



# KENTUCKY HERITAGE LAND CONSERVATION FUND

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Kentucky has an invaluable natural heritage recognized nationally and internationally for its outstanding, productive, biologically and geologically diverse lands and waters. The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund is committed to protecting these diverse lands and “Keeping Kentucky Green” by awarding grant funds to purchase and preserve the state’s natural lands in perpetuity for enjoyment by this and future generations.

Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund dollars have been awarded to protect and conserve some of Kentucky’s best known natural areas: old-growth hardwoods at Blanton Forest in eastern Kentucky; savannah woodlands at Griffith Woods as well as parts of the Kentucky River Palisades in central Kentucky ; urban forests at the Jefferson Memorial Forest in the state’s largest city; bat populations and caves in southern Kentucky; cliff-lined valleys along the banks of the Martins Fork Wild River in Harlan County; and diverse watershed and wetland areas with endangered mussel species at the Green River State Forest in the western part of the state.

On the following pages, we are pleased to present the FY 2012 Annual Report.



White's Branch Arch, Natural Bridge State Park.  
Photo by Zeb Weese

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View from Frenchman's Knob in Hart County.  
Photo by Joe Dietz



# MISSION

The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund (KHLCF) is the primary source of state funding for the purchase of natural areas and is committed to protecting and conserving our Commonwealth's precious natural areas for enjoyment by this and future generations.

The fund was established by the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Act in 1990. This legislation established priorities for property acquisitions including:

- natural areas that possess unique features such as habitat for rare and endangered species;
- areas important to migratory birds;
- areas that perform important natural functions subject to alteration or loss;
- areas to be preserved in their natural state for public use, outdoor recreation and education.

Revenue for the fund comes from the state portion of the un-mined minerals tax, environmental fines, sale of Kentucky nature license plates and interest. By statute, the Environmental Education Council receives \$150,000 of environmental fines each year for environmental education programs and the Kentucky Division of Fossil Fuels and Utility Services receives \$400,000 of un-mined minerals tax for the purpose of public education of coal-related issues. The fund is managed by the 12-member Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board appointed by the governor.

## Remaining funds are distributed as follows:

- 10% Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources**
- 10% Department of Parks**
- 10% Division of Forestry**
- 10% Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission**
- 10% Wild Rivers Program**
- 50% Local Governments, State Colleges, Universities and Other Public Agencies**

Organizationally and administratively, the KHLCF is a part of the Department for Natural Resources.

To receive program funding, eligible agencies must submit an application identifying the priority the project addresses; an enumeration of costs, a budget indication how at least 10 percent of the acquisition cost will be spent for management; and a preliminary resource management plan for the project. During FY 2012, the board held four regularly scheduled quarterly meetings to consider applications for funding.

If the project is approved, each agency has two years to acquire the property unless an extension to purchase is submitted for approval by the board. Agencies have 2.5 years after the property is purchased to submit a final resource management plan for review and approval.





# KHLCF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since 1995, the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board has played an integral part in helping state agencies, local governments and state colleges and universities protect and conserve over 76,593.89 acres of Kentucky's natural areas and habitats. To date, the fund has provided financial support, in whole or part, to acquire 121 properties in 63 counties. There have been 76,656 acres conserved by state agencies and or multiple-agency partnerships; 7,773 acres conserved by local governments and conservation districts (43 projects and 20.3 percent of total acreage); and 1,672 acres conserved by universities (6 projects and 4.3 percent of total acreage).

## SUMMARY OF KENTUCKY HERITAGE LAND CONSERVATION FUND EFFORTS, 1995 - JUNE 30, 2012

Applicant	Number of Projects	Acreage Conserved	Funding*
Fish and Wildlife Resources	8	39,211	\$ 7,643,255
Forestry	5	3,166	\$ 3,132,525
Nature Preserves	28	7,519	\$ 6,972,136
Parks	8	2,279	\$ 3,082,255
Wild Rivers	6	3,411	\$ 4,380,951
Multiple Agency Partners	5	10,540	\$ 5,523,456
County Governments	29	6,607	\$ 11,669,064
City Governments	7	796	\$ 1,958,660
Metro Governments	3	904	\$ 2,815,083
Colleges/Universities	4	1,468	\$ 3,187,971
Conservation Districts	4	755	\$ 2,865,199
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>76,656</b>	<b>\$ 53,230,556</b>

\*Includes both acquisition and management costs

A listing of all properties purchased in whole or part with KHLCF funding, is contained in Addendum 1 on Pages 13 and 14.

Since 1995, the board has approved 217 projects in 72 counties. Approved projects since 1995 are listed in Addendum 2 on Pages 15 and 16.



## FY 2012 IN REVIEW

In FY 2012, a total of 4,280 acres of Kentucky's natural lands in nine different Kentucky counties were conserved with funding assistance from the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund.

- Local governmental units and universities conserved some 495 acres in Clark, Hart, Estill, Franklin, and Livingston counties including a 349 -acre tract known as Lily Mountain in Estill County.
- The Kentucky Division of Water-Wild Rivers Program conserved 1302 acres including 997 acres in Wayne/McCreary counties
- In the largest purchase of FY 2012, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources partnered with the Division of Forestry to purchase a 2,483-acre property known as Big Rivers Corridor Phase I located at the confluence of the Ohio and Tradewater Rivers in Union County.

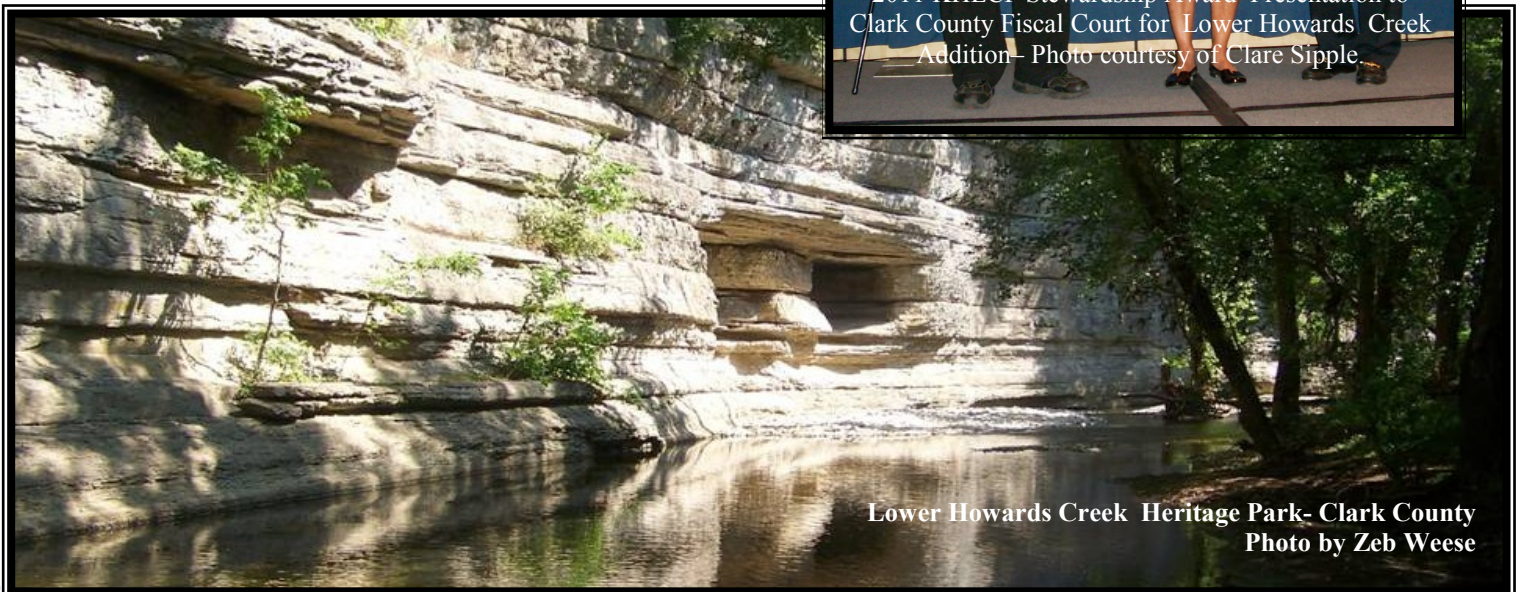
In addition, 12 project applications were reviewed and approved by the board in 2012. Funding awards totaling over \$3.3 million were approved for the proposed acquisition and management of more than 1480 acres located throughout the state. Local government/university projects were approved in Campbell, Clark, Estill, Fleming, Jefferson, Lewis, Shelby and Taylor counties. State agency projects were approved in Bell, Bullitt, Calloway, and Powell counties.

