



# Boone County

## Kentucky

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### **BOONE COUNTY RECEIVES GRANT TO COMBAT ILLEGAL DUMP SITES** *County to receive \$23,646.75 in grant funds from the Division of Waste Management*

*BOONE COUNTY, KY* — Recently Robert D. Vance, Secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, announced that the Division of Waste Management has awarded Boone County a grant in the amount of \$23,646.75. This money has been awarded for the cleanup of illegal dumps.

Governor Steve Beshear will be announcing more than \$2.9 million in grants to be dispersed throughout 52 counties. These funds will clean up 293 illegal dump sites across the Commonwealth.

State funding for the illegal dump grant program comes from a \$1.75 environmental remediation fee for each ton of garbage disposed of at Kentucky municipal solid waste disposal facilities. This fee was authorized by the 2002 General Assembly under House Bill 174.

In a letter to state Representative Addia Wuchner, Secretary Nance stated that, “Significant progress has been made in cleaning up illegal dumps. This progress is attributable to the work of local, state and federal officials as well as the general public. Not only have funds for cleanup of illegal dumps been a factor in Kentucky’s success but so have educational efforts throughout our communities.”

According to Mary Shinkle, Boone County’s Solid Waste Coordinator, “In the past we have had to use local tax dollars to clean up dump sites, so when we receive grand funds like this we make every effort to be sure they go a long way.”

Shinkle says that already four locations will benefit directly as a result of these funds. The locations that have already been identified are certain areas within the Adair Wildlife Management Area, a property on Bender Road, a public right of way along Service Road, as well as a site in Walton.

County Commissioner Terri Moore said, “Boone County looks forward to working with the public in an effort to protect and preserve the environment for all those who call Boone County home and grants like this one help make it possible.”

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