain employed. One barrier to long-term employment is eliminated if affordable child care can be obtained, thereby allowing the parent to enter or remain in the workforce. To meet this goal, the District serves as the Child Care Management Agency for Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo counties. In this capacity, the District is responsible for the implementation and management of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) through a contractual agreement with the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) - The Division of Early Childhood care and Development (DECCD).

Federal regulations state that the purpose of the Child Care and Development Fund Program is to “increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care services.” The goal of the District and the DECCD, working through the

certificate program, is to offer a seamless system of high quality child care that operates within federal guidelines, and supports both children and their families. This program allows parents to work or attend an educational activity which enhances their ability to achieve self-sufficiency and support their families.

The District is responsible for recruiting child care service providers (Center-Based and Home-Based) to participate in the certificate program. Center-Based Providers who participated in the certificate program are licensed by the Mississippi Department of Health - Child Care Licensure Division. The District maintains a current data file of licensed Center-Based Providers in the area as required by MDHS. The Home-Based providers are required to be registered with DECCD, keep a record of immunizations for all children in their care, and a signed copy of the Basic Health, Safety, and Nutrition Assurances, which certify that they will follow set federal and state guidelines.

Parents in need of child care assistance can visit the District’s web page at [www.cmpdd.org](http://www.cmpdd.org) and click on the Child Care Management link for an overview of the CCDF program, and to download an application for service. This link has been made available to process applications as expeditiously as possible and to inform parents of the program’s eligibility requirements.

During Fiscal Year 2011, the District obligated a total of \$23,008,083 to Center and Home-Based Providers, and a total of 21,484 certificates were issued to eligible children. These children met the following eligibility determination requirements: children under the age of 13 or under the age of 19 who are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves; children residing with a family whose income did not exceed 85 percent of the state’s median income for a family of the same size; and children residing with a parent or parents who were working or attending a job training or educational program.



*Training workshop for child care providers*

## Program Goals

- Provide low-income families with affordable quality child care
- Enhance the quality and increase the supply of child care for all families
- Provide parents with a broad range of options in addressing their child care needs
- Strengthen the role of the family
- Improve the quality of and coordination between child care programs and early childhood development programs
- Increase the availability of early childhood development and before-and-after school care services
- Provide participants with subsidized child care
- Allow the participants parental choice in the selection of child care services for their children.

## Program Objectives

- Educate child care service providers of their responsibility for providing a safe and secure learning environment while CCDF recipients are in their care;
- Encourage and assist parents in assessing their child care needs and, upon request, provide a list of licensed/registered child care providers for parents who do not have a ready choice;
- Emphasize accountability for both CCDF eligible applicants and service providers, and
- Provide effective training to service providers to promote effective program operation.

## Priority for Child Care Service

1. Children of parents receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
2. Children of parents receiving Transitional Child Care
3. Children of very low income working parents whose income is at or below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of the State Median Income (SMI) who are at risk of going on TANF in the following order:
  - 3a. Children in Protective Services or Foster Care
  - 3b. Children with special needs
  - 3c. Children of parent(s) deployed in the Mississippi National Guard, or Reserve
  - 3d. Children of teen parent(s) currently enrolled in high school full-time
  - 3e. Children of all other eligible parent(s) at this income level.
4. Children of parents working or in an approved educational or training program and working the minimum required hours whose income falls above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of the SMI and below the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of the SMI.

The District Issued the following number of certificates by priority population:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Certificates</u>
1st	7,637
2nd	3,117
3a.	111
3b.	251
3c.	0
3d.	51
3e.	7,656
4th	<u>2,661</u>
Total	21,484

### Child Care Providers Served

<u>Type of Providers</u>	<u>Number</u>
Center-Based	288
Home-Based	<u>425</u>
Total Providers	713

### Maximum Income to Qualify for Service

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Yearly Gross Income</u>
2 family members	At or Below \$27,999
3 family members	At or Below \$34,999
4 family members	At or Below \$40,999
5 family members	At or Below \$46,999
6 or more family members	At or Below \$50,999



### Children Served by County

<u>County</u>	<u>Certificates</u>	<u>Funds Expended</u>
Copiah	353	\$ 431,915.16
Hinds	13,492	14,586,610.76
Madison	1,825	1,739,947.50
Rankin	1,096	1,341,546.14
Simpson	307	290,304.53
Warren	2,427	2,715,314.21
Yazoo	<u>1,984</u>	<u>1,902,444.90</u>
Total	21,484	\$ 23,008,083.20

# 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 in the following chart:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>Year 2015</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>	<u>% Change</u>
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	<u>5,534</u>	<u>6,071</u>	<u>13.39</u>
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, CMPDD 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 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. These contributions are listed in the chart on the right.

