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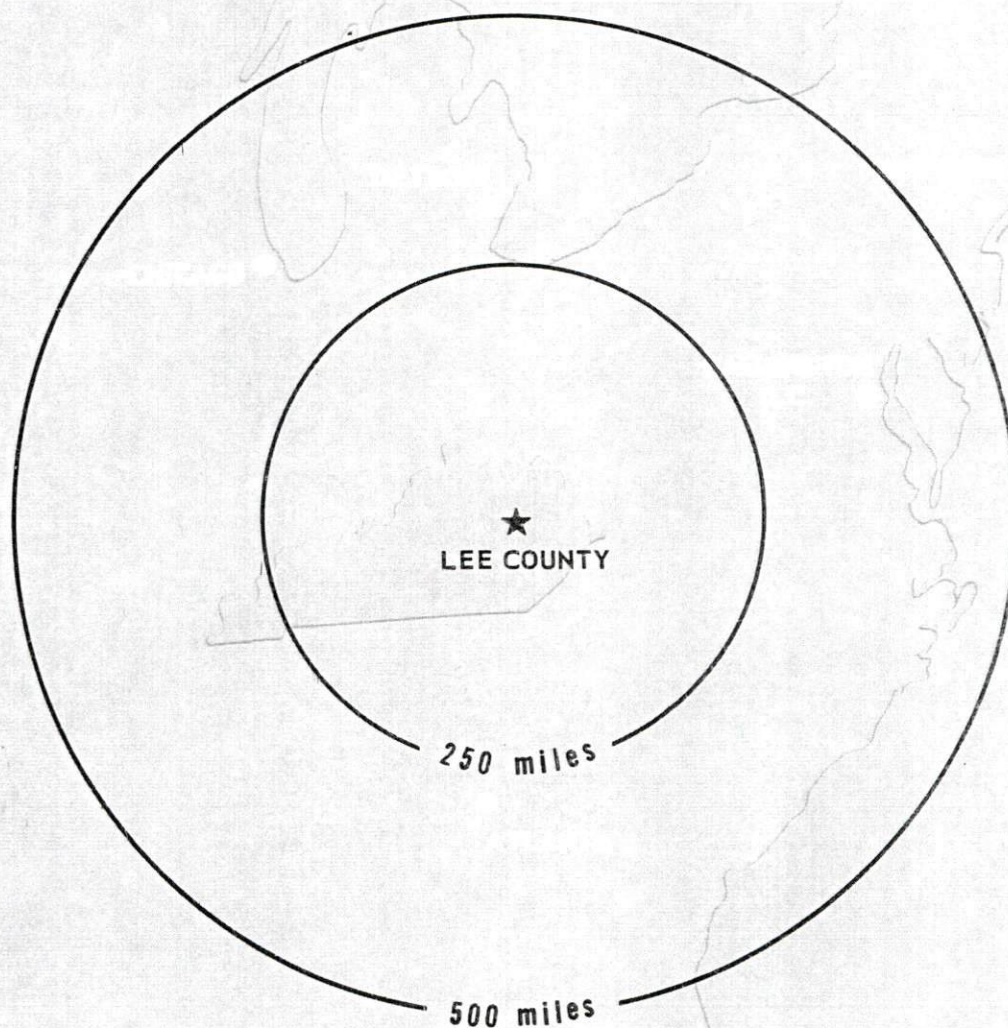
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BEATTYVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITES

