

**Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation  
Fund Board**

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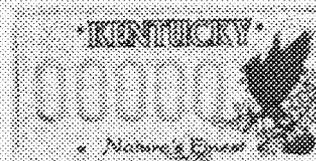
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**Who controls this fund?** The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board members are five state officials and seven citizens representing agriculture, conservation, the Kentucky Academy of Science, The Nature Conservancy, the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, and the public.

**How can I get more information?** Contact your county clerk or the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board at 663 Teton Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601, or telephone (502) 564-2184 or (502) 564-5525.

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# KENTUCKY HERITAGE LAND CONSERVATION FUND BOARD 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report

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*Latourneau Woods, Fulton County*

# KENTUCKY HERITAGE LAND CONSERVATION FUND BOARD 1998 REPORT

## MISSION

The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund was established by the 1994 Kentucky Legislature, and is administered by a twelve-member board. The board's mission is to award funding for the purchase and preservation of selected natural areas in the Commonwealth; to protect rare and endangered species and migratory birds; to save threatened areas of natural importance; and to provide natural areas for public use, outdoor recreation and education.

The Fund is supported by the state portion of the unmined mineral tax, environmental fines, and the purchase of Kentucky's Nature License Plate.

Local governments and universities, along with the Division of Forestry, Division of Water Wild Rivers Section, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Department of Parks and the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, can apply for grants to acquire and protect areas of natural significance that meet legislative guidelines.



*Pilot Knob, Powell County*

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## SUMMARY

In fiscal year 1998, the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board held four meetings to approve properties for purchase. Each applicant must provide documentation that explains how the acquisition will meet one or more of these priorities:

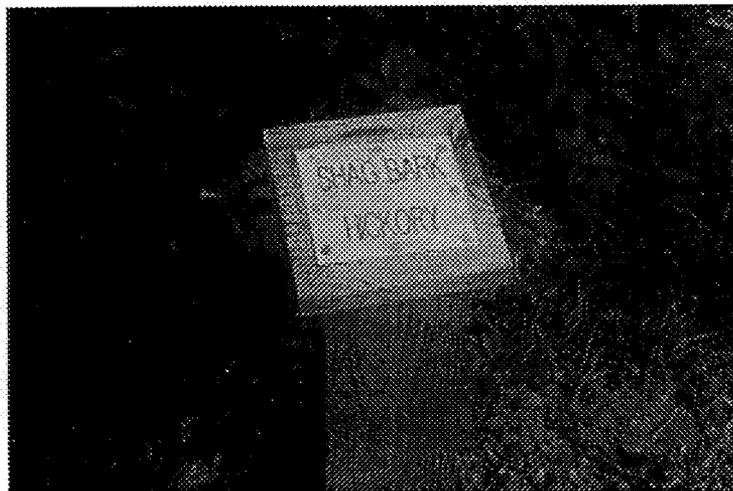
1. Natural areas that possess unique features such as a habitat for rare and endangered species;
2. Areas important to migratory birds;
3. Areas that perform important natural functions that are subject to alteration or loss; and
4. Areas to be preserved in their natural state for public use, outdoor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

Applications must also include: (1) an enumeration of costs; (2) a budget that indicates how at least 10 percent of acquisition costs will be spent for management; and, (3) a preliminary resource management plan for the project.

Since the beginning of the program in 1995 through June 30, 1998, the Board has approved 54 projects in 29 counties across the state. In fiscal year 1998, the Board received and reviewed 29 applications and approved 25 projects in 19 counties.

Local government projects and one university project were approved for Carter, Daviess, Jefferson, Jessamine, Letcher, Ohio, and Warren counties. State agencies had projects approved in Bell, Carroll, Fleming, Fulton, Graves, Harlan, Letcher, Madison, McCreary, Nicholas, Powell, Robertson, and Whitley counties.

During this fiscal year, acquisitions (one or more tracts) were actually made on nine different projects. Total acreage purchased was 1,643.



*Yellow Creek Park, Daviess County*

**APPROVED PROJECTS**  
(July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998)

**Competitive Grants**

**Ohio County Fiscal Court**

**Highview Hill Expansion, Ohio County, 121 acres**

This tract lies adjacent to the Highview Hill site, which was purchased in early 1997 with funds from the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board. This purchase will provide another area of diverse terrain to expand the nature area and recreational trails from Highview Hill.