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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	<u>11,413</u>
TOTAL	\$ 77,424

# HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2011

- 1) Prepared the *FY 2012 Area Plan on Aging for Central Mississippi*
- 2) Maintained 104 clients with Lifeline Units, which monitor a senior's safety 24 hours a day
- 3) Developed partnerships with the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, Information Quality Healthcare, and Central Mississippi Medical Center in an effort to educate seniors on how to self-manage their chronic diseases and to provide annual wellness visits. Three Chronic Disease Self-Management Program classes have been offered at local senior centers.
- 4) Partnered with the MS Department of Agriculture and Commerce through the Senior Nutrition Farmers Market Program. A total 943 vouchers were issued to participants.
- 5) Continued to serve on various committees for providing/advocating resources to assist the elderly, including:
  - Entergy's Project Concern
  - Local TRIAD groups
  - Technical Assistance Committee for the Mississippi Association of Planning & Development Districts
  - Mississippi State Board of Health/Metro Home Health Advisory Council
  - Mississippi Transportation Coalition Committee
- 6) 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 Association of Planning & Development Districts Annual Conference
  - Other local workshops and seminars



## FISCAL YEAR 2011 PROVIDERS OF AGING SERVICE-

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT*</u>
Copiah	Copiah County Human Resource Agency	\$ 376,969
Hinds	Hinds County Human Resource Agency	262,371
	City of Jackson	705,466
	Clinton Community Christian Corporation	134,836
	Senior Care Centers of America, Inc.	251,522
	Hinds County Board of Supervisors	54,928
Madison	Madison County Senior Services	227,931
Rankin	Rankin County Human Resource Agency	375,821**
	City of Pearl	59,095
Simpson	Simpson County Human Resource Agency	215,539
Warren	Community Council of Warren County, Inc.	269,717
Yazoo	Yazoo County Human Resource Agency	301,066
District-Wide	Oxford HealthCare	490,374
District-Wide	Senior Care Centers of America, Inc.	268,471
District-Wide	MS Center for Legal Services Corp.	16,667
District-Wide	CMPDD, Elderly and Disabled Home and Community-Based Service Program	<u>3,131,986</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 7,186,220</b>

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

\*\* administered all TitleV, SCSEP funds for CMPDD's seven-county area until March, 2011

## PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVE



### Twentieth Annual Santa for Seniors

As in past years, the annual "Santa for Seniors" project was successful. Several organizations, 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, joined with CMPDD in purchasing gifts for seniors. More than 475 needy seniors in the Jackson Metro area received Christmas gifts selected from wish lists that they were asked to complete. The gifts, including housecoats, pajamas, gowns, toiletries, and other similar items, 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 items. For many, it was the only gift they would receive.

## HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

### Information, Referral and Outreach

The Information and Referral Offices in each county serve as the focal point for information in that county. Qualified staff were available to inform older persons regarding the services, benefits, and resources in the community. There were 20,768 contacts made by individuals requesting assistance regarding 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.

More than 3,300 calls were documented through the Center. Those inquiries were as follows: 2,470 were 60+ consumers, 703 were under 60 years and 200 calls were varied in callers. In addition to their telephone inquiries, Center 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

The District received \$174,277 in funding under the Title V, Senior Community Employment Program, to employ eighteen (18) individuals to work in community service employment. The purpose of this project is to promote useful part-time employment for low income persons who are 55 years of age and older, and to the extent feasible, to assist and promote the transition of program enrollees to private or other unsubsidized employment. Through this project, the District placed nine (9) enrollees in Hinds County, six (6) in Madison County, and three (3) in Rankin County.

The District has hosted one (1) 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 Aging and Disability Resource Center.

