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CAPITAL PROJECTS

HJR 76	
\$40 Million	Campground Upgrades
\$20 Million	Utility Improvements
\$6 Million	Broadband Upgrades
HB 553	
\$13 Million	Jenny Wiley and Lake Barkley Repairs
HJR 56	
\$27 Million	Building Systems and Safety Improvements
\$22 Million	Accommodation and Hospitality Upgrades
\$22 Million	Recreational Amenities Upgrades
HB 6 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS	
\$45 Million	Utility Infrastructure Replacement
\$18 Million	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades
\$15 Million	Yatesville Lake Marina Replacement
\$12.2 Million	Jenny Wiley Marina Reconstruction
\$10 Million	Cumberland Falls Lodge Room Upgrades
\$7.5 Million	John James Audubon New Conference Center
\$6 Million	Lake Barkley Lodge Wing Exterior Repair
\$3.1 Million	Big Bone Lick State Park Nature Center
\$3.1 Million	Conference Center Upgrades
\$3 Million	Lake Barkley Fitness Center Upgrades
\$1.5 Million	Perryville ADA Accessible Restroom Facility
\$1.5 Million	Kenlake Structure Refurbishment
\$1.5 Million	Jenny Wiley Archery Center
\$1.2 Million	Pennyrile Beach Complex Repair
\$1.1 Million	John James Audubon Beach House Conversion



