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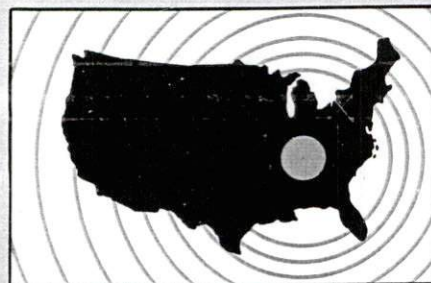
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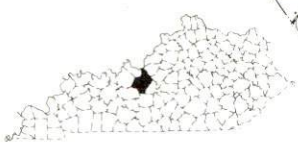
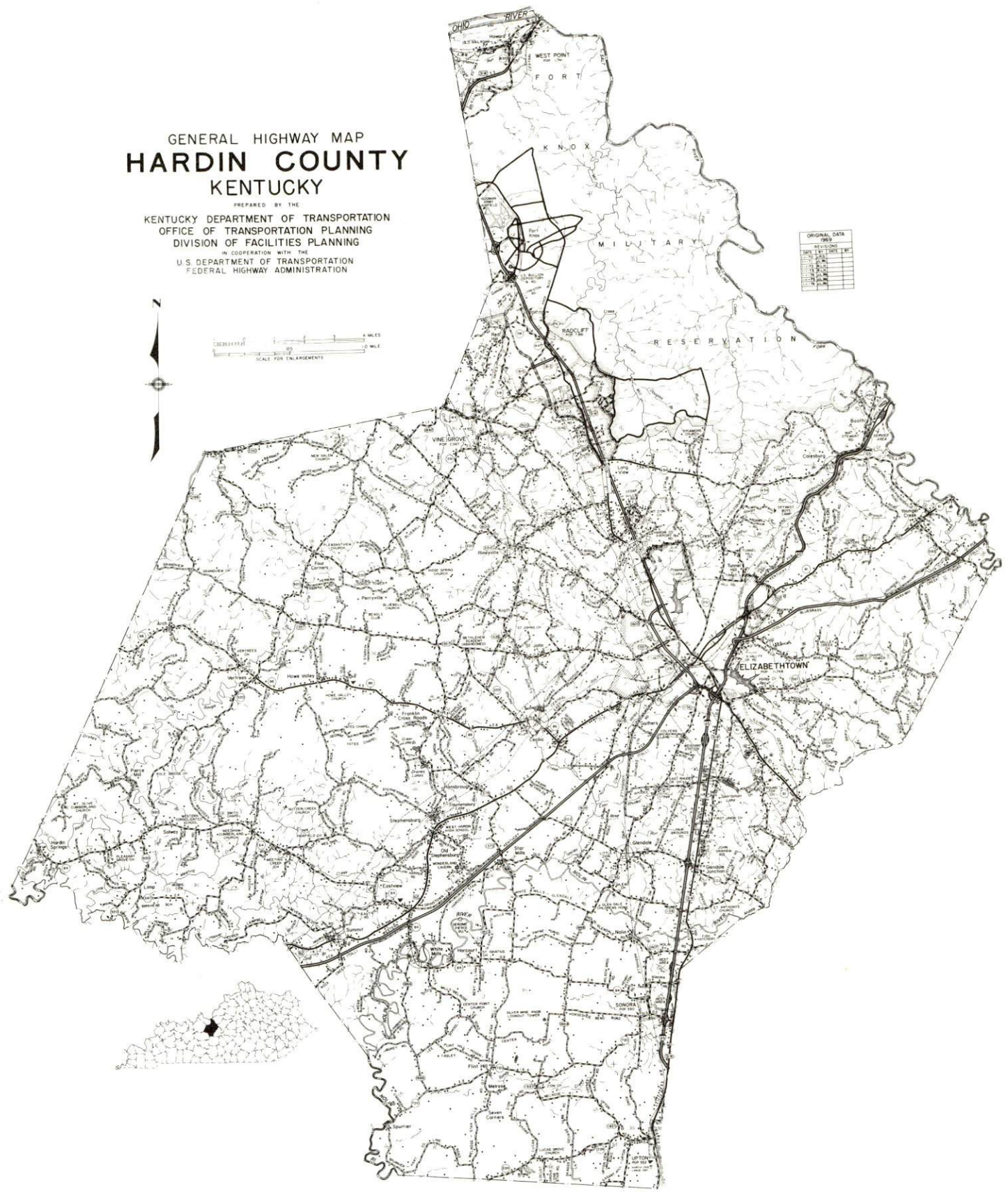
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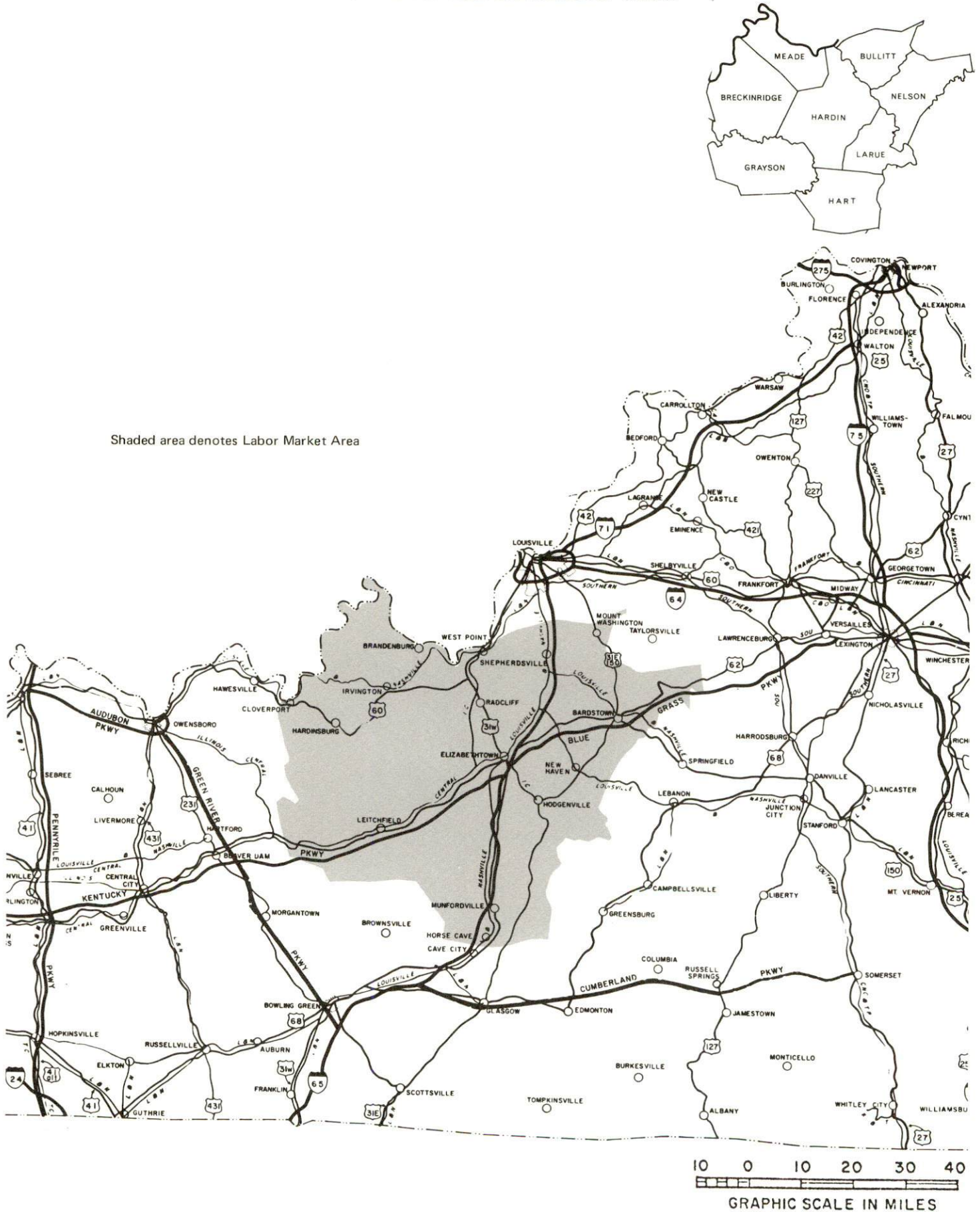
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP HARDIN COUNTY KENTUCKY