### 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 Center provided 2,696 hours of care to eligible clients during this fiscal year with an average daily attendance of 25-30 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.-5:30 p.m., and provide two snacks and lunch daily.



## 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 purposes of the programs are 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 determining the best Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. SMP and SHIP has conducted 55 presentations on Medicare Plans and Medicare Identity Theft reaching 1,495 seniors. They also participated in 15 health fairs and reached an additional 1,250 seniors. The SHIP staff also reached over 250,000 people in central Mississippi through their participation in two (2) live radio talk shows and one (1) television talk show. Both programs disseminated material to local agencies and churches, over 98,089 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.

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Copiah	2,208.65
Hinds	6,270.00
Madison	2,400.00
Rankin	2,265.00
Simpson	2,066.00
Warren	3,734.00
Yazoo	<u>3,599.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,542.65</b>

## Congregate Meals

Twenty-one (21) 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.

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>ANNUAL MEALS</u>
Copiah (2 sites)	9,940
Hinds (4 sites)	9,244
Madison (1 sites)	4,512
Rankin (2 sites)	8,859
Simpson (2 sites)	6,813
Yazoo (1 site)	2,973
City of Jackson (9 sites)	<u>44,456</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90,117</b>



## 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 served these individuals with 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 1,251 meals being served daily.

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>ANNUAL MEALS</u>
Copiah	30,558
Hinds	61,564
Madison	21,930
Rankin	49,861
Simpson	19,479
Warren	33,780
Yazoo	36,215
City of Jackson	63,558
Private Pay Meals	<u>50</u>
<b>Total Meals</b>	<b>316,995</b>

## Emergency Response Service

Living alone can be frightening to seniors who feel that if something traumatic happened in their homes, no one would be alerted. They need reassurance that help is just a button away. To address this need, CMPDD has placed one hundred and four (104) 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. Units are located in the following counties:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>UNITS</u>
Copiah	2
Hinds	64
Madison	3
Rankin	17
Simpson	3
Warren	2
Yazoo	<u>13</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>104</b>



## 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.

## 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 with it 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 FY 2011, caregivers received

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TRIPS</u>
Copiah	9,829
Hinds	11,051
Madison	5,190
Rankin	14,867
Simpson	9,531
Warren	4,710
Yazoo	10,352
City of Jackson	<u>35,363</u>
<b>TOTAL TRIPS</b>	<b>100,893</b>

8,880.5 hours of relief time; 53 individuals received assistance with diapers and blue pads; and 9 ramps were built at homes to assist with mobility.

# ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION & ADVOCACY SERVICE-

## Legal Assistance Program

The District provided legal assistance to more than 100 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.

## 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 seeks to serve as an information and referral base for broadening public and private involvement in the protection of at-risk older persons.

CMPDD 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 nursing homes, as well as worked closely with the Mississippi Department of Human Services on two (2) 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 forty (40) long-term care nursing home facilities with 3,919 beds; forty-seven (47) personal care homes with 1,168 beds; and seven (7) skilled nursing facilities. Complaints were investigated by county as shown in the chart on the left.

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>RESIDENT CONTACTS</u>	<u>COMPLAINTS</u>
Copiah	266	17
Hinds	3,498	58
Madison	8,314	88
Rankin	836	3
Simpson	2,510	78
Warren	5,450	19
Yazoo	<u>377</u>	<u>8</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,251</b>	<b>271</b>



## Medicaid Waiver

### Home and Community-Based Elderly and Disabled Waiver

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. This program provides the State of Mississippi with an annual cost savings of more than \$29 million from the 1,426 individuals that the District served during Fiscal Year 2011 on a monthly basis in their homes rather than them being placed in state paid nursing home care. (Nursing home care is estimated to cost approximately \$55,000 per year compared to \$25,000 per year for this home and community based service.)

Through participation with the State of Mississippi Division of Medicaid, the District provides home and community-based services to individuals who are at risk or require the level of care found in a nursing facility. To participate in this program, clients must be twenty-one (21) years of age or old-

er and unable to perform at least three of the following activities of daily living: eating, toileting, bathing, personal hygiene, ambulation, transferring, and dressing. Additionally, the client must be receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. Services under this program include: homemaker services, institutional respite, adult day care, unlimited home health visits, home-delivered meals, and escorted transportation. All of these costs for services are reimbursable to a provider by the State Division of Medicaid.

