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Letter from the Commissioner



David W. Salyers, P.E.



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Dear Fellow Tennesseans,

As Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), I am pleased to transmit to you the department's Annual Report. This report reflects the progress we've made together in advancing both economic growth and environmental stewardship across our great state.

Tennessee continues to be one of the fastest-growing states in the nation, and while much of that success is rightly attributed to our low taxes, strong job market, and high quality of life, I want to recognize the critical role that you—our state's elected leaders—have played in ensuring that our natural environment remains a cornerstone of that success.

Together, we are establishing 14 new state parks - more than any other administration in our state's history. These parks are not only preserving Tennessee's natural beauty but also generating significant economic returns: a recent study by Impact DataSource found that our state parks contributed \$1.9 billion to the economy in FY2024 and supported over 13,500 jobs.

We've also made Tennessee's parks the most accessible in the nation, with features such as all-terrain wheelchairs, paved trails, adult-sized changing tables, and accessible kayak launches. These investments ensure that all Tennesseans, regardless of physical ability, can enjoy our shared natural resources. In addition, we've taken bold steps to protect the Duck River—one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the world and a vital drinking water source for over 250,000 residents. The Duck River Watershed Planning Partnership, initiated by Governor Lee, is now a model for regional water management across the state.

Your passage of the Rural Brownfield Redevelopment Act has also empowered communities to transform contaminated properties into economic assets. A recent example is the cleanup of the former American Nuclear Corp. site in Anderson County, which may soon become a public recreation area.

Finally, Tennessee is emerging as a national leader in nuclear energy innovation. With your support, we've launched the Nuclear Energy Advisory Council and invested in workforce development to ensure our state is ready to lead in this critical sector.

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TDEC received ESRI's Special Achievement in GIS Award in 2025

As you review this report, I hope you will take pride in the role you've played in these accomplishments. Tennessee's balanced approach to economic development and environmental conservation is gaining national recognition, and it would not be possible without your vision and commitment.

Thank you for your continued partnership in protecting and enhancing Tennessee's natural resources for generations to come.

Respectfully, *D.W.S.*



"Scott's Gulf Wilderness State Park will be a wonderful asset to White County. Not only will this park highlight the diverse natural resources in our area, but it will also protect them for future generations to enjoy. I applauded Gov. Bill Lee, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and my colleagues in the General Assembly for their support of this important investment."
- Representative Paul Sherrell



"Tennessee State Parks has the resources to develop Ocoee River State Park - staff it full time, put in a welcome center, and make people in other parts of the state and country aware...It's a completely new dimension that will elevate the economy of Polk County."
- Representative Dan Howell



"Head of the Crow State Park represents more than a new destination on Tennessee's map - it is an investment in the economic future of our rural communities. By attracting visitors, supporting small businesses, and creating jobs, this park will strengthen our local economies while preserving the natural beauty that defines our state. It's the kind of smart, forward-looking development that ensures Tennessee continues to thrive for generations to come."
- Representative Iris Rudder

Northeast Tennessee Faces Catastrophe and Comes Back Stronger

TDEC responded to the heartbreaking aftermath of Hurricane Helene with every resource it had. The department worked closely with state, federal, and local leadership on a comprehensive approach to recovery.

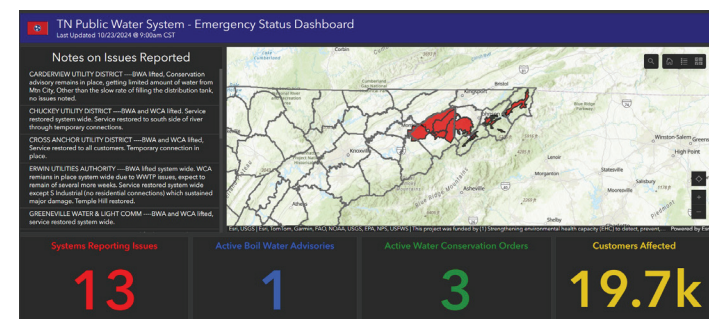
Restoring and safeguarding drinking water service was the immediate priority to protect human health. At one point, 170,000 people in 10 counties were under advisories about water quality and availability. By August 2025, water and wastewater systems were able to provide service to virtually all customers as compared to pre-storm levels.

The Division of Water Resources developed a publicly accessible mapping application and dashboard for citizens and emergency responders to review information. It also redirected grant funds to rebuild water facilities and created a fee waiver for septic systems, allowing people rebuilding homes to have a streamlined way to replace them. The Office of External Affairs held TDEC Tuesday Mayor meetings each week, where leaders could ask questions and share concerns. The Office of Outdoor Recreation provided recreation recovery expertise and aligned grant programs to assist with the costs of reconstructing local parks.