**Daviess County Fiscal Court**

**Yellow Creek Park, Daviess County, 1.5 acres**

This tract lies adjacent to Yellow Creek and the 110-acre Yellow Creek Park, a designated Wildlife Refuge, in eastern Daviess County. This acreage lies along the Yellow Creek, which is frequently used as an outdoor classroom. Existing animal habitats will not be disturbed; however, bluebird, squirrel, and wood duck boxes will be added to attract additional wildlife to the site.

**Jefferson County Fiscal Court**

**Coogle Tract – Jefferson County Memorial Forest, Jefferson County, 80 acres**

This tract is adjacent to the Jefferson County Memorial Forest and is an important acquisition as it protects and enhances the ecological value of the forest. This tract features several streams including a major ford of Wolf Run. Acquisition would allow for protection of probable wetlands and may be an appropriate site for wetlands banking.

**Tyler-Schooling Tract, Jefferson County, 283 acres**

This tract is situated between the rapidly developing areas of Jeffersontown and Fisherville. Floyd Fork runs along the site's northwest border. The tract contains floodplain, open fields and wooded hillsides.

**Eastern Kentucky University**

**Lilley Cornett Woods mineral estate, Letcher County**

Lilley Cornett Woods is a unique area of protected old-growth forest whose value has been recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior through its designation as a National Natural Landmark. It is home to more than 700 breeding varieties of birds and more than 530 species of flowering plants.

**City of Olive Hill**

**Olive Hill Preservation Project, Carter County, 150 acres**

This is a woodland tract that serves as a watershed for the Olive Hill Reservoir in the forested knobs of western Carter County. This area and the adjacent reservoir provide

nesting and breeding habitat along a navigational route for migratory waterfowl. The site will be made available for educational uses only.

### **Warren County Fiscal Court**

#### **Lost River Cave Valley, Warren County, 2.25 acres**

This land is an addition to the current Lost River Cave Valley site and will be utilized and managed as a buffer zone and access point to Lost River Cave. Without public ownership of the tract, commercial development could take place within a few feet of the cliffs adjacent to the cave and valley. Lost River Cave Valley is a natural wonder with historical significance. Archaeological studies confirm that the site was inhabited by Native Americans as early as 7500 BC. The Cave Valley has been designated an urban wildlife sanctuary by Friends of Lost River.

### **Jessamine County Fiscal Court**

#### **Camp Nelson Civil War Site Preservation, Jessamine County, 60 acres**

This 60-acre tract is located within the 800 core acres of the Camp Nelson Union Army Supply Depot/African-American Refugee Camp. This tract is located within the steep, wooded gorge of the Hickman Creek and includes one of the best preserved fortifications. Most trees on the mid slope level appear to be 90-120 years old; trees on the upper slope are between 40-50 years old.

## **State Agency Grants**

### **Department for Fish and Wildlife Resources**

#### **Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area Addition, Madison County, 125 acres**

This 125-acre tract is adjacent to the Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on its western boundary. The property has been a working farm since pioneer days and it will be developed and managed for wildlife and related recreation as part of the WMA.

#### **Latourneau Woods, Fulton County, 950 acres**

(Joint project with Forestry)

This tract is widely considered one of the best blocks of bottomland hardwood forest remaining in the Lower Mississippi Valley. This parcel is a natural wetland area which supports large numbers of migrating waterfowl and shorebirds as well as locally-breeding and migrating neotropical songbirds. The property also hosts substantial white-tail deer, wild turkey, bobcat, river otter, raccoon and fox populations and a wide array of native wetland flora and fauna. Two federally listed species, the American bald eagle and the Indiana bat, are known to occur on an adjacent tract and likely use the Latourneau tract significantly.

### **Division of Forestry**

#### **Pete McNeill Property, Fleming County, 1,500 acres**

This property is dominated by upland hardwoods and has a history of management

dating to 1959. This property is uniquely qualified to enter the State Forest Program as a working model demonstrating the potential contributions that private woodlands hold for the greater good of the Commonwealth. The property is also an important habitat for resident and migrating neotropical birds. This property should prove to be an excellent site for research projects and outdoor classroom activities.

**Golden Acquisition, Bell County, 450 acres**

This property is located on the north side of Pine Mountain and is in close proximity to Kentucky Ridge State Forest. Public use of this area will include outdoor recreation such as hiking, hunting, camping, and wildlife viewing.