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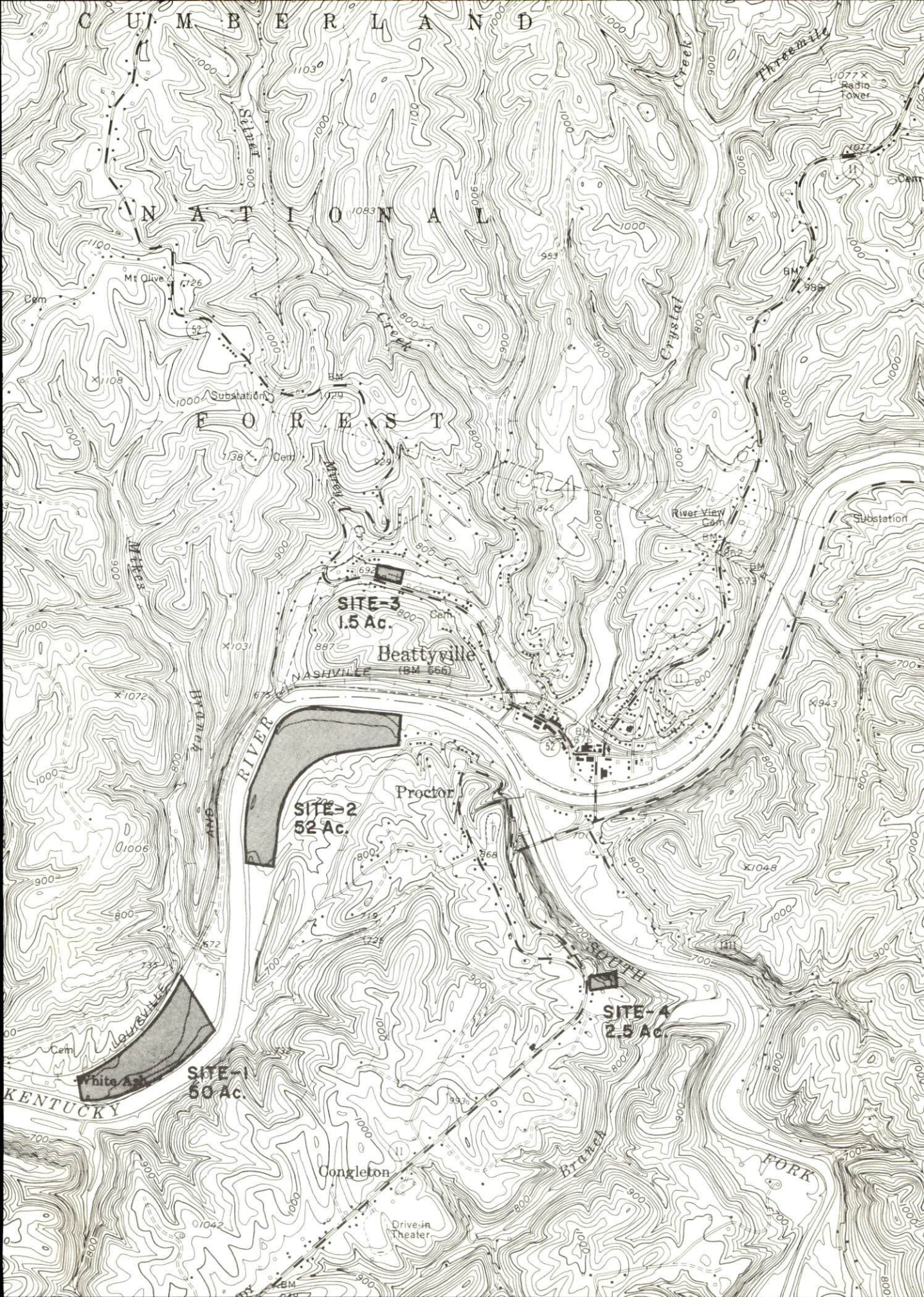
SITE # 1: ACREAGE: 50 acres
LOCATION: 7 miles southwest of the Beattyville city limits
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Road (partly paved, partly gravel) extends from Kentucky 52 to site.
RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad borders site on the north.
WATER: Beattyville Water Works
SIZE LINE: 4-inch line 6,200 feet away along Kentucky 52
GAS: Natural gas is presently not available in Beattyville.
ELECTRICITY: Jackson County RECC
SEWERAGE: Beattyville Water Works
OPTIONED BY: Beattyville Industrial Foundation

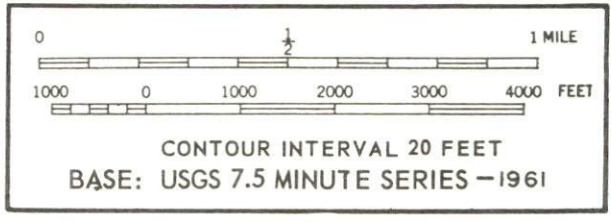
SITE # 2: ACREAGE: 52 acres
LOCATION: 1 mile southwest of Beattyville city limits.
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: A paved access road extends from site to Kentucky 11.
RAILROADS: Not rail served; Louisville & Nashville Railroad is located 500 feet to the north across the Kentucky River.
WATER: Southside Water District
SIZE LINE: 4-inch line 100 yards east of site along Kentucky 11.
GAS: Natural gas is presently not available in Beattyville.
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant would be necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE # 3: ACREAGE: 1.5 acres
LOCATION: Within western city limits of Beattyville.
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Fronts on Kentucky 52
RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad spur extends near northeast boundary of site.
WATER: Beattyville Water Works
SIZE LINE: 4-inch line 250 feet across Kentucky 52
GAS: Natural gas is presently not available in Beattyville.
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
OWNERSHIP: Lee County

SITE # 4: ACREAGE: 2.5 acres
LOCATION: 1 mile south of Proctor
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Fronts on Kentucky 11
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Southside Water District
SIZE LINE: 6-inch line 200 feet across Kentucky 11
GAS: Natural gas is presently not available in Beattyville.
ELECTRICITY: Jackson County RECC
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE # 5: ACREAGE: 100 acres
LOCATION: St. Helens, 5.1 miles east of Beattyville
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Paved secondary road bisects property and provides access to Kentucky 52.
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Presently not available
GAS: Natural gas is presently not available in Beattyville.
ELECTRICITY: Jackson County RECC
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private





INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
LEE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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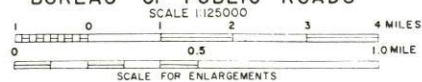
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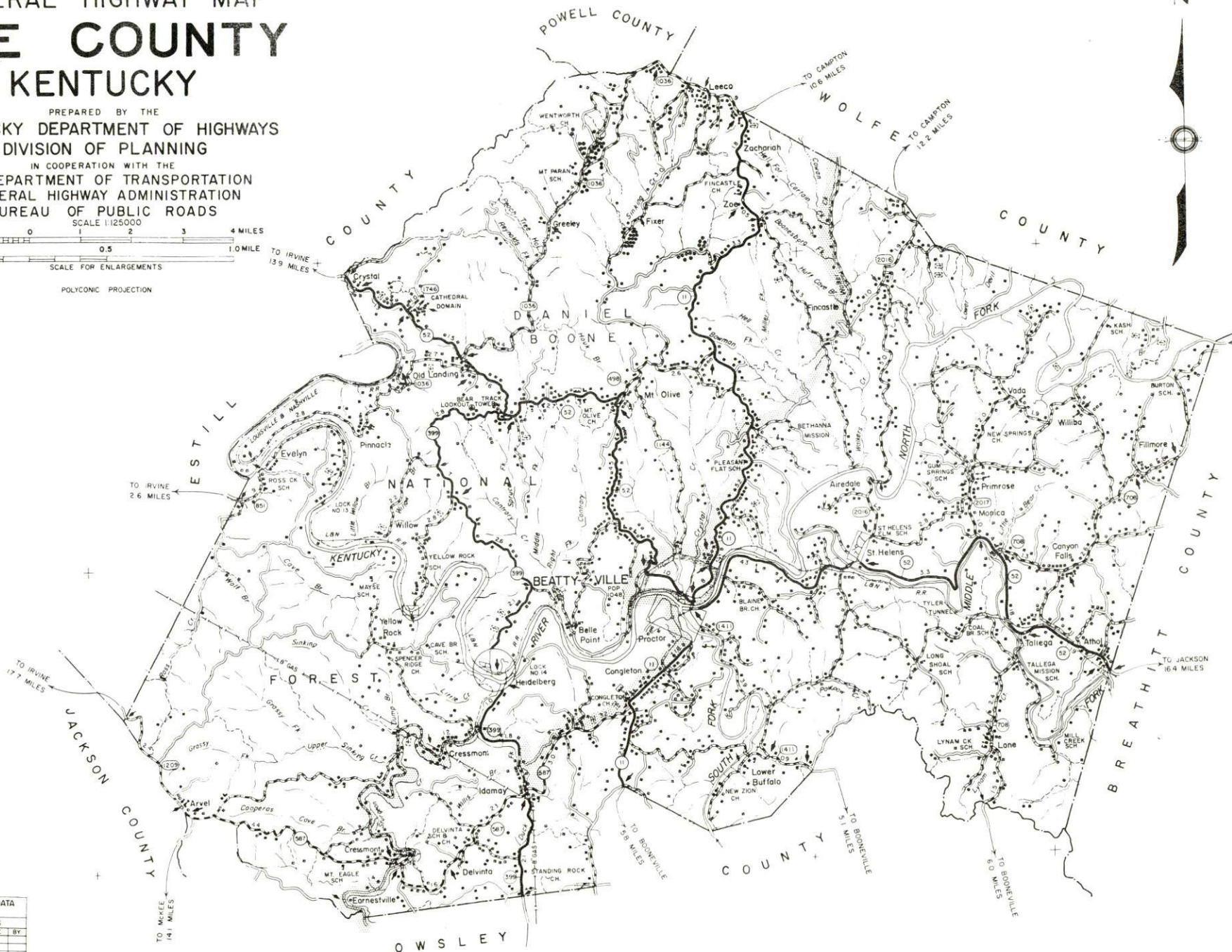
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP LEE COUNTY KENTUCKY