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REVISIONS			
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WEST POINT LABOR MARKET AREA



WEST POINT, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

West Point is located in the northern part of Hardin County in north central Kentucky. Bounded on the north by the Ohio River and on the east by the Salt River, West Point is 20 miles south of Louisville, Kentucky; 140 miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 153 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee. In 1973, West Point had an estimated population of 1,921.

Hardin County, covering a land area of 616 square miles, had a 1975 estimated population of 72,000. North Hardin County is the location of Fort Knox, U. S. Army reservation and depository for most of the nation's gold reserve. Covering 110,300 acres, the reservation reaches into two adjoining counties.

The Economic Framework

The total number of Hardin County residents employed in 1974 averaged 20,680, including 1,110 in agriculture and 5,210 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 3,020 workers; trade and services firms employed 5,740. Major industrial products are: auto v-belts and curved auto hose; ceramic and alnico magnets; men's slacks; electric fuses and holders; silicone sealants; and business forms.

Total unemployment in Hardin County averaged 4.6 percent of the labor force in 1974.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1974 was \$5,380, an increase of 31.1 percent since 1970.

The West Point labor market area includes Hardin and the seven adjoining counties. The total number of residents of the labor market area employed in 1974 averaged 68,110, including 7,660 in agriculture and 11,690 in government. Manufacturing employers in the labor market area reported 8,670 workers; trade and services firms employed 11,820.

Resources for Growth

1. Labor Supply - There is a current labor supply of 7,210 men and 10,420 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 10,800 young men and 10,160 young women in the area will become 18 years of age before 1982 and potentially available for work.

2. Transportation - The Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad serve West Point. The nearest piggy-back facilities are at Louisville, 20 miles away. Trucking service is provided to West Point by nine truck lines. Interstates 71 and 64, east to west, and Interstate 65, north to south, all converge at Louisville. Commercial air service is available at Standiford Field in Louisville. West Point's location on the Ohio River provides excellent opportunity for low-cost transportation of bulk materials.

3. Utilities and Fuel - West Point is provided electric power and natural gas service by the Louisville Gas and Electric Company. Hardin County is furnished electric power by Nolin RECC. Numerous distributors of propane and distillate fuel oil are located in the West Point area. Low sulphur content coal is available in eastern Kentucky.

4. Education - Residents of West Point are served by the West Point Independent School District and the Hardin County School System. One university, two university extension campuses, two senior colleges and two community colleges are located within 25 miles of West Point. The nearest state vocational-technical schools are located at Jefferson-town, 30 miles distant, and at Elizabethtown, 23 miles distant.

THE LABOR MARKET AREA

POPULATION

<u>Area</u>	<u>1975*</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Percent Nonwhite</u>
			<u>1970</u>
West Point	1,921**	1,741	4.9
Labor Market Area	207,300	202,670	N.A.
Hardin County	72,000	78,421	9.0
Breckinridge County	15,100	14,789	4.6
Bullitt County	33,500	26,090	0.9
Grayson County	18,200	16,445	0.8
Hart County	14,700	13,980	9.9
Larue County	11,600	10,672	4.7
Meade County	17,800	18,796	6.4
Nelson County	24,400	23,477	7.7

*Provisional Estimates.

**1973 Population Estimates.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, 1970. U. S. Department of Commerce, U. S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 562, June 1975; Series P-26, No. 75-17, May 1976.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1974

<u>Major Employment Group</u>	<u>Employment by Place of Residence of Workers</u>	
	<u>Hardin County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total Employment	20,682	68,114
Agriculture	1,113	7,658
Government	5,206	11,690
	<u>Employment by Location of Jobs</u>	
	<u>Hardin County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Manufacturing	3,019	8,667
Trade and Services	5,741	11,821

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1975

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Hardin County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
TOTAL	2,833	8,860
Food & Kindred Products	270	1,543
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	343	1,903
Lumber, Furniture	34	309
Printing & Publishing, Paper	343	1,215
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal,		
Rubber	893	1,622
Stone, Clay & Glass	49	415
Primary Metals	0	83
Machinery, Metal Products,		
Equipment	901	1,548
Other	0	222

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, September, 1975.

MANUFACTURING FIRMS

At the present time, there are no manufacturing plants located in West Point.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY
WEST POINT LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current				Future
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed	Under- employed	Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1982
Labor Market					
Area	7,210	0	2,520	4,690	10,797
Hardin	3,390	0	770	2,620	3,417
Breckinridge	470	0	230	240	766
Bullitt	720	0	100	620	1,709
Grayson	680	0	360	320	860
Hart	360	0	160	200	747
Larue	330	0	150	180	594
Meade	300	0	150	150	1,157
Nelson	960	0	600	360	1,547

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1975. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1982.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY
WEST POINT LABOR MARKET AREA