COMPLETED PROJECTS

CAMPGROUND BATHHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Nolin Lake

Barren River Lake

Natural Bridge

Greenbo Lake

Big Bone Lick

General Burnside

General Butler

Jenny Wiley

Kincaid Lake

Dale Hollow Lake

Yatesville Lake

Green River

Cumberland Falls

Blue Licks Battlefield

Carter Caves

Lake Barkley



Blue Licks Battlefield



COMPLETED PROJECTS

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES

EP Tom Sawyer

Jefferson Davis

Kentucky Dam Village

Carter Caves

Pine Mountain

Jenny Wiley

Yatesville Lake

Natural Bridge

Big Bone Lick

Pennyrile Forest

Taylorsville Lake

Waveland

Buckhorn Lake

BROADBAND UPGRADES

Dale Hollow Lake

Carter Caves

Paintsville Lake

General Butler

LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM UPGRADES

Dale Hollow Lake Elevator

Jenny Wiley Elevator

John James Audubon Business Office Sprinkler System





COMPLETED PROJECTS

DOOR LOCKING SYSTEMS

General Butler

Rough River Dam

Natural Bridge

Jenny Wiley

Dale Hollow Lake

Carter Caves

Cumberland Falls

Greenbo Lake

Blue Licks Battlefield

Kentucky Dam Village

Lake Barkley

Barren River Lake

Pine Mountain

Pennyrile Forest

Kenlake

Lake Cumberland

Buckhorn Lake

John James Audubon

BEACH REFURBISHMENTS

All State Parks Beaches

BUILDING SYSTEMS REPAIRS

Jenny Wiley Cooling Tower Replacement

GOLF COURSE GREEN CONVERSIONS

Barren River

Kentucky Dam Village

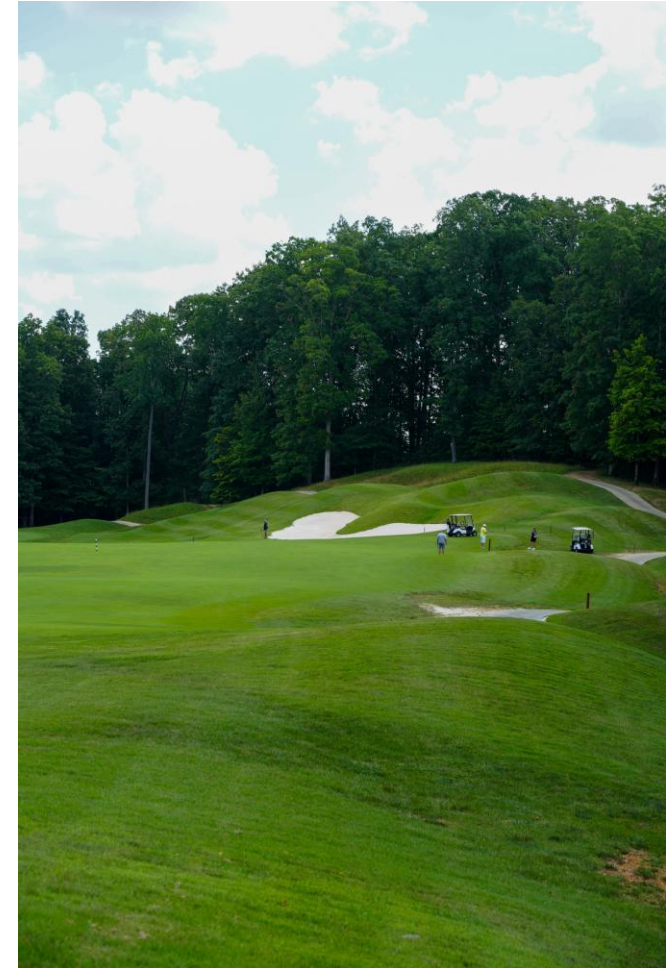
GOLF COURSE BUNKER REPAIRS

Dale Hollow Lake

Grayson Lake

Mineral Mound

Yatesville Lake



BY THE NUMBERS:



\$72 MILLION INVESTED



66 PROJECTS COMPLETED



17 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



36 PARKS IMPACTED

CAMPGROUND BATHHOUSE UPGRADES:



\$2.6 MILLION BATHHOUSE RENOVATIONS



16 PROJECTS COMPLETED





GREENBO LAKE STATE RESORT PARK



LAKE BARKLEY STATE RESORT PARK



GREEN RIVER LAKE STATE RESORT PARK 8

CAMPGROUND UPGRADES: WEST



\$20 MILLION APPROPRIATED



9 PROJECTS

Initial design assessment completed



1 PROJECT READY TO BID

- Lake Malone



3 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Kenlake
- My Old Kentucky Home
- Taylorsville Lake

CAMPGROUND UPGRADES: EAST



\$20 MILLION APPROPRIATED



3 PROJECTS IN DESIGN

- Fort Boonesborough
- Cumberland Falls
- General Burnside



2 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Carter Caves
- Greenbo Lake





MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME CAMPGROUND



KENLAKE STATE RESORT PARK CAMPGROUND



KENLAKE STATE RESORT PARK CAMPGROUND



CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK CAMPGROUND



CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK CAMPGROUND

UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS:

\$20 MILLION

for grid resilience projects at various park locations.

- \$3.5 million match by Kentucky State Parks
- \$17 million federal matching grant

Kentucky Dam Village and Kenlake State Resort Parks primary grid resilience projects are in final design.

Secondary electrical projects to follow the grid resilience grant project.



WASTEWATER UPGRADES:



\$6.5 MILLION APPROPRIATED



2 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Natural Bridge
- EP Tom Sawyer

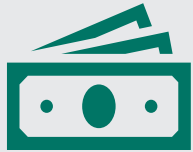


3 PROJECTS ARE IN DESIGN

- Cumberland Falls
- Barren River Lake
- Greenbo Lake

BROADBAND CAMPGROUND UPGRADES:

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\$6 MILLION APPROPRIATED



4 PROJECTS COMPLETED



6 PROJECTS ARE IN DESIGN

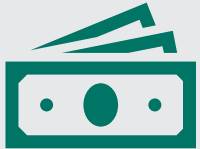
- John James Audubon
- Big Bone Lick
- Lake Malone
- Fort Boonesborough
- Cumberland Falls
- Natural Bridge



4 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Kentucky Dam Village
- Pennyrile
- My Old Kentucky Home
- Kenlake

BUILDING SYSTEMS & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT:



\$6.9 MILLION APPROPRIATED



1 PROJECT OUT TO BID

- General Butler BAS System Replacement



1 PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Barren River HVAC Replacement



1 PROJECT COMPLETED

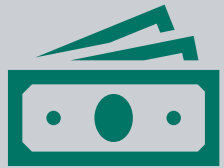
- Jenny Wiley Cooling Tower Replacement

LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENT:



\$2 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR DOOR-LOCKING SYSTEMS AT ALL RESORT PARKS

