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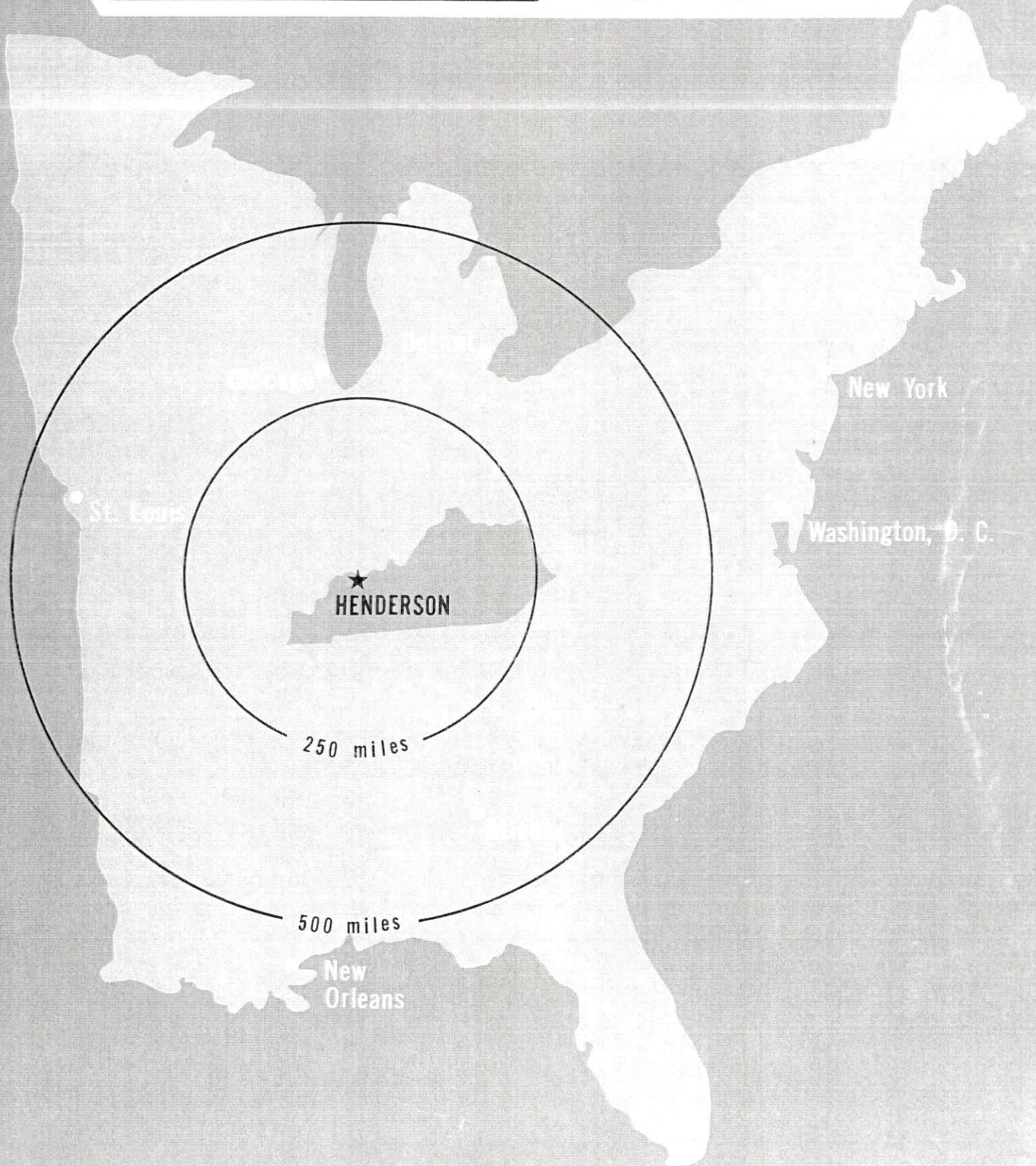
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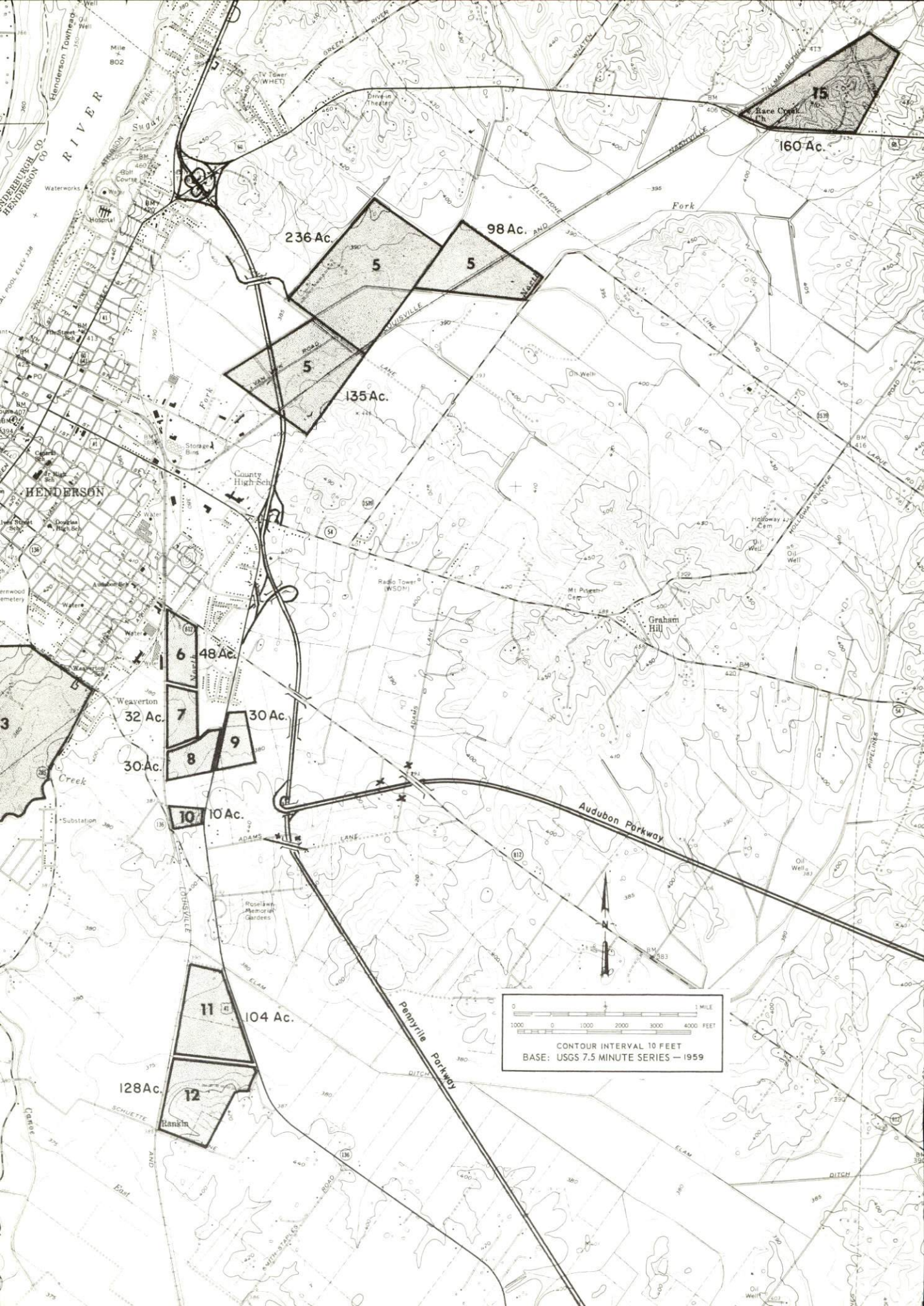
INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

HENDERSON
KENTUCKY



HENDERSON INDUSTRIAL SITES

1969



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98 Ac.

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135 Ac.

HENDERSON

6 48 Ac.

32 Ac.

7

30 Ac.

30 Ac.

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10 10 Ac.

11 104 Ac.

128 Ac.

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SITE #5: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 469 acres, level
RAILROAD: Louisville & Nashville Railroad
WATER: Municipal Water Department line to southwestern
boundary SIZE LINE: 8-inch
GAS: Municipal Gas Department main to southwestern
boundary SIZE LINE: 4-inch
ELECTRICITY: Municipal power in southwestern portion;
Henderson-Union RECC power in portion east of bypass
SEWERAGE: Municipal sewer system main to southwestern
boundary
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #6: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 48 acres, level
SITE #7: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 32 acres, level
RAILROAD: Louisville & Nashville Railroad along west
boundary of sites
WATER: Municipal Water Department SIZE LINE: 8-inch
GAS: Municipal Gas Department SIZE LINE: 6-inch
ELECTRICITY: Municipal Power & Light Department
SEWERAGE: Municipal sewer system
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE # 8: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 30 acres, level
SITE #10: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 10 acres, level
RAILROAD: Louisville & Nashville Railroad along west
boundary of sites
WATER: Municipal Water Department SIZE LINE: 12-inch
GAS: Municipal Gas Department SIZE LINE: 4-inch
ELECTRICITY: Henderson-Union RECC
SEWERAGE: Municipal sewer system
OWNERSHIP: Henderson-Henderson County Industrial
Foundation, Inc.

