

Local Parks and Recreation Fund  
Recreational Trails Program

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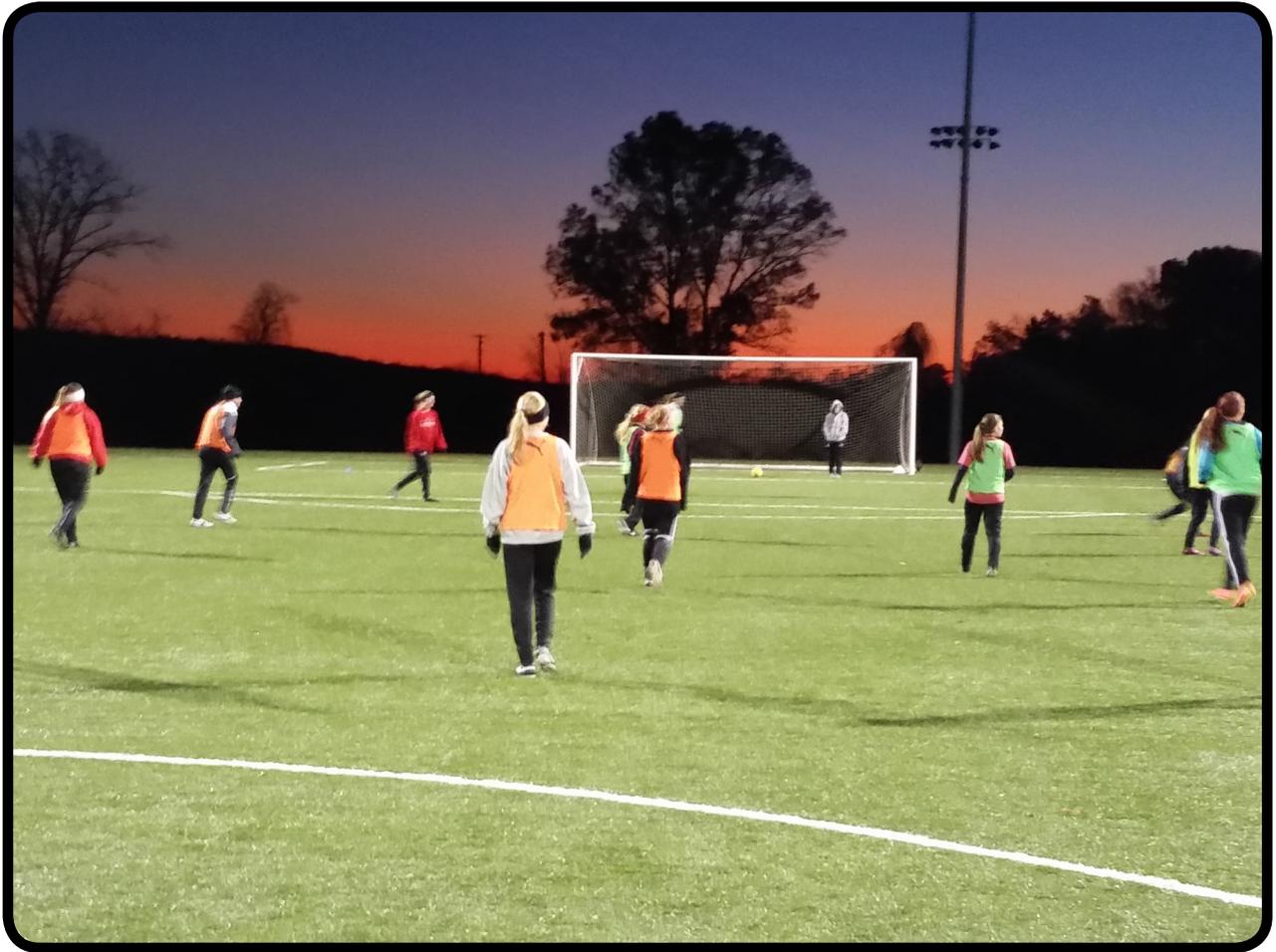
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**Farragut Mayor Bob Leonard Park - 2012 LPRF Grant - \$250,000.00**

“Since opening in late 2013, the synthetic turf field at Mayor Bob Leonard Park has been an incredible asset to the Farragut and surrounding communities, providing an option available every day and in all weather conditions for practices and play. Partially funded by a Local Parks and Recreation Fund matching grant up to \$250,000, the synthetic turf field is the first of its kind at a public park in the Knoxville area. Farragut will benefit again from a LPRF grant in fiscal year 2015 for the replacement of the playground at this same park. We extend our deepest thanks to the State of Tennessee for its continued support of the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) and its benefit to our parks and recreation efforts here in Farragut.”

-Mayor Ralph McGill

## Partnership Act of 1991

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**(i) LOCAL PARKS LAND ACQUISITION FUND.**

(1) One and three-fourths cents (0.0175) of the tax levied by subsection (a) shall be credited to a special agency account in the state general fund known as the "local parks land acquisition fund." The moneys in this fund shall be used only for grants to county and municipal Governments to implement and carry out the purposes set forth in subdivision (i)(3). Funds deposited in such fund shall not revert at the end of the fiscal year, and all interest accruing on investments and deposits of the fund not otherwise expended shall be returned to and made a part of the fund.

(2) (A) The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Director of the Wildlife Resources Agency shall jointly establish priorities for the appropriate allocation of funds deposited in the local parks land acquisition fund. No project shall receive any such funds unless each such official has approved such expenditure. Such officials shall consider applications from county and municipal governments throughout the state.

(B) At least sixty percent (60%) of the funds allocated annually shall go to municipal governments.

(3) County and municipal governments may use the funds allocated under this section for the purchase of land for parks, natural areas, greenways and for the purchase of land for recreation facilities. Such funds may also be used for trail development and capital projects in parks, natural areas, and greenways.

(4) (A) Any county or municipal government that receives a grant under this section must match the grant with an equal amount of money for each project. The matching money provided by the local government may be used to purchase additional land or to develop facilities on the land that is purchased with the grant. Rather than providing matching money, the local government may provide as its match a tract of land not previously used for park or recreational purposes that will be dedicated entirely for park or recreational purposes after receipt of the grant and that is independently appraised as having the same, or greater, value as the amount of the state grant.

(B) Rather than providing matching money, the local government may also provide as all or part of its match volunteer services, materials, and equipment which are donated to the local government by a third party at the time the state grant is made, which are used for trail construction or other development on the tract of land for which the state grant is sought, and which are valued in a manner specified by the department.

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(5) If an application from a county or municipal government has been submitted for a grant from the local parks land acquisition fund and the county or municipal government subsequently purchases the land or constructs the trail for which the grant was sought before the grant is acted upon, the grant may still be awarded a reimbursement: provided, that the application was submitted by the local government no more than twelve (12) months prior to the award of the grant.

(6) The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation, the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Director of the Wildlife Resources Agency may promulgate Regulations to implement this subsection.

(7) No funds deposited in the local parks land acquisition fund from the tax levied by subsection (a) shall be obligated or expended to acquire any interest in real property through condemnation or the power of eminent domain.



City of Selmer Playground - 2010 LPRF Grant - \$26,000

# LPRF Program: Investing in Communities & Promoting Economic Growth

The Local Parks and Recreation Partnership Act of 1991 created the Local Parks Land Acquisition Fund. One and three-fourths cents (1.75) of the tax levied as the Real Estate Recordation Tax is credited to a special agency account in the state general fund known as the “local parks land acquisition fund.” The funds are used for a grant program to county and municipal governments for acquisition of land for public recreation and development of public recreation facilities.

The LPRF grant was devised as a 50/50 matching grant. The state would provide 50 percent of the cost of a project with the local government matching this amount in money, donations, volunteer labor, donated materials, force account of local government, and any combination of these matches. A community may use the appraised value of property, not previously used for recreation, as a match for development funding from the state.

A community need not have a large population or even a large budget to qualify for a grant, just the desire to generate improvements, expand opportunities for their citizens, and increase their attractiveness for economic and tourism development.

Between 1991-2014, Recreation Educational Services (RES) administered 13 grant cycles that established seven hundred sixty-eight (768) LPRF projects across the State of Tennessee. RES made the decision in fiscal year 2001/2002 to conduct a grant cycle every other year. The establishment of two years between each grant cycle allowed for an increase in the maximum grant award which addressed the rising cost of construction, provided more time for communities to complete a grant project and thus allow eligibility for a grant award in the next grant cycle, and increased the attention and supervision RES staff could devote to the LPRF grant projects.

## By the Numbers...

- *The distribution of LPRF grant funding covers the State of Tennessee. Since 1991, as of the 2014 cycle all **95** Tennessee counties have received LPRF funding.*
- *This year, **14** out of **42** LPRF grants were awarded to communities with less than **5,000** in population.*
- *The period of 1991-2014 saw an investment of **\$72,650,000.00+** dollars of state funding for new park land acquisitions and recreational facilities improvement and development. The LPRF funds for the 2014 cycle leveraged an equal **\$6,627,000.00** worth of local commitment to parks and recreation.*

In the 23 years since the inception of the LPRF grant program, communities across Tennessee (rural, suburban, and urban) have experienced dramatic improvements to their local parks and recreation facilities. These improvements positively impacted the quality of life for residents, increased visitation and tourism, and generated additional revenue for communities.

These LPRF funded projects from 1991-2014 included: improvements for Americans with Disability Act compliance, new and renovated playgrounds, pools renovation and construction, greenways and trails, ball fields, skate parks, restroom/concession buildings, spray-grounds, nature centers, soccer fields, tennis courts, picnic shelters, community centers, basketball courts, cultural art facilities, and park land acquisitions.