**Cupp Acquisition, Harlan County, 400 acres**

This property is located between tracts 6 and 7 of the Kentenia State Forest on the south side of Pine Mountain in Harlan County. Acquisition of this property will further the Division of Forestry's goal of connecting the five tracts of Kentenia State Forest.

**Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission**

**Terrapin Creek, Graves County, 275 acres**

The Terrapin Creek harbors an unusual diversity of fishes found nowhere else in Kentucky. The 1,240-acre preserve design includes a variety of aquatic habitats: streams, perennial springs and oxbows that support the approximately forty fish species known from the drainage. The recent discovery of the endangered Kirtland's snake has extended this species' range 150 miles.

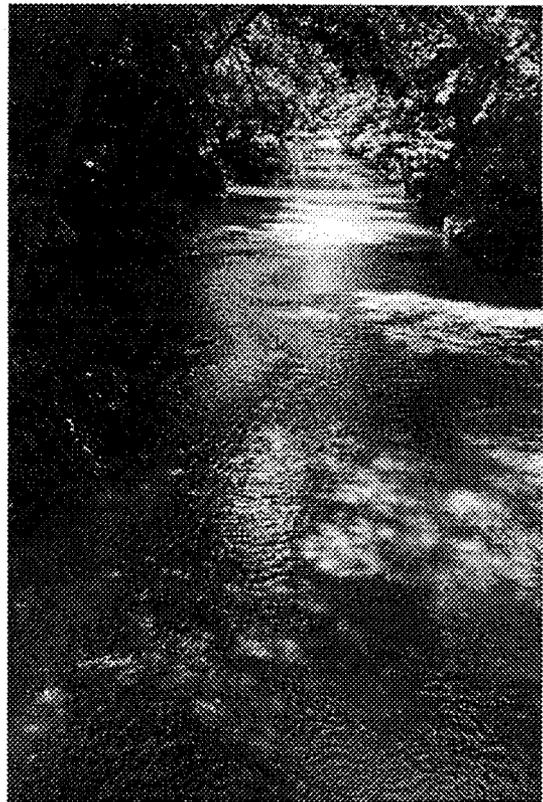
**Pilot Knob, Powell County, 340 acres**

This addition to Pilot Knob State Nature Preserve extends protection to a large block of contiguous forest, protects two archaeological sites, provides buffer to the existing trail and aids in preserving the view from this vantage point.

**Department of Parks**

**Nancy Reed Property, Powell County, 67 acres**

This property is located along a portion of the western boundary of Natural Bridge State Park in Powell County. The property consists of the upper drainage of Boyd Branch on the South Fork of the Red River. The lower slopes and bottomland are limestone with karst features. The upper slopes are sandstone, with several small rockshelters in the cliff line. The contrasts in the underlying geologic structure create much biological diversity on this site including beech, white pine and rhododendron on the lower slopes, to Virginia pine, mountain laurel, and red oak on the upper slopes.



*Terrapin Creek, Graves County*

**Wilder Property, Letcher County, 400 acres**

The Wilder property is located adjacent to the northern boundary of Kingdom Come State Park in Letcher County. This property's ecological significance is due to the fact that it is situated on the north slope of Pine Mountain, the state's largest natural ecosystem. This property will serve as a buffer and will aid the park in controlling access to Line Fork Cave, which is a large hibernaculum for the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*).

**Sarah Williams Property, Madison County, 67 acres**

This property is located along the southern boundary of Fort Boonesborough State Park in Madison County. This property is situated on the western bank of the Kentucky River and, therefore, is an important site for migratory birds that use this corridor. It consists of typical riparian species including box elder, silver maple, and sycamore. The property is also historically significant as part of the Wilderness Road corridor.

**Smoot/Hunter Property, Nicholas and Robertson Counties, 40 acres**

(Joint project with Fish and Wildlife Resources)

This property is situated in Nicholas County along the southern boundary of Blue Licks Battlefield State Park. It borders the Licking River which makes it important for migratory birds. However, this property's primary significance is that it supports large populations of the federally endangered Short's goldenrod (*Solidago shortii*).