SITE #9: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 30 acres, level
WATER: Municipal Water Department SIZE LINE: 12-inch
GAS: Municipal Gas Department SIZE LINE: 4-inch
ELECTRICITY: Henderson-Union RECC
SEWERAGE: Municipal sewer system
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #11: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 104 acres, level
SITE #12: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 128 acres, level to rolling
RAILROAD: Louisville & Nashville Railroad along west
boundary of sites
WATER: Henderson County Water District SIZE LINE: 4-inch
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company
ELECTRICITY: Henderson-Union RECC
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #13: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 600 acres, level to
gently rolling
RAILROAD: Illinois Central Railroad -
track runs through the site
WATER: Municipal Water Department SIZE LINE: 8-inch
GAS: Municipal Gas Department SIZE LINE: 6-inch
ELECTRICITY: Municipal Power & Light Department
SEWERAGE: Municipal sewer system
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #14: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 96 acres, level to
gently rolling
RAILROAD: Illinois Central Railroad -
main track runs through the site
WATER: Henderson County Water District
GAS: Municipal gas line approximately 1,000 feet from site
ELECTRICITY: Henderson-Union RECC
SEWERAGE: Municipal sewer system main
approximately 500 feet from site
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #15: ACREAGE: 160 acres
RAILROAD: Louisville & Nashville Railroad
WATER: Henderson County Water District SIZE LINE: 4-inch
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company
(transmission line runs through site)
ELECTRICITY: Henderson-Union RECC
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private

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HENDERSON, KENTUCKY

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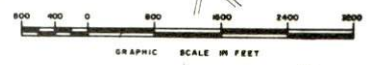
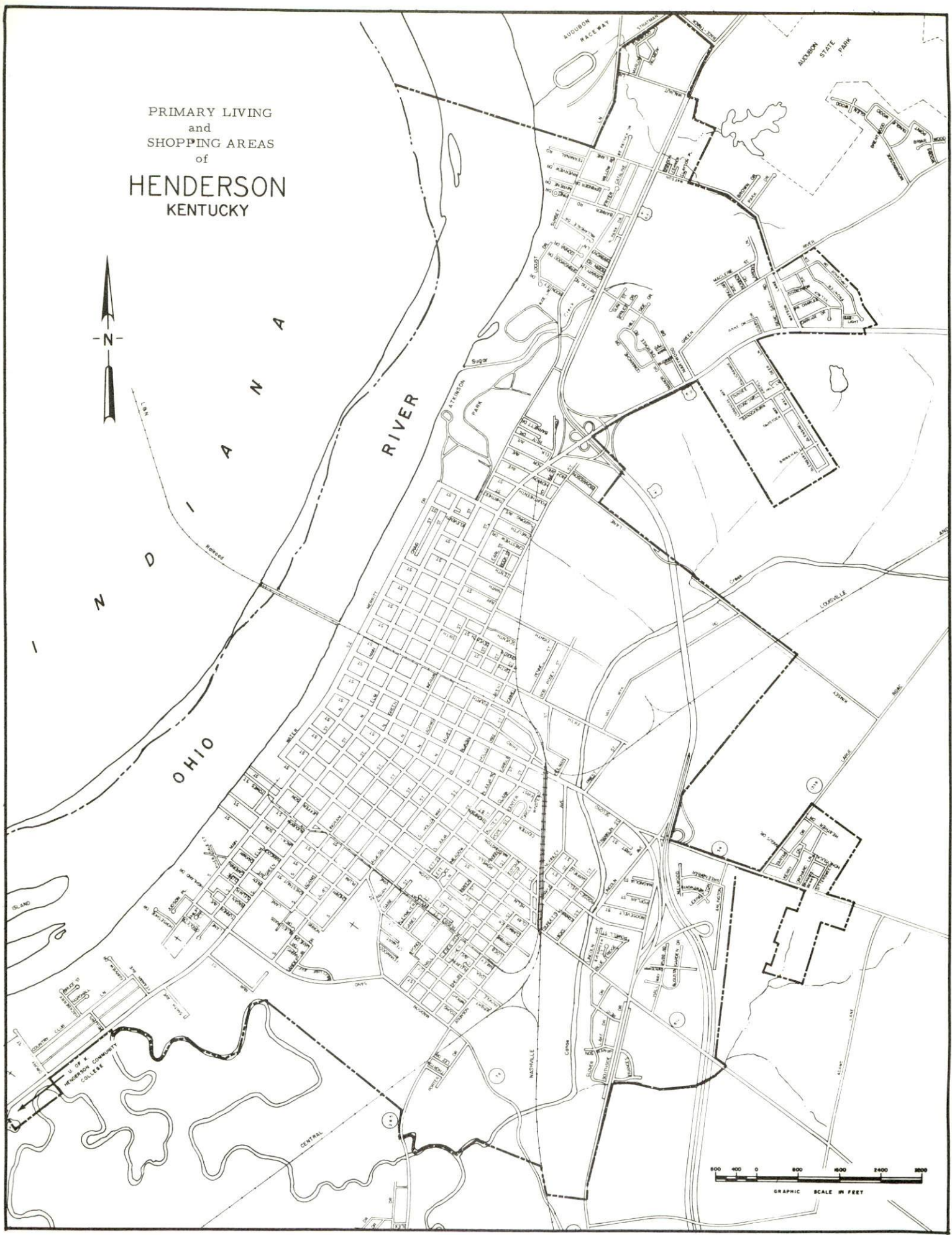


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HENDERSON, KENTUCKY, A PROFILE

Geographic Location

Henderson is located in western Kentucky on the southeast bank of the Ohio River just below the confluence with the Green River. It is the largest city in Henderson County and serves as the county seat. A striking feature of the city is its elevation on the bank of the Ohio River, 72 feet above the low watermark. This location has made possible the city's slogan, "On the Ohio but never in it." Flood waters have never reached the city. Henderson is part of the Evansville, Indiana, metropolitan area, and consequently is at the hub of a 46-county tri-state market. Henderson is 170 miles east of St. Louis, 138 miles west of Louisville, 170 miles south of Indianapolis, and 149 miles north of Nashville.

The Economy

The economy of Henderson County is balanced and prosperous. Employment totals approximately 13,180 and the major components are manufacturing (3,675), trade and services (2,835), and agriculture (1,200). Over 500 workers are employed in mineral extractions. The addition of approximately 1,000 manufacturing jobs during the 1960's has significantly strengthened the county economic base. Labor supply, available industrial sites, proximity to major industrial centers, and excellent access to consumer markets indicate additional economic growth.

Henderson is near the middle of a five-county area that provides 50,500 non-agricultural jobs. Of this employment, 29.5 percent is concentrated in manufacturing, and approximately 24.6 percent is in wholesale and retail trade. Evansville provides an additional 85,400 non-agricultural jobs, of which 39 percent is manufacturing employment.

Labor Supply

There is a current labor supply of 2,600 men and 2,700 women within reasonable commuting distance of Henderson. During the next five years, 8,300 boys and 7,700 girls in the area will become 18 years of age, augmenting this supply.

Industrial Sites and Services

Fifteen industrial sites ranging from 10 to 600 acres are now available in Henderson.

Henderson is very fortunate in the quality and variety of its transportation services. This well-developed network of transportation facilities provides Henderson with easy accessibility to large market centers, thus providing excellent outlets for industrial goods and agricultural products.

- ... Rail service is provided by the Louisville & Nashville and the Illinois Central Railroads.
- ... The Pennyrile Parkway, the Audubon Parkway, and U. S. Routes 41 and 60 serve Henderson.
- ... Trucking service in Henderson is provided by twelve firms. Thirty or more common carriers serve Evansville, twelve of which are classed as major truck lines.
- ... Commercial air service is provided at Dress Memorial Airport, 9 miles north. Local service is provided by the Henderson Airport.
- ... The Ohio River provides an excellent resource for industrial growth. Mead Johnson Terminal, Evansville, is a fully-integrated distribution center - hub of a wide marketing and distribution area.

Adequate supplies of power and fuels are available. Electric power is generated by both the Municipal Power & Light Department and Big Rivers RECC. They are interconnected in a three-state power pool. Natural gas is distributed by the Municipal Gas Department of Henderson, whose source of supply is the Texas Gas Transmission Corporation.

Recreation

A wide variety of recreation is found within easy driving distance of Henderson - sports, music, and drama.

Henderson has facilities for both spectators and participants in football, basketball, tennis, golf and bowling.

Thoroughbred racing is provided at Ellis Park, harness racing at Audubon Raceway.

The John James Audubon State Park is only 1 mile from Henderson.

Boating and fishing is enjoyed each year on the Ohio and Green Rivers.

The Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and Henderson's local choral group provide entertainment for the music lover.

Theatrical productions are presented at Henderson Community College by "The Valley Players."

