

Clinch-Powell One of 20 Rural Enterprise Communities

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The Clinch-Powell Enterprise Community was named as one of 20 Enterprise Communities across the US by Vice President Al Gore on January 13, 1999. This award made to the Clinch-Powell RC&D Council is the culmination of a six month planning effort which will bring flexible EC grants (projected to be \$2.5 million over 10 years), earmarked grants and loans from Rural Development, tax credits, special consideration for other federal grants and other benefits.

Funding will be used to tackle issues of concern identified in a public participation process which included 1,314 residents in the region. Based on this grassroots input, a ten-year strategic plan was developed by a 16 member steering committee of community residents.

The enterprise Community includes all of portions of Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins and Union counties based on poverty data from the 1990 U.S. Census.