The tourism dollars and additional sales tax revenue that communities generate from improved recreation facilities is significant. The LPRF program stimulates local economies through attracting visitors to tournaments, special events, water parks and pools, greenways and trails, and skate parks to name just a few. Investments through LPRF also aid communities in keeping sales tax dollars in their community rather than experiencing a bleed out to other cities and communities as citizens travel to enjoy neighboring recreation opportunities.



**Montgomery County - 2008 LPRF Grant - \$440,000**

# West Tennessee

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The communities in West Tennessee continue to expand park acreage, enhance existing recreation facilities and provide new and diverse recreation opportunities while completing LPRF projects from January 2011 - December 2014. The project highlighted below is a great example of West Tennessee meeting the needs of its citizens.



**Town of Atoka - 2012 LPRF Grant - \$250,000**

“The splash pad has been a real bright spot for our community here and has literally transformed Walker Park. Before, it was underutilized park land with very few visitors and now, we have hundreds of children that visit each day during the summer, and they really enjoy it. We are very happy that with the addition of the splash pad, the park has become such a popular gathering place for our residents and guests during the hot summer days in Atoka.”

-Mayor Daryl Walker

# Middle Tennessee

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The LPRF projects in Middle Tennessee were very diverse with emphasis on new park development and the renovation of older obsolete parks and facilities into new uses to serve the growing communities. Some of the more outstanding projects were:



**Town of Pleasant View - 2010 LPRF Grant - \$465,000**

# East Tennessee

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LPRF grants in East Tennessee have built playgrounds, trails, basketball courts, restroom facilities, tennis courts, ballfield complexes, multi-purpose fields, pavilions, land acquisition, and renovated facilities. The project highlighted below, assisted the City of Cleveland in completing their Mosby Park pool renovation for the community and its visitors.



City of Cleveland - 2012 LPRF Grant - \$250,000

# Completed 2008 LPRF Projects

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region	Progress/Complete
Athens, City of	Athens - Cook Park Development	Addition of approx. 2,300 linear feet of 10' wide walk with approximately 20 historical markers placed on the side of the walk. An addition to the modular playground and expansion of pavilion. Trees will also be planted as the site currently has none. Benches and garbage cans are included.	\$70,000.00	East	C
Atoka, Town of	Atoka - Walker Lake Park Phase 1	Develop a community park with parking, lighting, playground, pavilion, multi-purpose field, and restrooms that are all ADA compliant.	\$400,000.00	West	C
Bradley County	Bradley County - Softball Complex	Softball complex will have 4 adult sized softball fields. Project will include final laser grading of fields, all irrigation systems, grass sod, sub-surface drainage system and infield surface mixes. Project will also include fences, bleachers, foul poles and dugouts.	\$400,000.00	East	P
Brighton, Town of	Brighton Park Improvement Project - Phase I	Construct one (1) 200' baseball field with concessions, restrooms, bleachers, and parking.	\$175,000.00	West	C
Brownsville/Haywood County	Brownsville/Haywood Co - "Park of Dreams" and Skateboard Park	Build a playground targeted to all children, especially the handicapped. Also a skateboard park.	\$212,000.00	West	C
Burns, Town of	Burns Municipal Park Phase II Development	Site grading, construction of the paved entrance road, grading of 1/2 parking area, base stone in the parking area, grading for 2 200' baseball/softball fields, 2 concession stands with restroom facilities and a dog park.	\$425,000.00	West	C
Carthage, Town of	Carthage City Park Improvements	Add a soft surface walking trail and develop a new accessible playground.	\$30,000.00	Middle	C
Chattanooga, City of	Chattanooga - Warner Park Sprayground	Construct an aquatic facility called a Sprayground. Including playground apparatus, surface jets and fountains that spray water. Located in close proximity to the existing swimming pool.	\$225,000.00	East	C
Clifton, City of	2008 Clifton Park Improvements	Pave/strip existing parking lot, install playground equipment at Clifton Recreation Park.	\$50,000.00	Middle	C
Covington, City of	Covington - Newman Extension	Acquire an approximate 86-acre tract of land. The project will provide increased programming that meet or exceed the needs and interests of the entire community.	\$300,000.00	West	C
Cookeville, City of	Cookeville - Dogwood Park Expansion	City purchased approx. 5.7 acres adjacent to existing 1.8 acre Dogwood Park for expansion. Phase I of a multiple phase development includes site preparation, development of entry-ways from 3 city streets, walkways, lamp posts, park benches, a central water feature, signage, lawns and landscaping. Existing buildings on property will be demolished and removed prior to Phase I development.	\$372,000.00	Middle	C

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region	Progress/Complete
Dandridge, Town of	Town of Dandridge Field of Dreams Multi-Use Facility	Construct a multi-use activity center to house 2 basketball courts w/volley ball boundaries included; a gymnastics / cheerleading room; walking track; men's and women's locker rooms & community meeting rooms. Cover the architectural costs, excavation, footings and slab, constructing the building frame and finishing the first floor.	\$130,000.00	East	C
Farragut, Town of	Town of Farragut - McFee Road Park - Phase 2	Includes 2 large picnic shelters, restroom, large playground, a small splash pad. Construction of Phase 1 is currently under way and this project will dovetail into the current phase connecting parking and the trails.	\$150,000.00	East	C
Friendship, City of	Friendship Community Center and Park	Large modular unit, see-saws, swings, teeters, 8-section bubble wall, picnic tables, grills, park benches, basketball goals, water fountains, panel cluster wall and lights (with underground service).	\$53,000.00	West	C
Gallaway, City of	Gallaway City Park Development	Development of a small playground area, picnic area, and the first phase of a walking path with approx. 900' of paved walkway. Park areas consists of 1.19 acres.	\$27,000.00	West	C
Germantown, City of	Germantown - Land Acquisition; Ocean View Farms Property	Land Acquisition	\$400,000.00	West	C
Greysville, Town of	Greysville - Christopher's Kingdom Park Improvements	Bring playground up to ADA compliance with rubber nugget mulch and appropriately placed playground equipment. Purchase a new piece of playground equipment, food grills and trash receptacles. Community building and pavilion will be painted with washable paint.	\$13,000.00	East	C
Greeneville, Town of	Greeneville/Greene County - Hal Henard Sports Complex Phase 1	Building 2 baseball/softball fields, bleachers, lights, dugouts, a concession stand, restrooms, and parking area. An addition to the current park facilities including 8 tennis courts.	\$425,000.00	East	C
Greenfield, City of	Greenfield - Callins Field Baseball Complex Improvements	Replace existing dugouts; replacement of the field fencing, including the boundary fences; replacement of the existing field lighting, and the burial of overhead electrical lines.	\$71,000.00	West	C
Hamblen County	Hamblen County Cherokee Park Improvements	Paving the access road and parking lot at the picnic/playground area; making all restrooms ADA compliant; building a new pavilion; expanding the parking area in the boat ramp area; constructing a sewer line to service the restrooms near the back camping area.	\$87,500.00	East	C
Hamilton County	Visitors' Center Development	Design and construction of a visitors' center. Overall development plan includes creation of nearly 50 miles of recreation trails for hiking, biking & horseback riding. Trailheads include picnic pavilions, outdoor classroom, restrooms, educational displays and an orientation directional signage system.	\$250,000.00	East	C

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Jacksboro, Town of	FY 2008 Jacksboro Park Development	Development of 2 parks within the city limits. Leisure Park - Construct large pavilion w/ picnic grills and benches. A small playground area and a foot bridge. Creekside Park - Construct a large playground w/restroom, parking, walking trail.	\$65,000.00	East	C
Kimball, Town of	Kimball Soccer, Softball/Baseball & Concessions Project	Development of soccer, softball/baseball, concessions/restroom/storage and parking lot area. Soccer field- 3 fields to accommodate all age groups; softball/baseball complex has 4 fields laid out onto land which will result in the need for 8 sets of bleachers, 8 benches for dugouts and 14 trash receptacles. Also included are 6 picnic tables (2 ADA accessible), fencing and lighting for softball/baseball fields.	\$250,000.00	East	C
Kingsport, City of	Kingsport - Phase 3 Enhancements @ Domtar Park & Eastman Park @ Horse Creek Trail	Implementation of Phase III enhancements at Domtar Park and Eastman Park. This will include park improvements to create full service community parks and athletic facilities.	\$300,000.00	East	C
Lewisburg, City of	City of Lewisburg - Southside Park Improvements	Construct concession stand/restroom facility. Also 50' x 50' (2,500 sq ft) of walkway.	\$30,000.00	Middle	C
Lookout Mountain, Town of	Lookout Mountain - Mountain Maze Playground Replacement	New playground equipment. ADA accessible. Replace the Mountain Maze with a new facility that will create a safe and healthy environment.	\$150,000.00	East	C
Luttrell, City of	2008 Luttrell LPRF Development Project	Fenced tennis court, basketball court, restroom facility, extension of the existing walking trail, new parking area and lighting.	\$61,000.00	East	C
McKenzie, City of	McKenzie - Park Improvements	Construct 2 pavilions and install underground lighting for the existing Little League baseball fields and T-ball fields.	\$47,000.00	West	C
Medina, City of	Medina Sports Complex Phase 1	Acquisition of 30 acres of land. Construction of 320' baseball field with underground lighting, backstop, warming track and dugout, bullpen, 5,000 square feet of concrete walkways w/underground lighting, parking lot, maintenance building, concession stand/press box w/restrooms and installation of fencing, bleachers & scoreboard.	\$400,000.00	West	C
Metropolitan Board of Parks & Recreation	Joelton Property - Reuse and Rehabilitation	Construct playground, pavilion, renovate community center, and provide A/E services.	\$300,000.00	Middle	C
Milan, City of	Milan City Park Improvement Project	Repair/replacement of pool decking and main pool liner. Construction of a new playground area and parking at the soccer field	\$100,000.00	West	C