THE LABOR MARKET

Population

The largest concentration of population in Henderson County is located within the corporate limits of Henderson. Population of Henderson was 16,892 in 1960. Population in 1968 reached 23,000. This increase in population is partly attributed to annexation in 1963 that more than doubled the geographic size of the city and added over 4,200 persons to the city's population. Additional job opportunities in Henderson also contributed to the city's growth.

The population of Henderson County has shown a steady growth since 1950. In 1968, the population reached 35,000. This population growth is due partly to increased industrialization.

TABLE 1

POPULATION TREND - HENDERSON AND HENDERSON COUNTY,
KENTUCKY ^{1/}

Year	Henderson		Henderson County	
	Population	% Change	Population	% Change
1900	10,272		32,907	
1950	16,837	63.9	30,715	-6.7
1960	16,892	0.3	33,519	9.1
1968	23,000 ^{2/}	36.2	35,000 ^{3/}	4.4

Employment Characteristics

During 1968, total employment in Henderson County averaged 13,180. Manufacturing, trade and services, and agricultural activities in the Henderson County area provide Henderson with a well-rounded economic base for further expansion. Employment in agricultural activities accounted for 1,200 jobs in 1968; however, the relative importance of agricultural employment within the sphere of total economic activity is decreasing. The decrease in the importance of agricultural employment is more than offset by steadily increasing activity in manufacturing and trade and services. In 1968, Henderson County provided 3,675 manufacturing jobs, representing a 41.3 percent increase for the county since 1959. Employment in trade and services in 1967 in Henderson County numbered 2,835 workers, a 23.8 percent increase since 1959.

Since 1960, twelve industries have located new plants in Henderson, providing jobs for over 700 workers. During this same period, nine existing firms announced plans to invest over \$1.6 million in plant expansions, which will eventually result in 335 new jobs.

In 1967, Henderson County was the leading county of Kentucky in oil production and nearly 500 workers were employed in mineral extractions, 82 percent of which was in petroleum and natural gas. The oil business accounts for a substantial portion of the economy.

TABLE 2
 HENDERSON MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
 THEIR PRODUCTS, AND EMPLOYMENT ^{4/}

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total
American Chrome Co., Inc.	Metal chairs, tables	27	6	33
Atlas Tack Corp.	Tacks, nails, staples	60	40	100
Barnett Bros., Inc.	Ready mixed concrete	15	1	16
Bear Brand Hosiery Co.	Women's hosiery	155	400	555
Brown's Block Company	Concrete block	7		7
CBS Dress & Sportswear Co.	Ladies' apparel	35	165	200
Chemicals Dept., Gulf Oil Corp.	Anhydrous ammonia, nitric acid, nitrogen fertilizer solutions, nylon plastics	287	13	300
Concrete Service Company	Ready mixed concrete	10		10
Cresline Plastic Pipe Co.	Plastic pipe	72	3	75
Cyanide Plastics, Inc.	Thermoplastics	43	10	53
Delker Bros. Mfg. Co.	Furniture	175	25	200
Simplex Corp.	Plastic faced part- icle board and furni- ture components	14	1	15
Dixie Lou Frocks, Inc.	Ladies' dresses	10	90	100
Eye Opener Printing Co.	Newspaper, job printing		2	2
Farmers Tankage Co.	Rendering	30		30
Gibbs Automatic Moulding Co.	Auto, appliance, com- ponent parts, plastic containers	223	93	316
Gibbs Die Casting Aluminum Corp.	Aluminum die castings	90	35	125
Gleaner and Journal Publishing Co.	Newspaper	26	12	38
Glenwood Mfg., Inc.	Wood tables	150	50	200
Globe Industrial Contractors	Steel water tanks, steel fabrication	50	4	54

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total
Gulf Oil Corp. Chemical Dept.	Fertilizer	20	4	24
H E B Corporation	Fabricated hardboard, furniture parts	12		12
Hat Ra Chemical Co.	Sodium hypochlorite bleach, ammonia	13		13
Henderson Creamery Co.	Fluid milk, ice cream mix	23	3	26
Henderson Slaughtering & Provision	Meat processing	2		2
Henderson Trim Shop	Seat covers	1	1	2
Hercules Mfg. Co.	Truck bodies	35	2	37
Jasper-American Mfg. Co.	Particle board	39	1	40
Johnston's Steel Fabrication	Steel fabrication	6		6
Katterjohn, Inc.	Skid boxes, stock and laundry carts	10	2	12
Kentucky Air Products, Inc.	Acetylene	8	2	10
Khoury Brothers, Inc.	Wood furniture	28	3	31
Kim Furniture Co., Inc.	Occasional furniture	10	5	15
Kusan, Inc.	Games, toys, plastic refrigerator, auto parts	54	131	185
Nehi RC Bottling Co., Inc.	Carbonated beverages	8	1	9
Ohio Valley Provision Co., Inc.	Meat processing	21		21
The Osborn Mfg. Co.	Industrial maintenance brushes	35	21	56
P B & S Chemical Co.	Chlorine, muriatic, nitric acids, solvents	64	11	75
Period, Inc.	Furniture for motels, hotels	100	85	185
Petty Printing Co.	Job and commercial printing	1		1
Precision Prestressed Products	Prestressed concrete products	65	2	67
Pro Sports All Mfg. Co.	Sporting goods	6	5	11
S & J Furniture Co., Inc.	Wood office furniture, recreation furniture	18	7	25
Scott Lumber, Inc.	Hardwood lumber, skids, pallets, bases	63	3	66
Sonoco Co.	Fiber containers			12
Southern States Cooperative	Agricultural chemicals	14	4	18
Technical Tape Corp. *	Gift wrappings	100	120	220
Tri State Plastic Molding Co.	Plastic housewares, packaging, zinc die casting, aluminum die casting	90	91	181

*Carrington Company purchased Technical Tape.



CRESLINE PLASTIC PIPE CO.

In the five-county Henderson labor market area, including Henderson, Daviess, McLean, Union, and Webster Counties, there were 14,910 employed in manufacturing in September 1968. Growth in employment since 1960 has been sharpest in the machinery, metal products and equipment industry (1,400 new jobs).

Since Henderson is a part of the Evansville, Indiana, metropolitan area, employment conditions in Evansville are also significant. Manufacturing employment in Evansville totaled 33,200 in 1967. Employees on non-agricultural payrolls during the same period of time totaled 85,400.

TABLE 3

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT, HENDERSON LABOR MARKET AREA
SEPTEMBER, 1968 ^{5/}

Industry	Employment
TOTAL	14,910
Metal products and machinery	6,259
Food	1,750
Lumber and furniture	1,744
Chemical, petroleum, coal and rubber	1,184
Other	3,973

Wage Levels

The 1967 average weekly wage in all industries covered by unemployment insurance in Henderson County was \$89.44, and \$89.26 for manufacturing. Comparable figures for Kentucky were: \$104.50 for all industries; \$115.08 for manufacturing. All counties in the Henderson labor market area were below the Kentucky average for manufacturing, and for all industries only Union County had a higher weekly wage than the Kentucky average.

Selected wage rates in Henderson, Kentucky:

<u>Production and Maintenance Employees</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour ^{6/}</u>		
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
Assembler	\$1.60	\$2.05	\$1.75
Carpenter (Maintenance)	2.65	3.40	
Crane Operator	2.50	3.30	2.85
Drill Press Operator	1.70	2.55	1.90
Electrician (Maintenance)	2.85	3.60	
Grinder, Machine	2.05	3.25	2.50
Inspector	1.70	2.50	1.95
Janitor	1.60	2.25	1.80
Lathe Operator	2.25	3.30	2.50
Machinist, Set Up	3.00	3.75	3.25
Machinist	2.50	3.50	2.85
Maintenance Machine	2.50	3.50	2.80
Pattern Maker	2.50	4.00	3.25
Polisher and Buffer	1.80	2.40	1.95
Production Laborer	1.60	1.95	1.80
Punch Press Operator	1.70	2.55	1.90
Shipping Clerk	1.70	2.75	2.25
Sprayer or Painter	1.70	2.65	2.00
Truck Driver	1.70	(some by mile)	
Tool, Die, or Gauge Maker	3.00	4.25	3.60
Welder, Arc	2.25	3.00	2.50
Welder, Spot	2.00	2.95	2.40
<u>Office, Clerical, and Engineering</u>			
Bookkeeper	1.90	2.50	2.10
Chief Clerk	2.00	2.75	2.40
Draftsman	2.75	5.00	3.25
File Clerk	1.60	1.95	1.75
Key Punch Operator	1.75	2.50	2.25
Receptionist	1.60	2.25	1.80
Secretary	1.60	3.25	2.10
Stenographer	1.65	3.00	2.05
Switchboard Operator	1.70	2.65	2.15
Tabulating Machine Operator	1.75	2.50	2.25
Typist	1.60	2.10	1.80

Labor Supply

There is an estimated current labor supply of 2,600 men and 2,700 women in the Henderson labor market area. The current labor supply includes the unemployed, underemployed, and persons who would enter the labor force if jobs become available. During the next five years 8,300 boys and 7,700 girls will become 18 years of age and will augment this current labor supply.