In October 2011 Clark County Fiscal Court was presented the 2011 Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Stewardship Award for outstanding land management and conservation efforts at Lower Howard's Creek Heritage Park.

This award recognizes excellent stewardship of a KHLCF competitive project with an approved Final Resource Management Plan (FRMP) and was presented at the Governor's Conference on the Environment.



2011 KHLCF Stewardship Award Presentation to Clark County Fiscal Court for Lower Howards Creek Addition- Photo courtesy of Clare Sipple.



Lower Howards Creek Heritage Park- Clark County  
Photo by Zeb Weese



## FY 2012 PURCHASED PROPERTIES

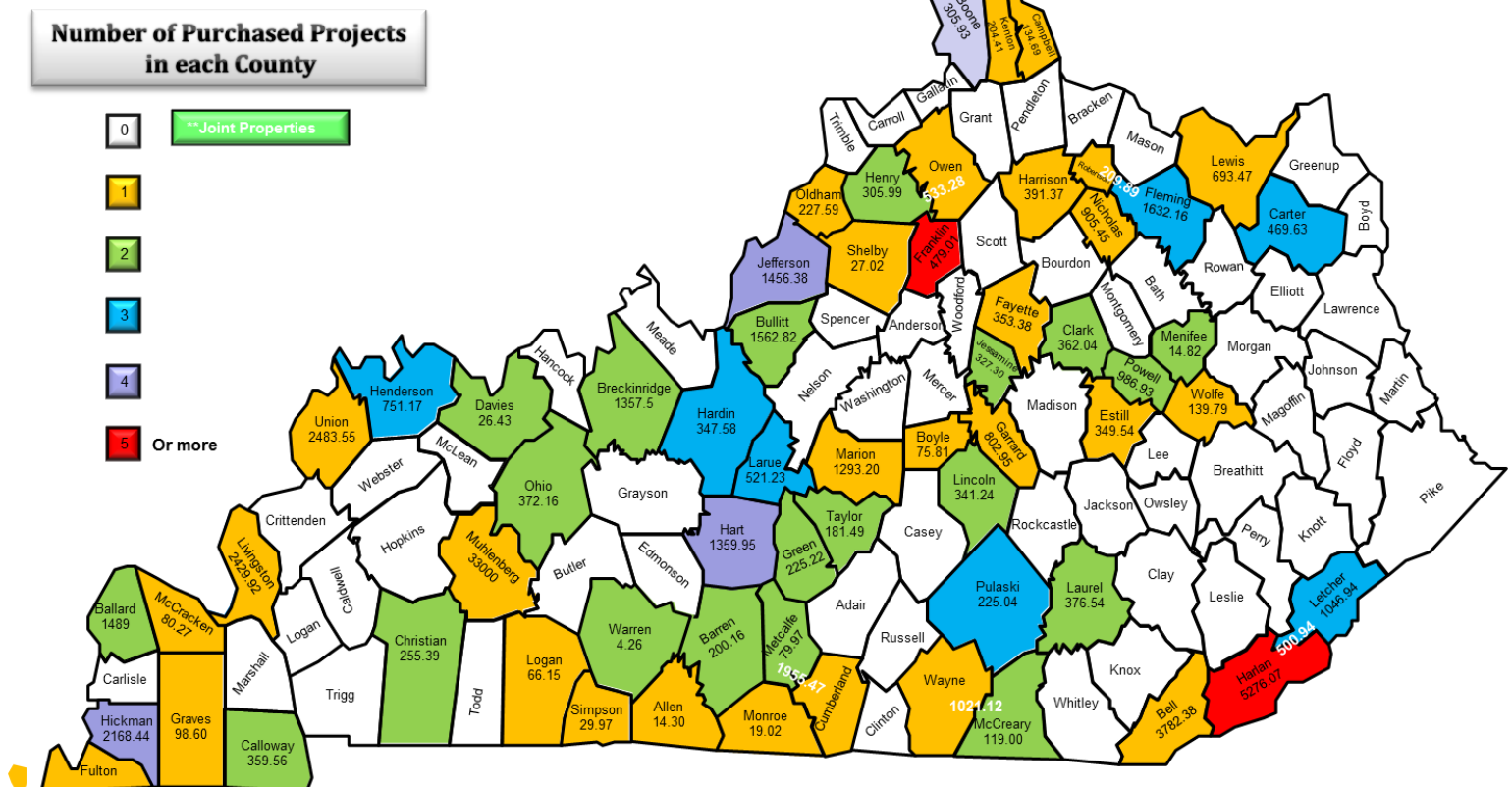
A total of 4,280.09 acres of natural lands was preserved in FY 2012. Properties purchased in whole or part, with KHLCF funds in FY 2012 are shown on Table 2 below.

## FY 2012 PURCHASED PROPERTIES

PROJECT	AGENCY	COUNTY	ACRES
Lower Howards Creek Addition	Clark County Fiscal Court	Clark	17.51
Frenchman’s Knob	Hart County Fiscal Court	Hart	46.55
Lily Mountain	Estill County Conservation	Estill	349.45
Cove Springs Park Addition	City of Frankfort	Franklin	5.26
Big Rivers Corridor Phase I	Forestry and Fish and Wildlife	Union	2483.55
Burnett Property on Little South Fork	Division of Water, Wild Rivers Program	Wayne/McCreary	997.07
Wilson Tract (Rush Island)	Division of Water, Wild Rivers Program	Hart	139.70
Perkins Tract	Livingston County Fiscal Court	Livingston	76.00
Natural Bridge SP (White Branch)	Department of Parks	Powell	165.00
TOTAL			4280.09

# Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund

## Purchased Projects





# FY 2012 APPROVED PROJECTS

## Competitive Grants

**Lower Howard's Creek Expansion 2 & 3—Clark County Fiscal Court** – This 13 acre property consists of two tracts added to the existing Lower Howard's Creek Nature and Heritage Preserve (LHC) established in 2000 with funding from Kentucky Heritage Lands Conservation Fund Board. Located in southern Clark County, with a watershed of almost 20,000 acres extending from southern Winchester almost eight miles to the Kentucky River, this area is significant primarily for the abundance of natural resources as well as numerous cultural resources protected within LHC. It is a steep Valley containing an east facing slope and a large freshwater spring (historically named “Cool Springs”) which runs year-round and supplies Lower Howard's Creek with plentiful water.

**Lily Mountain Nature Preserve – Estill County Conservation District** – Lily Mountain has very important geological significance as it is one of the first mountains to divide the Bluegrass Prairie and the Cumberland Plateau. The 354.51-acre project provided a conducive habitat for rare or endangered species of animal, insect and plant life. and the ponds and wetlands on the property serve many migratory birds. Once acquired, the Lily Mountain Nature Preserve will be used to demonstrate the importance of rural lands for educational, research and outdoor recreational opportunities.

**St Anne Woods and Wetlands—Campbell County Conservation District** – Approximately 165 acres of land owned by the Sisters of the Divine Providence near Melbourne Kentucky, in Campbell County would be acquired for the purpose of permanently protecting approximately 120 acres of wetlands along the Ohio River and about 45 acres of mature forest. The property is ecologically and historically significant, having been studied by Dr. E. Lucy Braun in the early 1900s as well as providing a strategic and critical link in maintaining plant and wildlife habitat on natural lands in an area threatened by suburban growth and other development. This area represents one of the last remaining undisturbed wetlands along the Ohio River in Northern Kentucky and supports an array of species restricted to this portion of the region.

**Shelby County Parks Trails Addition—Shelby County Fiscal Court** – This is a 75 acre tract located immediately adjacent to Shelby Trail Park along its western and northern boundaries. The primary purposes for the acquisition of this tract is to provide buffer, add public land space to a rapidly developing area of the state, and expand on the trail and experiential nature opportunities for the public.