TDEC provided guidance to remove and dispose of more than 6.2 million cubic yards of debris. The Division of Solid Waste Management approved temporary debris staging sites the weekend after the disaster. TDEC was part of an interagency plan to clean up Douglas Lake from debris. The Division of Air Pollution Control approved burn sites for woody debris.

Several Tennessee State Parks were hit hard, most notably, David Crockett Birthplace State Park. The storm was catastrophic for the park, forcing its temporary closure. State Park officials sought public input on a plan for its rebirth. David Crockett Birthplace State Park is not just recovering from Helene but is on a strong path of renewal, guided by a determination to honor Crockett's legacy and restore a place of pride for Tennesseans.

Tennessee had never seen anything like Hurricane Helene. One year after the storm, TDEC remains a resource and dependable partner for communities that continue to need help. That will not change.



TDEC's Emergency Status Dashboard consolidates information from public water system advisories and communicates the status of public water systems on its Helene Response and Recovery homepage. The Dashboard currently reads: 0-0-0-0



Scan to learn more about the recovery of David Crockett Birthplace State Park

Helene's Impact on David Crockett Birthplace State Park



170 thousand

170,000 people had safe drinking water restored after quality and availability advisories

6.2 million

6.2 million cubic yards of debris removed – for comparison, a cubic yard is the size of a washing machine

\$94.3 million

\$94.3 million distributed through the Helene Emergency Assistance Loan Program for water infrastructure repairs and debris removal

Right: In June, a standing-room-only public meeting was held to plan for David Crockett Birthplace State Park's rebirth. Sen. Steve Southerland and Rep. David Hawk addressed the crowd, highlighting the park's history and the legislature's strong support for its future.



Far right: TDEC leadership hosted the Heroes of Helene Summit to recognize the heroic efforts made by utility workers impacted by the storm.



Top of page: At David Crockett Birthplace State Park, maintenance teams demolished four bath houses, a pool pavilion, and a visitor center; removed over 2.6 million pounds of debris; and cleared more than 870,000 square feet of silt from about 20 acres of parkland.



Left: The interagency Douglas Lake Debris Removal Task Force has removed 177,154 cubic yards of vegetative debris, 16 tons of appliances, and 2,773 tons of construction debris from the lake.



Producing the Energy of the Future with Advanced Nuclear Power

Tennessee has identified a pathway, partnerships, and program to realize the promise of nuclear fusion energy. Advances in fusion power technologies have emerged as a viable strategy to meet the world's growing demand for electricity.

Nuclear fusion is regulated by the state, and that's where TDEC provides leadership, becoming the first state to create its own regulatory framework. Upon requests from the regulated community, TDEC's Division of Radiological Health is laying the groundwork to enable safe, effective deployment of fusion machines while protecting human health and the environment. This year, the state appropriated \$2.6 million for TDEC to develop a regulatory framework for commercial fusion power.

The program worked hand in hand with Type One Energy, a fusion company based in Oak Ridge, to create a partnership with TVA to deploy the world's first private commercial fusion power plant based on stellarator technology. Type One Energy, the first award recipient from the state's Nuclear Energy Fund, will invest \$223.5 million to establish its headquarters and expand operations in Tennessee. It plans to begin construction of its prototype machine in 2026 at the former TVA Bull Run Fossil Plant.

Major investments by other nuclear technology companies show how Tennessee is becoming the nation's leader in nuclear energy. Oklo Inc. selected Oak Ridge for a nearly \$7 billion expansion, which includes the development of an advanced nuclear fuel recycling facility. Orano USA is investing billions of dollars in Project IKE, a uranium enrichment center to power nuclear reactors and next-generation designs. BWXT plans to invest at least \$45 million in nuclear manufacturing to support fuel production for the National Nuclear Security Administration's defense program.

The track record already in place and the expertise needed in the nuclear age have Tennessee uniquely positioned to become the nation's hub for nuclear innovation.



Scan to learn more about advanced nuclear power in Tennessee



\$7 billion expansion



\$223.5 million investment



Investment of multi-billions



\$45+ million investment

Middle left: The Division of Radiological Health staff, Commissioner Salyers and Governor Lee gather in Oak Ridge to celebrate Type One Energy's Letter of Intent.

Middle right: Commissioner Salyers moderated the Nuclear Energy Panel at the Southern States Energy Board annual meeting, which included Nuclear Energy CEO Maria Korsnick and State of Tennessee Chief Operating Officer Brandon Gibson.

Bottom: Governor Lee, US Senator Blackburn, Congressman Fleischmann, State Senator Yager, TNECD Commissioner McWhorter, and Oak Ridge Mayor Gooch cut the ribbon with ORANO USA CEO Jean-Luc Palayer for the Project IKE office in Oak Ridge.



“Tennessee’s ambition to lead in nuclear innovation is much bigger than just competing with other states. This is about securing the future of America.”