Evansville draws a large number of workers from Kentucky; however, Indiana's reciprocation to Kentucky's labor market is substantial and adds to the Henderson area labor supply.

TABLE 4

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY - HENDERSON LABOR MARKET AREA ^{7/}

County	Current Labor Supply July, 1968			Future Labor Supply by 1975 (Becoming 18 Years of Age)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market						
Area	5,300	2,600	2,700	16,039	8,312	7,727
Henderson	1,000	600	400	3,712	1,934	1,778
Daviess	1,000	700	300	8,504	4,391	4,113
McLean	1,000	400	600	876	448	428
Union	1,000	400	600	1,625	857	768
Webster	1,300	500	800	1,322	682	640

Labor Organizations

The following unions are represented in Henderson: ^{8/}

- Atlas Tack - A. F. L. C. I. O. (United Furniture Workers)
- Bear Brand Hosiery - T. W. U. A. (Textile Workers Union of America)
- Gulf Oil Corporation - I. C. W. U.
- Hercules Mfg. Co. - A. F. L. C. I. O. (Allied Independent Workers of America, Local 678)
- Osborn Mfg. Co. - U. F. W. A. (Local 237)
- Precision Prestressed - International Union of North America, Local 561
- Tri-State Castings - U. R. W.
- Tri-State Plastic - U. R. W.

Industrial Services

Industrial services, including tool and die shops, machine shops, and metal finishing firms, are provided to manufacturers in Henderson by firms located in Evansville, Indiana, and Henderson. The Kentucky Directory of Job Shops is available, upon request, from the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.

Income

The total personal income in Henderson County in 1968 was estimated at \$97,494,000. Per capita income was \$2,708, for a gain of \$1,178 during the previous nine years. ^{9/}

Retail trade establishments in Henderson County in 1963 totaled 398, with 340 of these establishments in the City of Henderson. ^{10/}

EDUCATION

The educational system in the Henderson labor market area has the facilities to produce an effective labor force for future industrial growth.

Elementary and High School

The Henderson City School District maintains one high school (grades 9-12), one junior high school (grades 7-8), and five elementary schools (grades 1-6). Special personnel includes two counselors, one remedial reading teacher, seven teachers aides, five librarians, three librarian aides, one band director, two vocal instructors, and one lunch-room supervisor. Services of a speech therapist, psychologist, and psychiatrist are available through the Green River Comprehensive Care Center. Services such as eye and ear tests, instruction in nutrition and good health habits, and films are provided through the local county health department. A variety of programs are offered at the senior high school, including vocational home economics, industrial arts, a driver training course, and advanced reading. Remedial reading is offered at both the senior and junior high schools. Course offerings presently include 58 units of course instruction. The Kentucky educational television program is now being used in one of the elementary schools.

The 1968-69 enrollment total is 3,216 students. The city school district presently employs 143 professional and 48 non-professional employees. The 1968-69 budget is estimated at \$1,515,691.

Preliminary plans have been approved for a new junior high school which will house grades 7, 8, and 9. Also in the planning stage is the construction of two elementary schools, which will provide space for a special education unit for the educable and trainable mentally retarded children.

The Henderson County School System maintains one high school and ten elementary schools. All schools have lunch rooms and facilities for recreation. Special personnel includes two special education instructors, three counselors, six remedial and developmental reading teachers, two band directors, one vocal instructor, and one librarian. Programs offered include vocational agriculture, vocational home economics, and industrial arts.

The 1968-69 enrollment total is 5,146 students. The county school system presently employs 206 full-time and 1 part-time professional employees and 106 non-professional employees. The 1968-69 budget is estimated at \$2,373,436.

A new high school building, costing approximately \$2,050,000, is almost completed and is scheduled to be in use by September 1969.

There is one parochial elementary and one parochial high school in Henderson. Educational television is being provided for the elementary school students.

TABLE 5

SCHOOLS, ENROLLMENT, NUMBER OF TEACHERS, STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN HENDERSON AND HENDERSON COUNTY, 1968-69 11/

School	Enrollment	No. of Teachers	Student-Teacher Ratio
Henderson Ind. Elementaries (Total)	1,771	63	28-1
Henderson Ind. Jr. High	579	22	26-1
Henderson Ind. High	904	39	23-1
Henderson County Elementaries (Total)	3,748	125	29-1
Henderson County High	1,413	65	21-1
Holy Name Elementary	198	10	19-1
Holy Name High	201	13	15-1

Vocational Schools

Henderson is served by the Owensboro Area Vocational-Technical School, 30 miles distant. Course offerings include appliance repair, auto body, auto mechanics, business and office education, cosmetology, drafting, electronics technician, machine shop, metallurgy, office machines repair, practical nursing, printing, welding, and woodworking.

An Extension Center of the Owensboro Vocational School has been constructed adjacent to the new county high school. This \$350,000 facility will be in use by September 1969. Courses to be offered include accounting, junior management, general clerical, secretarial-stenographic, auto mechanics, carpentry, drafting, industrial electricity, machine shop and tool and die. Equipment to be used in the business and office education program will cost approximately \$19,000. Equipping the shops for the trade and industrial programs will cost approximately \$40,320. Upgrading courses may be offered in evening extension classes for employed people when the demand is great enough.

Colleges

The Henderson Community College has been in existence since 1960. The campus consists of 98 acres located 2 1/2 miles west of the city. Enrollment of the college in 1960 was 256 students. Since that time, enrollment has more than doubled. In September 1968, the enrollment was 673. Plans are underway for the construction of a classroom building which will house the technology departments, and a student activities center.

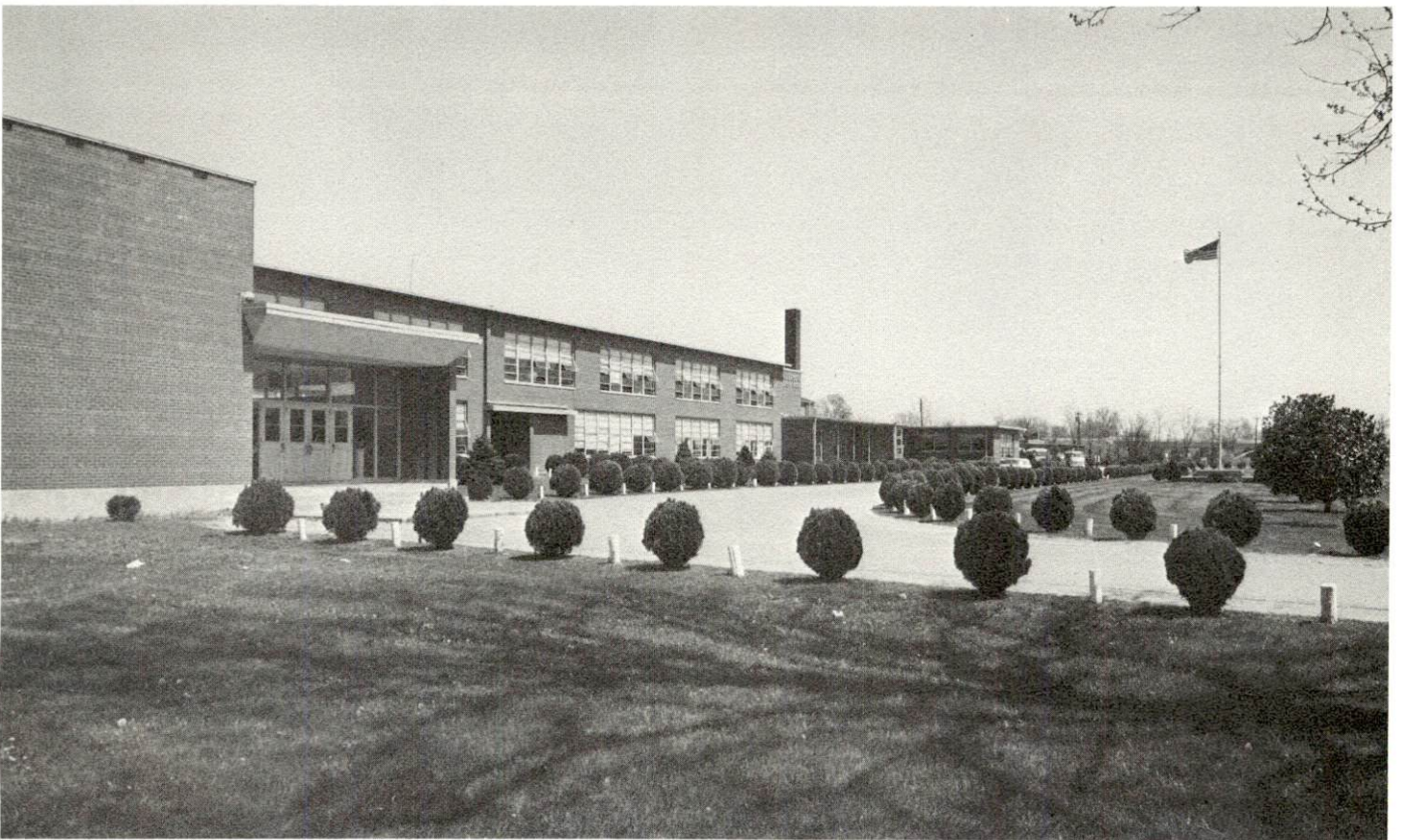
The college is an integral part of the University of Kentucky with the same standards of admission and operation.