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Montgomery County	Montgomery County - Baseball Complex	Construction of two-quad baseball/softball field complex to replace the configuration of existing fields.	\$440,000.00	Middle	C
Mt. Pleasant, City of	Mt. Pleasant - Rotary Park Ball Field Lights	Lighting the Brewer ball field with 4 poles and underground wiring.	\$40,000.00	Middle	C
Newbern, Town of	Newbern - Playground, exercise trail, and improvements	"Oakview Park - install exercise trail equip; restore backstop and fences at existing ball field; update playground equipment.  Newbern City Park - Install a new playground, upgrade grills, trash cans, picnic tables, and restrooms."	\$48,000.00	West	C
Oneida, Town of	2008 Oneida LPRF Development Project	Construction of 4 ballfields; a large multi-use concession stand; additional restroom facilities; paving additional walkways and parking areas. Fencing, bleachers and dugouts, Concession building will house concessions, locker rooms, team restrooms, announcing and storage.	\$165,000.00	East	C
Orlinda, City of	Orlinda City Park Playground Renovation	Remove most of the current playground equipment due to its age. Replace with modular play structure that meets ADA guidelines. Ground level events will be added for children with disabilities. Safety surfacing will also be added to improve the safety of the playground.	\$15,000.00	Middle	C
Paris, City of	City of Paris - Upgrades at Ogburn & Memorial Parks	Expand restroom facilities and locations. Age appropriate playground equipment, upgrade temporary skateboard area to permanent.	\$55,000.00	West	C
Parrottsville, Town of	Parrottsville Park Improvements	Basketball court, tennis court.	\$39,000.00	East	C
Perry County	Perry County Ball Field Construction Project	Construct a multi-use ballfield. Including site preparation, fencing, lighting, dugouts, bleachers, press box, infield mix material and scoreboard.	\$27,000.00	Middle	C
Pleasant View, Town of	Pleasant View Community Park - Phase I	Site prep including grading, erosion control, and storm drainage; on-site water and underground utilities; construction and paving of roadway including curb and gutter; construction of one (1) Shade Structure; signage.	\$465,000.00	Middle	C
Powell's Crossroads, Town of	Powells Crossroads - Park Improvements Project	Improvements to the Ballfields at Crossroads Park including ballfield lighting and restrooms at the facility.	\$75,000.00	East	C
Pulaski, City of	City of Pulaski - Sam Davis Stadium Improvements	Replace bleachers in the Sam Davis Park Stadium.	\$300,000.00	Middle	C

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Ridgely, City of	Ridgely Park Development	Ballfield, infrastructure (lighting and utilities, etc.), parking, picnic area, landscaping, basketball courts, concession stand with restrooms, skateboard park, playground area, swing set area, 2,500' one-way walking track 5' in width with wellness stations.	\$118,000.00	West	C
Ripley, Town of	Ripley Center - Phase I	Make interior renovations to the Ripley Center (formerly Walmart building). This community center renovation includes: multi-purpose stage and meeting area, a kids corner, cardio workout room, free weight room, equipment facilities, locker room and showers, and an indoor aquatics facility.	\$350,000.00	West	C
Samburg, Town of	Samburg City Park Improvement Project	Address ADA issues at the bathroom facility, and remove old playground equipment and install new.	\$16,000.00	West	C
Savannah, City of	Savannah - Municipal Park Improvements	HDMC - replace 16 existing poles; replace field fencing incl. boundary fences; construct 2 new pavilions; replace existing bleachers w/ new ADA compliant bleachers; install new field material on 2 fields at Complex. HF - replace 12 existing light poles; replace existing fence on 2 fields, relocate and renovate boundary fencing; demolish 1 score booth/renovate 2 others; replace existing bleachers; install new field material on all 3 fields	\$95,000.00	West	C
Selmer, City of	Selmer - Park Renovation and Playground Improvements	Prepare a Master Park Renovation Plan. The 1st phase will be the addition of new playground equipment.	\$25,000.00	West	C
Sweetwater, City of	Sweetwater - Engleman Park Improvements	Removal of 2 obsolete non-compliant pavilions and restrooms. Construct 2 new pavilions. One with ADA compliant restrooms and a kitchen facility. Second to be replaced with Phase I of Youth playground, new public parking lot facility, walking track, 8 new picnic tables, several benches, new garbage cans and construction of new sign for the park. A Rose Pavilion and native plants included in design.	\$125,000.00	East	C
Tazewell, Town of	Tazewell Town Park Phase II Development	Two fenced tennis courts, construction of Phase II and III of the playground area, an amphitheater, fencing and bleachers.	\$85,000.00	East	C
Wartburg, City of	2008 Wartburg LPRF Development Project	Two fenced in tennis courts; 2 sand volleyball courts; a multi-purpose athletic field; complete paving work for all parking areas.	\$31,000.00	East	C
Wartrace, City of	Town of Wartrace - Winette-Ayers Park Improvements	Purchasing/erecting additional playground equipment to include handicap accessible equipment, purchasing/erecting additional skateboard park equipment, improve handicap accessibility to the park, add adequate ground cover around equipment and add additional landscaping.	\$10,000.00	Middle	C

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White House, City of	White House - Phase One Municipal Park Renovation	Renovation of 4 ballfields for better drainage; site grading; irrigation; new fencing; lighting; and ADA compliant walkways and plazas around the field.	\$425,000.00	Middle	C
White Pine, Town of	Town of White Pine Lions Park Improvements	Construct a splash board and a covered walkway/rest area leading from old pool building to the splash board, and security cameras.	\$60,000.00	East	C



City of Parrottsville 2008 LPRF Grant - \$39,000

# Completed & In Progress 2010 LPRF Projects

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region	Progress/Complete
Athens, City of	Market Park	Market Park Project	\$150,000.00	East	C
Carroll County/ Town of Huntingdon	Carroll County Lake	Carroll County Lake - Phase 2	\$190,000.00	West	P
Centerville, Town of	C.A. Thompson Memorial Park	Town of Centerville Playground Renovation	\$10,000.00	Middle	C
Clarksville, City of	Unnamed - New Park on Clarksville Property	Acquisition/Development of New Park	\$145,000.00	Middle	C
Cleveland, City of	Kenneth Tinsley Recreation Park	Tinsley Park Playground and Restroom Renovation	\$110,000.00	East	C
Collegedale, City of	Wolftever Creek Greenway	Collegedale Soccer Complex Playground Restroom Fac & Pavilion	\$48,000.00	East	C
Dyersburg, City of	Bruce Center, Dyersburg Activity Center, Okeena Park, & Kiwanis Park	Park Improvements	\$100,000.00	West	C
Franklin, City of	Jim Warren Park & Liberty Park	Renovation to Existing Playground & Tennis Courts	\$65,000.00	Middle	C
Gatlinburg, City of	Herbert Holt Park	Playground Replacement Project	\$25,000.00	East	C
Germantown, City of	Dogwood Park	Dogwood Park Playground Renovation	\$150,000.00	West	C
Hamilton County	Shackleford Ridge Park	Multipurpose Pavilion Development	\$120,000.00	East	C
Haywood County	Volunteer Park	Volunteer Park Renovations	\$22,000.00	West	C
Henderson County	Darden Community Center Park	Darden Community Center Park Improvements	\$6,000.00	West	C
Henderson, City of	Gene Record Memorial Park	Gene Record Memorial Park Renovations	\$100,000.00	West	C
Hornbeak, Town of	Hornbeak City Park	Develop Playground Area	\$17,000.00	West	C
Jonesborough, Town of	Persimmon Ridge Park	Persimmon Ridge Park Fac. Imp & Lost St. Scenic Walkway N Ext.	\$145,000.00	East	P
Kingsport, City of	Lynn View	Athletic Field Lighting at Lynn View Community Center	\$131,000.00	East	P
Kingston, City of	Kingston City Park & South West Point Park	City of Kingston Parks Playground Project	\$68,000.00	East	C
Knox County Parks & Recreation	Clayton Park	Phase 1 - Clayton Park Development Project	\$120,000.00	East	P