*Smoot/Hunter Property, Nicholas and Robertson Counties*

**Parkside Development Property, Carroll County, 21 acres**

This property is situated on a portion of the western boundary of General Butler State Park in Carroll County. This property was once a farmstead, but is now a wooded area with young timber including sugar maple, buckeye, cherry, beech, white ash, and red oak. A small intermittent stream also runs through the property. This property will primarily serve as a buffer for the park, to prevent future development of this fast growing residential area.

**Division of Water – Wild Rivers Program**

**Garland Tract, McCreary County, 8 acres**

The Garland tract is an isolated parcel which borders the Cumberland Wild River downstream of Cumberland Falls. It consists of steep slopes, cliffines and an intermittent stream that plunges over a small waterfall. The tract is heavily forested, with hemlock, rhododendron and assorted hardwoods.

**Hubbard Tract, Letcher County, 8 acres**

The Hubbard property is adjacent to the Bad Branch State Nature Preserve and includes the headwaters of a small tributary stream to Bad Branch, which is a state Wild River. The area within the nature preserve contains the largest assemblage of state and federally-listed threatened and endangered plants and animals of any area in Kentucky.

**Medlin Tract, Harlan County, 10 acres**

The Medlin property is located adjacent to the Martins Fork Wild River in Harlan County. This mostly flat parcel is thickly vegetated with Eastern Hemlock. Public ownership of this property will help to protect it from degradation from uncontrolled camping, dumping and abuse by all-terrain vehicles.



*Martins Fork Wild River, Medlin Tract, Harlan County*

**Timmons Tract, Whitley County, 8 acres**

The Timmons tract lies on both sides of Archers Creek, a tributary to the wild Cumberland River. It is presently mostly in fescue and weeds. Plans are to restore the tract to native grasses and trees after acquisition. It may also provide a much needed canoe access to this portion of the Wild River corridor.

**Tucker Tract, McCreary County, 35 acres**

The Tucker tract borders the Wild River portion of the Little South Fork of the Cumberland. It possesses a high quality stand of timber that was in danger of being harvested. It also has many beautiful spring wildflowers. Through the assistance of the Kentucky Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, the property was purchased in order to ensure its long-term protection.

**BOARD APPROVALS**  
**(July 1, 1997 – June 30, 1998)**

**Competitive Grants**

Ohio Co. Fiscal Court - Highview Hill Expansion	\$ 64,840
Daviess Co. Fiscal Court - Yellow Creek Park	13,000
Jefferson Co. Fiscal Court - Coogle Tract	340,600
Eastern Kentucky University - Lilley Cornett Woods mineral estate	98,363
City of Olive Hill - Olive Hill Preservation Project	219,000
Warren Co. Fiscal Court - Lost River Cave Valley	31,658
Jefferson Co. Fiscal Court - Tyler-Schooling Property	518,000
Jessamine Co. Fiscal Court - Camp Nelson Civil War Site	156,833
Fish & Wildlife, Parks, Forestry - Boone additional funding	644,100
Shelby Co. Fiscal Court - Clear Creek additional funding	99,582

**Total Competitive** 2,185,976

**State Agency Grants**

**Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources**

Central Kentucky Wildlife Management Area	220,300
Latourneau Woods (administrative costs)	28,500
Boone Wildlife Area - additional funding	203,833

**Total Fish and Wildlife Resources** 452,633

**Nature Preserves Commission**

Terrapin Creek	252,000
Pilot Knob	275,000
Smoot/Hunter Tract	48,000

**Total Nature Preserves Commission** 575,000

**Division of Forestry**

Pete McNeill Property	920,000
Cupp Acquisition	161,000
Golden Acquisition	150,000
Latourneau Woods (administrative costs)	28,500
Boone Wildlife Area - additional funding	439,833
Ivan Greene Property - additional funding	9,578
O.B. Russell Property - additional funding	17,000

**Total Division of Forestry** 1,725,911

**Department of Parks**

Parkside Development Tract	120,700
Sarah Williams Tract	171,000
Nancy Reed Tract	87,500
Smoot/Hunter Tract	48,000
Wilder Tract	256,000
Boone Wildlife Area - additional funding	186,333

**Total Department of Parks** 869,533

**Division of Water - Wild Rivers Program**

Tucker Project	50,500
Medlin Tract	21,750
Hubbard Tract	45,850
Earl Timmons Tract	44,750
Garland Tract	14,650