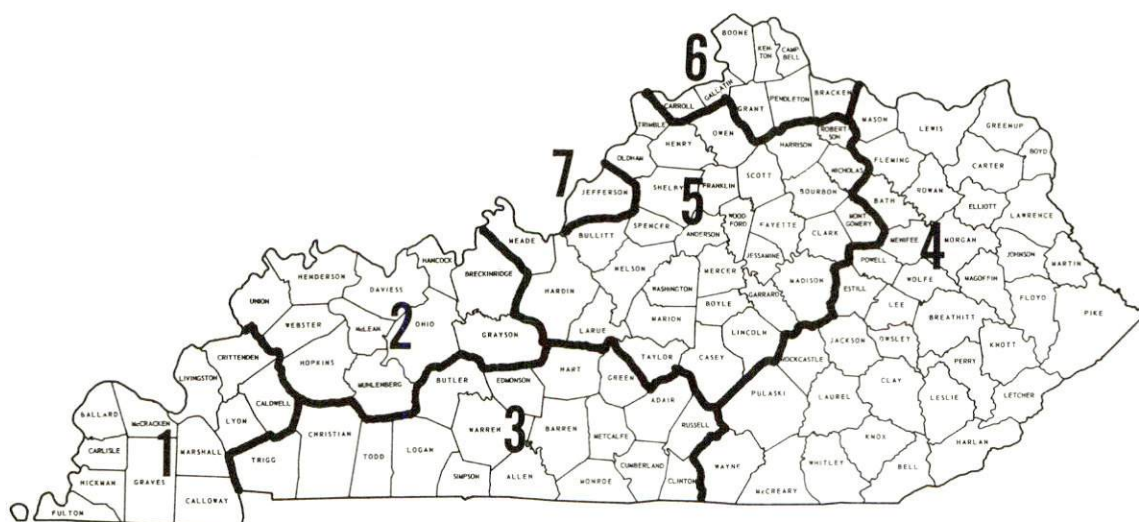
Area	Current				Future
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed	Under- employed	Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1982
Labor Market					
Area	10,420	6,050	1,040	3,330	10,158
Hardin	6,460	5,080	230	1,150	3,246
Breckinridge	290	0	70	220	761
Bullitt	630	0	250	380	1,573
Grayson	470	90	110	270	780
Hart	660	260	110	290	709
Larue	260	0	50	210	552
Meade	1,020	620	40	360	1,042
Nelson	630	0	180	450	1,495

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1975. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1982.

WAGES

Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by individual industrial employers is protected from disclosure by federal law. The most reliable up-to-date wage information can be obtained by direct contact with local employers.

Associated Industries of Kentucky, a voluntary organization of Kentucky businesses, regularly collects occupational wage rates and fringe benefits data from participating member firms. Data is compiled for over 127 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for seven regions of Kentucky, as shown on the map below. It should be noted that the data may be weighted by the preponderance of firms in the larger cities and may be somewhat higher than the rates paid in the smaller communities. Data from these tabulations are available, upon request, from the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Associated Industries of Kentucky Area Wage Surveys

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Hardin County	\$5,380	\$4,105	31.1
Labor Market Area			
Range	\$3,113 - 5,380	\$2,207 - 4,105	N. A.
Kentucky	4,442	3,112	42.7
U. S.	5,448	3,966	37.4

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Survey of Current Business, August 1975. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, March 1976.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving West Point - Louisville and Nashville Railroad

Services - Two northbound and two southbound through freights daily; nearest piggyback facilities at Louisville, 20 miles distant

Line serving West Point - Illinois Central Gulf Railroad

Services - One local freight six days a week; two northbound and two southbound through freights daily; switching facilities; siding space for approximately 15 cars; nearest piggyback facilities at Louisville, 20 miles distant

For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services, contact:

Manager of Industrial Development
Louisville and Nashville Railroad
908 West Broadway
Louisville, Kentucky 40203
(502) 587-5000

and/or

Manager of Industrial Development
Illinois Central Gulf Railroad
112 North 4th Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63102
(314) 241-9400

Highways

U. S. Highway 31 W provides easy access to Louisville, Kentucky, only 20 miles north of West Point. Three major interstate highways - Interstates 64, 65 and 71 - converge at Louisville. In addition, interchanges of Interstate 65 and the Western Kentucky Parkway can be reached at Elizabethtown, 23 miles south of West Point via U. S. Highway 31 W.

Truck Service

Company

Home Office

Associated Transport, Inc.

(Restricted on S-B to
Elizabethtown)

Consolidated Freightways

Corporation of Delaware

Cooper-Jarrett, Inc.

Great Lakes Express

Majors Transit, Inc. (Restricted
on S-B to Clarkson)

O'Nan Transportation Company,
Inc.

Robbins Truck Line, Inc

Southern Forwarding Company,
Inc.