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LaFollette, City of	Liberty Park Improvements	Develop three sprayground elements at Liberty Park in LaFollette, Tennessee. Provide grant administration.	\$12,000.00	East	C
Lake City, City of	George Templin Park	Playground Construction	\$28,000.00	East	C
Lakeland, City of	International Harvester Clubhouse	International Harvester Clubhouse Interior Renovation	\$94,000.00	West	C
Lebanon, City of	Don Fox Community Park	Playground Structure Rehab	\$40,000.00	Middle	C
Manchester, City of	Boyer/May Property	Little Duck River Greenway Phase 5	\$135,000.00	Middle	C
Marshall County	Berlin Springs	Berlin Springs Pavilion	\$11,000.00	Middle	P
Martin, City of	City of Martin Festival Park	Festival Park Development	\$100,000.00	West	C
Maury County Parks & Recreation	Maury County Park	Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball Fields Lighting Renovation	\$100,000.00	Middle	C
Millersville, City of	Millersville Municipal Park and Playground	Millersville Playground	\$60,000.00	Middle	C
Monteagle, City of	City Ball Park	City Ball Park Renovation Project	\$20,000.00	Middle	C
Mt. Juliet, City of	Charlie Daniels Park	"Planet Playground" Renovation	\$25,000.00	Middle	C
Murfreesboro, City of	Old Fort Park	Renovation of Playground and Family Picnic Area	\$150,000.00	Middle	C
Newport, City of	Newport City Park	Swimming Pool/Basketball Court/Tennis Court Improvements	\$73,000.00	East	P
Norris, City of	Ridgeway Commons	Playground for Autistic Children	\$18,500.00	East	C
Obion, Town of	Obion Indian Park	Develop Playground Area	\$17,000.00	West	C
Paris, City of	McNeill Park	Restrooms/Concession Building	\$44,000.00	West	P
Pittman Center, Town of	Pittman Center City Hall Park	Pittman Center City Hall Park Project	\$25,000.00	East	C
Portland, City of	Richland Park	Richland Park Restroom	\$45,000.00	Middle	C
Pulaski, City of	Richland Park	Richland Park Improvements	\$154,000.00	Middle	C
Rutherford, Town of	Jones Volunteer Park & Rutherford City Pool	Park Renovations	\$14,000.00	West	P
Sardis, Town of	Sardis City Park	Playground and Play Area Renovation	\$20,000.00	West	C
Selmer, City of	Selmer City Park	Selmer City Park Playground Improvements	\$26,000.00	West	C
Sevierville, City of	City Park	Tennis & Basketball Court Rehab	\$70,000.00	East	C
Shelbyville, City of	Purdy Court Park	Purdy Ct Park Playground Replacement	\$10,000.00	Middle	C
Signal Mountain, Town of	Town Municipal Swimming Pool	Town Pool Renovations	\$82,500.00	East	C
Spring Hill, City of	Walnut Street	Spring Hill Skate Park	\$100,000.00	Middle	C
Trenton, City of	Trenton Downtown Pedestrian Park	Trenton Downtown Pedestrian Park Development	\$26,000.00	West	P
Williamson County	Strahl Street Park	Strahl Street Park Playground Improvements	\$42,500.00	Middle	C

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# LPRF Grant Awards

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region	Progress/Complete
Anderson County	Marlow Park	Park Improvements	22,000.00	East	P
Ardmore, City of	Ardmore Park	Baseball diamond light rehabilitation	50,000.00	Middle	P
Atoka, Town of	Nancy Lane Park and Pond Park	New Playground at Nancy Lane Park and Amphitheater at Pond Park	250,000.00	West	P
Bean Station, City of	City Park and Memorial Park	Acquisition and Development of park	130,000.00	East	P
Brownsville, City of	Tamm Park and Volunteer Park	Tamm Park Development Project & Volunteer Park Access Road Improvements	150,000.00	West	P
Carroll County	Carroll County Civic Center and Fairgrounds	Civic Center Improvements	78,000.00	West	P
Charleston, City of	Charleston City Park	Charleston City Park Improvements	75,000.00	East	P
Cleveland, City of	Mosby Park	Mosby Park Pool Renovation	250,000.00	East	P
Columbia, City of	Ridley Park Athletic Complex	Rotary playground at Ridley Park	15,000.00	Middle	P
Cornersville, Town of	Cornersville Town Park	Town of Cornersville Playground Equipment	20,000.00	Middle	P
Covington, City of	Cobb Parr Park	Cobb Parr Park Enhancement Phase I	250,000.00	West	P
Erwin, Town of	Erwin Rail Yard	Erwin Rail Yard Playground and Stake Palza	127,000.00	East	P
Farragut, Town of	Mayer Bob Leonard Park	Renovation of Multi Use Field #2	250,000.00	East	C
Goodlettsville, City of	Peay Park	Development Project	250,000.00	Middle	P
Hamblen County	Cherokee Park	Cherokee Park Splash Pad Project	250,000.00	East	P
Hamilton County	Tennessee Riverpark	Lookout Mountain Extension	250,000.00	East	C
Henderson County	Darden Community Center Park	"Rivers Edge" Development Project	175,000.00	West	P
Henderson, City of	Gene Record Memorial Park	Gene Record Memorial Park Improvements	100,000.00	West	P
Huntingdon, Town of	Kelly Sports Complex Addition and Veterans Park Playground	Recreation Improvements	175,000.00	West	P
Huntsville, Town of	Flat Creek Park	Flat Creek Park Development	65,000.00	East	P
Kimball, Town of	Kimball Park	TN River Boat Ramp & Softball Field Lighting at Kimball Park	\$250,000.00	Middle	P
Lookout Mountain, Town of	Town Commons	Town Commons Recreation Area Renovations	\$100,000.00	East	P
Madison County	Leeper Lane Park	Leeper Lane Park Development	\$250,000.00	West	P
Manchester, City of	Manchester Sports Park	Soccer Complex Phase I	\$175,000.00	Middle	P
Maury County	Maury County Park	Maury County Multi-Purpose Field and Open Space	\$25,000.00	Middle	P

Grantee	Progress Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region	Progress/Complete
McKenzie, City of	McKenzie City Park II	McKenzie City Park II Development	\$152,000.00	West	P
Medina, City of	Medina Community Park Complex	Park Improvements	\$84,000.00	West	P
Munford, City of	Munford Hope Park	Munford Hope Park	\$250,000.00	West	P
Murfreesboro, City of	West View Mini Park	West View Mini Park	\$75,000.00	Middle	P
New Tazewell, Town of	Gose Park	Gose Park Improvements	\$144,000.00	East	P
Oakdale, Town of	Oakdale Town Park	Oakdale Development Project	\$65,000.00	East	P
Oliver Springs, Town of	Charmichail Park and Arrowhead Park	Oliver Springs Acquisition and Development Project	\$100,000.00	East	P
Oneida, Town of	Bear Creek Park and Oneida Town Park	Oneida Development Project	\$250,000.00	East	P
Parsons, City of	Parsons Community Park	Parsons Community Park Development	\$250,000.00	West	P
Plainview, City of	Plainview City Park	Plainview Development Project	\$40,000.00	East	P
Pleasant View, Town of	Pleasant View Community Park	Pleasant View Community Park Development - Phase II	\$250,000.00	Middle	P
Roane County	Roane County Park	Roane County Park Playground Improvement	\$50,000.00	East	P
Savannah, City of	Tennessee Street Park	Tennessee Street Park Development	\$197,000.00	Middle	P
Selmer, City of	Dixie Park	Dixie Park Development	\$117,000.00	West	P
Shelbyville, City of	Never Rest Park	Never Rest Park ADA Playground Replacement	\$25,000.00	Middle	P
Silerton, City of	Silerton Community Park	Silerton Community Park Development	\$15,000.00	West	P
South Fulton	South Fulton Downtown Park	South Fulton Downtown Park	\$250,000.00	West	P
Sweetwater, City of	Sweetwater Recreation Complex	Improvements to Park and Recreation Complex	\$50,000.00	East	C
Toone, Town of	Toone City Park	Toone City Park Improvements	\$18,000.00	West	P
Vonore, Town of	Heritage Park	Heritage Park Ballfield Development	\$250,000.00	East	P
White County	Ravenscroft Mine Preserve	Ravenscroft Mine Interpretive Trail	\$25,000.00	Middle	P
White Pine, Town of	Lions Park & Legions Park	Improvements to Lions Park & Legions Park	\$116,000.00	East	P
Winchester, City of	Brown Spurlock	Brown Spurlock Park, Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements	\$34,000.00	Middle	P

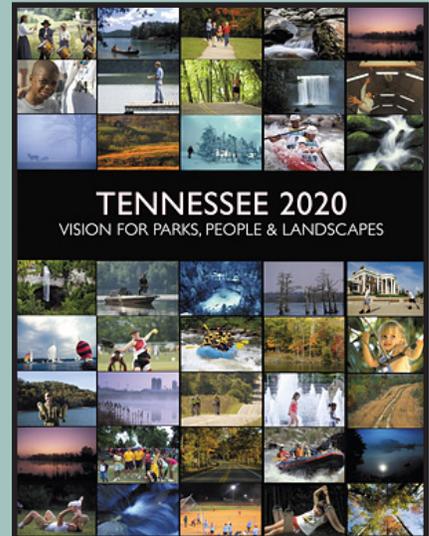


Henderson County 2012 LPRF  
Darden Community Center Park - Rivers Edge Dev. Project  
\$175,000.00

## Tennessee 2020: Vision for Parks, People & Landscapes

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has prepared a five-year State Recreation Plan since 1965. Tennessee 2020 documents the most critical needs facing conservation and recreational infrastructure over the next 10 years and will serve as a catalyst for the state to work with communities and other stakeholders to maintain the recreational assets we have, prioritize specific needs for the future and take action to meet those needs.

*Funding of the Local Parks and Recreation Fund will assist in meeting the needs below that are identified as some of the most critical issues facing conservation and the recreation infrastructure in the next ten years in Tennessee:*



- *The need of Tennessee's cities and counties to provide diverse, close-to-home recreation opportunities for all their residents.*
- *The need of the public to avoid preventable diseases through increased physical activity.*
- *The need of children to interact with nature as a necessary part of their healthy development.*
- *The need of students to understand the natural world they will inherit in a time of daunting environmental challenges.*
- *The need of communities for more opportunities to enjoy and protect their local rivers, streams, and creeks.*
- *The need of rural regions for help in harnessing their recreation assets for economic development.*



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# LPRF Grant Cycle

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## Application Process:

RES promoted the LPRF 2014 grant applications through notices on the division web page and through media releases and electronic notifications to every city and county government. The deadline for the 2014 applications was April 11, 2014. The Parks and Recreation Technical Advisory Service (PARTAS) section of RES conducted regionally located application workshop on January 28-30, 2014 in Jackson, Nashville and Knoxville to instruct communities, grant writers, and parks directors on what information was necessary as part of the grant application and the grants process.