**Total Wild Rivers Program** 177,500

**Total State Agency** 3,800,577

**TOTAL** \$5,986,553

## STATUS OF ALL APPROVED PROJECTS (July 1, 1995 – June 30, 1998)

**Agency Abbreviations:**

KSNPC - KY State Nature Preserves Commission  
 F&W - Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources  
 CFC - County Fiscal Court  
 WMA - Wildlife Management Area

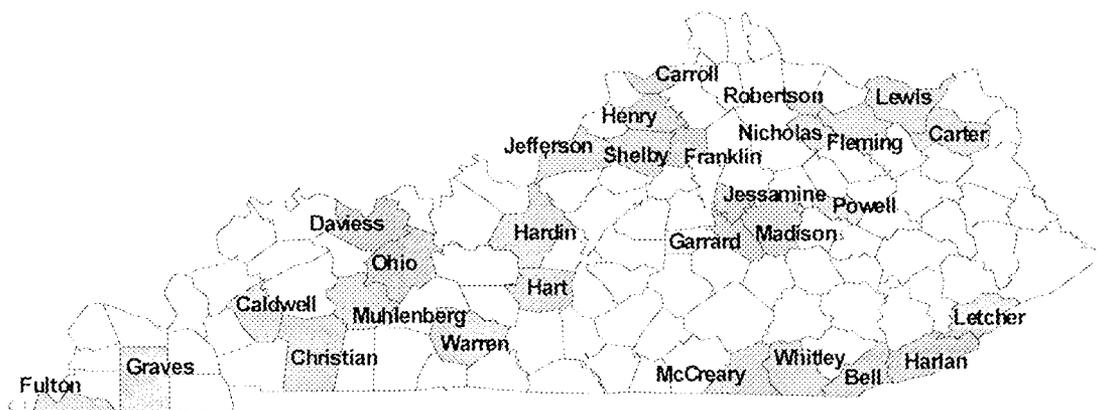
**Status Codes:**

M - multiple tracts  
 #P - number of tracts purchased  
 A - active  
 W - withdrawn  
 F - acquisition finalized, management in progress  
 C - project closed, management completed

PROJECT NAME	APPLICANT	COUNTY	STATUS
Boone Wildlife & Recreational Area	F&W, Parks, Forestry	Bell	A
Golden Acquisition	Forestry	Bell	A
Dawson Springs Seep Swamp	KSNPC	Caldwell	W
Albert Lisanby Property	Forestry	Caldwell	A
Copeland Bluff	Forestry	Caldwell	A
Parkside Development Tract	Parks	Carroll	A
Charlie Bryant Property	Parks	Carter	1P,F
Olive Hill Preservation Project	City of Olive Hill	Carter	A
Russell Property	Forestry	Christian	1P,F
Greenbelt Park/Horse Fork Trail	City of Owensboro	Daviess	A
Yellow Creek Park	Daviess CFC	Daviess	1P,F
Pete McNeil Property	Forestry	Fleming	A
Strohmeier's Hill	KSNPC	Franklin	A
Latourneau Woods	F&W, Forestry	Fulton	A
KY River Palisades - White Oak Creek	KY River Authority	Garrard	A
Terrapin Creek	KSNPC	Graves	M,2P,A
Eastview Barrens	KSNPC	Hardin	1P,F
Hi Lewis Pine Barrens	KSNPC	Harlan	M,1P,A
Blanton Forest	KSNPC	Harlan	M,1P,A
Greene Property	Forestry	Harlan	M,1P,A
Stone Mountain Recreation Area	Harlan CFC	Harlan	A
Medlin Tract	Wild Rivers	Harlan	A
Cupp Acquisition	Forestry	Harlan	A
Hidden River Cave Project	City of Horse Cave	Hart	A
Hardin Bottoms Addition - KY River WMA	F&W	Henry	2P,F
Rayhill Tract - Jefferson Co. Memorial Forest	Jefferson CFC	Jefferson	1P,F
North Tract - Jefferson Co. Memorial Forest	Jefferson CFC	Jefferson	A
Mitchell Tract - Jefferson Co. Memorial Forest	Jefferson CFC	Jefferson	A
Coogle Tract - Jefferson Co. Memorial Forest	Jefferson CFC	Jefferson	A
Tyler-Schooling Property	Jefferson CFC	Jefferson	A
Camp Nelson Civil War Site Preservation	Jessamine CFC	Jessamine	A
Bad Branch State Nature Preserve Addition	KSNPC	Letcher	3P,F
Bad Branch State Nature Preserve Addition	KSNPC	Letcher	W
Lilley Cornett Woods	Eastern KY University	Letcher	A
Hubbard Tract	Wild Rivers	Letcher	A
Wilder Tract	Parks	Letcher	A
Hymes Knob	KSNPC	Lewis	M,A
Sarah Williams Property	Parks	Madison	A
Central Kentucky WMA	F&W	Madison	A
Rick Stephens Property	Parks, Wild Rivers	McCreary	1P,F
Tucker Project	Wild Rivers	McCreary	A