**Bradner Nature Preserve on Kinniock Creek—Lewis County Fiscal Court** – Approximately 175 acres this property is a complimentary action to the effort to preserve, utilize, and enhance Kinniock Creek in Lewis County for citizens of the Commonwealth and other tourists. The main goal is to increase awareness of protected land as well as providing additional resting and feeding areas for a variety of habitats.

**Clay Hill Memorial Forest Addition—Campbellsville University** - The ~ 100 acre site is contiguous with Clay Hill Memorial Forest and Feather Creek Nature Preserve (KHLCF funded project). The site is mostly upland pastureland and wooded slopes with springs and small streams. Protection of this site from development and logging along with reforestation of 35-acres of woodland will result in larger, contiguous protected woodland. This site will complement the ongoing research and educational outreach of Clay Hill Memorial Forest to elementary-university students and teachers from across the region. Finally, Campbellsville University students will benefit from participating in the bio inventory and restoration activities planned for the site.

**Park Lake Expansion 2—Fleming County Fiscal Court** – The proposed Acquisition in Fleming County is an expansion of the effort to preserve, utilize and enhance an area for Citizens of the Commonwealth that is property adjacent to Park Lake Mountain Nature Preserve. The area is known for such wildlife as deer, turkey, grouse, hawks, songbirds, hummingbirds, geese, duck, and many others.

View from Lily Mountain in Estill County. Photo by Zeb Weese





# FY 2012 APPROVED PROJECTS

## **Mixed Funding Projects (State Agencies and Competitive Grants)**

### **Big Rivers Corridor—Phase II— Division of Forestry and Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources –**

The Big Rivers Corridor Phase II project will protect 4,285 acres located at the confluence of the Ohio and Tradewater Rivers in Crittenden County, KY. This property represent a portion of one of the largest private landholdings in Kentucky (11,859 acres), and was professionally managed for decades as a sustainable working forest. In addition to that , the property will provide watershed and water quality protection, for endangered, threatened, and rare species recovery and protection, significant public recreational access on land nationally recognized for high quality hunting, positive impact to state and local economies. This project represents Phase II, and will complement the 2,571 contiguous acres of Phase I of this project just North of the Tradewater River in Union County. The property contains important habitat for two federally endangered species: the Indiana bat and the gray myotis. The protection of high-quality summer foraging areas adjacent to water is critical to the health of these two species.

## **Kentucky Sate Nature Preserves Commission**

**Poteet Tract-** Approximately 46 acres this project is located east of Shepherdsville in northern Bullitt County , and seeks to preserve one of the few remaining examples of native prairie, barrens and glade communities found in Kentucky. Acquisition and subsequent dedication of land at the project site will result in the creation of the Apple Valley Glades State Nature preserve.

**Futrell Addition to Blood River -** This Calloway County site is about 23 acres and it is part of the Blood River Corridor that has been identified as a priority for protection efforts based on ecological uniqueness, which includes the high concentration of rare species.

Lower Howard's Creek in Clark County. Photo by Zeb Weese.





# FY 2012 APPROVED PROJECTS

## Division of Water-Wild Rivers program

**Burnett Property on Little South Fork**– Funds were granted to purchase 1100 acres that lie in Wayne and McCreary Counties. The entire parcel resides in the Little South Fork watershed approximately 9.5 miles upstream of the Little South Fork Wild River Corridor.

**Rush Island Bottom**– Approximately 160 acres of land in Hart County located upstream of the Row Bend section of the Green River near Munfordville, the property surrounds Gorin Mill Spring and fronts about one mile along Green River. This watershed is among the most significant of aquatic ecosystems in North America with the highest rating given by Nature Serve.

## Division of Parks

**White's Branch Tract**– This property is on the southern boundary of Natural Bridge State Park, and is currently inaccessible except by foot. The purpose for this property is to protect the natural scenery for campground visitors, and to restore the it to a natural state.

Additional Management funding for the Chism addition to Old Mulkey Meeting House State Historic Site.

Additional management funding for Blue Lick State Park.

In FY 2012, a total of 16 project applications were reviewed and awarded funding. The breakdown of this total is:

Universities	2
City/County Governments	8
Parks	3
Nature Preserves Commission	2
Wild Rivers Program	2

A total of \$ 4,106,927 was requested to purchase an estimated 2790 acres of additional natural lands. Approved funding totaled \$3,819,618 or 93 percent of the dollars requested. The funds came from current year receipts plus funds from previously approved projects that could not be acquired. Of the total approved, 59 percent was approved for land purchase, 31 percent approved for pre-acquisition costs (appraisals, title and survey work), and the remaining 10 percent approved for management activities. It is important to note the percentage of funds approved for management does not include the management dollars proposed to be provided by local agencies and universities.



Rockcress Hills State Nature Preserve in Franklin County. Photo by Zeb Weese.

# FY 2012 APPROVED PROJECTS

GRANTS	COUNTY	AWARD*
Estill County Conservation District- Lily Mountain Nature Preserve	Estill	
City of Prospect- Putney Pond	Jefferson	
Shelby County Fiscal Court - Shelby Trails Addition	Shelby	
Lewis County Fiscal Court-Bradner Nature Preserve on Kinniconick Creek	Lewis	
Fleming County Fiscal Court—Park Lake Expansion 2	Fleming	
Campbellsville University- Clay Hill Memorial Forest Addition	Taylor	
Campbell County Conservation District- St Anne Woods and Wetlands	Campbell	
Clark County Fiscal Court—Lower Howard's Creek Expansion 2 and 3	Clark	
<b>Total Competitive</b>		<b>\$3,054,117</b>
<b>State Agency Grants</b>		
<b>Nature Preserves Commission</b>		
Apple Valley Glades—Poteet Tract	Bullitt	
Blood River SNP—Futrell Addition	Calloway	
<b>Total Nature Preserves Commission</b>		<b>\$390,000.00</b>
<b>Department of Parks</b>		
White's Branch Tract—Natural Bridge State Park	Powell	
Additional Funds—Chism Addition to Old Mulkey	Monroe	
Additional Funds—Blue Licks State Park	Fleming	
<b>Total Department of Parks</b>		<b>\$215,500.00</b>
<b>Division of Water-Wild Rivers</b>		
Additional Funding for Burnett Property	Wayne	
Rush Island Bottom	Hart	
<b>Total Division of Water- Wild Rivers</b>		<b>\$160,000.00</b>
<b>Total State Agency</b>		<b>\$765,500.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,819,617</b>





## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

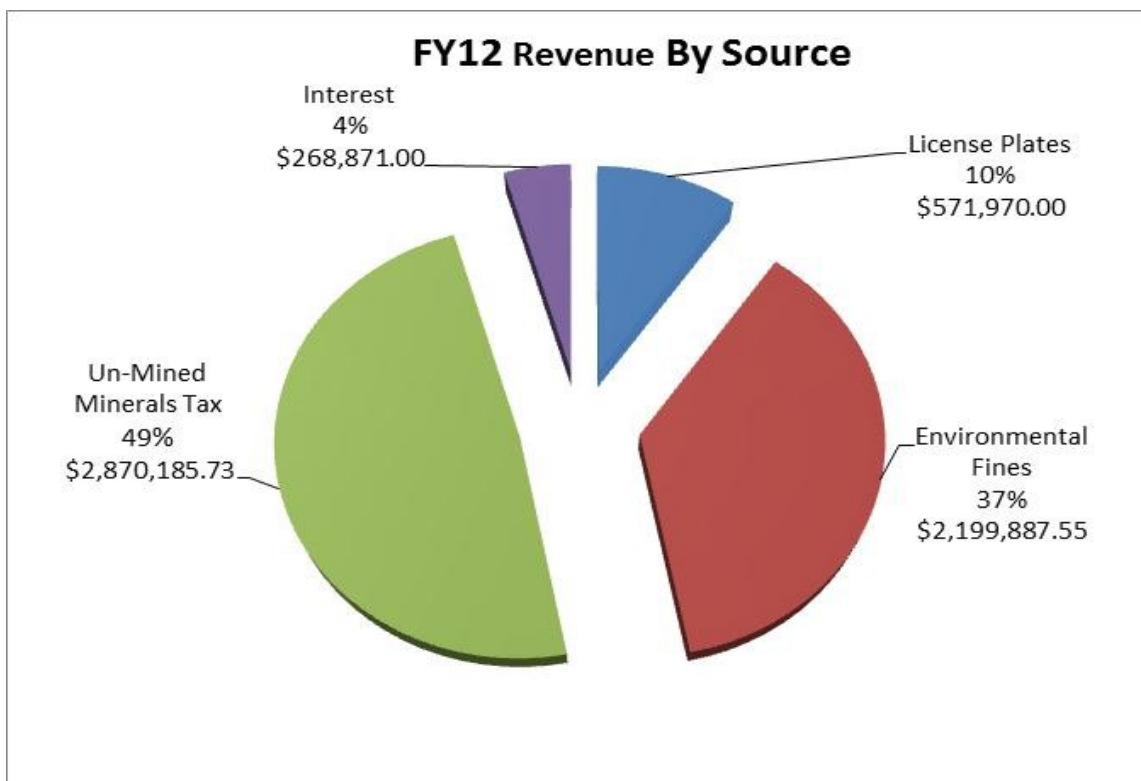
Funding for the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund is generated from the sale of three nature license plates, the state portion of un-mined mineral tax, environmental fines and interest income. For FY 2012, receipts were over \$5 million with over \$2.5 million in transfers and expenditures.

