

# Focus on Frankfort



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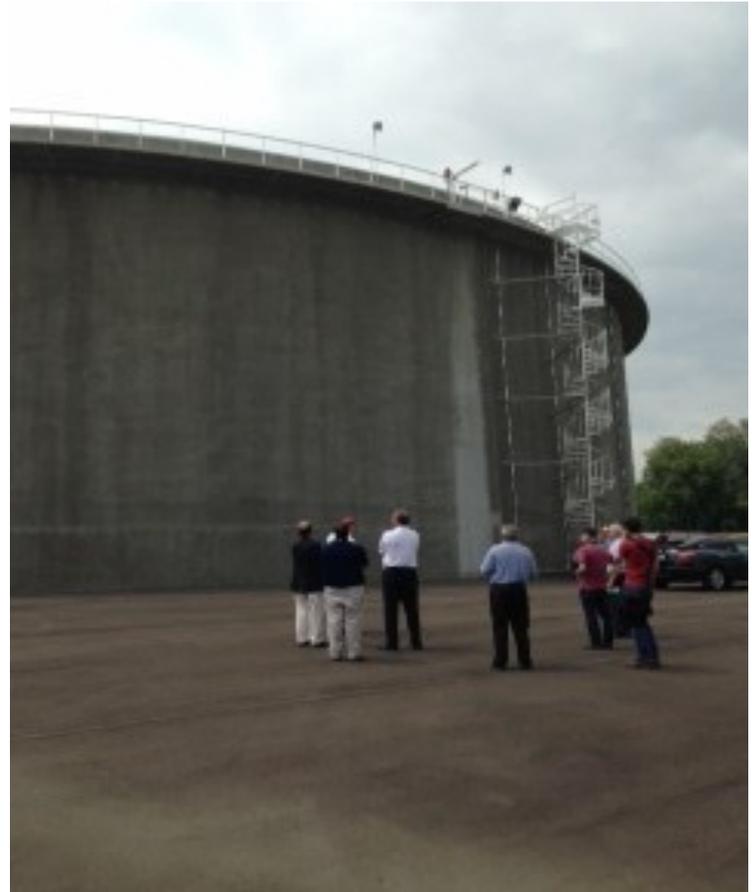
## City Utilizes Grants, Low Interest Loans to Fund Sewer Projects

The City of Frankfort's Sewer Department is working hard to implement projects in order to meet Federal and State requirements as a result of a Consent Judgment between the City and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet. Additionally, an Administrative Order issued by EPA on June 23, 2008 directs all CSOs, be mitigated by June 23, 2018 – 10 years after the date of the Administrative Order.

In order to meet these requirements the Sewer Department has many projects that need to be completed in a limited time. To get these projects completed without being a burden on the citizens and the City's budget, grants and low interest loans have been utilized whenever possible.

Earlier this year the City completed a Storm and Sanitary Sewer Separation Project utilizing \$600,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The recently completed Wet Weather Detention Facility, used to detain high flows during times of excessive rainfall, was completed utilizing the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority's State Revolving Loan Fund. The State Revolving Loan Fund gives local governments the opportunity to finance infrastructure projects with very low interest loans, allowing these local governments to complete projects.

"The State Revolving Loan Fund enables us to move forward on



The City held an Open House on July 15 for its Wet Weather Detention Facility, funded by the State Revolving Loan Fund.



The Storm and Sanitary Sewer Separation Project in the Holmes Street areas was partially funded with Community Development Block Grant funds.

needed projects in a timely manner," said William Scalf, Director of Frankfort's Sewer Department.

Upcoming sewer projects approved to utilize the State Revolving include a Waste Water Treatment Plant Emergency Generator, Old Lawrenceburg Road Pump Station Replacement, Rolling Acres Inflow & Infiltration Project, Phase I and the Benson Creek CSO Separation Project. In July the City was also invited to apply for a loan for the Glenn's Creek Interceptor Project.

The City also was recently awarded over \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to aid in the Benson Creek CSO Separation Project.

All of these projects will help Frankfort meet Federal and State requirements as well as improve the infrastructure of the Capital City.

## Frankfort E911 Dispatch Receives Four Year Certificate of Accreditation

The City of Frankfort's E911 Dispatch was recently informed that it had fulfilled all the Communications Accreditation Standards set forth by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police and was approved for a Four Year Certificate of Accreditation.

Frankfort was chosen as one of less than ten E911 centers in the state to embark on the newly created Accreditation program according to Chief Abrams.

E911 Manager Deron Rambo said the accreditation process was lengthy and included several phases including Application, Self Assessment, Site Assessment, Final Review and Decision.

According to their website the Kentucky Association of

Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program is intended to provide law enforcement agencies of the Commonwealth with an avenue for demonstrating that they meet commonly accepted professional standards for efficient and effective operations.

Accreditation reflects that the agency was carefully measured against an established set of standards and has met or exceeded professionally accepted practices in law enforcement.

"We are very proud of our E911 Center and their continued commitment to excellence in service to the citizens of Frankfort and Franklin County," said Chief of Police Jeff Abrams.