- 18 projects completed



\$151,650 APPROPRIATED FOR ELEVATOR AND SPRINKLER UPGRADES



3 PROJECTS COMPLETED

- John James Audubon (sprinkler system)
- Jenny Wiley (elevator upgrade)
- Dale Hollow Lake (elevator upgrade)

STRUCTURAL AND SAFETY REPAIRS:



\$6.7 MILLION APPROPRIATED



4 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Lake Cumberland
- Dale Hollow Lake
- Jenny Wiley
- General Butler



3 PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Natural Bridge
- Pine Mountain
- Cumberland Falls

ADA MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS:



\$1.1 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT

- Dale Hollow Lake



PROJECT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



\$1.3 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR REC BUILDING UPGRADES

- EP Tom Sawyer



PROJECT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



\$2.8 MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR LODGE WING UPGRADES

- Lake Barkley



PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION



ACCOMMODATION & HOSPITALITY UPGRADES: \$22 MILLION



\$21 MILLION APPROPRIATED

- Lake Barkley
- Lake Cumberland
- Barren River Lake



\$1 MILLION APPROPRIATED

Mattresses and furnishings at various state parks



2 PROJECTS READY TO BID

- Lake Cumberland
- Barren River Lake



1 PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Lake Barkley



LAKE BARKLEY LOBBY BEFORE





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LAKE BARKLEY LOBBY RENDERING