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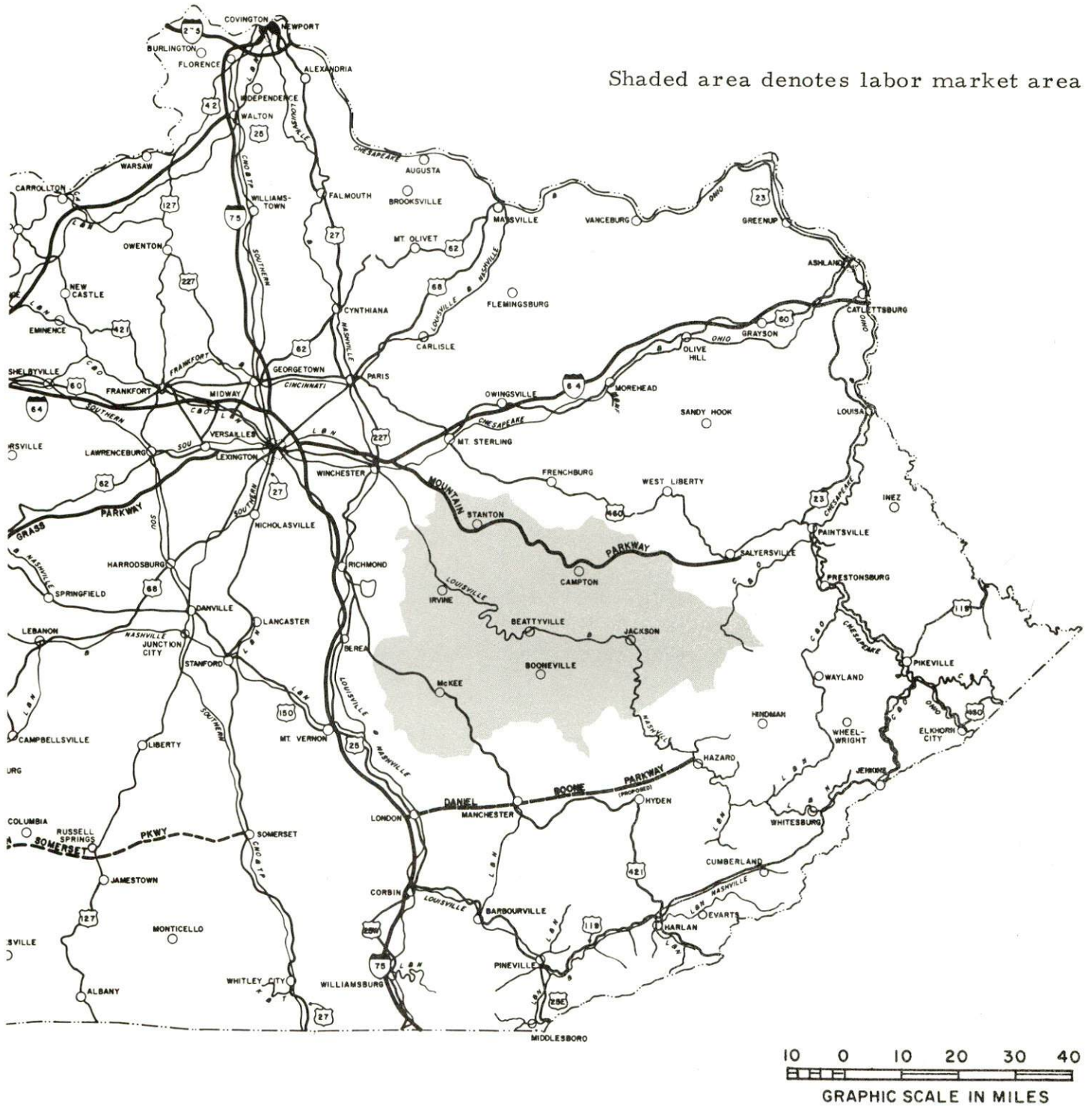


POLYCONIC PROJECTION



ORIGINAL DATA			
1959			
REVISIONS			
DATE	BY	DATE	BY
1-1-68	BRS		

LEE COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA



LEE COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Lee County is located at the edge of historic Daniel Boone National Forest in southeastern Kentucky. Beattyville, county seat of Lee County, is 137 miles from Louisville, Kentucky; 128 miles from Huntington, West Virginia; 140 miles from Cincinnati, Ohio; and 150 miles from Knoxville, Tennessee.

Lee County had a 1970 population of 6,587 and Beattyville had a population of 923.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Lee County averaged 1,500 in 1969. Government jobs accounted for 300 of this figure with trade and services providing 230 jobs and agriculture and manufacturing each providing 200 jobs. During the 1960's manufacturing employment increased by approximately 130 percent. The county's major industrial product is women's shoes.

Per capita income in the county in 1969 was \$1,480, an increase of 120 percent since 1959. Total personal income has increased by 105 percent in the past decade.

The Lee County labor market area includes Lee County and its six surrounding counties. Area employment in 1969 totaled 12,200 including 3,200 agricultural jobs, 3,100 government jobs, and 1,000 jobs in manufacturing. Area industrial employment has increased by approximately 52 percent since 1960, with the sharpest gains in the leather, machinery and metal product industries.

Despite important industrial gains in recent years, the area still has a deficit of 4,925 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where the potential for additional manufacturing is excellent.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 5,020 men and 4,670 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition 4,425 young men and 4,240 young women will become 18 years of age by 1977 and potentially available for work.

2. The local transportation capability is good. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad provides the county with a variety of services. The Mountain Parkway, which is only 20 miles north of Beattyville, provides the area with easy access to Interstates 64 and 75. Commercial air service is provided by the London-Corbin War Memorial Airport, 55 miles to the southwest, and Blue Grass Field, 69 miles northwest at Lexington.