## Application Results:

The LPRF applications for the 2014 grant cycle were due on April 11, 2014 and RES received **54** applications. The PARTAS staff visited the site of each applicant for evaluation and scoring. A recommended funding list was submitted to the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and Governor Haslam. A total of **42** grants were awarded totaling **\$6.6 million**. RES hosted a grant award ceremony on December 11, 2014 at the War Memorial Auditorium in downtown Nashville for legislators and city and county mayors to accept a ceremonial check from TDEC Commissioner Martineau and Deputy Commissioner of Conservation, Brock Hill.

***\$7.9+ million-*** *The amount of funding requested in the 2014 LPRF applications. The amount was significantly higher than the funds allocated, emphasizing the need of parks and recreation in TN.*



**Charleston-Calhoun-Hiwassee Historical Society received a \$200,000 Recreation Trails Program grant for Charleston City Park to create an ADA compliant hard surfaced trail. (L-R) TDEC Deputy Commissioner Brock Hill; State Rep. Dan Howell; Melissa Woody, Bradley County Chamber of Commerce VP; Darlene Goins, Treasurer; Melissa Mortimer, SE TN Development District; and TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau**

RES staff conducted regional workshops August 26-28, 2014 to assist grantees in meeting the requirements for completion of their project and how to receive reimbursements. Each community was represented at a workshop and received an LPRF manual on CD that contains all necessary forms and information for successful completion of their grant project. The placement of the LPRF grant manual on CD saved money in printing costs and provided an easier resource for local communities to use in preparing reimbursement forms and as a reference tool for use on their computers. We also produced a post completion manual for LPRF funded projects which contains all the information about maintaining their site in compliance with state and federal regulations. (CD included)

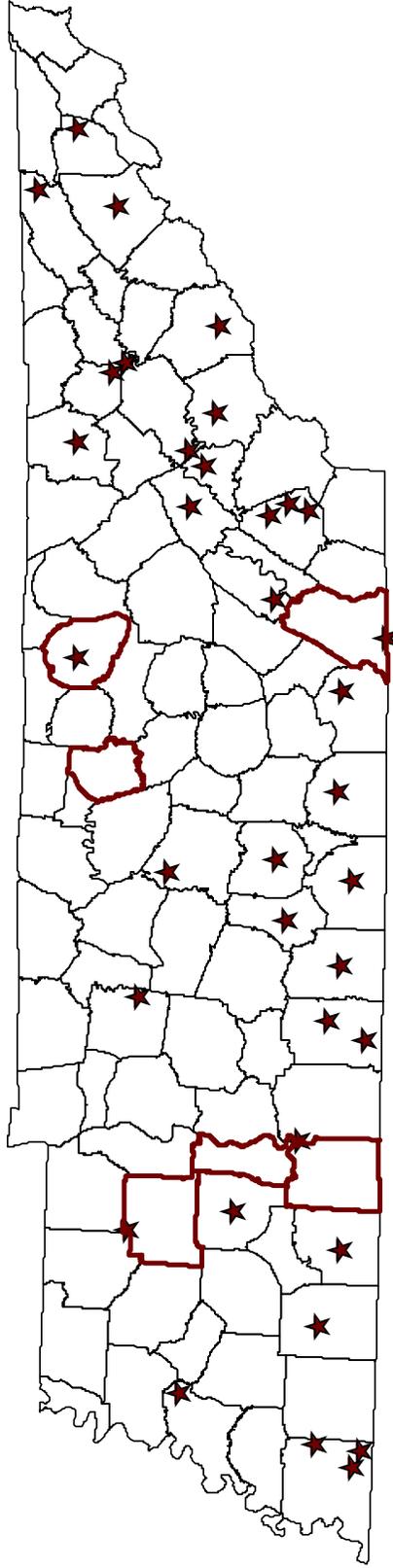
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# LPRF Grant Awards

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region
Arlington, Town of	Forrest Street Park	Forest Srreet Park - Phase I	\$250,000.00	West
Blaine, City of	Blaine Recreation Park	Blaine Recreation Park Improvements	\$20,000.00	East
Bolivar, City of	Proposed - Hatchie Town River Park and Nature Center	Hatchie Town River Park and Nature Center	\$60,000.00	West
Carroll County Watershed Authority	Carrol County One Thousand Acre Recreation Lake	Carroll County Watershed Authority RV Park	\$250,000.00	West
Church Hill, Town of	Church Hill City Park	Church Hill City Park - land acquisition	\$183,000.00	East
Clifton, City of	Clifton River Park	Clifton River Prak Splash Pad	\$183,000.00	West
Collierville, Town of	Robbins-Halle Nature Preserve	Wolf River Boulevard Greenbelt Trail	\$250,000.00	West
Dayton, City of	Deleware Avenue Complex, Cedar Point Park, Point Park Walking Track	Dayton Recreation Enhancement Project	\$189,000.00	West
Decatur County	Decatur County Fairgrounds	Riding Arena Renovation Project	\$250,000.00	West
Decherd, City of	John L. Sanders Ball Park	Decherd Babe Ruth Ballfield Light Replacement	\$80,000.00	Middle
East Ridge, City of	Mondroe Street Park	East Ridge Camp Jordan Project	\$100,000.00	East
Englewood, Town of	Englewood Park	Englewood Public Pool Improvements	\$50,000.00	East
Etowah, City of	Etowah City Park	Etowah City Park Splash Pad	\$50,000.00	East
Farragut, Town of	Mayor Bob Leonard Park	Mayor Bob Leonard Park Playground Renovation	\$43,000.00	East
Fayetteville, City of	Kiwanis Park and Don Davidson Lion's Club Park	Fayetteville Parks Renovations	\$70,000.00	Middle
Gatlinburg, City of	Mills Park	Mills Park Recreational Improvements	\$98,000.00	East
Germantown, City of	Bobby Lanier Farm Park	The Hay Barn Paviliion - Farm Based Education and Event Center	\$208,000.00	West

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region
Greeneville, Town of	Eastview Recreation Center	Eastview Splash Park	\$125,000.00	East
Halls, Town of	Kevan Ward Park and Crichfield Park	Town of Halls - Concession Building and Playground Upgrades	\$185,000.00	West
Hamilton County	Enterprise South Nature Park	Equestrian Trails	\$230,000.00	East
Hardin County	Hank Deberry Ball Complex	Hank Deberry Ball Complex Light System Replacement Project	\$250,000.00	West
Johnson City, City of	Johnson City Rotary Park	Boundless Playground Rotary Park	\$250,000.00	East
Kingston, City of	Gertrude Porter Park	Kingston Parks Development	\$250,000.00	East
LaFollette, City of	Liberty Park and Dr. Lee Sergeant Park	LaFollette Development Project	\$128,000.00	East
Lawrenceburg, City of	Lawrenceburg Rotary Prk	Lawrenceburg Rotary Park Improvements	\$101,000.00	West
Lenoir City, City of	Lenoir City Central Park	Lenoir City Central Park Development	\$250,000.00	East
Lewisburg, City of	Lewisburg Recreation Center	City of Lewisburg Public Outdoor Pool Renovation	\$50,000.00	West
Lexington, City of	Guy B. Amus Park	Swimming Pool Improvement Project	\$245,000.00	West
Livingston, Town of	Central Park	Central Park Development	\$250,000.00	Middle
Loretto, City of	Loretto City Park	Loretto Swimming Pool Construction Project	\$250,000.00	West
Luttrell, City of	Luttrell City Park	Luttrell Park Improvements	\$100,000.00	East
Maryville, City of	John Sevier Pool	John Sevier Pool Renovations	\$250,000.00	East
McKenzie, City of	Train Depot Park	Train Depot Park Splash Pad	\$250,000.00	West
Niota, City of	Kenneth Gable Memorial Park	Kenneth Gable Memorial Park Playground Improvments	\$25,000.00	East
Overton County	Hanging Limb Recreation Center	Hanging Limb Recreation Center Improvements	\$32,000.00	Middle
Pulaksi, City of	Magazine Park	Magazine Park Improvements	\$208,000.00	West
Selmer, Town of	Dixie Park	Dixie Park, Phase II	\$236,000.00	West
Shelbyville, City of	Never Rest Park	Never Rest Park Pavilion Shelter Replacement	\$34,000.00	Middle
Smith County	Crump Paris Park	Smith County Crump Paris Park Renovations	\$60,000.00	Middle
Smyrna, Town of	Westfork Drive Neighborhood Park	Westfork Drive Neighborhood Park Development	\$250,000.00	Middle
White Bluff, Town of	Bibb-White Bluff Civic Center	Civic Center Site Development	\$250,000.00	West

# 2014 LOCAL PARK AND RECREATION FUND GRANT AWARDS



WEST TN REGION  
\$3,476,000.00

- Arlington, Town of
- Bolivar, City of
- Carroll County Watershed Authority
- Clifton, City of
- Collierville, Town of
- Decatur County
- Germanatown, City of
- Halls, Town of
- Hardin County
- Lawrenceburg, City of
- Lewisburg, City of
- Lexington, City of
- Loretto, City of
- McKenzie, City of
- Pulaski, City of
- Selmer, Town of
- White Bluff, Town of