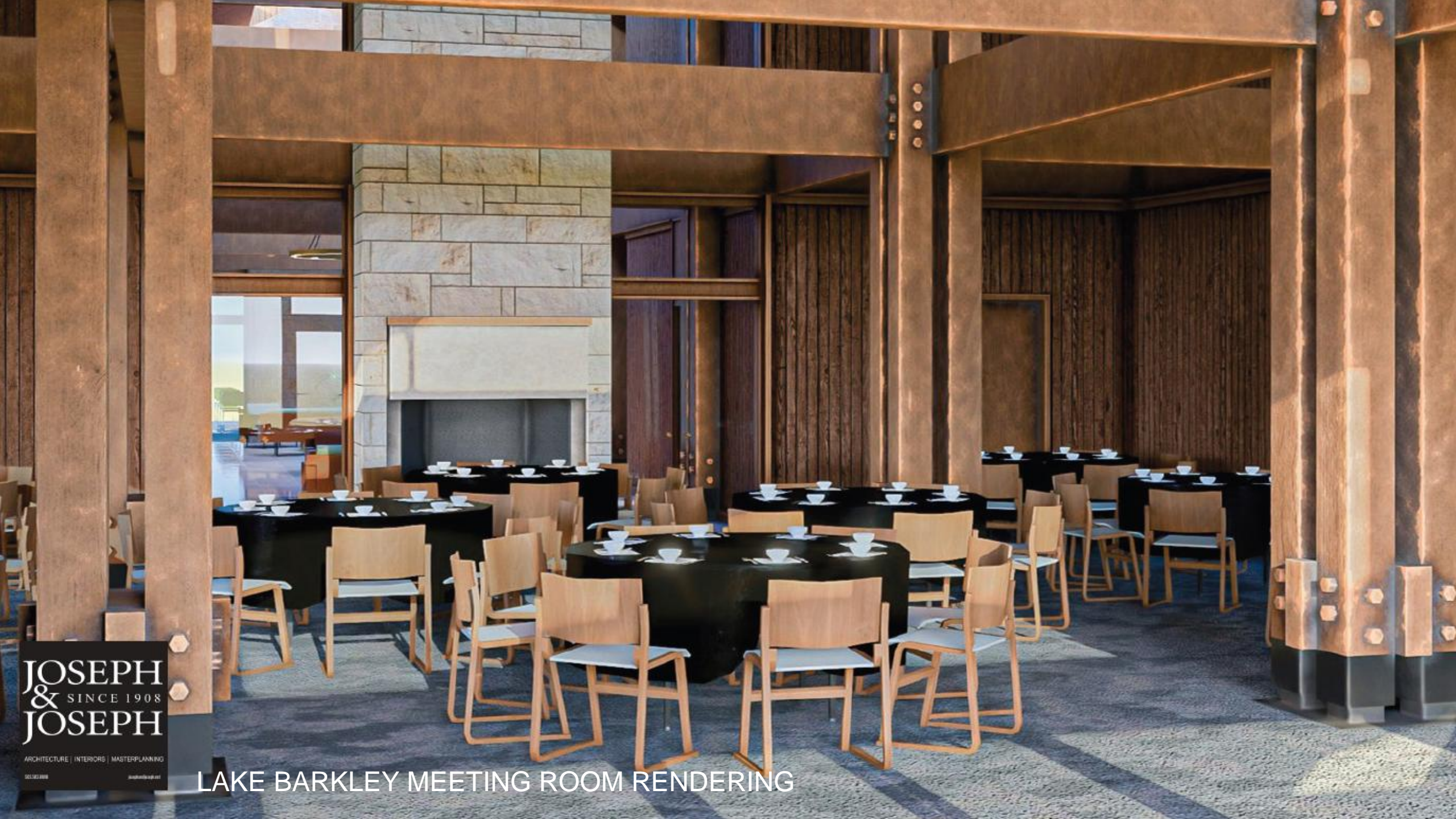


LAKE BARKLEY RESTAURANT BEFORE





LAKE BARKLEY MEETING ROOM BEFORE



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LAKE BARKLEY MEETING ROOM RENDERING



LAKE CUMBERLAND ROOM RENDERING



An architectural rendering of a modern lobby interior. The space features a large, multi-story stone fireplace wall on the left, with a dark wood mantel and a blue-tinted glass insert. The ceiling is high with exposed dark wood beams and a large, white, multi-bladed ceiling fan. The walls are a mix of stone, wood, and light-colored patterned wallpaper. The floor is a light, neutral color. Several orange leather armchairs are arranged in a seating area. In the background, there is a service counter with a map and some brochures. The overall atmosphere is warm and contemporary.

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LAKE CUMBERLAND LOBBY RENDERING

POOL IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIRS:



\$12 MILLION APPROPRIATED

- Fort Boonesborough
- Lake Barkley
- Greenbo Lake



3 PROJECTS IN DESIGN



1 PROJECT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Lake Barkley

BEACH REFURBISHMENT:



\$346,600 APPROPRIATED



ALL PROJECTS COMPLETED

HJR 56





LAKE BARKLEY POOL DEMO



LAKE BARKLEY POOL DEMO

DAM SAFETY RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS:



\$5 MILLION APPROPRIATED

- Pennyrile Forest



PROJECT DESIGN IS COMPLETE



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:



\$1.2 MILLION APPROPRIATED



13 PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Buckhorn Lake
- Carter Caves
- E.P. Tom Sawyer
- Jefferson Davis
- Kentucky Dam Village
- Pennyrite Forest
- Big Bone Lick
- Pine Mountain
- Yatesville Lake
- Natural Bridge
- Jenny Wiley
- Taylorsville Lake
- Waveland



CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK



KENTUCKY DAM VILLAGE STATE RESORT PARK

GOLF COURSE UPGRADES:



\$8.5 MILLION APPROPRIATED

Golf course irrigation replacement, Bermuda greens conversion and bunker repairs



4 PROJECTS IN DESIGN

- Barren River Lake irrigation
- Kentucky Dam Village irrigation
- My Old Kentucky Home irrigation
- Lake Barkley irrigation



6 PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Dale Hollow Lake bunkers
- Barren River Lake green conversion
- Mineral Mound bunkers
- Yatesville Lake bunkers
- Kentucky Dam Village green conversion
- Grayson Lake bunkers

HJR 56



FY25-26 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS (HB6):



4 PROJECTS ARE IN DESIGN

- Utility Infrastructure Replacement (Phase 2)
- John James Audubon New Conference Center
- Pennyryle Beach Complex Repair/upgrade
- Jenny Wiley Archery Center