3. Electricity is provided by the Kentucky Utilities Company and the Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. The water supply from the Kentucky River is more than adequate for industrial growth.

4. Industrial sites - Lee County has five industrial sites, totaling 206 acres, available for industrial use.

5. Lee County has a consolidated school system and a private elementary school. The Hazard Area Vocational School, 54 miles distant, is the nearest area school. There is a vocational extension center located in Beattyville, which provides training in seven courses.

There are four universities, two senior colleges, three junior colleges, and one community college located within 75 miles of Beattyville.

Community Programs for Improvement

The communities of Lee County are actively striving to improve living and recreational conditions for their present and prospective inhabitants.

Recent community improvements: The Southside Water Association, Inc., has been formed and is now in operation. It purchases treated water from the Beattyville Water Works and serves an area that includes Proctor and an area south of Proctor and south of Beattyville.

Beattyville has completed 45 units of low-rent housing and 25 more units have been approved.

In 1968 Lee County completed the construction of a middle school to accommodate 500 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade pupils. In 1971 the new board of education offices were completed and \$40,000 worth of blacktopping was done to school parking lots and playgrounds in the county.

Community improvements under construction: Beattyville has a 65-unit home for the aged under construction. The total cost of the structure will be in excess of \$300,000.

The Lee County Board of Education has an auditorium, which will seat 500 people, under construction adjacent to the present high school. Adjacent to the auditorium will be a health and nutritional classroom with facilities for a school nurse, and a physical education facility to serve the Lee County Upper Elementary School.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Beattyville's location in the eastern Kentucky mountains provides a great recreational potential.

Beattyville is located at the edge of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Other scenic areas that are only a short driving time from Beattyville are: Natural Bridge State Resort Park, Fort Boonesborough State Park, Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, and Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS^{1/}

Area	Population			Percent Change	
	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Beattyville	923	1,048	1,042	- 11.9	+ 0.6
Labor Market Area	61,960	64,630	78,232	- 4.1	-17.4
Lee County	6,587	7,420	8,739	- 11.2	-15.1
Breathitt County	14,221	15,490	19,964	- 8.2	-22.4
Estill County	12,752	12,466	14,677	+ 2.3	-15.1
Jackson County	10,005	10,677	13,101	- 6.3	-18.5
Owsley County	5,023	5,369	7,324	- 6.4	-26.7
Powell County	7,704	6,674	6,812	+ 15.4	- 2.0
Wolfe County	5,669	6,534	7,615	- 13.2	-14.2

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1969^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Lee County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	1,500	12,200
Agricultural	200	3,200
Nonagricultural	1,300	9,000
Manufacturing	200	1,001
Trade and Services	233	1,139
Government	300	3,100
Other	567	3,760

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1970 AND 1960^{3/}

Industry	Lee County			Labor Market Area		
	1970	1960	% Change	1970	1960	% Change
TOTAL	165	72	+129.2	961	632	+ 52.1
Food & Kindred Products	0	0		27	29	- 6.9
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	122	0		519	291	+ 73.4
Lumber & Furniture	25	61	+ 59.0	209	264	- 20.8
Stone, Clay & Glass	18	11	+ 63.6	48	40	+ 20.0
Machinery & Metal Products	0	0		134	0	
Other	0	0		24	8	+200.0

LEE COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT^{4/}

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Beattyville</u>				
Beattyville Concrete Block Co., Inc.	Concrete block, ready mix concrete	13	13	0
Lycoming Shoe Co.	Women's shoes	230	20	210
Chester Farmer Lumber Co.	Lumber, crossties	3	3	0
<u>Yellow Rock</u>				
The Kentucky Stone Co.	Agricultural lime	21		
<u>Zachariah</u>				
Charles and Bill Bush	Posts, lumber	8	8	0

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS
LEE COUNTY, KENTUCKY^{5/}

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>	
		<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Assembler	\$1.60	\$2.25	\$1.85
Inspector	1.60	2.35	2.00
Production Laborer	1.60	2, 10	1.80
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$3.00
Laborer	1.60	2.10	1.75
Mechanic, Maintenance	2.00	3, 00	2.35
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	2.25	1.80
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$2.50	\$2.00
File Clerk	1.60	1.75	1.60
Receptionist	1.60	1.75	1.60
Secretary	1.75	2.50	2.00
Typist	1.60	1.85	1.75

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are presently no labor organizations representing manufacturing workers in Beattyville.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY - LEE COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current Labor Supply, 1971 ^{6/}			Future Labor Supply by 1977 (Becoming 18 Years of Age) ^{7/}		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	9,685	5,019	4,666	8,664	4,424	4,240
Lee County	1,110	545	565	926	463	463
Breathitt County	1,898	839	1,059	2,228	1,122	1,106
Estill County	1,570	869	701	1,514	758	756
Jackson County	1,666	743	923	1,369	701	668
Owsley County	1,318	856	462	703	367	336
Powell County	901	477	424	1,030	532	498
Wolfe County	1,222	690	532	894	481	413