## STATUS OF ALL APPROVED PROJECTS (cont.)

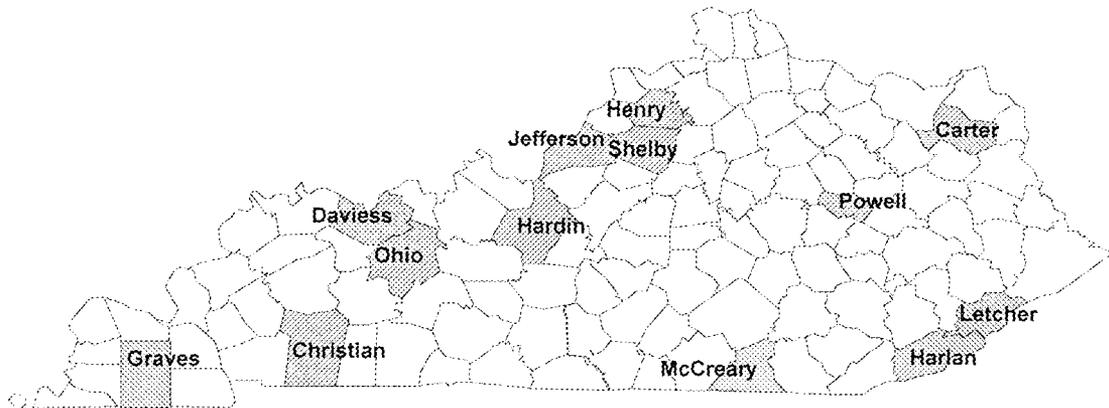
Garland Tract	Wild Rivers	McCreary	A
Peabody WMA survey	F&W	Muhlenberg, Ohio	A
Smoot/Hunter Tract	Parks, F&W	Nicholas, Robertson	A
Highview Hill	Ohio CFC	Ohio	1P,F
Highview Hill Expansion	Ohio CFC	Ohio	1P,F
Lloyd Pace Property	Parks	Powell	W
Thomas Fuller Property	Parks	Powell	1P,F
Nancy Reed Property	Parks	Powell	A
Pilot Knob Project	KSNPC	Powell	M,A
Clear Creek Park Greenway	Shelby CFC	Shelby	M,2P,A
Lost River Cave	Warren CFC	Warren	A
Curt Davis Property	Parks, Wild Rivers	Whitley	A
Earl Timmons Property	Wild Rivers	Whitley	A



*Counties in which projects have been approved*

**PURCHASED PROPERTIES**  
(July 1, 1995 – June 30, 1998)

COUNTY	PROJECT	AGENCY	ACRES	AMOUNT
Carter	Charlie Bryant Property	Parks	108	\$88,178
Christian	O.B. Russell Property	Forestry	135	104,447
Daviess	Yellow Creek Park	Daviess CFC	1	11,943
Graves	Terrapin Creek	KSNPC	26	27,636
Hardin	Eastview Barrens	KSNPC	119	66,866
Harlan	Blanton Forest	KSNPC	8	49,189
Harlan	Ivan Greene Property	Forestry	257	144,457
Harlan	Hi Lewis Pine Barrens	KSNPC	164	58,946
Henry	Hardin Bottoms	F&W	227	351,895
Jefferson	Rayhill Tract	Jefferson	52	189,074
Letcher	Bad Branch State Nature Preserve Addition	KSNPC	853	472,941
McCreary	Rick Stephens Property	Parks	119	192,942
Ohio	Highview Hill	Ohio CFC	47	49,000
Ohio	Highview Hill Expansion	Ohio CFC	121	64,840
Powell	Thomas Fuller Property	Parks	153	124,400
Shelby	Clear Creek Park	Shelby CFC	15	94,170
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,405</b>	<b>\$2,090,923</b>