A registered nurse and a licensed social worker manage 100 clients on a monthly basis. This combination of professionals is defined as a team. In FY 2011, the Division of Medicaid allocated 1,300 additional slots for the program to CMPDD, if they were needed. The placement of teams and clients they serve are listed below in the following counties:

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>CLIENTS</u>
Copiah	2	109
Hinds	10	724
Madison	3	102
Rankin	3	169
Simpson	1	25
Warren	1	99
Yazoo	<u>2</u>	<u>198</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,426</b>

The District administered the home-delivered meals component of this program. In addition to the regular home-delivered meals program, daily meals were also delivered to Home and Community-Based Elderly and Disabled Waiver clients. An estimated total of 188,198 home-delivered meals were served during the year.

# MAPDD

## Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts



CMPDD is under contract with the other nine Planning and Development Districts (PDDs) across the state to act as their association manager. This allows the PDDs to come together monthly at a central location to discuss matters of common interests, hear federal and state officials as they provide updates and information on their programs, as well as to take care of PDD business.

## 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts (MAPDD) annual conference was held in Biloxi at the Beau Rivage Hotel on April 26 – 29 and was attended by over 550 people. CMPDD staff members not only handle the pre-conference organization but the day to day operations during the conference. Speakers and discussion panels during the conference were conducted dealing with topics such as human services, child care programs, workforce initiatives, economic and community development including grants for government entities, statewide planning initiatives, GIS applications, loan resources, and project development. Featured speakers included Mississippi Lieutenant Governor Phil Bryant; Malcolm White, Chairman of the Mississippi Arts Commission; and Matt Chase, Executive Director of the National Association of Development Organizations.

District staff are already planning for the Association's 2012 conference, which is scheduled for May 1-4, 2012 at the Beau Rivage Hotel in Biloxi.



*Washington Reception*



## WASHINGTON RECEPTION

The Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts, along with the Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) holds a Legislative reception in Washington D.C. This year, the reception was held on March 8, 2011 in the Mansfield Room of the U. S. Capitol. The reception was attended by District staff, MAS staff, staff from various national associations, and county officials from across the state. Also in attendance were members of the Mississippi's Congressional Delegation and staff from each of their offices. CMPDD not only planned the reception as part of its MAPDD responsibilities, but also sent several staff members. This reception serves as a good way to further relations with Mississippi's representatives and their staff and to make the needs of local government known, as well as providing an opportunity to thank them for their continued support.

# Financial Summary

## Central Mississippi Planning and Development District Unaudited Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2011

### Assets

#### Current Assets:

Cash & Investments	\$ 8,826,565
Receivables	1,004,853
Prepaid Expenses	<u>87,659</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 9,919,077

#### Long Term Assets:

Fixed Assets (Furniture & Fixtures, Equipment & Building)	\$ 2,001,582
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,005,859</u>

Total Long Term Assets \$ 995,723

**Total Assets \$10,914,800**

### Liabilities and Fund Balance

#### Current Liabilities:

Accrued Leave	\$ 829,014
Accounts Payable (Net)	2,121,292
Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>-0-</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$ 2,950,305

Long Term Liabilities -0-

**Total Liabilities \$ 2,950,305**

#### Fund Balances:

Agency Equity	<u>\$ 7,964,495</u>
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**Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$10,914,800**

# Financial Summary (continued)

## Central Mississippi Planning and Development District, Inc. Unaudited Statement of Revenues and Expenses as of September 30, 2011

### Revenues:

Interest	\$ 79,080
Lease	935,182
Federal/State	40,993,478
Program Income	54,585
Local Contracts	656,428
Local Cash/In-kind	1,759,498
Loan Repayments	3,567,502
Overhead	1,737,574
Miscellaneous	<u>31,212</u>

**Total Revenues** **\$49,814,540**

### Expenditures:

Services	\$33,631,255
Loans Made	2,363,732
Personnel	7,042,191
Overhead	1,737,574
Other	<u>983,937</u>

**Total Expenditures** **\$46,758,690**

**Revenues Over Expenditures** **\$ 3,055,850**