

Self-help housing program is successful

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Great partnerships between local, state and federal officials result in successful projects like the self-help housing program.

That is the message that officials delivered on Thursday, October 23 when they visited a site where several of the homes in Wayne County during the past two years have been built.

The event marked the celebration of two years of success for the housing program. During that time, 18 low-income families in Wayne County obtained affordable housing.

It's a program that brings together home buyers who work cooperative to build their homes. About 100 non-profit organizations operate rural mutual self-help programs nationwide.

Kentucky Highlands' staff guide home buyers through the process of lining up financing, finding land and constructing their homes.

With the celebration, Kentucky Highlands marked the completion of the second 523 Self-Help Technical Assistance Grant which provided \$450,000 over two years to support the construction of 18 self-help homes.

The 18 homes were constructed in three groups, with six home buyer households in each group.

Through this program, each home buyer household is responsible for providing 30 hours per week of labor toward the construction of the home, and all the homes in a group must be finished before anyone can move in.

It takes about nine months to complete a group of homes, which means that each household contributes at least 1,200 hours of sweat equity. At least 65 percent of the construction work is complet-

ed by home buyers, with guidance and direction from Kentucky Highlands' staff.

This includes laying block, framing the walls, installing cabinets and trims and painting the homes.

Jerry Rickett, president of Kentucky Highlands, who was among the speakers at the event, has been pleased with this program.

"I can't think of any-

thing better we can do than help someone build their own home," said Rickett, as he addressed the group that gathered on Rain Lily Drive.

Rickett noted that they are also pleased with the job creation that has resulted from this project.

When the self-help home projects began many contractors had been out of work and struggling because of the economic recession. This has helped

keep people working locally.

While this two-year segment of funding has closed, Kentucky Highlands has been award-

ed another \$450,000 grant which will support the construction of another 18 homes.

The first of those homes are currently under

construction on Rain Lily Drive.

Following the ceremony last Thursday, officials had an opportunity to tour two of the homes that were



Above—Officials and others who attended last week's celebration visited one of the self-help homes on Rain Lily Drive. Below—Linda Chadwell, with Kentucky Rural Development, spoke during the ceremony.



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<p>197 GREEN VIEW DRIVE MLS #16932—Spacious and Beautiful four bedroom, four bath home joining Hole #4 Monticello Country Club. Living, family, formal dining, equipped kitchen with hickory cabinetry and island, elevator, partially finished basement, 3 HVAC, 4-car garage parking, blacktop driveways, much more! Reduced to \$374,000</p>	<p>740 ALBANY ROAD MLS #17102—Known as building supply property. Multi purpose buildings can be retail, garage, light manufacturing, office, storage. Approx. 18 acres m/l. Corners KY 90 Bypass. \$750,000</p>	<p>205 HARPER DRIVE MLS #19028—3 bedroom, 2 bath home with living-dining, eat-in kitchen, family, hardwood and carpet, HVAC, deck. \$84,900</p>	<p>145/175 SOUTH MAIN ST. MLS #10167—Large commercial building with approx. 3 acres with many uses. Priced reduced to \$150,000. Owner wants offer!</p>
<p>976 SLOAN HOLLOW ROAD MLS #18491—2, possible 3 bedroom home, 1 bath, living, kitchen-dining, utility, partial basement, gas furnace, window AC. \$50,900</p>	<p>1385 HWY 1009 MLS #19544—2 bedroom, 1 bath home with living, kitchen, HVAC, 2-car garage, storage building, approx. 4 acres. \$79,000</p>	<p>368 BEAVER LODGE ROAD MLS #19045—2 bedroom, 1 bath home with eat-in kitchen, carpet, vinyl, laminate, deck, hot tub, detached garage, seasonal lake view. \$58,500</p>	<p>318 W. COLUMBIA AVE. MLS #19962—Approx. 60 X 80 garage/shop/commercial building with 2 apartments, 40 X 70 storage building and 2 rent houses. Income producing property. \$185,000.</p>
<p>HARMON CREEK ROAD MLS #19157—27 acre m/l wood-land tract.</p>	<p>SANDSTONE POINT MLS #19585—Lot 59. Approx. 1.5 acres. Gated community. \$29,900</p>	<p>PLEASANT VIEW ESTATES MLS #19006—Lot #8 in Pleasant View Estates. .38 acres. Steubenville area. \$7,500</p>	<p>SOUTH MAIN STREET MLS #18036—Approx. 2 acre tract suitable for multi-housing, professional or business. \$49,900</p>
<p>191 JOY DRIVE MLS #19970—3 bedroom, 2 bath home with living, dining-kitchen, large laundry room, HVAC, 2-car garage. Located just outside the Monticello City Limits. \$144,900</p>	<p>CART BELL RIDGE ROAD MLS #18704—23 acre wooded tract with new survey. Joins Corp of Engineers. Near Beaver Creek Resort. \$45,000</p>	<p>PLEASANT VIEW ESTATES MLS #19007—Lot #9 in Pleasant View Estates. .37 acres. Steubenville area. \$6,000</p>	<p>388 SUNSTAR BLVD. MLS #17590—18.66 acre commercial tract, 9,700 sq. ft. main building with office and shop, additional 3,700 sq. ft. storage/shop building, 2 rent houses, 3 phase electric, suitable for junk yard, sawmill, lumber yard, etc. Easy access to East Hwy. 90, Monticello. REDUCED—\$349,900</p>
	<p>SHARON DRIVE MLS #18689—5 building lots on Sharon and Hill Drive. Near the lake. \$35,000</p>	<p>10 TRUEBLOOD ROAD MLS #17099—Mobile home lot located in the Steubenville community. No restrictions. \$16,500</p>	<p>HICKORY POINT SUBDIVISION MLS #18496—Restricted 2 acre lot m/l fronting on Scenic Point Drive and Red Maple Lane. \$19,900</p>

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