Other institutions of higher learning in the Henderson area include:

<u>College or University</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana	9 miles
Indiana State University Evansville Campus	Evansville, Indiana	9 miles
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky	30 miles
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky	30 miles
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville, Kentucky	40 miles



HENDERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



HENDERSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad serves Henderson with twenty-two freights and two passenger trains daily. Siding space is available for 50 cars. The volume of inbound freight averages 313 carloads per month; outbound freight averages 249 carloads per month.

The Illinois Central Railroad serves Henderson with two freights daily, except Sunday. Siding space can accommodate 40 cars. Inbound carloads average 125 per month; outbound carloads average 300 per month.

REA Express pickup and delivery service is available Monday through Friday.

TABLE 6

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM HENDERSON, KENTUCKY, TO: <u>12/</u>			
City	No. of Days CL	City	No. of Days CL
Atlanta, Ga.	2	Louisville, Ky.	1
Birmingham, Ala.	3	Los Angeles, Calif.	5
Chicago, Ill.	2	Nashville, Tenn.	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	New Orleans, La.	4
Cleveland, Ohio	3	New York, N. Y.	4
Detroit, Mich.	4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Knoxville, Tenn.	2	St. Louis, Mo.	1

Highways

Highway access to Henderson is by U. S. Routes 41, 41-A, and 60 and Kentucky Routes 54, 268, and 812. The Henderson-Evansville highway has been widened to four lanes, with dual bridges across the Ohio River, and six lanes from the river to the bypass around the city.

The Pennyrile Parkway, a 56.6-mile toll road stretching from Hopkinsville to Henderson, will be completed in early 1969. The Pennyrile Parkway will intersect with the Western Kentucky Parkway 48 miles south of Henderson.

The Audubon Parkway, a four-lane, 23.4-mile toll facility, will stretch between Henderson and Owensboro and will tie these two cities into Kentucky's Interstate-Parkway complex. This Parkway will connect with the Pennyryle Parkway approximately 1 mile southeast of Henderson and with the Owensboro Beltline west of Owensboro. Construction will begin at Henderson early in 1969 with completion in 1970.

Truck Service: The following trucking firms serve Henderson:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
A & H Truck Line, Inc.	Evansville, Indiana
Chandley Cartage Co.	Henderson, Kentucky
Clairmont Transfer Co.	Escanaba, Michigan
D-C International, Inc.	Denver, Colorado
Hancock-Trucking, Inc. (Hennis)	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Interstate Motor Freight System	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Arnold Ligon Truck Line, Inc., (Ellis)	Indianapolis, Indiana
McLean Trucking Co.	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Meade Transport, Inc.	Owensboro, Kentucky
Motor Freight Corporation	Terre Haute, Indiana
T. I. M. E. Freight, Inc.	Lubbock, Texas

United Parcel Service provides Henderson with pickup and delivery service. The Illinois Central Railroad provides trucking service for Illinois Central Railroad freight only.

TABLE 7

HIGHWAY MILEAGE AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME FROM HENDERSON,
KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time ^{13/} TL	City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	420	2nd a. m.	Louisville, Ky.	138	Overnight
Birmingham, Ala.	375	2nd a. m.	Los Angeles, Calif.	1,970	4th a. m.
Chicago, Ill.	308	Overnight	Nashville, Tenn.	150	2nd a. m.
Cincinnati, Ohio	245	Overnight	New Orleans, La.	680	2nd a. m.
Cleveland, Ohio	489	2nd a. m.	New York, N. Y.	891	3rd a. m.
Detroit, Mich.	444	2nd a. m.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	520	2nd a. m.
Knoxville, Tenn.	341	2nd a. m.	St. Louis, Mo.	170	Overnight

Air

Henderson is served by Dress Memorial Airport, located at Evansville, Indiana, 9 miles north. Commercial service is available from Delta, Eastern, and Allegheny Airlines, with seventeen scheduled departures daily. The airport has three paved runways - 3,502 by 100 feet; 5,084 by 150 feet; and 8,027 by 150 feet. Services provided include insurance, car rental, fixed base operators, parking, and weather bureau.

The Henderson Airport, located approximately 5 miles southwest of Henderson, has a paved 3,800 by 75-foot runway and a turf 1,900 by 150-foot runway. Lighting facilities consist of runway lights and rotating beacon. Services provided include 80 and 100 octane, charter, flight training, tie down and taxi, and hangar.

Water

Henderson is strategically located on the banks of the Ohio River near the junction of the Green and Ohio Rivers. The Green River has a nine-foot channel providing navigation for a distance of 103 miles. The Ohio River has a nine-foot depth navigation for its entire length and a minimum channel width of 300 feet.

Mead Johnson Terminal, Evansville, provides complete and unexcelled facilities - a modern, fully-integrated, river-rail-truck terminal and public warehouse, bulk terminals and open-yard storage - providing efficient and economical distribution of commodities of every description. The terminal is served by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad with reciprocal switching with other rail lines.

Common carrier barge lines utilizing facilities of the terminal include American Commercial Barge Line Company, Mississippi Valley Barge Line Company, Ohio Barge Line, Inc., The Ohio River Company, and Union Barge Line Corporation. More than 2,000 feet of river frontage provides ample properties for terminating of dry and liquid bulk cargoes.

Other Transportation Services

The City of Henderson operates a city bus service. Serving three regular routes, the bus service maintains four buses and operates only within the city limits. Service is provided Monday through Saturday. Operating hours are from 6:30 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

The Southern Greyhound Bus Lines serves Henderson with 25 buses daily. The Evansville and Ohio Valley Bus Lines serves the city with 7 buses daily.

Two taxi companies operate in Henderson. Twenty-four hour service is provided.

Several car rental agencies are located in Evansville, Indiana, 9 miles distant.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Electricity is supplied to approximately 9,000 customers in the Henderson vicinity by the Municipal Power & Light Department of Henderson. The Department's steam generating plant has a capacity of 50,000 KW, with a maximum demand of 32,500 KW during 1968. To protect against a power interruption, the Department has established an interconnection with Big Rivers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, and both are members of a three-state power pool. Rates for industry will be furnished by the Municipal Power & Light Department, Henderson, Kentucky, or the Henderson-Henderson County Chamber of Commerce.

The Henderson-Union Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation serves 3,642 customers in Henderson County. The Cooperative's source of supply is Big Rivers RECC.

Big Rivers RECC has electric power generating stations located in Henderson County on the Green River and in Hancock County on the Ohio River. Big Rivers has a transmission system containing more than 700 miles of high voltage transmission lines which cover thirteen western Kentucky counties. The Hancock County station, with a capability of 480,000 KW, is under construction. The first phase will be on the line in Summer of 1969. The Company wholesales power to the Henderson-Union RECC, Green Rivers RECC, and Meade County RECC. Information on rates and services may be obtained from Big Rivers RECC, Henderson, Kentucky; the Henderson-Henderson County Chamber of Commerce; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Natural Gas

Natural gas is supplied to approximately 7,400 customers in the Henderson vicinity by the Municipal Gas Department of Henderson. Their source of supply is the Texas Gas Transmission Corporation. An 8-inch high pressure transmission line, minimum 150 psi, supplies gas for the distribution system in Henderson. The Municipal Gas Department maintains approximately 150 miles of distribution mains ranging from 2 to 10 inches, with pressure from 8 ounces low to 100 psi high. The specific gravity of the natural gas is .6 and the BTU content is 1,000.

Current rates are as follows:

Residential Rates

First	1,000 cu. ft. or less per month	\$1.50 (Minimum)
Next	1,000 cu. ft. per month	1.30 per M cu. ft.
Next	2,000 cu. ft. per month	1.10 per M cu. ft.
Next	2,000 cu. ft. per month	.90 per M cu. ft.
Next	24,000 cu. ft. per month	.60 per M cu. ft.
Excess of	30,000 cu. ft. per month	.55 per M cu. ft.

Firm Commercial and Industrial Rates

First	1,000 cu. ft. or less per month	\$2.50 (Minimum)
Next	2,000 cu. ft. per month	1.38 per M cu. ft.
Next	3,000 cu. ft. per month	1.13 per M cu. ft.
Next	44,000 cu. ft. per month	.75 per M cu. ft.
Excess of	50,000 cu. ft. per month	.70 per M cu. ft.

The Western Kentucky Gas Company maintains a regulation station approximately 3 miles southwest of Henderson. The Company is now serving approximately 60 customers outside the city limits.

Coal

Henderson is served by the Western Kentucky Coal Field. A representative delivery cost for coal can be determined below. 14/

<u>Point of Origin</u>	<u>Type of Coal</u>	<u>Freight Delivery Cost Per Ton</u>
Western Kentucky District	Industrial and Domestic	\$1.37

Fuel Oil

Kentucky has three fuel oil refineries located in Catlettsburg, Louisville, and Somerset. Kentucky's fuel supply is supplemented by border state operations.