MIDDLE TN REGION  
\$810,000.00

- Decherd, City of
- Fayetteville, City of
- Livingston, Town of
- Overton County
- Shelbyville, City of
- Smith County
- Smyrna, Town of
- Whitwell, City of

EAST TN REGION  
\$2,341,000.00

- Blaine, City of
- Church Hill, Town of
- Dayton, City of
- East Ridge, City of
- Englewood, Town of
- Etowah, City of
- Farragut, Town of
- Gatlinburg, City of
- Greeneville, Town of
- Hamilton County
- Johnson City, City of
- Kingston, City of
- LaFollette, City of
- Lenoir City, City of
- Luttrell, City of
- Maryville, City of
- Niota, City of

2012-2013

# Local Parks Acquisition Fund Balance

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Fund Balance January 1, 2013 **12,269,375.48**

**Revenues:**

Real Estate Transfer Tax:	
January 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013	2,192,267.90
Real Estate Transfer Tax:	
July 1, 2013 - June 2014	5,517,708.22
Real Estate Transfer Tax:	
July 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014 - Actual	1,675,151.25
Real Estate Transfer Tax:	
October 1, 2014 - Dec. 31, 2014 – estimated	<u>1,500,000.00</u>
Total	10,885,127.37

**Interest Earned on Fund**

January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 - Actual	19,817.53
July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 - Estimated	<u>6,200.00</u>
Total	26,017.53

**Total Revenues** **10,911,144.90**

**Expenditures and Obligations:**

Expenditures – January 1, 2013 thru November 30, 2014	(\$6,105,452.08)
Expenditures – December 2014 -Estimated	(\$277,000.00)
Obligations:	
Remaining thru 12-31-14	\$3,288,390.81
New grants & grant administration beg.	\$8,134,140.00
Total Obligations	(\$11,422,530.81)
Total Expenditures and Obligations	<b>(17,804,982.89)</b>
Estimated Fund Balance December 31, 2014	<b>(\$5,375,537.49)</b>

\*Budgetary figures represent financial data reports available at the time of printing.

(RTP)

# Recreational Trails Program

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2011 RTP - Overton Park / Broad Street Connector Trail - \$88,400

The new trail connection, funded by the Recreational Trails Program, is a wonderful first step in connecting the Overton Park's internal trail system to the other neighborhoods and parks that make Memphis such a great city. As we work to improve bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the park, this trail offers a highly visible example of how the park can be enhanced through strengthening those connections.

- Ms. Tina Sullivan, Executive Director, Overton Park Conservancy

## **About the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP):**

In 2012, Congress authorized new two year transportation funding legislation as the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). This bill was passed by Congress on June 29, 2012 and signed by President Obama on July 6, 2012 as Public Law 112-141. In December, 2014, Congress has re-authorized MAP-21 for an additional year through September 30, 2015.

Under the MAP-21 Guidance, each state receives Recreational Trails Program (RTP) dollars based upon a pre-determined formula. Half of the funds are distributed equally among all States, the other half of the funds are distributed in proportion to the estimated amount of off-road recreation fuel use in each State – fuel used for off-road recreation by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-road motorcycles, and off-road light trucks. It is the federal fuel tax revenue from these recreation vehicles that funds the RTP. The RTP is a User Pay, User Benefits program.

The U.S. Department of Transportation manages the Recreational Trails Program through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The RTP is a State-administered, Federal-aid program. The Governor designated the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Recreation Educational Services (TDEC-RES) to administer the program. TDEC-RES allocates 7 percent of the funds received annually for administrative costs and up to 5 percent for education expenses relating to recreation trails.

### **Recreational Trails Program funds may be used for:**

- Development and rehabilitation of trails, trailhead and trailside facilities. These are trail components and associated facilities which serve the purpose of constructing sustainable, low maintenance items such as: drainage, stream crossings, stabilization, parking, signage, erosion control, water supply, sanitary and access facilities.
- Lease/rental of trail construction and maintenance equipment. Any new equipment purchased must be used 100% for trail related tasks, be justified and meet Buy America requirements.
- Construction of new trails (certain restrictions for new trails on Federal lands).
- Acquisition of permanent public use easements or fee simple title for property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors. Must be a willing seller (no eminent domain) and follow the federal Uniform Act for Land acquisition and Relocation requirements.

## Completed & In Progress

# 2008 RTP Projects

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Reg.	Progress/Complete
Appalachian Trail Conservancy	Backcountry Rehabilitation of the Appalachian Trail	Provide trail rehabilitation for 33.5 miles of the Appalachian Trail. This includes roughly Doe Knob to Welch Ridge & Dry Sluice Gap to Camel Gap.	\$62,400.00	East	C
Bradley County	Bradley County - Master Plan	Master Plan to assist Cleveland and Bradley County in better planning for future phases of the greenway to allow the greatest benefits for alternative transportation, recreation and increased water quality.	\$20,000.00	East	C
Cleveland, City of	City of Cleveland - Back Meadow Trail Project	Complete the Back Meadow Trail Project contained in Phase V of the Fletcher Park Master Plan. Construction of an 8' trail along the perimeter of the Back Meadow. Trail will be ADA compliant and paved w/asphalt. Lowland Trail will also be constructed in this project.	\$40,000.00	East	C
Coalmont, City of	L.P. Phipps Park Recreation and Nature Trail Development	Asphalt paving of 3 parking lots, trailhead signage, a pedestrian bridge, and the development of 4, non-motorized multi-use trails. All trails will be 8' wide and ADA compliant.	\$97,000.00	Middle	C
Cumberland Trail Conference	Cumberland Trail - Smoky Mountain Segment	This project will complete an 18 mile section of the Cumberland Trail. Upon completion, the 35 mile segment will connect Cove Lake & Frozen Head SP with one continuous backcountry trail, finishing the Smoky Mountain Segment and opening the trail to visitors.	\$68,500.00	East	C
Farragut, Town of	Town of Farragut - Montgomery Trail Link	Construction of an 8' x 1007' asphalt walk trail plus 2 fences on a permanent easement. Connect 2 subdivisions located in the southwest quadrant of the Town. Connect to a set of trails planned in a subdivision currently being constructed.	\$96,000.00	East	C
Friends of Beaman Park	Beaman Park ADA Accessible, Walking & Interpretive Trails	Build a 559' paved ADA access. & walking trail w/kiosk & interpretive signage that will link the Nature Ctr site to the existing trail system & a covered teaching deck. Construct a 600' ADA access. interpretive trail w/signage & forest observation programming decks, directly adjacent to the Nature Ctr. Finally, construction of a boardwalk to connect the Nature Ctr site to the largest of the forest observation/programming decks.	\$85,000.00	Middle	C

*At Trek, we believe that the bicycle is a simple solution to some of the worlds most complex problems... and bike paths and lanes are the kinds of things that make cycling a part of a culture. Paths attract active, healthy, community involved customers by giving them a chance to have cycling become a part of their lifestyle. Property value increases along them and businesses, from a hot dog cart to brick and mortar, thrive.*

*Chad Wolfe, General Manager  
Johnson City, TN, Trek Concept Store*

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Reg.	Progress/Complete
Ft. Pillow State Historic Area	Fort Pillow SHA - Interpretive Trail Rehabilitation	Update Ft. Pillow State Park's 2 interpretive trails. Construction of a 50' bridge at the trailhead and 2 kiosks. Trail redesign providing for proper drainage and addition of gravel. Replace 18 faded and illegible interpretive signs along the trail and landscape timber steps.	\$37,000.00	West	C
Gatlinburg, City of	Gatlinburg Greenways Master Plan	A study of 1) inventory and analysis of natural & cultural features; 2) provide community education & vision; 3) the preparation of proposed greenway routes along with associated costs; 4) develop a phasing and implementation strategy for the City of Gatlinburg.	\$20,000.00	East	C
Hamblen County	Hamblen County Cherokee Park Improvements	Constructing a paved trail from picnic shelter/playground area to all pavilions in the park. Minimal amount of clearing and grubbing, bolards at all road intersections, directional signage, and a minimal amount of incidental concrete work.	\$93,000.00	East	C
Hamilton County	Hamilton County - Recreation Trail Development	Design and construction of a recreational trail. The proposed 4' wide hiking loop will begin and end near the park's visitors' center.	\$76,000.00	East	C
Historic Rugby	Historic Rugby - Massengale Homeplace Loop Trail	Develop a 1-1/2 mile (7,920') loop hiking trail with the new Rugby SNA. Phase I would include improvement of the entry drive accessing the Rugby SNA, development of an information/education kiosk at the trail head, and develop an information/education kiosk at the Massengale Homeplace.	\$32,320.00	East	C
Kingsport, City of	Kingsport - Eastman Park Project	Construction of a walking trail around the perimeter of Eastman Park at Horse Creek located in Sullivan Gardens.	\$70,000.00	East	C
Knox County	Sarah Moore Greene Greenway	Development of a 10' x 5,000' series of loop (ashpalt) trails that circle the Sarah Moore Greene Elementary Magnet School.	\$50,000.00	East	C
Knoxville, City of	Fountain City Greenway Extension	Create a small loop greenway on a piece of city property.	\$50,000.00	East	C
Lewisburg, City of	Lewisburg - New Lake Walking & Nature Trail Phase II	Walking trail, steps/guardrails, picnic tables, landscaping, boardwalks, and directions and interpretative signage. Nature trail will consist of mostly woodchips.	\$48,000.00	West	C
Maryville, Alcoa & Blount Co P&R Commission	Regional Blount County Greenway Planning	This project is to create a plan for making several of the vital connections needed to create a regional greenway from Knoxville to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.	\$20,000.00	East	C
Maury County	Maury County Hiking & Natural Area Development	Trail development, parking area, observation deck, benches and signs.	\$48,000.00	Middle	C
Medina, City of	City of Medina - Multi-use trail	Multi-use trail and adequate parking areas. Also a paved walking trail to access the different locations.	\$60,000.00	West	C
Metro Board of Parks & Greenways	Joelton Greenway	Development and construction of 1.6 miles paved greenway trails, trailhead and signage.	\$48,500.00	Middle	C

