



photo: (Left) KLC Executive Director/CEO Sylvia L. Lovely and (right) Elizabethtown Mayor and KLC Board President David Willmoth present Hopkinsville representatives with the Enterprise Cities Award. Pictured are Mayor Dan Kemp, Councilmember Fred Atkins, Councilmember Patricia Bell and Councilmember Larry Gillette.

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HOPKINSVILLE WINS KLC ENTERPRISE CITIES AWARD FOR ITS INNER CITY RESIDENTIAL ENTERPRISE ZONE

COVINGTON, KY – The City of Hopkinsville was awarded the Enterprise Cities Award by the Kentucky League of Cities for the development and implementation of the Inner City Residential Enterprise Zone.

The award, which was announced during the 2007 KLC Convention & Expo held in Covington, Ky., October 10-13, is based on several criteria, including its long-term value to the community and community/citizen participation. Hopkinsville won the division for cities with a population between 15,001 and 40,000.

“With so many cities working to improve the quality of their downtown areas Hopkinsville’s efforts stand alone,” said Sylvia L. Lovely, KLC executive director/CEO. “The way this city

approached its downtown revitalization has not only caught the eye of KLC but many other national organizations as well.”

Hopkinsville’s entry, the Inner City Residential Enterprise Zone (ICREZ), is an initiative established for the renovation and revitalization of Hopkinsville’s Downtown Renaissance Area as well as the four neighborhoods that surround the downtown area. A 12-member Inner City Advisory Committee provides oversight of the project.

The Inner City Advisory Committee selected four elements that serve as the premise of this revitalization effort of their downtown. These elements are Clean and Safe Neighborhoods, Housing Stock Revitalization, Economic Infrastructure and Economic Opportunity.

“It has been of great importance for our city to improve its downtown,” said Hopkinsville Mayor J. Daniel Kemp. “A clean and safe downtown is more attractive to businesses and makes living here in the City of Hopkinsville much better for our residents.”

City projects are judged in seven key areas: innovativeness or creativity; long-term community value; adaptability to other cities; use of public/private partnerships; ability to achieve project benchmarks; community/citizen participation in planning and/or initiating the project; and the program’s efficiency.