

Greenways and Trails TIDBITS

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TDEC Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards! Apply NOW!

<http://www.tn.gov/environment/awards/>

Go to: <http://news.tennesseeanytime.org/node/4330> to see the press release announcing the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards application period!

2010 Applications are for the 2009 calendar year time period. Please apply with your Greenways and Trails projects!! Thanks!!

TDEC- Recreation Educational Services Division:

<http://www.tn.gov/environment/recreation/>

The TDEC-Recreation Educational Services Division wants to remind all local parks and recreation departments the 2010 RTP Grant deadline is February 5, 2010 at 4:00pm CST.

For more information about the RTP grant process and application, please visit:

<http://www.tn.gov/environment/recreation/grants.shtml>.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, <http://www.tennessee.gov/twra/index.html>

The TWRA has a newly completed project, the Tennessee's Watchable Wildlife. This website focuses on the non game species and has gorgeous pictures.

Go to: <http://www.tnwatchablewildlife.org/> to see this new website!

Tennessee Greenways and Trails www.connectwithtn.com

There are 749+ greenways and trails in Tennessee that are listed on this website!!! To find a trail, go to the map of Tennessee, click on the region and then click on the name of the county. Scroll down and you will find the list of trails for that county.

If you know of a trail that is not on the website, please pass that information on to Bob Richards at Robert.richards@tn.gov or call 615-532-0753. If you have trail news (new trail opening) or an event that needs to be listed, please pass the information on to Bob. Thanks for helping make this website the best it can be.

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HUD-DOT-EPA Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities

<http://www.epa.gov/dced/partnership/index.html#livabilityprinciples>

Livability Principles

- **Provide more transportation choices.** Develop safe, reliable, and economical transportation choices to decrease household transportation costs, reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote public health.
- **Promote equitable, affordable housing.** Expand location- and energy-efficient housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, races, and ethnicities to increase mobility and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation.
- **Enhance economic competitiveness.** Improve economic competitiveness through reliable and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services and other basic needs by workers, as well as expanded business access to markets.
- **Support existing communities.** Target federal funding toward existing communities—through strategies like transit oriented, mixed-use development, and land recycling—to increase community revitalization and the efficiency of public works investments and safeguard rural landscapes.
- **Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment.** Align federal policies and funding to remove barriers to collaboration, leverage funding, and increase the accountability and effectiveness of all levels of government to plan for future growth, including making smart energy choices such as locally generated renewable energy
- **Value communities and neighborhoods.** Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods—rural, urban, or suburban.

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

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

The trails community is watching closely for the next federal Transportation Authorization bill which will affect the funding for ALL the trail related programs funded through the Federal Highway Administration.

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, <http://www.railstotrails.org/index.html> is supporting S. 575. For more information about this bill and what it does, go to: http://rtt.convio.net/site/MessageViewer?em_id=8081.0&dlv_id=25741

National Park Service – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program
http://www.nps.gov/nrcr/programs/rtca/whatwedo/projects_by_state.html

If your community needs help or technical assistance, contact the NPS-RTCA!

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New Trail Items

Disclaimer: *Mention of products or companies in this newsletter is NOT an endorsement of those products or companies and is for informational purposes only. 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.*

KBI Industries has created a **VERY green product** that recycles old tires and creates a flexible, permeable trail or 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 . If you are interested in their Green Partner program, go to: <http://www.kbius.com/pdfs/KBI-GreenPartnership.pdf> .

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.

2010 Calendar of Greenways and Trails Events

April 3, 2010 Stones River Relay, Run, Bike and Paddle Cannon County, TN
<http://stonesriverrelay.com/>

April 3, 2010 Richland Creek Greenway Run Nashville, TN
<http://www.greenwaysfornashville.org>

June 5, 2010 National Trails Day Various locations
<http://www.americanhiking.org/NTD.aspx>

September 25, 2010 Public Lands Day Various locations
<http://www.publiclandsday.org/>

2010 American Trails National Symposium Chattanooga, TN
<http://www.americantrails.org/2010/index.html>

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