Delivery prices of the various grades may be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

The Municipal Water Department, serving 6,629 metered customers in Henderson, receives its supply of raw water from the Ohio River. Complete treatment is provided through the new rapid sand filter plant, which has a daily capacity of 6,000,000 gallons. Daily use ranges from 3,200,000 to 4,000,000 gallons; peak daily use has been 5,000,000 gallons. Pumping capacity is 4,200 gpm. Water is distributed at pressure of 45 to 50 psi through mains ranging from 4 to 25 inches.

Storage facilities for treated water consist of a 4,500,000-gallon steel tank and a 1,200,000-gallon clear well. A 500,000-gallon elevated storage tank has just been constructed north of Henderson, and another 500,000-gallon tank is under construction south of the city.

Current rates are as follows:

	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Per 100 Cubic Feet</u>
First	400	\$.65
Next	600	.55
Next	1,500	.50
Next	2,500	.45
Next	5,000	.40
Next	20,000	.20
Next	100,000	.15
All over	130,000	.12
Monthly minimum bill on	3/4-inch meter	\$ 4.02
	1-inch meter	5.19
	1 1/4-inch meter	6.49
	1 1/2-inch meter	7.79
	2-inch meter	19.47

The Henderson County Water District purchases water from Henderson's Municipal Water Department. The Water District is presently serving 1,200 customers. Storage facilities consist of six tanks with a total capacity of 840,000 gallons. The Water District maintains 106 miles of 4-, 6-, 8-, and 10-inch mains throughout the county. Mains within the communities served by the Water District are two inches.

Sewerage

The municipal sewerage system, with a design capacity of 7,200,000 gallons per day and a design population of 31,000, serves approximately 98 percent of the city. The treatment plant was placed into operation in 1956. All recent developments are served by separate storm and sanitary sewers, but older sections of the city have combined sewers. Monthly sewerage rate is 50 percent of the water bill.

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture

The approximate total land area of Henderson County is 277, 120 acres, with 87.2 percent of the area devoted to farm land. In 1964, there were 1, 135 farms in the county with an average farm size of 213 acres.

Farm income in the county is largely from the production of tobacco, corn, and soybeans, supplemented substantially by hogs and cattle. The 1964 value of sales of all farm products totaled \$10, 326, 838, averaging \$9, 100 per farm. Crop sales totaled \$5, 948, 090; livestock and livestock products totaled \$4, 378, 748.

In 1966, agricultural production in Henderson County included 729, 000 pounds of burley tobacco, 1.04 million pounds of dark air-cured tobacco, 3.6 million bushels of corn, and 910, 000 bushels of soybeans. Livestock on farms on January 1, 1967, included 32, 000 cattle and calves and 50, 300 hogs and pigs. Milk cows on farms during 1965 averaged 400 head, with milk production for the year totaling 1.96 million pounds.

Mineral Resources

The principal mineral resources of Henderson County consist of petroleum and coal. Henderson County ranked No. 1 in 1967 in Kentucky oil production with 2, 653, 141 barrels, closely followed by (adjoining) Union County with 2, 443, 616 barrels. Other minerals of importance include sand and gravel and clay. Some natural gas is secured in conjunction with oil production.

Many distinct oil productive zones are recognized ranging from Pennsylvanian to Mississippian in age. The principal producing formations are in the Chester and Meramec series which occur at depths ranging between 1, 500 and 2, 900 feet.

Coal plays a much lesser role than oil; however, commercial coal is produced and available. Henderson County ranked 22nd in the state in 1967 coal production.

Water Resources

The largest supply of surface water in Henderson County is from the Ohio and Green Rivers. Small streams in the county offer possibilities for local impoundments.

The Ohio River provides Henderson County with abundant ground water for both industrial and domestic uses. Single vertical wells are capable of 1,500 gpm. Wells away from the alluvial valley rates grade downward toward 100 gpm.

Forests

There are 60,800 acres of commercial forest land in Henderson County, covering 21.6 percent of the total land area. The most abundant species are red oaks, white oaks, hickories, sweetgum, hard maple, ash, and soft maple.

In Kentucky, within a 50-mile radius of Henderson, there are more than 750 thousand acres of commercial forest land. In 1962, 75 million board feet of timber were harvested from this area. Forests of the entire area receive organized protection from fire from the State Department of Natural Resources.

Climate

Climatic data for Henderson and Henderson County is shown below:

TABLE 8

CLIMATIC DATA FOR HENDERSON, HENDERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Month	Temp. Norm.* Deg. Fahrenheit	Total Prec. Norm.* Inches	Av. Relative Humidity Readings **	
			6 A. M.	6 P. M. (CST)
January	38.1	5.01	79	68
February	38.6	3.51	76	61
March	46.1	5.13	79	61
April	57.2	4.49	74	54
May	66.2	4.23	80	56
June	75.4	3.79	84	57
July	78.6	3.40	86	59
August	77.2	3.40	87	58
September	70.7	2.98	90	65
October	60.0	2.80	82	60
November	46.6	3.49	78	67
December	37.7	3.59	77	70
Annual Norm.	57.5	45.82		

*Station Location: Kentucky, 1968. **Station Location: Evansville, Indiana, 1968. Length of Record: 6 A. M. and 6 P. M. readings 7 years.

Days cloudy or clear: (28 years of record) 103 clear, 101 partly cloudy,
161 cloudy

Percent of possible sunshine: (28 years of record) 63

Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or over: (28 years of record) 114

Days with 1.0 inch or more snow, sleet, hail: (28 years of record) 4

Days with thunderstorms: (28 years of record) 47

Days with heavy fog: (28 years of record) 14

Prevailing wind: (14 years of record) South Southwest

Seasonal heating-degree days: (29 years of record) Approximate long-
term means 4,435 degree days. 15/

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Henderson, a third-class city and county seat, is governed by a city manager form of government. The governing body consists of a mayor elected for a four-year term and four commissioners elected for two-year terms, with administration by the city manager.

Henderson County is governed by a fiscal court composed of a county judge and eight magistrates. All are elected for four-year terms. The county was reapportioned this year according to population shift, and beginning in 1970 will have only five districts.

Finance

Henderson's general fund income and the Municipal Gas Department's income totaled \$4,456,760 for the twelve months ending May 31, 1968. Expenditures for the same period totaled \$3,555,448. Bonded indebtedness of the city is \$200,000 for a Refunding Bond Issue and \$1,935,000 in industrial bonds. As of November 1, 1968, school district bonds outstanding totaled \$1,471,000.

Henderson County's estimated budget for the fiscal year 1968-69 is \$469,189. Bonded indebtedness as of June 30, 1968, was \$369,000 (Public Courthouse) and \$1,700,000 (Public Hospital Corporation). As of September 1, 1968, county school bonds outstanding totaled \$5,935,386.

Taxes

Property taxes are a major source of income for Henderson and Henderson County. Property must be assessed at 100 percent of value under provisions of the Kentucky Constitution. Net assessed value of property in these jurisdictions is as follows:

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Henderson, 1968</u>	<u>Henderson County, 1968-69</u>
Real Estate	\$80,094,230	\$169,311,650
Tangibles	20,435,960	30,768,515
Public Service	6,978,971*	19,389,204

*Estimated 1968-69.

Property tax rates for Henderson and Henderson County are shown below:

TABLE 9

PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE FOR
HENDERSON AND HENDERSON COUNTY, 1968 16/

Taxing Unit	Henderson	Henderson County
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.137	.137
School	.757	.646
City	.536	
Total	\$1.445	\$.798

The City of Henderson requires a business license ranging from \$5 to \$520 annually, depending upon the type of business. The city also requires a \$10 wheel tax license annually on trucks and cars.

Henderson is empowered by state law to allow a five-year tax exemption from municipal taxation for new industry.

Planning and Zoning

Planning and zoning in Henderson is administered by a full-time planning director.

Studies completed since 1966 include a Land Use Plan, Community Facilities Plan, Major Street Plan, Central Business District Study, Public Improvements Program and Capital Improvements Budget, and Revision of Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.

Studies in process and scheduled for completion prior to April, 1969, include Street Naming and Property Numbering, Open Space Study, Water and Sewer Plan, General Plan, and Education Program.

Henderson enforces housing, building, electrical and plumbing codes, and a Workable Program for Community Improvement is current. In 1966, 130 units were added to the public housing project, raising the number of low-rent public housing units to 330. Cost of the addition was approximately \$1,500,000. An application for 100 units for the elderly was approved in September 1968.



HENDERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Safety

Fire: Henderson has a Class-6 American Insurance Association fire rating. The Henderson Fire Department employs 44 full-time men and maintains 3 fire stations. Motorized equipment consists of two 1,000-gpm pumper trucks, two 500-gpm pumper trucks, two 750-gpm pumper trucks, and a 1953 Chevrolet panel truck which carries miscellaneous rescue equipment. Other equipment consists of 2,800 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose on the trucks, 680 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose on racks, and 400 feet of 1 1/2-inch leader line. An Army Duck, which is maintained by the Civil Defense Department, is available to the fire department.