As a result of a significant increase in environmental fine revenue and a more modest increase in un-mined mineral tax, the total revenue for FY 2012 was approximately \$691,000 higher than FY 2011 levels. As shown on Table 4 (Page 10), revenue generated from environmental fines increased by approximately \$554,830 while un-mined mineral tax revenue increased by more than \$296,000. Interest income and license plate sales revenue continued to decline. Revenue generated from nature license plate sales fell by more than \$39,000 and interest income declined by \$119,000 from FY 2010 levels.

Table 4 also demonstrates the volatility and unpredictability of environmental fine revenue from year to year. In the last 5 years, revenue from fines ranged from a low of \$887,490 in FY 2009 to a high of over \$3.2 million in FY 2008.

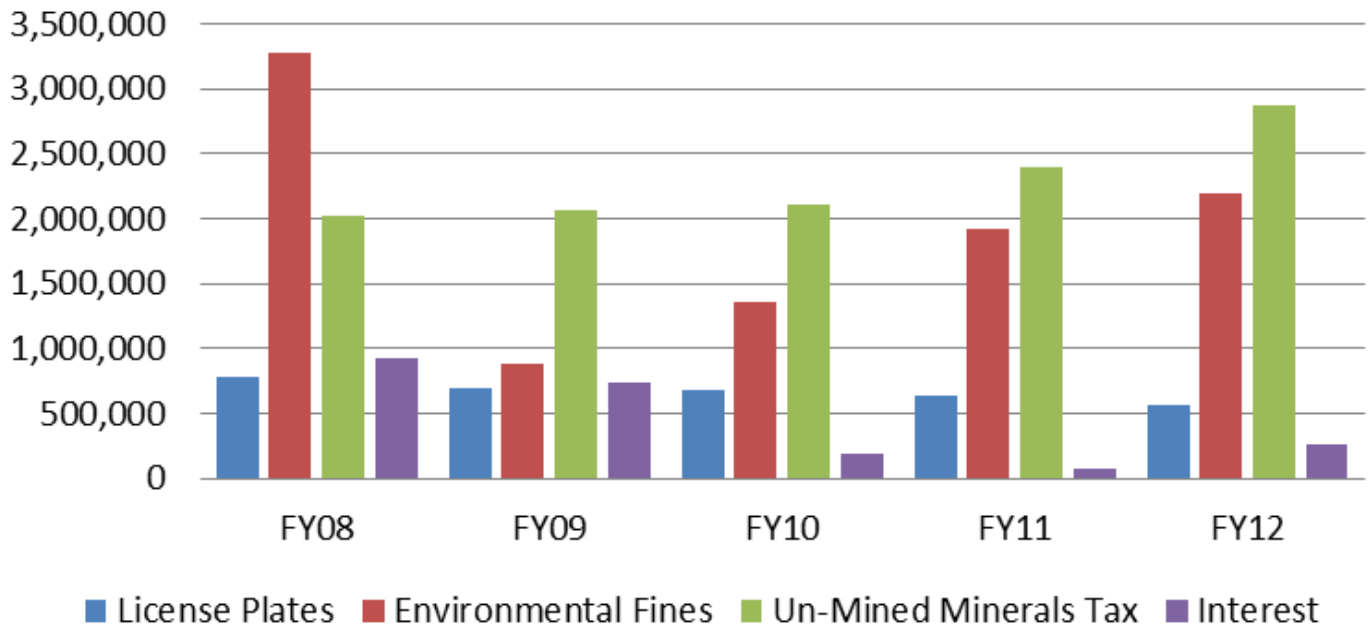
In the last 2 fiscal years, interest income has decreased by more than \$660,000 or 90 percent from \$734,165 received in FY 09 to only \$74,111 received in FY 11. This significant decrease in interest income is a result of swap of \$17 million cash for bond funds on June 30, 2009 and lower interest rates paid by the market. In FY 12, the KHLCF Board will change in the nature plate design in an effort to increase program revenue.

## KHLCF REVENUE



## KHLCF REVENUE

### Revenue By Source 5 Year Comparison



#### 5-Year Receipts by Source

	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>
License Plates	\$780,513.00	\$688,103.00	\$678,117.00	\$638,470.00	\$571,970.00
Environmental Fines	\$3,274,435.00	\$887,490.00	\$1,363,884.00	\$1,918,713.00	\$2,199,887.55
Un-Mined Tax	\$2,015,960.00	\$2,059,201.00	\$2,102,783.00	\$2,399,253.00	\$2,870,185.73
Other Receipts			\$1,100.00		
Interest	\$920,041.00	\$734,165.00	\$193,245.00	\$74,111.00	\$268,871.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,990,949</b>	<b>\$4,368,958</b>	<b>\$4,339,129</b>	<b>\$5,030,547</b>	<b>\$5,910,914.00</b>





## **Kentucky Environmental Education Council Executive Summary 2012 Annual Report to the Heritage Conservation Land Fund Board**

The Kentucky Environmental Education Council (KEEC) and our Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools (KGHS) program offer tools and resources that help educators use the environment as a theme for learning that bridges all subject areas. We also strive to get students and teachers outside to learn. This year, agency staff focused on offering grants to schools to support student school improvement projects through the Green and Healthy Schools program. We increased outreach to schools, teachers, and professional organizations through trainings, workshops, publications, and the social media web site, Facebook. The agency launched an ongoing branding effort to modernize and synchronize all agency logos and publications.

In September of 2010, the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education awarded the Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools program with recognition as the 2010 Environmental Education Program of the Year. The level of school enrollment in the program nearly doubled from 2010 to 2012, and as of June 30, 2012, KGHS had a total of 198 schools enrolled. Among other benefits, the program offers tremendous potential to naturalize school grounds, which can benefit the health and learning of students and reconnect this generation of learners, parents, and teachers to the outdoors as a place for learning and play.

The agency is authorized to raise funds to support environmental education in the Commonwealth, and in FY2010 was awarded a \$214,800 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) grant from the Kentucky Department of Energy Development and Independence (DEDI). Since the beginning of the grant period, 1,158 people have attended 111 workshops, training, and education sessions offered by KEEC staff. In the same time frame, 33 schools in 18 counties have received 39 grants for a variety of projects. Of the grants funded by this project, \$2,559.92 was disbursed in FY2010, while \$18,335.86 was given out in FY2012. Most grants (57%) have been for projects directly related to reducing kilowatt consumption, 30% of grant funds have reduced waste by recycling or composting, 8% of grants have been for transportation-related energy savings (bike racks to reduce vehicle transport) and 5% have been for projects that reduce energy demand through the energy-water nexus.

KEEC is developing a Kentucky Environmental Literacy Plan (KELP). The KELP will ensure that Kentuckians are environmentally literate in key subject areas, including energy, by the time they graduate from high school. The Plan has been drafted and reviewed by the Kentucky Department of Education's Commissioner-Appointed Task Force, with significant input from K-12 teachers and administrators, non-formal environmental educators, and university faculty.

