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SUMMARY OF INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

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POPULATION, 1960: Smiths Grove - 613 Warren County - 45,591

SMITHS GROVE LABOR SUPPLY AREA: Includes Warren and all adjoining counties. Estimated number of workers available for industrial jobs in the labor supply area is 8,101 men and 5,976 women. Number of workers available from Warren County is 1,720 men and 407 women.

TRANSPORTATION:

Railroads: Smiths Grove is served by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

Air: The Bowling Green - Warren County Municipal Airport, 16 miles distant, is served by Eastern Airlines with four flights daily.

Trucks: Common carrier service is provided by Hayes Freight Lines, Federal Transfer Company, and Bowling Green Express, Inc. The latter firm has terminal facilities in Bowling Green, 16 miles distant.

Bus: Smiths Grove is served by Fuqua Bus Lines.

Highways: State Route 101 and U. S. Routes 31W and 68 serve the area. Interstate 65, now under construction, will pass two miles south of Smiths Grove.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Power is provided by the Warren County RECC with 30,000 kilowatts available.

Natural Gas: Smiths Grove is supplied natural gas by the Western Kentucky Gas Company. A four inch transmission line serves the area.

Water: Smiths Grove is supplied water by a privately owned water works. The source is four wells with a pumping capacity of 360,000 gallons per day and a maximum daily use of 125,000 gallons.

COMMUNICATION:

Telephone and Telegraph: The Mammoth Cave Telephone Company (subsidiary of General Telephone Company) serves Smiths Grove with a dial system. The company has 532 subscribers and offers toll free calls to Bowling Green.

Telegraph service is provided by Western Union 13 hours a day.

Postal Facilities: Smiths Grove has a second class post office with 10 employees. Mail is dispatched and received 2 times daily by truck. Postal receipts in 1960 totaled \$10,433.35.

INDUSTRIAL SITES: There are numerous plant sites adjacent to or in Smiths Grove. All have gas, water, and electricity as well as access routes. These sites may be seen by contacting the Bowling Green - Warren County Chamber of Commerce or the Kentucky Department of Commerce.

CITY SERVICES:

Fire Protection: Smiths Grove has a volunteer fire department composed of 21 men and 3 trucks with a total pumping capacity of 1,750 gpm. The town has a Class-8 NBFU rating.

Police Protection: The city of Smiths Grove has 1 full-time policeman.

Sewerage, Garbage and Sanitation: Individuals must make arrangements for these services on a private basis.

TAXES: The property tax rate in Smiths Grove is \$2.55 per \$100 assessed value.

LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Housing: Rent for two and three bedroom homes ranges from \$35 to \$65 monthly. Construction costs for two and three bedroom houses range from \$8,000 to \$12,000.

Health: The Bowling Green - Warren County Hospital is located in Bowling Green, 16 miles from Smiths Grove.

Education: A public grade and high school is located in Smiths Grove. Western Kentucky State College is located in Bowling Green.

Churches: Denominations represented in Smiths Grove include Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Church of Christ, and Cumberland Presbyterian.

Banks: The American National Bank of Bowling Green has a branch office in Smiths Grove.

Clubs and Organizations: Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge, Lions, Women's Music, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, FBLA, FHA, FFA, FTA, 4-H Club, and Little League.

Recreation: The local high school athletic field is lighted and has picnic facilities. A summer recreation director has been appointed.

Community Improvements: Recent community improvements include: new mercury vapor street lights, three miles of street resurfacing, street markers and house numbers, two new fire trucks, a new dial telephone system, and the establishment of a planning and zoning board.

CLIMATE: Climate in Kentucky is moderate with the annual temperature in Smiths Grove averaging 58 degrees. January is the coldest month, with an average temperature of 38.7 degrees. July is the warmest month with an average temperature of 79.4 degrees. Annual rainfall averages 38.84 inches. There is an average of 104 days clear, 110 days partly cloudy, and 151 days cloudy.

The growing season averages approximately 200 days per year.

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