Purchase of a new 1,000-gpm fully-equipped pumper is being considered by the city.

Civil Defense: The Henderson County Civil Defense Unit maintains six stations located in Henderson County. Four of the stations are equipped with two pumper trucks and one tank truck. Two of the stations are equipped with one pumper truck and one tank truck. Additional equipment consists of an Army Duck. Approximately thirty volunteer workers man each station.

Police: The Henderson Police Department is staffed by 1 chief, 3 majors, 3 lieutenants, 3 sergeants, 22 full-time patrolmen, 2 detectives, 1 identification officer, 4 radio operators, 4 meter maids, 5 school crossing guards, 1 clerk-typist and 1 clerk-stenographer. Provisions have been made in the budget which will allow the department to hire two additional patrolmen. On October 31, 1968, working hours for the policemen were reduced from 48 to 40 hours per week. Motorized equipment includes nine patrol cars and a patrol wagon, all equipped with two-way radios.

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office is staffed by the county sheriff, a court deputy, four field deputies, and two office deputies. Motorized equipment utilized consists of three privately owned cars, one of which is marked.

The Kentucky State Police Post No. 16 is located in Henderson and serves a six-county area. The post is staffed by 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 5 radio operators, 1 detective, and 21 troopers.

Sanitation

The city provides garbage collection service six times per week in the business area and once weekly in the residential areas. The fee for collection in the residential areas is \$1.50 per month. Business rates are based on the volume of collection and range from \$2.50 to \$17.50 per month. Disposal is by the land fill method. The city recently purchased 96 acres of land which will serve as the site for a new land fill.



HENDERSON CITY POLICE

HEALTH

Hospitals

The Methodist Hospital, located in Henderson, is a short-term, acute care, fully-accredited, general hospital. The new \$4 million facility is staffed by 26 physicians, 34 consulting physicians, 46 registered nurses, and 17 practical nurses. The hospital is equipped with 163 beds, 16 bassinets, X-ray facilities, three operating rooms, and intensive care equipment. A coffee shop and gift shop are maintained by the Volunteer Services Department. The hospital is affiliated with the Henderson Community College School of Nursing in a program of training X-ray and laboratory technicians.

An addition to the hospital is now under construction with completion expected in October 1969. The total bed capacity will be 226, plus a 16-bed nursery.

Presently, in the planning stage is a physical therapy department.

Nursing Homes

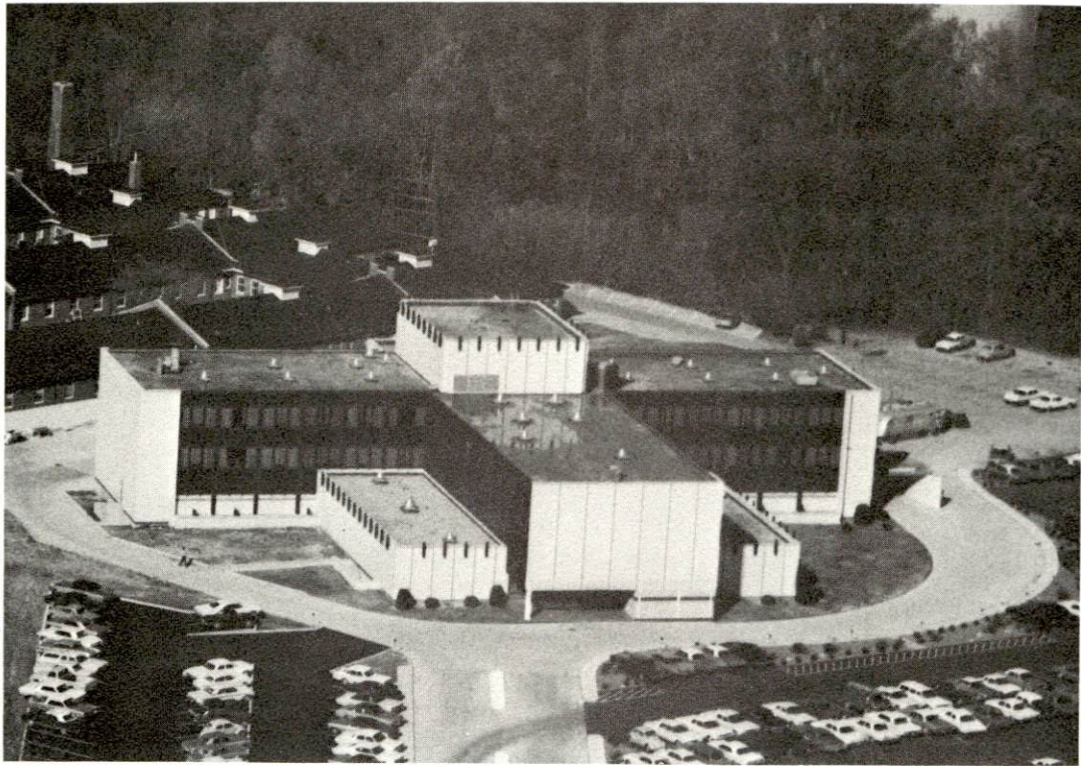
The Henderson Rest Home, with 64 beds, and the Walker Rest Home, with 28 beds, serve Henderson.

The Henderson Nursing Center, now under construction, will have a 58-bed capacity.

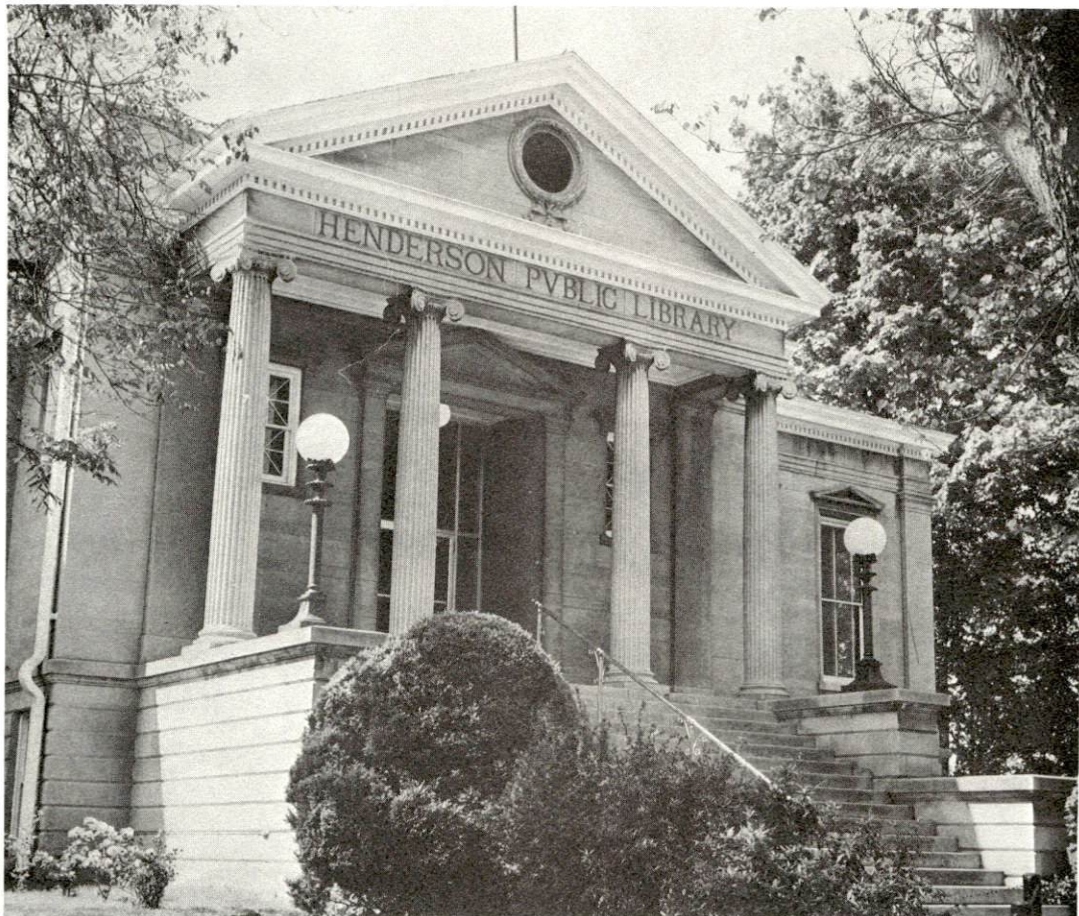
An extended medical care professional building will be constructed soon in Henderson's downtown district. The \$750,000 ultra-modern facility will include a 120-bed section for extending nursing care and five floors of offices for medical professional practices. A staff of approximately 60 persons will be housed in the new complex.

Public Health

Henderson and Henderson County are served by the Henderson County Health Department. The staff includes one health officer, one administrative assistant, one health educator, two sanitarians, four nurses, two clerks, and one auxiliary worker. Programs are broken down into six categories: maternal and child health, school health, chronic disease control, communicable disease control, environmental sanitation, and vital statistics. The 1968-69 budget is \$91,606.