The 2012 Annual Report to Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board can be viewed by selecting 2012 Annual Report at: <http://keec.ky.gov/publications>.

## DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND INDEPENDENCE COAL EDUCATION AWARDS



*Excerpt from the DEDI 2010 Annual Report*

Per Kentucky Revised Statute 132.020(5) authorizes funding to the Energy and Environment Cabinet from the un-mined minerals tax collected each year for the purpose of public education of coal related issues. DEDI has the responsibility to solicit proposals each year.

The department selected eight projects for FY 2012, which are highlighted below:

**Southern Education Foundation- \$115,000**

The SE Education Foundation will enhance the visitors' experience and advance the educational benefit of the Coal Museum and Portal 31 in eastern Kentucky.

**Coal Education Development and Resource ( CEDAR) - \$85,000**

CEDAR will use its grant to develop coal educational materials and sponsor a coal fair for K-12 students in 12 Eastern Kentucky counties.

**Coal Education Development and Resource (CEDAR)- @50,000**

CEDAR will use grant to develop coal educational materials and sponsor a coal fair for K-12 students in 6 Western Kentucky counties.

**University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research and the Visualization Center- \$120,000**

Two University of Kentucky Centers will collaborate to produce 7 coal education videos for students in K-12 To expand their awareness and knowledge of coal issues.

**Kentucky Mining Institute- \$30,000**

KMI will continue the project of updating and revising the Coal Mining Reference Book. This is an essential text for mining foremen and supervisors.



# KHLCF PURCHASED PROPERTIES

## 1995 – June 30, 2012

County	Project	Agency	Acres
Allen	Carpenter Cave CE	KSNPC	14.30
Ballard	Axe Lake Swamp SNP	KSNPC	311.99
Ballard	Boatwright WMA	KDFWR	1177.00
Barren	Brigadoon SNP	KSNPC	91.88
Barren	Mutter's Cave CE	KSNPC	108.28
Bell	Kentucky Ridge State Forest and WMA	Forestry and F & W	3782.38
Bell, Pike, Harlan, Letcher	Pine Mountain Scenic Trail	Parks	500.94
Boone	Boone Cliffs	Boone County Fiscal Court	75.42
Boone	Dinsmore Woods	Boone County Fiscal Court	104.52
Boone	Gunpowder Creek	Boone County Fiscal Court	125.98
Boyle	Perryville Battlefield	Parks	75.81
Breckinridge	Breckinridge Wildlife Education Park	Breckinridge County Fiscal Court	25.19
Breckinridge	Yellowbank WMA	KDFWR	1332.31
Bullitt	Apple Valley Glades SNP	KSNPC	23.23
Bullitt	Knobs State Forest	Forestry	1539.59
Calloway	Blood River SNP	KSNPC	192.56
Calloway	Fort Heiman	Calloway County Fiscal Court	167.00
Campbell	Hawthorne Crossing	Campbell Conservation District	134.69
Carter	Carter Caves State Park	Parks	107.54
Carter	Olive Hill Preservation Project	City of Olive Hill	214.64
Carter	Tygart's State Forest	Forestry	255.03
Christian	Bob Overton Cave	KSNPC	54.82
Christian	Pennyrile State Forest	Forestry	200.57
Clark	Clark Civil War Earthenworks	Clark County Fiscal Court	25.38
Clark	Lower Howard's Creek Heritage Park	Clark County Fiscal Court	336.66
Daviess	Horse Fork Trail	City of Owensboro	25.00
Daviess	Yellow Creek Park	Daviess County Fiscal Court	1.43
Estill	Lily Mountain	Estill County Conservation District	349.54
Fayette	Raven Run	LFUCG	353.38
Fleming	Clay Wildlife WMA	KDFWR	811.03
Fleming	Park Lake Mountain Nature Preserve	Fleming County Fiscal Court	821.13

**KHLCF PURCHASED PROPERTIES (cont.)**  
**1995 –June 30, 2012**

<b>County</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Fleming/ Robertson	Short's Goldenrod SNP	KSNPC	209.89
Franklin	Cove Springs Park	City of Frankfort	93.99
Franklin	Feindel CE	KSNPC	65.74
Franklin	Julian Savanna SNP	KSNPC	42.43
Franklin	River Cliffs SNP	KSNPC	210.19
Franklin	Rockcress Hills SNP	KSNPC	66.66
Garrard	Tom Dorman SNP	KSNPC	802.95
Graves	Terrapin Creek SNP	KSNPC	98.60
Green	Glenview	Green County Fiscal Court	168.07
Green	Wyatt Jeffries Woods	Green County Fiscal Court	57.15
Hardin	Eastview Barrens SNP	KSNPC	119.14
Hardin	Jim Scudder SNP	KSNPC	172.66
Hardin	Springhouse Barrens SNP	KSNPC	55.78
Harlan	Blanton Forest SNP	KSNPC	1214.30
Harlan	Hi Lewis Barrens SNP	KSNPC	302.00
Harlan	James E. Bickford SNP	KSNPC	347.84
Harlan	Kentonia State Forest	Forestry	762.03
Harlan	Martins Fork	Wild Rivers	1624.41
Harlan	Stone Mountain	KSNPC/KDFWR	1025.49
Harrison	Griffith Woods	KDFWR	391.37
Hart	Davis Bend	Wild Rivers	165.00
Hart	Frenchman's Knob	Hart County Fiscal Court	30.30
Hart	Hidden River Cave	City of Horse Cave	9.41
Hart	Rush Island Bottoms	Wild Rivers	160.00
Hart	Upper Green River Bioreserve	Western KY University	1160.20
Henderson	Green River State Forest	Forestry	409.34
Henderson	John James Audubon State Park	Parks	15.83
Henderson	Sloughs WMA	KDFWR	326.00



**KHLCF PURCHASED PROPERTIES (cont.)**  
**1995 –June 30, 2012**

<b>County</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Henry	KSU Environmental Education Center	Kentucky State University	305.99
Henry/Owen	Kentucky River WMA	KDFWR	533.28
Hickman	Obion Creek SNP	KSNPC	198.72
Hickman	Obion Creek WMA	KDFWR	1640.19
Hickman	Three Ponds SNP	KSNPC	528.25
Jefferson	Jefferson Memorial Forest	Louisville-Jefferson Metro Govt	591.04
Jefferson	Peterson Forest	Louisville-Jefferson Metro Govt	98.13
Jefferson	Putney Pond and Woodlands	City of Prospect	24.31
Jefferson	Tyler-Schooling	Louisville-Jefferson Metro Govt	214.65
Jessamine	Camp Nelson	Jessamine County Fiscal Court	58.53
Jessamine	Jessamine Creek Gorge	Jessamine County Fiscal Court	268.77
Kenton	Morningview	Kenton County Conservation District	204.41
Larue	LaRue County Environmental Center	Larue County Fiscal Court	191.00
Larue	Lincoln Boyhood Home	Larue County Fiscal Court	224.97
Larue	Thompson Creek Glade SNP	KSNPC	105.26
Laurel	Rockcastle Wild River Corridor	Wild Rivers	300.97
Laurel	Smith-Little Property	City of London	75.57
Letcher	Bad Branch SNP	KSNPC	1046.94
Letcher	Lilley Cornett Woods	Eastern KY University	
Lewis	Crooked Creek SNP	KSNPC	693.47
Lincoln	Bouteloua Barrens SNP	KSNPC	261.00
Lincoln	William Whitley Home	Parks	80.24
Livingston	Livingston County WMA	Livingston County Fiscal Court	2429.92
Logan	Baker Natural Area	Logan Conservation District	66.15
Marion	Marion County WMA	KDFWR, Marion County, Forestry	1293.20
McCracken	Perkins Creek Nature Preserve	City of Paducah	80.27
McCreary	Cumberland Falls State Park	Parks	119.00
McCreary and Wayne	Little South Fork Wild River Corridor	Wild Rivers	1021.12
Menifee	Broke Leg Falls	Menifee County Fiscal Court	14.82
Metcalfe	Dry Fork Gorge	Metcalfe County Fiscal Court	79.97
Metcalfe and Cumberland	Marrowbone State Forest**	Forestry and KDFWR	1955.47