- Governor Bill Lee



Protecting the Duck River Watershed Through Partnership

Nothing shows Gov. Bill Lee's commitment to conservation more than his plan to protect the Duck River, one of the nation's most biologically diverse waterways, flowing 284 miles and the drinking water source for more than 250,000 people in nine counties.

The Governor issued an Executive Order establishing the 19-member Duck River Watershed Planning Partnership, directing the group to develop recommendations that balance the needs of water users and economic growth with the need to protect the environmental integrity of the river. The plan includes identifying opportunities to regionalize water systems, enhance drought resilience, conserve habitats, and reduce water loss. The General Assembly approved \$90 million this year toward those goals.

The number of partnering organizations underscores the commitment to the plan. It includes state and federal agencies, state legislators, academics, local utilities, and conservation organizations. TDEC Commissioner David Salyers is chairman of the group, which will make a final report on its work before ending its business on Dec. 31, 2026.

The status of the Duck River draws wide attention. In July, the second annual Duck River Outdoor Expo at Henry Horton State Park drew 12,500 visitors, who learned about topics such as pollinators, mussels, watershed impacts, recreation opportunities, and recycling.

Tennessee's leadership is committed to the lasting preservation of the Duck River Watershed. The river is more than just a diverse ecosystem; it's a national treasure.

The Duck River Watershed



Scan to learn more about the planning partnership and the Duck River



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Strengthening Drinking Water Through Regionalization

Tennessee's growing population increases water demand – making regionalized infrastructure a key solution to future challenges. TDEC anticipated this growth would be challenging on aging water systems and dedicated American Rescue Plan (ARP) dollars to support water infrastructure improvements.

Plans for regionalization are in process across our state, from the Cumberland Plateau to Northern Middle Tennessee, and beyond. Partnerships are forming to address challenges and develop sustainable solutions.

In Cumberland County, the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority (CPWA) was established to meet the needs of communities across the Cumberland Plateau region, with Crab Orchard Utility District becoming the first to join in 2025. As more utilities follow, it will encourage regionalization efforts in other areas of the Plateau and Sequatchie Valley.

The City of Crossville received funds to support regionalization efforts. Crossville will increase its water supply capacity and interconnect with CPWA to provide additional water, thus reducing water scarcity, stabilizing water supplies and helping to fulfill TDEC's goals of providing safe, reliable, and affordable water services to Tennesseans.

In Sumner County, the need for reliable water to sustain growth led to a partnership among Gallatin, Portland, Westmoreland, Castalian Springs-Bethpage Water Utility District, and Sumner County to address regional drinking water needs and improve drought resilience. This project includes a 118,000-linear-foot transmission main to increase water supply. **Collaboration allows these communities to secure large investments while reducing individual costs.**

United for better water,
better service, and a
stronger region.



Scan to learn more
about regionalized
water infrastructure



Gallatin Water Treatment Plant



“The need for water security and drought protection has been a major concern in the Northern part of Sumner County, and this regional transmission line will help provide much needed capacity for safe drinking water and added fire protection. The collaboration between local communities and the State highlights the level of progress possible when everyone comes together for the greater good. I cannot overestimate the impact that this project will provide to the City of Portland, and I am very thankful for the whole staff at TDEC and their hard work.”

- City of Portland Mayor Mike Callis, pictured with the construction crew expanding drinking water access.



“Regionalization is a generational idea that looks beyond today's boundaries and the need for control, to ensure reliable and affordable water service for decades to come. In Cumberland County, we have taken real steps toward that vision, leading the way in cooperation and consolidation. Everyone deserves access to clean, safe, and affordable drinking water. Our work today is not about us, it is about our children and grandchildren who will benefit from what we build together.”

- Cumberland County Mayor Allen Foster, pictured with Everett Bolin and Jeff Dyer, signing the first consolidation order for the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority.

Outdoors Day on the Hill Hits the Bullseye

Outdoor recreation contributes \$13 billion to the state's economy, supporting 103,000 jobs and generating \$1.2 billion in state sales tax revenue. On March 25, 2025, the Tennessee Outdoor Partnership hosted the inaugural Outdoors Day on the Hill to highlight its economic impact with the Tennessee General Assembly and encourage them to engage in outdoor recreation while in session — on the state capitol lawn!

Tennessee State Parks shared interpretive programming featuring scaled and feathered friends; BluewaysTN provided updates on historic investments, and TWRA hosted a competitive archery demonstration. **Leaders from the Departments of Agriculture, Economic and Community Development, and Tourism showcased their impact alongside nonprofit outdoor organizations, land managers, and businesses.** Overall, 30 stakeholder groups and 400 individuals attended the event.

Aim high to hit the bullseye at the next Outdoors Day on the Hill on March 24, 2026.