METHODIST HOSPITAL



HENDERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Housing

Rental housing in Henderson is limited, but a few furnished efficiency apartments are available for approximately \$80 per month; unfurnished one-bedroom apartments rent for \$100 per month, two-bedroom apartments for \$125 per month, and three-bedroom apartments for \$150 per month. Several houses are available for sale. Cost of a three-bedroom brick veneer house with 1 1/2-baths and full concrete block basement ranges from \$17,000 to \$21,000. The same type house without basement ranges from \$15,500 to \$19,500. These price ranges do not include lot costs and location would be a prime factor in determining the sale price.

Five subdivisions have been completely developed and all lots have been sold. Ten other subdivisions are now being developed and building lots are available.

Communication

Telephone: The South Central Bell Telephone Company serves Henderson and Henderson County with a dial telephone system. There are four exchanges in the county. The company has 10,159 subscribers in Henderson County, with 9,078 subscribers in the City of Henderson. There are presently 15,597 telephones in service in the county, with 13,817 telephones in service in the Henderson exchange.

South Central Bell is planning a completely new system for Henderson. Construction of a new building is to begin in January 1969. Cost of construction and new equipment will be approximately \$7 million. The new system is expected to be put into service in 1970. Direct distance dialing will then be available to all of Henderson and Union Counties and touch tone telephone service will be provided in the Henderson exchange.

Telegraph: Western Union maintains an office in the Southern Greyhound Bus Station. Service is provided Monday through Friday from 6:00 to 8:30 p. m. , on Saturdays from 5:00 to 8:30 p. m. , and on Sundays from 6:30 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p. m.

Postal: Henderson has a first-class post office manned by 54 employees. Mail is dispatched and received 18 times daily. The post office serves 16 city routes and 4 rural routes. Postal receipts for 1967-68 totaled \$384,490.

Newspapers: The Gleaner-Journal, a daily except Monday, serves Henderson and the surrounding area. Daily circulation is 9,500; circulation on Sunday is 10,200.

Other newspapers received daily include the Western Kentucky edition of the Evansville Courier and Press and the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Radio: Henderson's local radio station is WSON, which broadcasts on 860 kilocycles at a power of 500 watts. Stations located in Evansville, Indiana, are received clearly.

Television: Television reception is from WEHT-TV, located in Henderson, and two stations located in Evansville, Indiana, offering all three major networks.

Libraries

The Henderson Public Library contains 51,013 volumes and serves 19,358 borrowers. The library receives 160 periodicals and 7 newspapers. In addition to books, the library circulates recordings, framed paintings, and athletic equipment. A bookmobile, which carries 25,000 volumes, serves the county. The combined 1967-68 circulation of the library and bookmobile was 195,376 volumes. The library is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:30 a. m. to 8:30 p. m., and on Saturday from 9:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Churches

Denominations represented in Henderson include: Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Episcopal, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Lutheran, Methodist, Nazarene, and Presbyterian.

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Statement as of June 29, 1968</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Farmers Bank & Trust Co.	\$11,724,407.39	\$10,540,288.10
Ohio Valley National Bank	16,111,288.93	14,611,346.84
First National Bank	14,698,432.99	13,578,181.07
Henderson County State Bank (Corydon)	3,059,762.47	2,751,747.86
<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>
Union Federal Savings & Loan Association	\$67,880,433.92	\$61,389,625.35
Henderson Building & Loan Association	6,458,944.23	5,754,188.51



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HENDERSON

Clubs and Organizations

There are approximately 95 clubs and organizations represented in Henderson.

Hotels and Motels

One hotel and seven motels located in Henderson provide over 380 rooms. Excellent accommodations are also available in Evansville, Indiana, 9 miles distant.

Recreation

Local: The Henderson Park Commission maintains four city parks which cover a total of 137 acres.

Henderson, a sports minded community, has more than adequate facilities for both spectators and participants in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, golf, and bowling.

There are public pools at Atkinson Park, W. C. Handy Pool, Polk Swimming Pool, the YMCA, a private pool at the Henderson Golf and Country Club, and a public swimming beach at Audubon State Park.

Boating on the Ohio and Green Rivers is enjoyed on a large scale by about 12,000 people. More than 3,000 boat licenses are issued each year.

The Henderson Community College has organized a local theater group, "The Valley Players." Each year a series of theatrical productions are presented. The music lover has numerous opportunities to attend concerts presented by the local choral group of Henderson and the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra. Nationally known artists are also presented each year through programs sponsored by these groups and the college and universities.

The Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences maintains a permanent collection of art works, history and science with representative objects from various epochs in history.

Mesker Zoo, Evansville, is one of the most modern in the country.

Horse lovers can delight in the enjoyment provided by the "Sport of Kings." Ellis Park, 5 miles north of Henderson, features thoroughbred racing 38 days of the year. Harness racing fans can enjoy 42 nights of trotting and pacing each summer at Audubon Raceway, 2 miles north of Henderson.

Located one mile from Henderson on U. S. Highway 41 is the 590-acre John James Audubon State Park. This was the setting where the great naturalist, John James Audubon, gathered material for his paintings of The Birds of America. The park museum contains the country's largest and finest public collection of Audubon prints.

Area: Area recreation offers Pennyrile Forest State Park, Dawson Springs. This 15,000-acre forest is the region's prime camping area. Lake Malone State Park, Greenville, has an 826-acre lake, swimming, beach, boat rental, docks, launching ramp, fishing, hiking, picnic shelter, and playground.

Lake Barkley State Park, Cadiz, will be Kentucky's largest public recreational facility - an \$8 million complex.

Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Gilbertsville, is a resort-type park on Kentucky Lake containing 1,200 acres, Village Inn, lodges, cottages, camping facilities, dining room, coffee shop, beach, 18-hole golf course, horseback riding, fishing boat and ski boat rental, docks, and lake cruises.

Community Improvements

Public: New \$130,000 public works building - new \$5 million generating unit at Municipal Light & Power Plant - \$1.5 million expansion of water and sewer distribution system - land purchased for new land fill site - proposed city building - proposed central fire station - proposed 100-unit housing project for elderly - proposed facility for YMCA - proposed purchase of new pumper truck - \$94,000 Fun & Recreation Center under construction - \$200,000 convalescent home under construction - 38-unit, \$500,000 rent supplement housing project under construction - \$350,000 vocational school under construction - proposed junior high school and two elementary schools - \$2,050,000 high school under construction - new hospital - new medical care - professional building planned - new telephone system.

Business and Industrial: New plant, Sonoco Products Company - expansion, Bear Branch Hosiery Company - expansion, Gibbs Die Casting Aluminum Corporation - new plant, Cresline Plastic Pipe Company - expansion, Tri-State Machine & Tool Company - new plant, Simplex Paper Corporation - expansion, Cresline Plastic Pipe Company - Carrington Company purchased Technical Tape Corporation.



AUDUBON STATE PARK



ELLIS PARK

HISTORY

Historic Henderson, home of four Kentucky Governors and two Lieutenant Governors, occupies part of a vast 200,000-acre land grant deeded to the Richard Henderson Land Company. General Samuel Hopkins laid out the city back in the eighteenth century. This land had been given as a grant by the government of Virginia in recognition of the \$50,000 earlier paid by the original land company to the Overhill Cherokee Indians in open treaty.

This area, originally known as the great hunting and fishing mecca of American Indians, was first seen by a group of white men including Thomas Walker and Daniel Boone, who found their way into Kentucky through Cumberland Gap.

It was Boone who reported to Colonel Henderson and his associates that this was virgin timberland, criss-crossed with navigable streams, leading to the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, with excellent land for tobacco growing and access to foreign markets via New Orleans.

By the time of the survey, a group of settlers, mostly Pennsylvania-Dutch, had already established themselves as squatters. When the heirs of the Transylvania Company and their friends settled on the grant, these earlier settlers joined them in establishing the village named for the head of the company, Henderson.

The original survey of Henderson provided twelve streets above a central avenue and twelve streets below with central public square and municipal park, the first west of the Alleghenies. While Water Street along the river was designated to be 200 feet wide, all others were 100 feet wide with 10-foot alleys. Through erosion Water Street has been narrowed but most of the downtown streets and alleys retain their original width.

Henderson was incorporated as a town in 1810, with a population of 183. The first private school, Henderson Academy, was established in 1813. The first bank opened for business in 1818 and the first regular established church (Old Union Church) was founded in 1825. The first Henderson County Courthouse was erected in 1814 and was replaced in 1842 and again in 1965. Henderson reached the status of a city in 1867 and in 1922 a commission form of government was adopted. This was replaced by the present city manager form in 1966.

Henderson was originally an agricultural center, shipping direct to Europe from riverboat. Henderson later became an industrial leader in manufacture of buggies and wagons.

Henderson's wooded hills and lush vegetation once attracted the naturalist, John James Audubon, who operated a mill on the river front just a block from the center of the present business district, where Main and Second Streets cross. Thousands of people annually come to see the Audubon State Park and Museum.

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