**KHLCF PURCHASED PROPERTIES (cont.)**  
**1995 –June 30, 2012**

County	Project	Agency	Acres
Oldham	Morgan Conservation Park	Oldham County Fiscal Court	227.59
Powell	Natural Bridge State Park	Parks	471.00
Powell	Pilot Knob	Powell County Fiscal Ct.	515.93
Pulaski	Hazeldell Property	Pulaski County Fiscal Court	39.35
Pulaski	Mount Victory Seeps	KSNPC	150.43
Pulaski	Pumphrey Property	Pulaski County Fiscal Court	35.26
Robertson/ Nicholas	Blue Licks State Park	Parks	905.45
Shelby	Clear Creek Park Greenway	Shelby County Fiscal Court	27.02
Simpson	Flat Rock Glade	KSNPC	29.97
Taylor	Feather Creek	Taylor County Fiscal Court	9.35
Taylor	Tebbs Bend Nature and Recreation Area	Taylor County Fiscal Court	172.14
Union	Big Rivers Corridor*	KDFWR and Forestry	2483.55
Warren	Cave Springs	Western KY University	2.01
Warren	Lost River Cave	Warren County Fiscal Court	2.25
Wolfe	Red Wild River Corridor	Wild Rivers	139.79
*Other funding sources used as match		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,593.89</b>

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View from Lily Mountain in Estill County. Photo  
by Joe Dietz.



COUNTY	PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT
Allen	Carpenter Cave**	Nature Preserves
Ballard	Axe Lake Swamp Addition	Nature Preserves
Ballard	Stallings Tract	KDFWR
Ballard	Boatwright WMA Addition	KDFWR
Barren	Brigadoon SNP Addition 1& 2	Nature Preserves
Barren	Mutter's Cave	Nature Preserves
Barren	Isenberg Addition to Brigadoon	Nature Preserves
Bell	Boone Wildlife Area	KDFWR, Parks, Forestry
Bell	Kentenia SF - Golden Acquisition	Forestry
Bell, Harlan, Letcher, Pike	Pine Mountain State Scenic Trail	Parks
Boone	Gunpowder Creek	Boone County Fiscal Ct.
Boone	Boone Cliffs and Dinsmore Woods	Boone County Fiscal Ct.
Boyle	Perryville SP - Coyle Tract	Parks
Breckinridge	Wildlife Education Park	Breckinridge Fiscal Ct.
Breckinridge	Town Creek/Flint Run	Breckinridge Fiscal Ct./KDFWR
Breckinridge	Yellowbank WMA Inholding	KDFWR
Bullitt	Knobs State Forest	Forestry
Bullitt	Apple Valley Glades**	Nature Preserves
Bullitt	Poteet Tract - Apple Valley Glades**	Nature Preserves
Bullitt	Aaron Tract	Forestry
Caldwell	Copeland Bluff	Forestry
Caldwell	Albert Lisanby Property	Forestry
Caldwell	Garland Jones Acquisition	Forestry
Calloway	Fort Heiman	Calloway Fiscal Ct.
Calloway	Hepner Tract - Blood River SNP	Nature Preserves
Calloway	Futrell Tract - Blood River SNP	Nature Preserves
Campbell	Tollgate	Campbell Conservation District
Carter	Adkins Acquisition	Forestry
Carter	Charlie Bryant Property	Parks
Carter	Preservation Project	City of Olive Hill
Carter	Burton Acquisition	Forestry
Carter	Frazier Addition to Tygarts	Forestry
Christian	Russell Property	Forestry
Christian	Bob Overton Cave SNP	Nature Preserves
Christian	Robertson Tract	Forestry
Clark	Civil War Earthenworks	Clark Fiscal Ct.
Clark	Lower Howard's Creek & Exp.	Clark Fiscal Ct.
Clark	Lower Howard's Creek Expansion II	Clark Fiscal Ct.
Clark	Lower Howard's Creek Expansion III	Clark Fiscal Ct.
Crittenden	Big Rivers Corridor Phase 2	KDFWR and Forestry
Daviess	Horse Fork Trail	City of Owensboro
Daviess	Yellow Creek Park	Daviess Fiscal Ct.
Estill	Lily Mountain Nature Park (2)	Estill County Conservation District
Fayette	Raven Run Additions (2)	Lex.-Fayette UCG
Fleming	Park Lake Mt. Nat. Pres. & Expansion	Fleming Fiscal Ct.
Fleming	Park Lake Expansion	Fleming Fiscal Ct.

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# KHLCF APPROVED PROPERTIES—1995 thru June 30, 2012

COUNTY	PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT
Fleming	Park Lake Expansion #2	Fleming Fiscal Ct.
Fleming	Huston Tract	KDFWR
Fleming/Robertson	Short's Goldenrod SNP	Nature Preserves
Fleming	Blue Lick Shorts Goldenrod Land Swap	Parks
Franklin	Cove Springs Nature Preserve	City of Frankfort
Franklin	River Cliffs**	Nature Preserves
Franklin	Julian Savanna**	Nature Preserves
Franklin	Feindel Tract**	Nature Preserves
Franklin	Rockcress Hills SNP	Nature Preserves
Franklin	Cove Springs Expansion	City of Frankfort
Franklin	Brothers-Sitton Addition to River Cliffs	Nature Preserves
Fulton	Latourneau Woods	KDFWR
Fulton/Hickman	Obion Creek Addition	KDFWR
Garrard	White Oak Creek	Kentucky River Authority
Garrard	White Oak Creek Addition #3	Nature Preserves
Graves	Terrapin Creek	Nature Preserves
Graves	Wells Addition to Terrapin Creek	Nature Preserves
Graves	Schrader Addition to Terrapin Creek	Nature Preserves
Green	Wyatt Jeffries Woods	Green County Fiscal Ct.
Green	Glenview/Green River Nature Pres.	Green County Fiscal Ct.
Greenup	Stockholm Property	Greenup County Fiscal Ct.
Hardin	Eastview Barrens Addition (2)	Nature Preserves
Hardin	Jim Scudder SNP Addition #1	Nature Preserves
Hardin	Blackstone Addition to Jim Scudder	Nature Preserves
Hardin	Springhouse Barrens**	Nature Preserves
Hardin	Hardin Additions to Jim Scudder SNP	Nature Preserves
Harlan	Black Mountain appraisal**	EKU, NP, Parks, KDFWR, Forestry
Harlan	Blanton Forest	Nature Preserves
Harlan	Cupp Acquisition	Forestry
Harlan	Greene Property & Addition	Forestry
Harlan	Hi Lewis Pine Barrens	Nature Preserves
Harlan	Medlin Tract	Wild Rivers
Harlan	Stone Mountain	Nature Preserves/KDFWR
Harlan	Croushorn Tracts	Wild Rivers
Harlan	Howard,Mills,Howard Add.to Kentenia	Forestry
Harlan	Polly Howard Tract	Wild Rivers
Harlan	Pine Mt. Settlement School**	Nature Preserves
Harlan	Carmical Addition to Hi Lewis SNP	Nature Preserves
Harrison	Bluegrass Restoration	University of Kentucky
Hart	Hidden River Cave	City of Horse Cave
Hart	Goebel Tract	Wild Rivers
Hart	Durham Knob Addition to Upper Green	Wild Rivers
Hart	Buckner-Reese Bottomlands	Wild Rivers
Hart	Upper Green River Bio. Preserve Expansion 1 & 2	Western Kentucky Univeristy
Hart	Frenchman's Knob	Hart County Fiscal Ct.