Wilson Freight Company
(Restricted S-B)

380 Madison Avenue

New York, New York 10017

175 Linfield Drive

Menlo Park, California 94025

23 South Essex Avenue

Orange, New Jersey 07050

1150 North Niagara Street

Saginaw, Michigan 48602

P. O. Box 7

Caneyville, Kentucky 42721

P. O. Box 308

Carrollton, Kentucky 41008

Route 1

Hardinsburg, Kentucky 40143

728 Alston Avenue

Memphis, Tennessee 38102

3636 Follett Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

Other Freight Services

Shipping Center

United Parcel Service

Louisville, 20 miles distant

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

City	Delivery		City	Delivery	
	Highway Miles	Time TL		Highway Miles	Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	395	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,128	4
Birmingham, Ala.	349	2	Louisville, Ky.	20	1
Chicago, Ill.	312	2	Nashville, Tenn.	153	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	140	1	New Orleans, La.	691	3
Cleveland, Ohio	387	2	New York, N. Y.	799	3
Detroit, Mich.	399	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	430	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	269	1	St. Louis, Mo.	283	2

Source: Delivery Time Only - O'Nan Transportation Company, Inc.,
P. O. Box 308, Carrollton, Kentucky 41008.

Air

Nearest Commercial

Standiford Field

Location: Louisville, 20 miles north of West Point

Runways: 3 paved

Length: 5,000, 7,250 and 7,800 feet

Traffic Control: Control tower, approach control, ground control, guards, departure control, clearance delivery

Lighting: Runways, obstructions, beacon, approach and touchdown lights, center line on runways

Services: Allegheny, American, Delta, Eastern, Ozark, Piedmont, TWA, and Air Kentucky Airlines; Louisville-Jefferson County Air Board; 100 and 115 octane, jet fuel; storage; major A & E repairs; Hertz and Avis; National and Budget Rent-A-Car Services; city bus service; taxi; restaurant

Air Freight Service: Air freight terminal regularly serviced by freight carrying airlines

Bus - Greyhound Bus Lines

Rental Services - Nearest truck rentals - Valley Station, 9 miles distant
Nearest car rentals - Louisville, 20 miles distant

Water

West Point's location on the Ohio River provides excellent opportunity for low cost transportation of bulk materials.

There are presently no public dock facilities in West Point.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving West Point - Louisville Gas and Electric Company
Source of power - Louisville Gas and Electric Company's steam,
jet, gas turbine and hydro generation stations
Total generating capacity - 2,331,460 KW
For industrial rates contact:

Louisville Gas and Electric Company
311 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
(502) 582-3511

Company serving Hardin County - Nolin RECC
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Total generating capacity - 496,000 KW
For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Division
East Kentucky Power Cooperative
P. O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40391
(606) 744-4812

and/or

Nolin RECC
P. O. Box 668
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701
(502) 765-6153

Natural Gas

Company serving West Point - Louisville Gas and Electric Company

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

Size of transmission mains - 16 and 20 inches (distributor)

Distribution mains - 2 and 4 inches

Distribution pressure - 30 psig

Btu content - 1,025

Specific gravity - 0.6

For rates and supplies contact:

Sales Department
Louisville Gas and Electric Company
311 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
(502) 582-3511

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Al's Gas Service, Inc., Woodland Mobile Park, Radcliff,
Kentucky 40160

Eighteen distributors in the Louisville area

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Ashland Petroleum Company, 736 Hawkins Drive, Elizabethtown,
Kentucky 42701

Cave Oil Company, Hawkins Drive, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701

Cox Oil Company, 337 East Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown,
Kentucky 42701

Exxon Company, Hawkins Drive, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701

Standard Oil Company, 216 East Poplar, Elizabethtown,
Kentucky 42701

Sun Oil Company, Illinois Central Tracks, Elizabethtown,
Kentucky 42701

Union Oil Company, South Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown,
Kentucky 42701

Twenty-four distributors in the Louisville area

Residual fuel oil - Arrangements must be made with the refinery.

Low sulphur content coal - Available in eastern Kentucky.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving West Point - West Point Water Department
507 Elm Street
West Point, Kentucky 40177
(502) 922-4907

Source - 2 deep wells
Treatment plant capacity - 276,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 135,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 170,000 gallons
Type treatment - Filtration, prechlorination and post chlorination
Storage capacity - 50,000 gallons
Size lines - 2, 4 and 6 inches
Average pressure - 44 psi
Average temperature - 68 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER FEES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	3,000 gallons or less	\$3.43
	3,001 to 4,000 gallons	4.30
	4,001 to 5,000 gallons	5.00
	5,001 to 6,000 gallons	5.70
	6,001 to 7,000 gallons	6.40
	7,001 to 8,000 gallons	7.10
	8,001 to 9,000 gallons	7.80
	9,001 to 10,000 gallons	8.50
All over 10,000	gallons	0.70 per M gallons or part thereof

Tap-on charge: \$200 for connections within 50 feet of
the present system. Connections over
50 feet are \$200 plus the cost of labor
and materials.