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME^{8/}

Area	1969	1959	% Change
Lee County	\$ 9,977,000	\$ 4,847,000	+105.8
Labor Market Area	87,271,000	40,270,000	+116.7
Kentucky	9,202,000,000	4,655,000,000	+ 97.6

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME^{9/}

Area	1969	1959	% Change
Lee County	\$ 1,480	\$674	+119.6
Labor Market Area	\$993 to 1,480	\$527 to 795	N.A.
Kentucky	2,847	1,552	+ 83.4

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Lee County</u>
Total Enrollment	1,878
Elementary	902
Junior High	472
High School	504
Student-Teacher Ratio	27-1
Elementary	25-1
Junior High	28-1
High School	28-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Other Accreditations	The Southern Association of Colleges & Schools
Percent High School Graduates to College	19.7
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$473.85
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1971	\$648,000

Private Schools

	<u>Canyon Falls</u>
Total Enrollment	32
Elementary	32
Student-Teacher Ratio	16-1
Elementary	16-1

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Hazard Area Vocational School	Lee County Extension Center
Miles Distant	Hazard 54	Beattyville

(Cont'd.)

	<u>Nearest Area School (Cont'd.)</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center (Cont'd.)</u>
Curriculum	General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Practical Nursing Electronics (Industrial) Highway Technology Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry, Cosmetology Drafting, Electricity Heavy Equipment Machine Shop, Welding	General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Auto Mechanics Carpentry Drafting Electricity Welding

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 75 Miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	9,602	Masters
University of Kentucky	Lexington	17,763	Ph.D., M.D., D.M.D., J.D.
Transylvania University	Lexington	859	Masters
Morehead State University	Morehead	6,030	Masters
Berea College	Berea	1,400	Baccalaureate
Asbury College	Wilmore	1,044	Baccalaureate
Sue Bennett Junior College	London	192	Associate
Lee's Junior College	Jackson	374	Associate
Southeastern Christian Junior College	Winchester	148	Associate
Hazard Community College	Hazard	212	Associate

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Beattyville - Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company

Services - Carload freight, switching, REA Express

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM BEATTYVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

City	No. of Days		City	No. of Days	
	CL			CL	
Atlanta, Ga.	4		Los Angeles, Calif.	6	
Birmingham, Ala.	4		Louisville, Ky.	2	
Chicago, Ill.	4		Nashville, Tenn.	3	
Cincinnati, Ohio	2		New Orleans, La.	4	
Cleveland, Ohio	4		New York, N. Y.	5	
Detroit, Mich.	5		Pittsburgh, Pa.	4	
Knoxville, Tenn.	3		St. Louis, Mo.	4	

Truck Service

Company

Oaks Truck Line

Home Office

Beattyville, Kentucky

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM
BEATTYVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery		City	Highway Miles	Delivery	
		Time	TL			Time	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	387		3	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,341		5
Birmingham, Ala.	410		4	Louisville, Ky.	137		2
Chicago, Ill.	447		3	Nashville, Tenn.	292		2
Cincinnati, Ohio	140		2	New Orleans, La.	761		5
Cleveland, Ohio	445		3	New York, N. Y.	763		5
Detroit, Mich.	419		4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	585		4
Knoxville, Tenn.	150		3	St. Louis, Mo.	413		3

Air

	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Location:	London-Corbin War Memorial Airport	Blue Grass Field
Runways:	London, 55 miles	Lexington, 69 miles
Length:	1 paved	3 paved
	6,000 feet	6,500 ft.; 3,500 ft.; 3,500 ft.
Traffic Control:	Wind sock	Tower
Lighting:	Beacon, runway, and obstruction lights	Approach lighting system, beacon, runways, and obstructions lighted
Services:	80 and 100 octane; JP-A-50; taxi; U-Drive-It; weather; flight training; charter and ambulance service; vending machines; and Piedmont Airlines	80, 100, and 145 octane; jet fuel; major A & E repairs; storage; restaurant; Weather Bureau and flight instruction; charter service; taxi; U-Drive-It; Eastern, Delta, Piedmont and Allegheny Airlines

Taxi

Steele Cab Company

Rental Services

Hertz

Water Transportation

Beattyville has barge docking facilities on the Kentucky River. Presently the facilities are not used because water freight is neither shipped nor received at Beattyville.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Beattyville - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 1,215,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Kentucky Utilities Company,
Industrial Development Department, Lexington, Kentucky

Company serving Lee County - Jackson County Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 548,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Jackson County Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation, McKee, Kentucky 40447

Natural Gas

Natural gas is presently not available in Lee County. Three propane gas dealers, with adequate potential to serve any immediate need, serve Beattyville.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Beattyville - Beattyville Water Works

Source - North Fork Kentucky River

Treatment plant capacity - 360,000 gpd

Average daily consumption - 200,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 360,000 gallons

Type treatment - Filtered and chlorinated

Storage capacity - 200,000 gallons

Size mains - 4, 6, and 8 inches

Average pressure - 100 psi at plant

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,500 gallons	\$3.00
Next	5,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons
Next	7,500 gallons	.85 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.75 per M gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	.65 per M gallons
All over	40,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons

Name of Water district - Southside Water Association, Inc.