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Reg.	Progress/Complete
Montgomery County	Montgomery County - ADA Trail	ADA accessible section of trail to be added to the existing trail network at Rotary Park	\$36,000.00	Middle	C
Morristown, City of	City of Morristown - Pave Walking Trail Wayne Hansard Park	Acquisiton and expansion of Wayne Hansard Park.	\$52,000.00	East	C
Mt. Pleasant, City of	Mt. Pleasant - Gardenia Park Fitness Trail	Construct a fitness trail including lights, signage, parking area and benches.	\$27,500.00	Middle	C
Putnam County	Rails With Trail Project	Construct a paved trail approximately 3,000 ft by 8 ft wide at Tennessee Central Heritage Trail in Putnam County.	\$87,000.00	Middle	C
TDEC/Div. of State Parks	Big Cypress Tree SNA - Phase I - Boardwalk Dev.	Build a boardwalk in a phased process. Boardwalk will extend approx. 3/4 mile into the Hardwood Bottomland Forest near the Middle Fork Obion River.	\$100,000.00	West	C
TDEC/Divison of State Parks	Pinson Mounds Trail Paving	Pave approximately 16,000 linear feet of existing walking/biking trail 8' wide to increase ADA compliance. Introduce gravel to reduce damage to the archaeological context.	\$90,000.00	West	C
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)	TVA - Coytee Bridge	80' span bridge that would connect 2 existing phases of the East Lakeshore Trail. The Coytee section of the trail is about 5 miles in length.	\$50,000.00	East	C
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA)	TWRA - OHV 5 Implementation	Renovate, improve and maintain existing off-highway-vehicle trails.	\$723,099.00	East	P



Town of Farragut Montgomery Trail Link - 2008 RTP Grant - \$96,000.00

# Complete & In Progress 2010 RTP Projects

Grantee	Park Name	Project Description	Grant Amount Awarded	Region	Progress/Complete
Appalachian Mountain Bike Club	Georgia Marble	Georgia Marble Trail System Phase 2	\$55,930.00	East	C
Athens, City of & McMinn County	McMinn County Rails-to-Trails Project Greenway	McMinn County Rails-to-Trails Project Greenway Land Acquisition	\$80,000.00	East	C
Cherokee National Forest	Cherokee National Forest	Cherokee National Forest - Sutter Trail Dozier Acquisition for motorized and non-motorized trails	\$80,000.00	East	C
Clarksville Parks & Recreation	Clarksville Greenway & Trails	City of Clarksville - Mechanized Trail Equipment	\$43,040.00	Middle	C
Crump, City of	Crump Municipal Park	Crump Municipal Walking Trail	\$80,000.00	West	C
Ducktown, City of	Ducktown Greenway	Ducktown Greenway Phase I	\$65,000.00	East	C
Dyer County	MRCT Dyersburg River Park & Blueway	Dyersburg River Park & Blueway	\$80,000.00	West	C
Harpeth River State Park	Harpeth River State Park	Harpeth River State Park - River Access Sites	\$48,000.00	Middle	C
Haywood County	Haywood County Industrial Park	Sugar Creek Greenway	\$80,000.00	West	C
Hornbeak, City of	Hornbeak City Park	Hornbeak Walking Trail	\$40,000.00	West	C
Houston County	Danville Landing Recreation Area	Houston County - Danville Landing Recreation Area Dev. (Phase I)	\$80,000.00	West	C
Jackson, City of	Liberty Garden	City of Jackson - Liberty Garden, ADA Restroom & Foot Bridge	\$80,000.00	West	C
Kingsport, City of	Domtar Park	City of Kingsport - Domtar Park Walking/Access Trail	\$80,000.00	East	C
Knox County	Bearden Elementary School	Bearden Circle Greenway	\$80,000.00	East	C
Knox County Parks & Recreation	Plumb Creek Park	KUB Loop at Plumb Creek Greenway	\$80,000.00	East	C
Lebanon, City of	Cedar Hill Trail	City of Lebanon - Cedar City Trail, Phase III, Section B	\$80,000.00	Middle	C

Grantee	Park Name	Project Description	Grant Amount Awarded	Region	Progress/ Complete
Manchester, City of	Little Duck River Greenway	Little Duck River Greenway Phase IV	\$80,000.00	Middle	C
McKenzie, City of	McKenzie Recreation Park	McKenzie Recreation Trail	\$38,500.00	West	C
Metro Gov Of Nashville Davidson Co	Shelby Bottoms Greenway & Nature Park	Riverside Drive Connector Trail	\$72,547.00	Middle	C
Murfreesboro, City of	Murfreesboro Greenway System	Renovation: Fortress Rosecrans Trailhead to Manson Pk Trailhead	\$80,000.00	Middle	C
Paris, City of	Memorial Park	City of Paris - Fitness Trail Expansion	\$30,000.00	West	C
Ridgetop, Town of	Ridgetop Station Park	Ridgetop Station Park - Trail and Trailhead Development Phase II	\$80,000.00	Middle	C
Shelby Farms Park Conservancy	Shelby Farms Park	Shelby Farms Park - Wolf River Greenway Connector Trail	\$80,000.00	West	C
Tennessee State Parks	Big Hill Pond State Park	Big Hill Pond - Boardwalk & Observation Tower Rehab	\$80,000.00	West	P
Tennessee State Parks	Big Cypress - Phase II of Boardwalk Construction	Construction of phase II of the boardwalk adjacent to the Obion River floodplain.	\$100,000.00	West	P
White County	Quebeck Community Center	Holder Station Trail	\$26,000.00	Middle	C
Williamson County Parks & Rec	Timberland Park	Timberland Park ADA Trail Improvements	\$76,700.00	Middle	C
Winchester, City of	Winchester City Park, Estill Springs City Park & Tims Ford State Park	Tims Ford Reservoir Blue Way	\$80,000.00	Middle	C

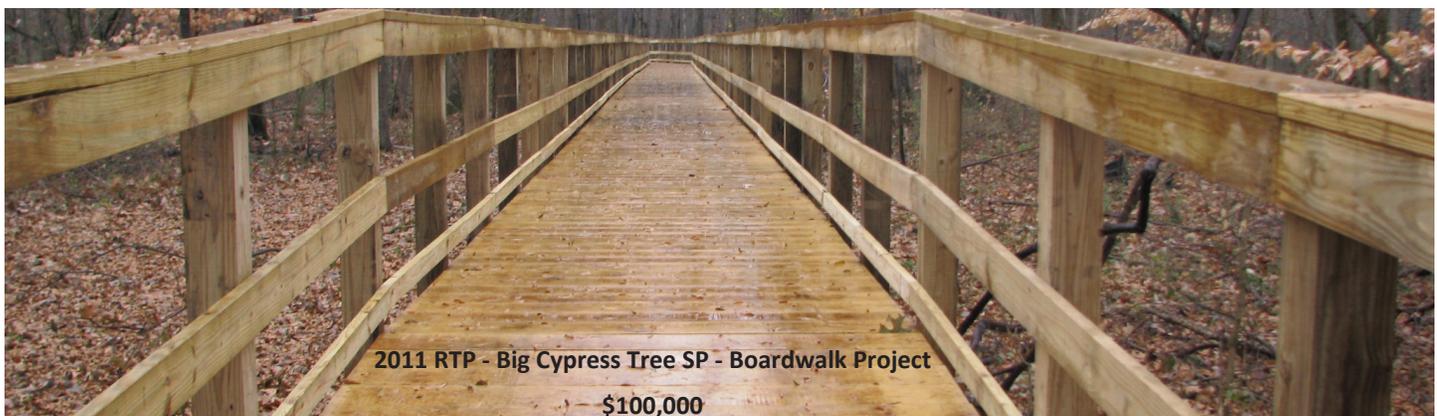


“The Robert Clark Park and the blueway have impacted our community in a couple of significant ways. I believe the Robert Clark Park and blueway are a perfect example of the positive changes we can create by bringing our Parks and Recreation Department together with citizens, outdoor enthusiasts and other city departments. This project has been a true ‘win’ for everyone.” – Mayor Kim McMillan

2010 Grant - Clarksville - Blueway Project - \$145,000

# Complete & In Progress 2011 RTP Projects

Grantee	Park Name	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region	CProgress/ Complete
Athens, City of	Athens Regional Park	Mouse Creek Trail Development & Restoration	\$120,000.00	East	P
Clarksville, City of	Heritage Park	Greenway Connection	\$120,000.00	Middle	P
Community Dev. Council of Greater Memphis	Overton Park	Overton Broad Connector Park Trail Segment	\$88,400.00	West	C
Franklin, City of	The Park at Harlingsdale Farm	Franklin Blueway and Equestrian Connection	\$120,000.00	Middle	P
Greeneville	Hardin Park	Hardin Park Trail and Restrooms	\$120,000.00	East	P
Montgomery County	Rotary Park	ADA Accessible Trail Phase II	\$120,000.00	Middle	C
Newport, City of	Newport Park and Float Park	Newport Park and Float Facility Acquisition and Development	\$89,600.00	East	P
Kingsport, City of	Kingsport Greenbelt	Kingsport Buffalo Grassland Section	\$120,000.00	East	P
Overton Park Conservancy	N/A	Overton Park - Broad Street Connector Trail	\$88,400.00	West	P
TSP - Henry Horton State Park	Henry Horton State Park	Duck River Blueway Access & Egress Enhancements	\$26,000.00	Middle	P
TSP - Natchez Trace State Park	Natchez Trace State Park	Red Leaves Trail	\$16,000.00	West	P
Unicoi, Town of	Jack Snider Park	Pavilion, Bathroom, Trailhead Project	\$105,000.00	East	C
White House, City of	White House Memorial Park	Municipal Park Trail Renovation	\$90,000.00	Middle	C