1 PROJECT OUT FOR BID

- Lake Barkley Fitness Center Upgrades



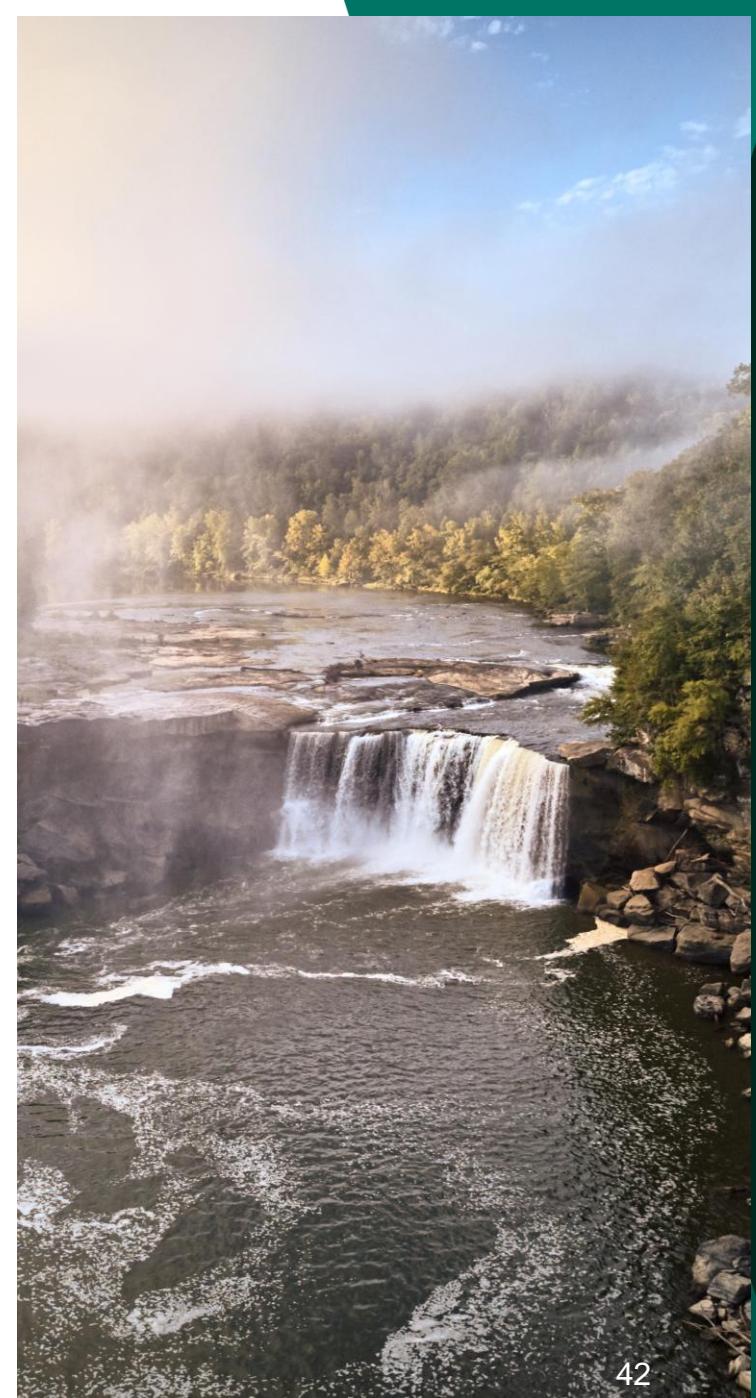
3 PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT

- Yatesville Lake Marina Replacement
- Cumberland Falls Lodge Room Reconfiguration
- Carter Caves Wastewater Treatment Plant



6 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Big Bone Lick Nature Center
- Perryville ADA Restrooms
- Kenlake (Historic Cherokee Park) Structure Refurbishment
- Jenny Wiley Marina Reconstruction
- John James Audubon Beach House Conversion
- Lake Barkley Lodge Wing Exterior Repair





KENLAKE (HISTORIC CHEROKEE PARK) STRUCTURE REFURBISHMENT

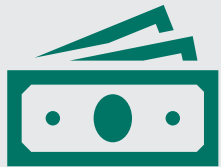


LAKE BARKLEY LODGE WING EXTERIOR REPAIR



LAKE BARKLEY LODGE WING EXTERIOR REPAIR

NEW BUDGET REQUEST - MAINTENANCE POOL:



\$40 MILLION

This pool funds special maintenance and deferred maintenance. This is a vital need for the department to protect the commonwealth's investment in existing facilities.



- Extend the life of the state's existing assets
- Purchase maintenance equipment
- Support essential maintenance of park facilities, including:
 - Routine upkeep
 - Critical repairs
 - Preventative work

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION (DECA)



149 KENTUCKY STATE PARK PROJECTS



85 PROJECTS IN DESIGN



64 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

QUESTIONS?

