

National Fire Plan

Firewise Communities Workshop

Commonwealth of Kentucky

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The Kentucky Division of Forestry has formed a partnership with the Kentucky Division of Conservation to deliver Firewise communities workshops in Kentucky. Three regional Firewise workshops have been completed and four additional workshops are planned. The workshops are designed to bring community members together, to provide them with information, and to help them make their communities Firewise.

The project is being funded through Economic Assistance – National Fire Plan funding. The objectives of the project included:

1. Establish a statewide Firewise steering committee.
2. Utilize a Firewise educational package for landowners and communities that is adapted for eastern Kentucky's conditions.
3. Establish an interagency core Firewise training group made up of the Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Division of Conservation, University of Kentucky Extension Service, and the Daniel Boone National Forest.
4. Target a broad base of landowners and communities by offering regional Firewise workshops.



The latest regional Firewise Workshop was held at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park in Corbin, Kentucky on July 24. Participants included local fire departments, local citizens, state employees, and community leaders. Workshop participants were given information on the wildland fire problem in their area and ways to mitigate the problem using Firewise principles and methods. Participants heard from the McCreary County Kentucky Firewise Council on how they are carrying out Firewise practices in their county.

The goal of the Firewise workshops is to encourage landowners and communities to work together to reduce wildland fire risks in the urban interface in their communities. Communities are being encouraged to form local Firewise councils or boards to coordinate implementation of future Firewise practices. The benefits of partnering with the Kentucky Division of Conservation are the assistance and expertise provided by local conservation districts.

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