

# I. COUNTY DESCRIPTION

## A. County Profile

Loudon County was established in 1870 from parts of Monroe, Blount, and McMinn Counties. It was named for Fort Loudoun erected in 1756 by the British and named in honor of the Earl of Loudoun, Commander –in –Chief of British and American forces in the French and Indian War.

Loudon County “the Lakeway to the Smokies” is surrounded by mountains, TVA lakes and waterways. Loudon County has something for everyone from antiquing, museums, Civil War sites to water recreation. It is home of Tellico Village, one of the country’s top recreational communities. Loudon County also has industries as well as smaller businesses that ensure a healthy local economy. “With rolling hills, pastoral farms, a stately winding river and beautiful lakes Loudon County is a wonderful place to live, work and play.”<sup>1</sup>

### *Loudon County Community Profile*

#### Location

Region: East Tennessee

Square Miles: 240

Distance from Knoxville: 31 miles

#### Population (1997 est.)

Total: 38,234

#### Cities/Towns/Communities

Greenback

Lenoir City

Loudon

Philadelphia

Eaton Elementary School K-5

Highland Park Elementary School K-5

Steekee Elementary School K-5

Loudon Elementary School K-5

Loudon County High School 9-12

Lenoir City Elementary School K-5

Lenoir City High School 9-12

#### Education

Philadelphia School K-8

North Middle School 6-8

Fort Loudon Middle School 6-8

Greenback School K-12

Loudon Co. Technical Center 9-12

Lenoir City Middle School 6-8

#### Natural Resources

Minerals: Barite and Granite

Timber: Pine, Oak and Hickory

Agricultural: Tobacco, Small grain & Vegetable

#### Climate

Annual Average Temperature: 57°

Annual Average Precipitation: 56”

Elevation: 839’ above sea level

### *Loudon County Selected Economic Indicators*

#### Annual Labor Force Estimates (1998)

Annual Total Labor Force: 19,960

Number Employed 19,320

Number Unemployed: 640

<sup>+</sup>Unemployment Rate %: 3.3

#### Tax Structure

County Property Tax Rate per \$100 value: \$2.11

\*Per Capita Income (1996 est.) : \$19,341

<sup>1</sup> Loudon County Local Government <http://208.24.36.164/govt/govt.html>.