



Producing Food and Jobs

Whitley City IGA Whitley City, Kentucky

McCreary County, Kentucky resident Rick Stevens saw a need in his community for easy access to high-quality groceries. The two grocery stores in Whitley City were both small and offer a limited variety of products. Many nearby residents traveled outside of McCreary County to buy their groceries. So in 2010 Stevens established a new grocery store, Whitley City IGA, in partnership with his wife and sons. The business will create 40 new jobs and draw customers from throughout McCreary County as well as from surrounding counties.

MACED was one of six lenders that provided \$3.9 million in financing to convert a commercial building into Whitley City IGA. MACED's portion of the loan, \$500,000, was used primarily to finance evaporator motor retrofits to the HVAC system as well as a water-cooled refrigeration and heat pump system with enhanced controls. Analysis by MACED's energy specialist indicates that these systems should save the business about 630,000 kWh of electricity per year over more traditional systems. At current rates, this should result in an annual savings of \$56,700 in utility bills.

MACED works with people in eastern Kentucky and Central Appalachia to create economic opportunity, strengthen democracy and support the sustainable use of natural resources.

Development Impact

40 new jobs created.

New business in distressed county established.

Energy efficiency promoted.

Quality of life increased.



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