Area served - Proctor and area south of Proctor and Beattyville

Date when water district began operating - January 1970

Source of supply of treated water - Beattyville Water Works

Average amount of water used - The amount of water presently being used is increasing as new customers are being added.

Water district storage facilities and capacities:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
Storage tank	120,000 gallons

Size mains - 2, 4, and 6 inches

Rates:

First	2,000 gallons	\$6.60
Next	1,000 gallons	3.25 per M gallons
Next	3,000 gallons	2.75 per M gallons
Next	4,000 gallons	2.25 per M gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	1.90 per M gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	1.75 per M gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	1.20 per M gallons

Surface water sources - Kentucky River

Average discharge - Kentucky River at Lock 14 at Heidelberg

3,431 cfs (37-years, unadjusted, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 5 to 50 gpm in northern, central and southern portions of county; 5 gpm or less along western border of county.

Sewerage

Company serving Beattyville - Beattyville Water Works

Design capacity - 400,000 gpd

Average daily flow - 160,000 gallons

Treatment - Primary

Type treatment - Aeration

Treated effluent discharged into - Kentucky River

Size of sanitary mains - 6 and 8 inches

Rates - 80 percent of monthly water bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen-2-year terms
Budget 1971 - General Fund \$40,000; Water and Sewer Fund \$51,000
Fees and licenses - Occupational and Professional business licenses
\$10 to \$125 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 4 magistrates - 4-year terms
Budget 1970-71 - General Fund \$70,924; Road Fund \$61,076

Assessed Value of Property, 1971

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Beattyville</u>	<u>Lee County</u>
Real Estate	\$3,039,446	\$21,289,590 (1970)
Tangibles	1,007,626	3,754,125 (1970)
Public Service	589,960	5,424,683 (1969)

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1970 ¹²/₁

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Beattyville</u>	<u>Lee County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.180	.180
School	.747	.747
City	.300	
Total	\$1.242	\$.942

Planning and Zoning

The Beattyville Planning Commission is in the process of being formed.

*Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

**Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories and goods in process inventories are not subject to local tax. State rate is only \$0.15 per \$100.

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Beattyville</u>	<u>Lee County</u>
Total staff	3	3
Radio-patrol cars	1	1
Other equipment	Standard	Standard

Fire

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	8 & 9
Full-time staff	1
Volunteers	15
Equipment:	
500-gpm pumper	1
Other	1,800 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose, 800 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose, 200 feet of booster hose, 42-foot ladder, 4 foam and 3 chemical extinguishers

Sanitation

	<u>Beattyville</u>
Type service	municipal
Cost	
residential	\$1.00 per month
business	\$2.00 per month
Collection frequency	
residential	twice a week
business	daily
Trash pickup	business- daily; residential - twice weekly
Disposal method	open pit

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Estill County Hospital	Irvine, 27 miles	26
General hospital facilities - Operating room, emergency room, X-ray, OB section, outpatient services		
Medical staff - 5 doctors, 3 associate doctors, 5 registered nurses, and 2 licensed practical nurses		

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care home	1	30

Public Health

Facility - The Lee County Health Department, Beattyville
Staff - 1 doctor, 2 registered nurses, 1 nurse supervisor, 1 school nurse (part-time), 1 sanitarian, 3 clerks, 1 administrative assistant, 1 nutritionist, 2 home health aids
Budget 1970-71 - \$78,845

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell Telephone Company
Services - Substation

Telegraph - Western Union
Services - Office

Postal - U. S. Post Office
Class - 2
Mail received - twice daily
Mail dispatched - twice daily

Newspapers - Beattyville Enterprise
Weekly and circulation - 2,500
Other papers received from - Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky

Radio - WLJC-FM
Stations received from - Lexington, Louisville, Hazard, and Jackson, Kentucky

Television -
Cable service
Reception from - Lexington, Kentucky; Huntington, West Virginia
Kentucky Educational Television - Richmond and Lexington;
Channel 46; Morehead, Channel 38

Library Services

Public Libraries - Lee County Public Library serves Beattyville and Lee County
Size collection - 13,280 volumes
Circulation - 1970-71 - 52,200
Services - Story hour for children; bookmobile; free film every other Saturday for children; participates in head start, day care, special education, and the Neighborhood Youth Corps; talking books for the blind; and provides rooms for club meetings