## City Historic Preservation Grants to Begin Second Round

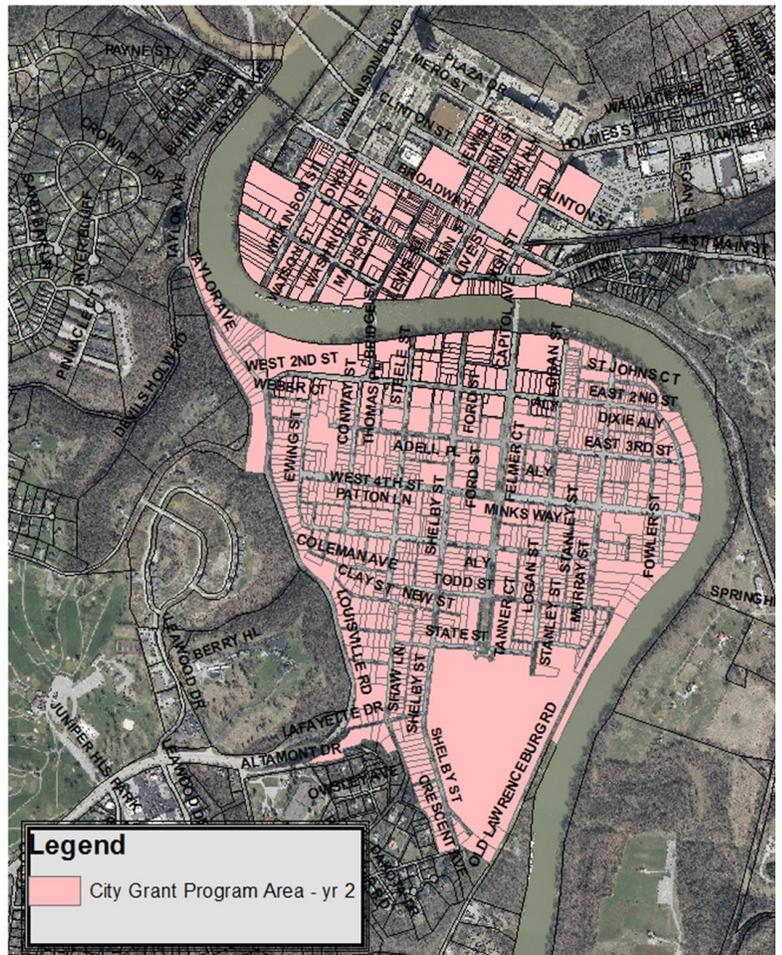
The City of Frankfort's Historic Grant Program, which began in 2014, has been a great success and will be expanding during its second round of funding.

The program was created to help property owners in local historic districts (where codes are stricter) restore property exteriors. In 2014 three grants were awarded for \$10,000 with a required 50/50 match for a total project cost of \$20,000.

Proposed changes to the program include expanding the eligible area to the National Historic Register properties and to lower the minimum project amount to \$5,000. Another proposed change would be to change the required match from 50% to 60%. All of these changes would make the grant available to more citizens and have a bigger impact on the appearance of Frankfort's historic neighborhoods.

Grant applications are currently being revised to incorporate proposed changes to the program and should be available in September. For more information contact Rebecca Hall at 502-875-8500.

The map to the right shows the proposed new eligible areas for the City's Historic Grant Program.



## Jordan Miller Joins the City of Frankfort as Staff Planner

The City of Frankfort's Planning and Zoning Department welcomes new Staff Planner Jordan Miller to the department. Miller's duties include short and long term planning involving research, analysis and administration of planning, zoning and historic preservation.

Miller, a native of Magnolia, Kentucky, recently received his Master of Arts in Geography from the University of Kentucky. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Geography from the University of Kentucky in 2013 and his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Western Kentucky University in 2010.

"I think Jordan will be a valuable asset to our department and the City of Frankfort," said Planning and Zoning Director Gary Muller.

His work experience includes working as a Teaching Assistant at UK where he taught Digital Mapping and GIS courses. In his time at UK Miller also completed projects for Urban Planning and Sustainability as well as Historic Preservation Planning. He also worked as an intern for the Cynthiana-Harrison County-Berry Joint Planning Commission and Economic Development Authority. His intern work included investigating the implementation of a local industrial business district.

Miller says he is looking forward to working in Kentucky's Capital City, "I'm very excited to begin my career as a Planner here with the City of Frankfort."



Jordan Miller

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The Family Aquatic Center at Juniper Hills opened to the public in early July. The Center has a Spray Ground for young children, an eight lane lap pool, a lazy river, rock climbing wall, two diving boards and will soon have three slides including a family slide.

### Storm Water Information

#### **What is Storm Water Runoff?**

Storm Water is water from rain or melting snow and is located within a watershed. It flows from rooftops, over paved streets, sidewalks and parking lots, across bare soil, and through lawns and storm drains. As it flows, runoff collects and transports soil, pet waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizer, oil, grease, litter and other pollutants, which drains directly into our streams. Polluted storm water contaminates streams, rivers and lakes. It can kill or damage plants, fish and wildlife, while degrading the quality of our water.



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## BULK ITEMS



Did you know you don't have to wait for a "Free Week" to dispose of your Bulk Items such as chairs, couches and other large items. Simply set the item out with your garbage container on your regular pick up day. If you have questions about your Bulk Items please call the Solid Waste Division at 875-8527.



Solid Waste

Upcoming Free Week

September 14—18, 2015

## Upcoming Holidays

Please note the dates below. City Offices will be closed, Solid Waste Schedule will be altered and limited transit services will be available.

### Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 7, 2015

### Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

### Thanksgiving

Thursday & Friday,  
November 26 & 27, 2015

### Christmas

Thursday & Friday,  
December 24 & 25, 2015