Surface water sources - Ohio, Salt and Rolling Fork Rivers
Average discharge - Ohio River at Louisville, 114,100 cfs (47 years,
USGS); Salt River at Shepherdsville, 1,551 cfs (37 years, USGS);
Rolling Fork River near Boston, 1,747 cfs (37 years, USGS)
Expected ground water yield - Varies from 5 to 1,000 gpm depending
on locale; large springs are common

Sewerage

Company serving West Point - West Point Sewer Department*
507 Elm Street
West Point, Kentucky 40177
(502) 922-4907

Design capacity - 300,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 90,000 gallons
Treatment - Primary
Type treatment - Clarifier, drying beds, chlorine
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River
Size of sanitary mains - 10 inches
Size of storm mains - 10, 18 and 24 inches
Rates - 100 percent of monthly water bill

Tap-on charge: \$200 for connections within 50 feet of the present system. Connections over 50 feet are \$200 plus cost of labor and materials.

*Construction on a secondary treatment plant is scheduled to begin in early 1977.

CLIMATE

Hardin County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	55.6 degrees
Average annual 1975	57.7 degrees
Record highest, July, 1966 (15-year record)	101.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1963 (15-year record)	- 20.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,645
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Mean annual total (30-year record)	43.11 inches
Mean annual snowfall (29-year record)	17.30 inches
Total precipitation 1975	56.31 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (28-year record)	125
Average number days thunderstorms (28-year record)	45

Prevailing Winds (15-year record) South

Relative Humidity (15-year record)

1 a.m.	76 percent
7 a.m.	81 percent
1 p.m.	59 percent
7 p.m.	61 percent

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science
Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1975. Station
of record: Louisville, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms
Budget 1975 - General Fund \$143,465.59
 Water and Sewer Fund 39,010.23
Fees and licenses - Annual business license - \$10; annual unloading
 license - 1-ton truck or less - \$25, over 1-ton - \$50

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 8 magistrates - 4-year terms
Budget 1975-76 - General Fund \$565,876; Road Fund \$335,055

Assessed Value of Property, 1975

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>West Point</u>	<u>Hardin County</u>
Real Estate	\$3,104,550	\$363,280,231
Tangibles	908,733	77,058,759

Property Taxes

Land and buildings are taxed by the state and may be taxed by local jurisdictions. The state rate is \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Tangible personal property owned by manufacturers (automobiles, trucks, finished goods, office furniture, office equipment) is taxed by the state at \$0.15 per \$100 and may be taxed by local jurisdictions.

Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories, pollution control equipment, and goods in process inventories are not subject to local taxation. The state rate is \$0.15 per \$100.

Property stored in public warehouses in a transit status is not subject to local taxation. The state rate is only \$0.015 per \$100.

All property is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

Local Property Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1975*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>West Point</u>	<u>Hardin County</u>
County	\$.161	\$.161
School	.808	.428
City	.300	
Special (not county wide): \$.020 (Fire protection)		
.020 (Watershed)		

Utilities Gross Receipts Tax for Schools

Hardin County levies a 3 percent tax on utilities receipts for schools. The tax is paid by all consumers of utilities as an add-on to the utilities bills. Exempted are receipts from utilities services that are resold and the receipts from the sale of energy or energy producing fuels that exceed 3 percent of the cost of production in manufacturing, processing, mining or refining.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Hardin County Planning and Zoning Commission
Zoning enforced - In the city of West Point
Local codes enforced - Building and housing
Mandatory state codes enforced - Plumbing, National Fire Protection Association Code, National Building Code (for major buildings and residential construction containing more than 12 bedrooms per building)

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>West Point</u>	<u>Hardin County</u>
Total staff	10	8
Radio-patrol cars	3	6
<u>Fire</u>		
American Insurance Association Fire Rating	8	
Volunteers	21	

*Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1975.

Rescue Service

West Point Civil Defense Unit

Number of volunteers - 21

Equipment - One 21-foot inboard motor boat, two outboard motor boats,
dragging equipment, resuscitator, ambulance

Personnel training - Red Cross First Aid training, EMT training

Solid Waste

West Point

Type service	Private
Fee charged:	
residential	\$1.50 per month
business	\$1.75 per month
Collection frequency:	
residential	Twice weekly
business	Twice weekly
Trash pickup	Twice weekly
Disposal method	Landfill

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>West Point</u>	<u>Hardin County</u>
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1975)	200	9,500
Elementary	200	5,860
Junior High		650
High School		2,990
Student-Teacher Ratio	20-1	22-1
Elementary	20-1	21-1
Junior High		22-1
High School		23-1
Percent High School Graduates to College		52.1
Expenditures Per Pupil (1974-75)	\$749.46	\$666.41
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1975	0	\$4,236,000

Nonpublic Schools

Total Enrollment	4,808*
Elementary	3,093**
Junior High	965
High School	750
Student-Teacher Ratio	22-1
Elementary	23-1
Junior High	21-1
High School	19-1

*Includes 4,283 students enrolled in schools at Fort Knox.