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 9

Denominations - Baptist, Christian, Catholic, Episcopal, Church of Christ, Nazarene, Evangelical, Methodist, Presbyterian

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of June 30, 1971</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Peoples Exchange Bank	\$7,765,530.45	\$6,882,951.75

Hotels and Motels

<u>Number</u>	<u>Units</u>
1	14

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Medical Society, Red Cross, Ministerial Association, Lee County Development Association, Beattyville Country Club, Lee County Booster Club, Jaycees

Fraternal - American Legion, Masonic Lodge, VFW

Women's - Woman's Club, DAR, Lee County Teachers Club, Daughters of America, American Legion Auxiliary, Homemakers, Garden Club, Eastern Star

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, FFA, FHA, 4-H

Sports - Little League, Lee County Saddle Club, Lee County Sportsman's Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - Little League sports supervised by a civic club
Park - 1
Playgrounds - 5
Swimming pool - 1
Baseball diamond - 1

Private Recreation Facilities

Country club - 1
Golf course - 1
Movie theater - 1 (drive-in)

Tourist Attractions

The Cathedral Domain (Episcopal Cathedral)

Area (Within 75 miles)

Natural Bridge State Resort Park
Fort Boonesborough State Park
Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park
Daniel Boone National Forest

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	<u>Lee County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	134,400	1,214,720
Percent of area in farm land	20.7	44.4
Number of farms	318	5,315
Average size of farms (acres)	87.3	101.6
1964 value of all farm products	\$ 302,885	\$8,316,184
Value per farm	952	1,565
Total crop sales	229,845	6,382,704
Total livestock & livestock products	72,540	1,929,946
1968 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	567,000	10,325,000
Corn (bu.)	17,000	652,000
Cattle and calves (number)	1,700	31,800
Hogs and pigs (number)	900	14,100
Milk production (1967) (lbs.)	1,200,000	29,190,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Petroleum, limestone, and coal
Other mineral resources	Clay, sand, and shales, large volumes of gas were found earlier
Acres of commercial forest land	109,000
Most abundant tree species	Red oaks, white oaks, yellow poplar, hickories, soft and hard maple, beech, black gum

Climate 14/

	<u>Lee County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	55.6 degrees
Average annual 1970	54.5 degrees
Record highest July, 1966* (7-year record)	98.0 degrees
Record lowest January, 1966* (7-year record)	-10.0 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	4,683
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	44.73 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (25-year record)	16.0 inches
Total precipitation 1969	39.50 inches
Mean number days precipitation (26-year record) (.01 inches or more)	129
Average number days thunderstorms (26-year record)	47
Prevailing winds (17-year record)	South

*Also on earlier dates, months, or years.

HISTORY

Lee County lies in southeastern Kentucky, covering 210 square miles. Near its center at Beattyville is the confluence of the North and South Forks of the Kentucky River, from which point the Kentucky flows to the county's western border. The land surface is hilly to mountainous, with the soil thin on the hillsides but fertile in the river valleys. Daniel Boone Natural Forest extends through the western half of the county, and over three-fourths of the area is forested.

The earliest visitor to Lee County was Dr. Thomas Walker, who in 1750 explored several eastern Kentucky counties, and then rejoined the remainder of his party in Knox County. Walker gave a very favorable report concerning eastern Kentucky to the Loyal Land Company of Virginia. The trails cut by Walker were later used and charted by the armies fighting the French and Indian War. Another group of visitors was the McAfee Company, which had been surveying land near Harrodsburg in 1773. The first settlers in the area were primarily ex-soldiers and Indian fighters, including A.D. McGuire who fought in the Battle of Tippecanoe, Jacob Miller, who had been a scout for Daniel Boone, and John Wyatt, who had fought at New Orleans with Andrew Jackson.

In 1870 Lee became Kentucky's one-hundred-fifteenth county, named for General Robert E. Lee, leader of the Confederate Armies in the Civil War. The Kentucky River played an important role in the early commerce of the county, and steamboats made regular runs to Beattyville. The county seat, Beattyville was named for an early settler, Samuel Beatty. A trading center for the county, Beattyville had a 1970 population of 923.

At the year of its founding, 1870, Lee County had a population of 3,055. By 1950 this had reached 8,739, followed by a decline to 7,420 in 1960. The decline continued, but at a slower rate during the next decade, leaving 6,587 in 1970.

Agriculture accounted for 200 of a total 1,500 employed in 1969, with burley tobacco, corn, cattle and hogs the principal products. Manufacturing employment rose over 200 percent since 1959 to 200 in 1969, with most production in the leather products industry. Largest of the county's firms is Lycoming Shoe Company, which makes women's shoes.

Lee County is rich in natural beauty, holding potential for increased tourist trade. Pinnacle Rock rises over the Kentucky River at Old Landing, offering a magnificent view of the countryside, and there is a small horseshoe canyon with a scenic waterfall on Mill Creek.