

Greenways and Trails TIDBITS

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National Public Lands Day: <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>

28 work days were registered on the website and included opportunities on local, state and federal lands. Agencies included TVA, National Park Service, Cherokee National Forest Corp of Engineer reservoirs, state parks and some local parks.

Please put September 25, 2010 on your calendar and start planning your 2010 National Public Lands Day event NOW!!

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

RES received 42 RTP pre-applications requesting more than \$3.2 million. The pre-apps have been reviewed and letters will be coming out to let you know the status of your project.

NOW is the time to sharpen up your pencils and start working on the actual 2010 RTP grant application! Use the RES letter to define what else you need to complete the grant application, tighten up your project figuring out the length, width and surface of the trail project and any other details needed to complete the grant application. The next RTP grant workshop will be at the Fleming Training Center, on October 28, 2009 starting at 10:00 am, Central time. Go to: <http://tennessee.gov/environment/fleming/> for more information and the address for the Fleming Training Center.

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 Trail 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 the final 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

New Trail Items

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If you have any questions about greenways and trails grants, planning, surfacing, signs or bridges, please contact Bob Richards at Robert.richards@tn.gov or at 615-532-0753.

Need to find a trail Map?

Check out Trail Link at <http://www.trailink.com/home.aspx> ! This website, sponsored by the Rails-to Trails Conservancy offers FREE access to trail maps in all 50 states. All you have to do is register and you're in business!!

Another new product under development is a new trail bollard!

This bollard is currently being designed and the manufacturer wants to get your feedback to hear what would work best for your community!

For more information and to receive a questionnaire, please contact Mr. Charles Oakes, 615-731-4405, "Charles Oakes" oakes5@comcast.net . Another contact or to fax the survey back, jbray@intellimar.com Fax: 410-552-9939.

To go to the MaxiForce Bollardwebsite, go to: <http://www.maxiforcebollards.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.

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2009 Calendar of Greenways and Trails Events

- October 5-8, 2009 National Trail of Tears Association Conference
<http://www.nationaltota.org/> Gunthersville, AL
- October 29-30, 2009 Southeast Water Trails Conference Chattanooga, TN
<http://www.rivernetnetwork.org/events/first-southeastern-water-trails-forum>
- October 31, 2009 5th Annual Trail of Tears Re-enactment Walk
Fayetteville, TN <http://firstnationspeople.org/shattuck/renact.htm>
- November 7, 2009 6th Annual Trail of Tears Re-enactment Walk
Lawrenceburg, TN <http://www.home.earthlink.net/~bellsroute/id4.html>
- November 14, 2009 6th Annual Bell and Benges Memorial Motorcycle Ride and
Walk Pulaski, TN gctourism@gilescountytourism.com
- 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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