**Includes enrollment of the Mulberry Helm Development Training Center, which offers a special education curriculum.

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1975)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Bellarmino College	Louisville (20)	1,561	Baccalaureate
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown (23)	1,345	Associate
Fort Knox Extension Campus	Fort Knox (5)	*	Baccalaureate
Indiana University Southeast Campus	New Albany, Indiana (25)	3,841	A. B., B. S., M. S.
Jefferson Community College	Louisville (20)	6,107	Associate
Spalding College	Louisville (20)	1,141	Masters
University of Louisville	Louisville (20)	15,781	Ph. D., M. D., D. M. D., J. D.

*Enrollment is included in the total enrollment of the University of Kentucky, which in 1975 was 22,526.

Vocational Schools

Nearest State Schools

	Elizabethtown State Vocational-Technical School	Jefferson State Vocational-Technical School
Location	Elizabethtown	Jeffersontown
Miles Distant	23	30
Curriculum	Commercial Foods Health and Personal Service Industrial Education Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Drafting Industrial Electricity Industrial Machine Repair Machine Shop Radio and TV Repair Welding	Horticulture Clerical Data Processing Secretarial Commercial Foods Dental Assisting Medical Assisting Practical Nursing Industrial Education Air Conditioning and Heating Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Electronics Graphic Arts (Printing) Machine Shop Office Machine Repair Radio and TV Repair Welding

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

HEALTH

Hospitals

West Point is within minutes of the excellent medical facilities in Louisville.

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Hardin Memorial Hospital	Elizabethtown	159

General hospital facilities and services - 3 operating rooms, fracture room, cysto room, X-ray department, intensive care, laboratory, pharmacy, emergency room, eye surgery, pediatrics, respiratory therapy, delivery room, nursery, blood bank, physical therapy, renal dialysis, psychiatric services, EKG, EEG

Medical staff - 40 doctors, 104 registered nurses, 36 graduate licensed practical nurses, pathologist, radiologist, urologist, anesthesiologist

Ambulance Service

Name - West Point Ambulance Service
Staff - 3 volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians
Service - 24-hour service to West Point
Equipment - 1 ambulance

Nursing Homes

<u>Hardin County</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Extended care homes	3	151
Personal care homes	2	44
Intermediate care homes	2	84

Public Health

Facility - Hardin County Health Center
Staff - 1 administrative assistant, 5 nurses, 3 sanitarians, 2 clerk typists, 1 health officer, 1 dental hygienist, 1 family planning-multiphasic clerk

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell

Services - Standard services (Louisville exchange)

Telegraph - Western Union at Fort Knox

Services - Telephone

Postal - U. S. Post Office

Class - Second

Mail received - Twice daily

Mail dispatched - Twice daily

Newspapers -

Papers received from - Louisville (daily home delivery); Elizabethtown (twice weekly); Radcliff (weekly)

Radio -

Stations received from - Radcliff, Elizabethtown, Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Cincinnati, Ohio; Nashville, Tennessee

Television -

Reception from - Louisville, Kentucky

Kentucky Educational Television - Louisville transmitter, Channel 68

Library Services

The Hardin County Public Library bookmobile makes scheduled stops at the West Point bookstation every other Thursday. The bookstation contains approximately 400 volumes.

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 5

Denominations - Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Christian

Nearest Synagogues - Louisville, 20 miles distant

Congregations - Adath Israel (reform); Adath Jeshurun (conservative);

Anshei Sfard (orthodox); Brith Sholom (reform); Keneseth Israel (orthodox)

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
West Point Bank	\$2,471,000.00	\$2,119,000.00	6/30/76

Hotels and Motels

West Point is located only a few miles from hotels and motels in the Louisville area.

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Jaycees

Fraternal - Masons, American Legion

Women's - Eastern Star, Homemakers, Book Club, American Legion
Ladies Auxiliary

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Brownies, Cub Scouts, church
organizations



Post Office



West Point Fire Department



Court House
Water Plant

RECREATION

Local

West Point's location on the Ohio River affords excellent boating and fishing opportunities. A boat dock and boat ramp are available for public use.

A recreation director supervises summer programs in Little League baseball and men's softball. In addition, the elementary school gym is open for ping-pong, basketball and other activities.

The Senior Citizen's Park is a newly completed riverside park with benches, picnic tables and a bandstand. Also, two tennis courts and an outdoor basketball court have been constructed recently.

Fort Hill, an old army site, is being converted into a park. A riding stable and picnic tables are being added now.

