

Greenways and Trails TIDBITS

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National Trails Day: <http://www.americanhiking.org/NTD.aspx>

National Trails Day for 2009 was a GREAT success!! It started with Governor Bredesen proclaiming June 6, 2009, Tennessee Trails Day in conjunction with National Trails Day!

With 29 events registered (most ever!!) and 35 activities planned, with just 22 events reporting, over 1,325 people participated and spent over 5, 2667 hours hiking on trails, maintaining trails, rerouting trails, building new trails, building bridges over creeks or building ADA accessible trails. Keep up the great work and special thanks go out to all the event coordinators, sponsors and agencies/organizations that sponsored an NTD event!

Please put June 5, 2010 on your calendar and start planning your 2010 National Trails Day event NOW!!

Recreation Trails Program(RTP) Grant Pre-Application,
<http://tn.gov/environment/recreation/grants.shtml>

60 people attended the workshop for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant Pre-Application on June 10, 2009 at 10:00 am CDT. The workshop was held at the Fleming Training Center in Murfreesboro, TN. To get the 2009 RTP Pre-Application form, go to the link provided above and look in the *Helpful Links* box. Information about the Categorical Exclusion (CE) Request is also available at that website.

For more information, contact Robert.richards@tn.gov or call 615-532-0753.

2009 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards (GESA)
<http://tennessee.gov/environment/awards/> to review the 2009 Awards.

Congratulations to the 2009 Award winners! The Wolf River Environmental Restoration Project in Shelby County won the Greenway and Trails Award!

Start planning now for your 2010 GESA project which must be completed during the 2009 calendar year except for the Green Schools award which must be completed during the 2009-10 school year.

Watch the website in January 2010 for next year's award application!

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2008 Tennessee Greenways and Trail Plan:

<http://tn.gov/environment/recreation/greentrails.shtml>

The 2008 Plan has LOTS of great information about the many benefits of Greenways and Trails! Go to the link listed above to download a copy of the 2008 Plan or contact Bob Richards at Robert.richards@tn.gov , 615-532-0753 to receive a CD with the Plan and the two Appendices.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) renewal: <http://www.americantrails.org/rtp/>

The SAFETEA-LU transportation legislation that authorizes the RTP expires September 30, 2009! To find out more about the possible reauthorization of the RTP, go to the website listed above for the latest information.

National Recreation Trails Program :

<http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails/>

Want to get National recognition for your local trail? Apply to have it designated a National Recreation Trail!! Go to the website listed above for more information.

For information on the newest National Recreation Trails, designated by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, go to: <http://home.nps.gov/applications/release/Detail.cfm?ID=868>

To apply (deadline is November 1st), go to:

<http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails/ApplyNRT.html> !

Tennessee Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association:

<http://news.tennesseeanytime.org/node/2186>

The Tennessee Chapter of the Trails of Tears Association received a 2009 Certificate of Merit Award from the Tennessee Historical Commission in an Awards Ceremony on July 1, 2009. The Award was in recognition of the group's efforts to document trail associated sites across the state of Tennessee.

Trust for Public Lands; <http://www.tpl.org/>

The Trust for Public Land or TPL has a new research document out that shows that Investing in Conservation pays!! Go to:

http://www.tpl.org/tier3_cd.cfm?content_item_id=23056&folder_id=188 to download the document! Keep telling this to your county and city officials!

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Nashville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

The Nashville MPO has been busy and is in the final stages of the MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. To see a draft, go to: <http://www.nashvillempo.org/projects.html> .

Also on the Nashville MPO site, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act highlight provides information on the ways the ARRA funds are being spent.

Also there is the new grant program show at the web link given below:

[http://www.nashvillempo.org/downloads/Economic Recovery/TIGER Program.pdf](http://www.nashvillempo.org/downloads/Economic_Recovery/TIGER_Program.pdf)

New Trail Items

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KBI Industries has created a VERY green product that recycles old tires and creates a flexible, permeable trail parking lot surface. The new product is called Flexi-Pave.

This product was installed at the University of Florida on a natural surfaced trail that was created by the students and had erosion issues. With minimal site work, the Flexi-Pave material was built into an eight foot wide trail that allows rain water to move straight through the "pavement" and return into the ground. Thus, storm water issues were resolved with the installation.

To view this product, go to www.kbius.com .

Please send your EVENT information to Bob Richards as soon as you are aware of the date for inclusion in the Greenways and Trails TIDBITS newsletter. It will be included in the TIDBITS as space permits. This newsletter is produced bi-monthly, or when there is enough information to distribute.

2009 Calendar of Greenways and Trails Events

September 18-20 Tennessee Watersheds Summit
www.tennesseewatersheds.org

Duck River Farm

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Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference, Kingsport, TN
September 20-24, 2009 www.trpa.net

September 29, 2009 National Public Lands Day Various Locations
<http://www.publiclandsday.org/>

October 29-30, 2009 Southeast Water Trails Conference Chattanooga, TN
<http://www.rivernet.org/events/first-southeastern-water-trails-forum>

November 16, 2009 Sustainable Tourism Workshop Jackson, TN
November 17, 2009 Sustainable Tourism Workshop Memphis, TN
<http://www.tnsustainabletourism.com/> See April 16, 2009 press release!



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