*Counties in which property has been purchased*

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 1998

(July 1, 1997 – June 30, 1998)

## Receipts

Receipts by Source	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98	Total
Environmental Fines	\$1,963,678	1,212,404	2,125,276	1,028,130	6,329,488
Unmined Minerals Tax	2,450,051	1,308,872	3,063,471	1,429,053	8,251,447
Donations	2,983	-	-	25	3,008
License Plates	47,075	120,983	229,361	431,517	828,936
General Fees	250	-	-	-	250
Interest	22,256	240,426	394,328	645,664	1,302,674
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,486,293</b>	<b>2,882,685</b>	<b>5,812,436</b>	<b>3,534,389</b>	<b>16,715,803</b>

## Available for Distribution

<b>Available for Distribution*</b>	\$3,010,581
Competitive Grants (50%)	1,505,291
State Agency Grants (50%, 10%/agency)	1,505,290
Forestry	301,058
Nature Preserves	301,058
Wild Rivers	301,058
Fish and Wildlife	301,058
Parks	301,058

\* "Available for distribution" is the amount received in the last quarter of fiscal year 1996 and the first three quarters of fiscal year 1997.

All figures in the Financial Report are rounded to the nearest dollar.

In accordance with KRS 132.020 Section 9, \$400,000 was transferred to the Kentucky Coal Marketing and Export Council and, in accordance with KRS 224.10-250, \$150,000 was transferred to the Kentucky Environmental Education Council.

# Environmental Education

## Kentucky Environmental Education Council

*Each year the Kentucky Environmental Education Council receives \$150,000 of environmental fines and penalties for environmental education programs in the Commonwealth.*

**The Environmental Education Master Plan:** The Council has begun the process of creating a comprehensive plan to improve environmental literacy in Kentucky. When complete in June 1999, the plan will contain standards for environmental education content and instruction, a survey of the environmental literacy of adult Kentuckians, a plan for making environmental education services in Kentucky more effective and more equitable, and a strategy for improving the environmental education of those who teach our children.

**Instructional Models:** The Council has organized a process in which environmental educators create instructional models to teach the concepts set out in the Department of Education's new Program of Studies. These models will make it easier for teachers to incorporate real-world study of environmental topics and concepts into their required curricula.

**Using the Environment as an Integrating Context:** The Council has assisted the staff of the State Education and Environment Roundtable as they have conducted a national research study. This study has examined how the local environment can be used to integrate the entire curriculum in K-12 schools. The Council is now using the results of that research to begin training teams of faculty from across the state to use these very effective techniques.

**The Resource Schools:** The Council established a network of 25 environmental education resource schools throughout the state. Teams from each school were provided with extensive training in environmental content and teaching techniques. These schools are now providing professional development and technical assistance to other schools in their service regions. The resource schools will help increase the quality of what is taught about the environment.

**The Universities:** The Council has been working with representatives from the regional universities throughout the year to develop a model for the university environmental education centers called for in the legislation that established the Council.

**Outdoor Classroom Guides:** In 1996, the Council introduced its guide to developing and using outdoor learning sites. With a strong focus on teaching students about Kentucky's environment and using environmental study to augment critical thinking skills, the guide has become a bestseller with more than 1,000 free copies of the guide distributed to educators statewide.

**Classrooms to the Commonwealth Grants:** Small grants are provided to teachers who wish to provide their students with an out-of-classroom experience related to an ongoing environmental unit. The majority of these grants go to teachers developing innovative outdoor learning sites.

**The EE Clearinghouse:** The Council continues to maintain and update a 5,000-item database of environmental education resources for Kentucky. This database can be searched by county, age level of student, environmental topic and resource type. It is the largest statewide clearinghouse of EE information in the U.S. and the Council receives calls each day requesting information.

## Kentucky Coal Marketing and Export Council

*Each year the first \$400,000 received from the state portion of the unmined mineral tax is given to the Kentucky Coal Marketing and Export Council for public education of coal related issues*

The Council will submit a separate report to the Legislative Research Commission.

## Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board Members

The twelve-member board was established by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1994. Five members are appointed from state government agencies, one each from the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Department of Parks, 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.

The citizen members serve without pay and give their time for the quarterly board meetings and 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 1997-1998 fiscal year were:

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