Area (Within 65 miles)

The Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor in beautifully wooded Keys Park was opened at Fort Knox in 1949. The museum contains cavalry and armor displays from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam. Of special interest are the personal effects of General George C. Patton, for whom the museum was named.

Green River Lake State Park offers fishing, boating, swimming, a picnic area and a beach at Lone Valley. Facilities also include a marina, parking areas, ramps and rest rooms.

Bernheim Forest is a privately operated 10,000-acre natural forest that is stocked with deer, wild turkey, grouse and quail. Facilities include a picnic area, foot trails, fishing, nature center, and museum.

Rough River Dam State Resort Park is a 9,234-acre resort-type park on Rough River Reservoir with lodge, cottages and camping accommodations. Facilities and recreation include a lodge, pool, beach, bathhouse, boat and motor rentals, paddle boats, fishing, miniature golf, tennis, hiking, shuffleboard, picnic shelter, playground area, supervised recreation and a 2,500-foot paved airstrip inside the park.

My Old Kentucky Home State Park was originally called Federal Hill and was the home of Judge John Rowan. Here in 1852 Judge Rowan's young Pittsburgh cousin Stephen Collins Foster was inspired to compose his immortal melody "My Old Kentucky Home" which later became the official song of Kentucky. Park facilities include: gift shop, amphitheatre, golf course, playground area and camp facilities.

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site grounds include 116 acres of original Thomas Lincoln farm where Abraham Lincoln was born and lived until $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old. The small log cabin is enclosed in a granite memorial shrine. The Visitor Center has exhibits and an audio-visual program.

Nolin River Lake is a 5,800-acre reservoir that provides flood control for the Nolin River Basin. Recreational activities available in this area include fishing, boating, hiking, camping and picnicking.

South of West Point is the world-famous Mammoth Cave region which covers more than 150 miles of charted caverns and vast areas not yet mapped. Cave attractions include Snowball Dining Room (267 feet below the surface), Frozen Niagara, Crystal Lake and Bottomless Pit.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

1. Construction on a secondary sewage treatment plant is scheduled to begin in early 1977.
2. The city plans to build a retaining wall faced with rock along the bank of the Ohio River in order to check erosion.
3. The Senior Citizen's Park, which contains benches, picnic tables and a bandstand, has been constructed along the Ohio River. In addition, two tennis courts and an outdoor basketball court have recently been completed.
4. Fort Hill, an old army site, is being converted into a park. The land is being cleared now so that picnic areas and riding stable can be constructed.
5. The city has purchased a new police cruiser and is in the process of acquiring a new ambulance.

HISTORY

Residents employed in agriculture accounted for 1,110 of Hardin County's 20,680 residents employed in 1947; government accounted for 2,210 employed residents. Trade and services firms in the county employed 2,740, while manufacturers employed 2,020. Largest of the Hardin County lies in the northcentral area of the state, its northern tip extending to the Ohio River. Rolling Fork of Salt River flows along its northeastern boundary, Rough River forms a part of the southwestern border, and Nolin River meanders through the southern portion of the county. The county's 616 square miles of territory is hilly in the north, rolling in the eastern and southern sections, and fairly level in the central area. The soil ranges from thin in the north to fertile in the south.

The first settlers who came to Hardin County included John Severns, after whom the valley in which Elizabethtown is located was first known, and Captain Thomas Helm, Colonel Andrew Hynes, and Samuel Haycraft. They chose the present site of Elizabethtown in 1780 and built three block-houses in a triangle about a mile apart. Also among these early settlers was Christopher Bush, whose daughter Sarah became the stepmother of Abraham Lincoln. The second oldest Baptist church in the state was built here in 1781.

Hardin became Kentucky's fifteenth county in 1782 and was named for Colonel John Hardin of Virginia, a Revolutionary War hero who came to Kentucky and fought in the Indian Wars. The first brick house in the county was built by Ben Helm and the first courthouse constructed in 1804. The first newspaper, The Western Intelligencer, was established in 1826.

Elizabethtown, the county seat, was built on land donated by Colonel Andrew Hynes and was named for his wife, Elizabeth. Now an important trade and industrial center, Elizabethtown had a 1973 estimated population of 14,354. Elizabethtown Community College, a two-year institution in the University of Kentucky system, has an enrollment of over 1,300.

Radcliff, to the north, had an estimated 1973 population of 11,268, Vine Grove had 3,050, West Point, on the Ohio, had 1,921, and Upton, to the south, had 598. Also in Hardin County is Fort Knox, depository for the nation's gold supply and a major army post.

Hardin County's population was 3,653 in 1800, and it has grown steadily and then rapidly since 1940. In 1950 the total had reached 50,312, by 1960 it was 67,789, and in 1975 it was estimated to be 72,000.

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