“The Recreational Trails Program grant gave TN State Parks the funding to construct the boardwalk which will be used to provide environment education programs for our visitors and the local schools. This project would not have been possible without the \$20,000 in matching funds provided by our partner, the Friends of Big Cypress Tree SP.”  
-Mike Robertson, Director of TN State Parks Operations

# Complete & In Progress

## 2013 RTP Projects

Grantee	Park Name	Project Description	Grant Amount Awarded	Region	Progress/Complete
Campbell County	Ivydell Historical Trail-head	Ivydell Multi-use Trailhead	\$120,000.00	East	P
Cocke County	Pigeon River Access Site	Pigeon Rier Rafting Access Ramps and Improvements	\$150,000.00	East	P
Cumberland County	Obed River Park	Cumberland County - No Excuses, Use it & Lose It	\$30,000.00	East	P
Doe Mountain Recreation Area Authority	Doe Mountain Recreation Authority	Improving Public Access to Doe Mountain Recreation Area	\$196,000.00	East	P
Dresden, City of	Dresden Green Rail Trail	Dresden Green Rail Trail Phase 2	\$200,000.00	West	P
Kenton, City of	Kenton City Park	Kenton City Trail Improvements	\$160,040.00	West	P
Legacy Parks Foundation	Knoxville Urban Wilderness	Legacy Parks Foundation Introductory Trails	\$200,000.00	East	P
Martin, City of	Brian Brown Memorial Greenway	Brian Brown Memorial Greenway, Phase II Extension	\$200,000.00	West	P
McNairy County/ Town of Selmer	Selmer City Park	Repaving of Selmer City Park Walking Trail	\$52,000.00	West	P
Mountain Goat Trail Alliance	Mountain Goat Trail	Tracy City-Palmer Connetor	\$200,000.00	Middle	P
Rossville, Town of	Rossville City Park	Rossville City Park Nature Trail	\$200,000.00	West	P
Shelby Farms Park Conservancy	Shelby Farms Park	Tour de Wolf Trail Restoration Project	\$40,000.00	West	P
Sparta, City of	Sparta River Trail Park and Sparta Cemetery	Sparta River Bridge and Trail	\$176,000.00	Middle	P
Surgoinsville, Town of	Creekside Park & Riverside Park	Surgoinsville Creekside Trail and Restroom Facility	\$120,000.00	East	P
TSP - David Crockett State Park	David Crockett State Park	David Crockett State Park Trail System Upgrade	\$120,000.00	Middle	P
Urban Century Institute	N/A	Trail Building Training Courses	\$40,000.00	Middle	P

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# RTP Grant Cycle

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In 2014, RES awarded 8 Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grants for a total of \$1,206,000. RTP grants require a 20% match from the community and local funding can consist of cash, donations of materials, donations of land, volunteer labor, and force account. The maximum grant award in the 2014 RTP cycle was \$200,000. There were 15 applicants, requesting a total of just over \$2 million. Once again, RTP grant requests exceeded available RTP funds in 2014, which reflects the demand for trails and greenways is growing in communities across the state. The RTP program allows state and federal agencies to apply for funding and in 2014 there were 3 state parks that received a grant, Cumberland Mountain, Tim's Ford and Reelfoot Lake. In 2011, RES determined that the best course of action to secure funding was to run an RTP cycle when the Federal legislation made the funds available rather than in 2 year cycles.

“The Local Parks and Recreation Fund grants help local governments develop park and recreation facilities such as playgrounds, walking trails and ball fields, providing positive impacts on the community for the citizens and visitors of Tennessee to enjoy.” - Governor Bill Haslam

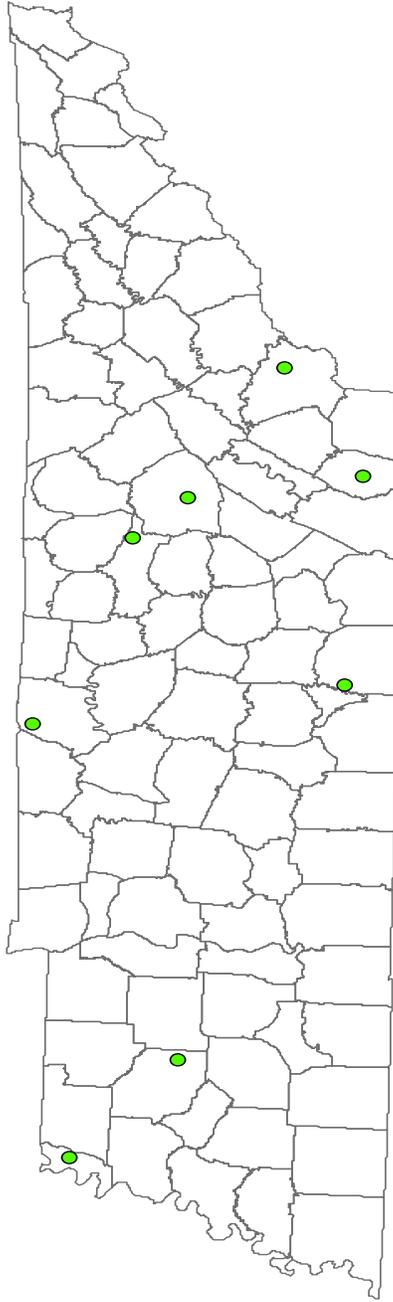
“Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grants provide another opportunity for TDEC to partner with local communities. By the development of additional trails and amenities, citizens directly benefit through a wider variety of recreational opportunities and an improved quality of life.” - TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau

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# RTP Grant Awards

Grantee	Project Title	Project Description	Grant Amount	Region
Charleston-Cal-houn-HIwassee Historical Society	National Historic Trail Experience	Trail development, trailhead parking, trail signs.	\$200,000.00	East
Cherokee National Forest, Tellico District	Citico and Starr Mtn. Equestrian Trails Project	Trail development, trailhead parking (4 areas), trail signs, trail bridges (1).	\$200,000.00	East
Cumberland Mountain State Park	New Lakeside Trail	Trail development of 2,000 Linear Feet of 5' wide, trailhead parking.	\$200,000.00	East
MIlan, City of	Milan City Park Recreational Trail	Build 7,500 Linear Feet by 10 feet wide paved trail, trailhead and trailside amenities.	\$200,000.00	West
Monterey, City of	Phase II - Monterey Section, Tennessee Central Heritage Rail Trail	Develop 1,305 Linear Feet of 10' wide paved trail from the Library to Burke Middle School.	\$90,000.00	Middle
Portland, City of	Richland Park Hike & Bike Trail	Develop 3,000 Linear Feet of 8' wide gravel trail, 10,000 Linear Feet of 3' wide natural surface trail, trailhead parking and signs.	\$94,000.00	Middle
TSP - Reelfoot Lake State Park	Kiwanis Playtrail	Paved trail with physical activity areas, restroom ADA compliance, trailhead parking and trailside amenities.	\$180,000.00	West
TSP - Tim's Ford State Park	Tims Ford State Park Blueways and Trails Plan	Water trail campsite renovation, backcountry campsite development, trail reroute/rehab.	\$42,000.00	Middle

# 2014 RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT AWARDS



WEST TN REGION □  
 \$380,000.00  
 Milan, City of  
 Reelfoot Lake State Park

MIDDLE TN REGION  
 \$426,000.00  
 Cumberland Mountain State Park  
 Monterey, Town of  
 Portland, City of  
 Tim's Ford State Park

EAST TN REGION  
 \$400,000.00  
 Charleston-Calhoun-Hiwassee Historical Society  
 USDA Forest Service, Cherokee National Forest

# Connecting People to Trails

## ConnectWithTn.com

One of the actions identified in the 2008 Tennessee Greenways and Trails Plan included development of a greenways and trails information website designed to promote use of greenways and trails by the general public and visitors to Tennessee. Funded by the Recreational Trails Program, the ConnectwithTN.com website was launched in 2009 providing connections to trails across Tennessee:

FIND A TRAIL NEAR YOU







LEARN MORE



NEWS & EVENTS



MAPS



FORUM



LINKS

### Find a Greenway or Trail

Click on a county name for a listing of Greenways and Trails in that area.



**KEY**

<b>P</b> paved	<b>N</b> natural	<b>BW</b> boardwalk
 ada accessible	 easy	 moderate
 PDF map	 difficult	

*Greenways and Trails provide increased access around town for our citizens, young and old, and are a tremendous tourism boost to the city of Athens as these are the types of activities our visitors are looking to enjoy.*

*Austin Fesmire, Director  
Athens Parks and Recreation Department*

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# Recreation Educational Services

## Vision Statement

RES, through committed knowledgeable employees, will provide innovative customer assistance that creates positive impacts and experiences for people, parks, and programs in Tennessee.



Johnson County - Laurel Creek Trail RTP \$100,000