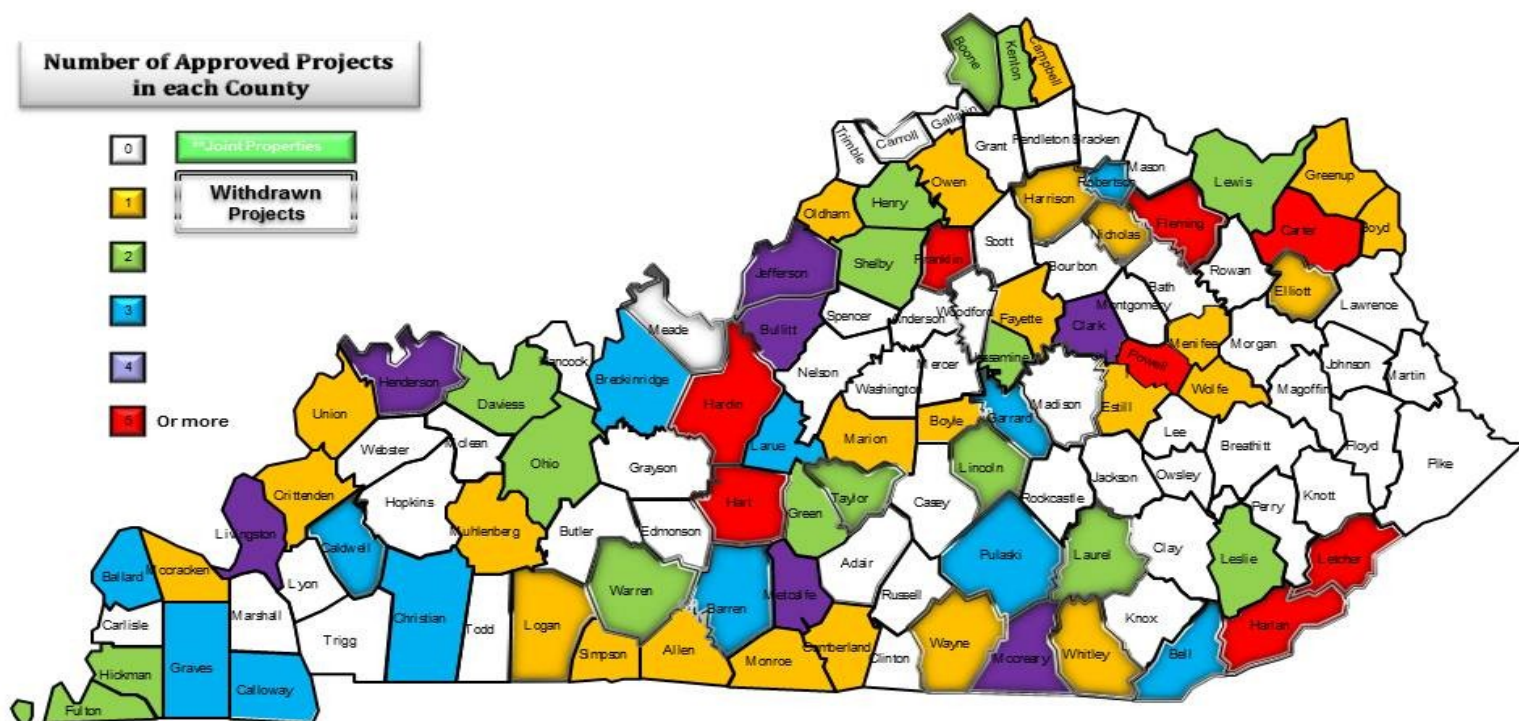
# KHLCF APPROVED PROPERTIES—1995 thru June 30, 2012

COUNTY	PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT
Hart	Rush Island Bottoms - Wilson	Wild Rivers
Henderson	Bush Acquisition	Forestry
Henderson	Green River State Forest Additions	Forestry
Henderson	Oliver Addition to Audubon State Park	Parks
Henderson	Pritchett Addition to Audubon SP	Parks
Henry	Hardin Bottoms Addition	KDFWR
Henry	Crowe Property	Kentucky State University
Hickman	Three Ponds & Addition	Nature Preserves
Hickman	Obion Creek SNP-Murphy's Pond Add.	Nature Preserves
Jefferson	Memorial Forest (7 properties)	Louisville Metro
Jefferson	Tyler Schooling	Louisville Metro
Jefferson	Putney's Pond	City of Prospect
Jefferson	Peterson Property	Louisville Metro, Forestry, UK
Jessamine	Camp Nelson	Jessamine Fiscal Ct.
Jessamine	Jessamine Creek Preservation	Jessamine Fiscal Ct.
Kenton	St Annes Woods and Wetlands	Kenton County Conservation District
Kenton	Morning View Property	Kenton County Conservation District
Larue	Environmental Center	Larue Fiscal Ct.
Larue	Lincoln's Boyhood Home	Larue Fiscal Ct.
Larue	Thompson Creek Glade Add. 1 & 2	Nature Preserves
Laurel	Reynolds Tract	Wild Rivers
Laurel	Smith/Little Tract	City of London
Letcher	Bad Branch Addition (3)	Nature Preserves
Letcher	Lilley Cornett Woods Mineral**	Eastern KY University
Letcher	Lilley Cornett Woods Expansion 2	Eastern KY University
Letcher	Smith Addition to Bad Branch	Nature Preserves
Lewis	Crooked Creek SNP & Allen/Truesdell Add.	Nature Preserves
Lewis	Bradner Nature Preserves	Lewis County Fiscal Ct.
Lincoln	Lincoln County Barrens SNP	Nature Preserves
Lincoln	Lair Addition to William Whitley SP	Parks
Lincoln	Sportman's Hill Addition to Wm. Whitley	Parks
Livingston	Perkins Tract	Livingston Fiscal Ct.
Livingston	Head-Vivian Tract	Livingston Fiscal Ct.
Livingston	Reynolds Metal Tract	Livingston Fiscal Ct.
Livingston	Perkins Addition	Livingston Fiscal Ct.
Logan	Baker Natural Area	Logan Conservation Dist.
Marion	Pope Creek/Putnam Knob	Marion Cty, KDFWR, Forestry
McCracken	Perkins Creek Nature Preserve	City of Paducah
McCreary	Rick Stephens Property	Parks/Wild Rivers
McCreary	Tucker Project	Wild Rivers
McCreary	Stephens Tract	Wild Rivers
McCreary	Singleton Tract	Wild Rivers
Menifee	Broke Leg Falls	Menifee Fiscal Ct.
Metcalfe	Dry Fork Gorge	Metcalfe County Fiscal Ct.
Metcalfe/ Cumberland	Marrowbone State Forest	Forestry
Metcalfe	Marrowbone Addition	KDFWR
Monroe	Old Mulkey Meeting House SHS	Parks
Muhlenberg/Ohio	Peabody WMA survey**	KDFWR

**KHLCF APPROVED PROPERTIES—1995 thru June 30, 2012**

COUNTY	PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT
Powell	Pilot Knob	Nature Preserves
Powell	Pilot Knob Expansion I & II	Powell Fiscal Ct.
Powell	Edwards Property	Parks
Powell	Henson Property	Parks
Powell	Graham Addition to Natural Bridge	Parks
Powell	White's Branch Addition to Natural Bridge	Parks
Pulaski	Mount Victory Seeps	Nature Preserves
Pulaski	Pumphrey Tract & Pumphrey II	Pulaski Fiscal Ct.
Pulaski	Hazeldell Meadow	Pulaski Fiscal Ct.
Robertson	Newsome Property	Parks
Shelby	Shelby Trails Park Addition	Shelby Fiscal Ct.
Shelby	Clear Creek Park (3)	Shelby Fiscal Ct.
Simpson	Flat Rock Glade	Nature Preserves
Taylor	Clay Hill Memorial Forest	Taylor Fiscal Ct.
Taylor	Feather Creek	Taylor Fiscal Ct.
Taylor	Tebbs Bend Nature & Rec. Area	Taylor Fiscal Ct.
Union	Big Rivers Corridor Phase 1	KDFWR and Forestry
Warren	Cave Springs Cavern Ed. Reserve	Western Kentucky University
Warren	Lost River Cave	Warren Fiscal Ct.
Wayne	Burnett Farm on Little South Fork	Wild Rivers
Whitley	Faulkner Tract at Pine Mountain	Nature Preserves and Forestry
Wolfe	Bruce Smith tract	Wild Rivers

# Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund





## KHLCF WITHDRAWN PROPERTIES

Adair/Taylor	Legacy State Forest	Forestry/KDFWR/Parks
Bell	Gladys Jackson	Forestry
Boone	Gunpowder Creek	Boone County Fiscal Ct.
Caldwell	Dawson Springs Swamp	Nature Preserves
Carroll	Parkside Development	Parks
Edmonson/Barren	Park Mammoth Bat Caves	KDFWR
Elliott	Laurel Creek Gorge	Elliott Fiscal Ct.
Fleming	Pete McNeil Property	Forestry
Fleming	Utkov Property	Nature Preserves
Franklin	Strohmeier's Hill	Nature Preserves
Franklin	Gabbard Tract - Camp Pleasant	Nature Preserves
Garrard	Polly's Bend	University of Kentucky
Garrard	Canoe Creek	University of Kentucky
Hardin	Eastview Barrens Addition	Nature Preserves
Hardin	Buffalo Creek Woodland	City of Elizabethtown
Harlan	Coleman Addition to Blanton Forest	Nature Preserves
Harlan	Christian Property	Parks
Harlan	Music Mountain	Harlan County Fiscal Ct.
Harlan	Cumberland Group Property	Parks
Harlan	Wilson Heirs Acquisition	Wild Rivers
Harrison	Robinson Property	Harrison County Fiscal Ct.
Hart	East Mammoth Cave Ed. Reserve	Western Kentucky University
Hart	Robbins Tracy Addition to Three Ponds	Nature Preserves
Henderson	Lambert/Holy Name Tracts	Parks
Henderson	Swan Pond State Forest	Forestry
Jefferson	North Tract - JCMF	Jefferson Fiscal Ct.
Jefferson	Winstead - JCMF	Jefferson Fiscal Ct.
Laurel	Crockett Tract	Wild Rivers
Letcher	Gatton/Lewis Add. (Bad Branch)	Nat. Pres./Wild Rivers
Letcher	Tudor/Wright Addition (Bad Branch)	Nature Preserves
Letcher	Wagner Addition to Bad Branch SNP	Nature Preserves
Letcher	Lilley Cornett Woods Expansion I - Halcomb	Eastern KY University
Letcher	Hubbard Tract	Wild Rivers
Letcher	Wilder Tract	Parks
Letcher	Bad Branch North Face	Nature Preserves
Lincoln	Strand Addition to Bouteloua Barrens	Nature Preserves
Logan	Gomer Addition to Ralph Athey	Nature Preserves
Madison	Cental Kentucky WMA	KDFWR
Madison	Sarah Williams Property	Parks
Marshall	Harper Property	Parks
McCreary	Garland Tract	Wild Rivers
McCreary	Virgil Gibson Cons. Easement**	Wild Rivers
McCreary	Jackson Little South Fork	Wild Rivers
McCreary	Joe Jackson Rock Creek Tract	Wild Rivers
McCreary	Angel Tract	Wild Rivers
Meade	Lapland Barrens Conservation Esmt.	Nature Preserves



## KHLCF WITHDRAWN PROPERTIES

Nicholas/ Robertson	Smoot/Hunter	Parks
Powell	Lloyd Pace Property	Parks
Pulaski	Meek Tract	Wild Rivers
Robertson	Abnee Tract	Parks
Robertson	Newsome Property	Parks
Warren	Stuart Addition to Chaney Lake SNP	Nature Preserves
Wayne	Anderson Conservation Easement	Wild Rivers
Whitley	Curt Davis Property And Earl Timmons	Parks/Wild Rivers
Wolfe	James Lacy Tract	Wild Rivers
Woodford	Lee Branch Swamp Cons. Easement**	Nature Preserves



Tebb's Bend Heritage Park in  
Taylor County. Photo by Zeb Weese



# Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund

## Board Members

The 12-member board was established by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1994. Five members are appointed from state government agencies, one each from the Department for Natural Resources, the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the Department of Parks, the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, and the Environmental Education Council. Seven members of the board are private citizens selected by the governor from nominations by conservation groups, the Kentucky Academy of Science, agricultural interests and natural resources industries. Dr. William H. Martin has been appointed by the governor to serve as chairman of the board.

The citizen members do not receive pay for attending quarterly board meetings and serving on the very active committees of the board. The committees review applications and visit project sites, review and monitor site stewardship, and provide advice and recommendations on issues coming before the board. The board members for the 2010-2012 fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 were:

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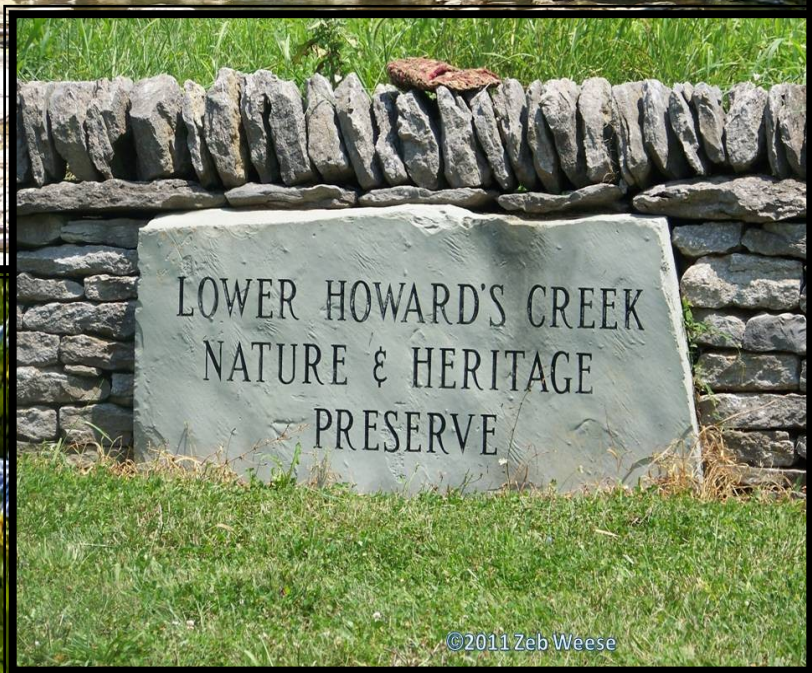
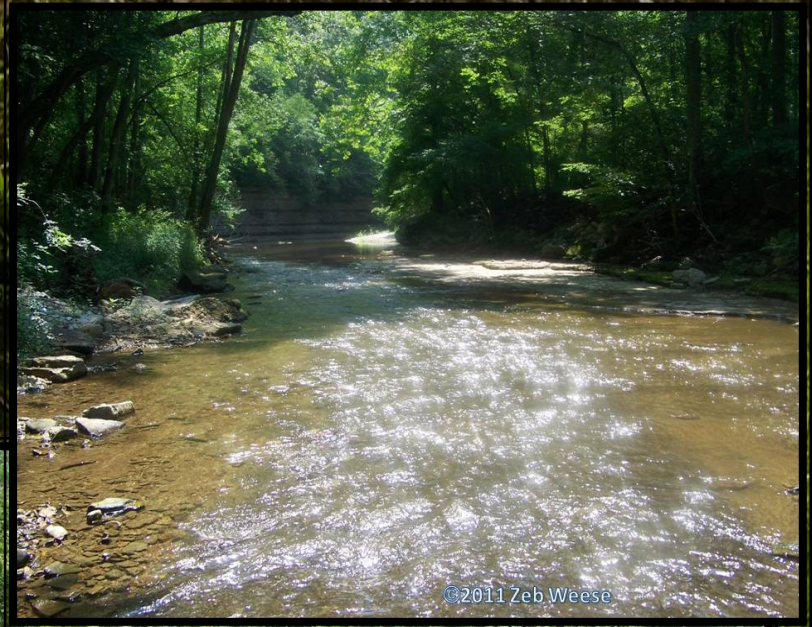
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## 2012 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD





## Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Broke Leg Falls Project

On March 2, 2012 an EF3 tornado hit Menifee County devastating Broke Leg Falls, one of the projects sponsored by the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund.

Broke Leg Falls, once a beautiful natural area with an impressive cliff line and beautiful falls, was a thick forest with vegetation including Eastern Hemlock, Yellow Poplar, Sweet Birch, Northern Red Oak, Red Maple, White Oak, White Ash, and White Pine.

Most of those mature trees have been felled by the tornado thus affecting the under story trees and shrubs including Yellow Birch, Papaw, Rhododendron, Umbrella Magnolia, Big leaf Magnolia, Witch Hazel, and Mountain Laurel as well as the forest floor with walking fern, cinnamon fern, marginal wood fern, jack-in-the-pulpit fern, Christmas fern, and round leaved fire pink. Although the County wanted to clean up the entire area, they were advised to address any safety issues, open the trails and check for structural damage on the bridge and walkway. Nature should take its course in cleaning up the remaining area.





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