Participating agencies and organizations gathered before the event to commemorate the \$1.2 million in state sales tax revenue collected from the outdoor recreation economy in 2023/2024.

Scan to learn more about Outdoors Day on the Hill



Representative Paul Sherrell meets with Outdoors Day leaders



House vs. Senate: both hit the mark, both claimed the win, and neither backed down. Call it a tie, for now. Rematch – March 24, 2026.



Representative Chris Todd



Senator Adam Lowe and Senator Shane Reeves

Preserving Farmland Through Brownfield Redevelopment

Tennesseans are seeing the dramatic results of a program for redeveloping blighted properties in rural parts of the state.

For two years, the brownfield redevelopment program might have looked like little more than a promising idea. Now it's a magnificent reality, vividly showing what investment and dedication can do to improve troubled sites throughout the state.

With the leadership of Gov. Bill Lee, the Tennessee General Assembly passed the Rural Brownfield Redevelopment Investment Act in 2023. This year, TDEC celebrated the completion of two revamped brownfields.

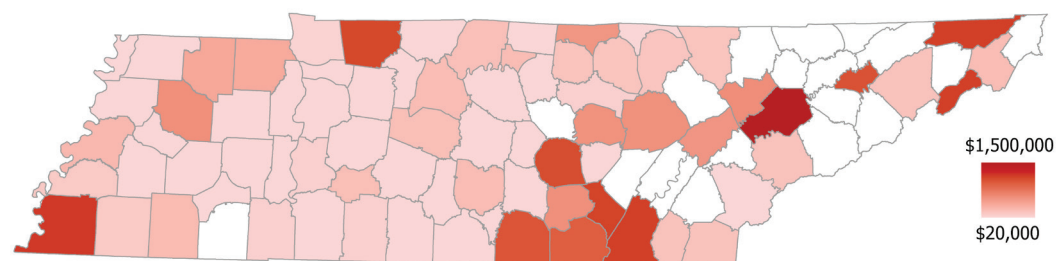
In Morristown, TDEC Commissioner David Salyers led a celebration of remediation of the Plumley Rubber Company site. The property had been vacant for almost 10 years before becoming ready for redevelopment. The site will now be a warehousing and logistics space.

In Clinton, in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), TDEC officials joined other state and local leaders to recognize the cleanup of the American Nuclear Corporation (ANC) site, removing radioactive contamination. Leaders in Anderson County want to repurpose the property into a greenspace.

Both success stories came thanks to the TDEC Division of Remediation's Brownfield Redevelopment Area Grant (BRAG) and TN Clean programs. The Morristown Industrial Development Board received a \$500,000 grant for its project. Through its partnership with EPA, TDEC was able to save the state over \$10 million dollars for the cleanup of the ANC site.

It's not often that a solution to a problem can create an even greater asset. That's happening now due to the state's commitment to protecting natural resources and boosting the economy at the same time.

Total BRAG funding awarded in the 2024 and 2025 grant cycles



Scan to watch a video about BRAG and Plumley Rubber's redevelopment

Through its partnership with EPA, TDEC saved the state \$10 million on cleanup costs to remove radioactive contamination at the Anderson County American Nuclear Corporation site.



The Morristown Industrial Board received a \$500,000 brownfield redevelopment grant for the former Plumley Rubber site, which sat vacant for 10 years due to legacy contamination.



ARP Is Delivering Results Across Tennessee

Success stories are emerging across the state about water infrastructure projects resulting from the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

TDEC is charged with administering water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure elements of the ARP. The state's Financial Stimulus Accountability Group dedicated \$1.35 billion of Tennessee's share of \$3.7 billion from the ARP to address local water issues. TDEC's ARP grant program currently has \$1 billion in approved procurements, and construction is underway on these critical water infrastructure projects across the state. All construction must be completed by late 2026 to meet the federal grant deadline.

The grants are leading to results.

In Maryville, the funds have gone to two major projects. One is to build a new storage tank to prevent contaminants from entering the public water system, along with other tasks. The other is for a multifaceted sewer basin rehabilitation project, with other sewer services involved.

In Mt. Juliet, a project replaces 9,000 feet of sewer main installed in the 1980s that has had significant problems. The plan will also install PVC sewer mains and help lower peak flows in the system.

In Stanton, the town and Haywood County are currently replacing a 50-year-old component of the water distribution system. The Haywood County Utility District is collaborating on the need for a reliable regional water supply. The town is modernizing its water treatment plant and replacing many meters that are over 30 years old.

The ARP program is making it possible for many disadvantaged communities to address water infrastructure needs, a priority of Gov. Bill Lee throughout his administration. TDEC has granted funds carefully, recognizing the most critical needs. It's an example of responsible, efficient, and timely government service.



Maury County Water Transmission Line Project



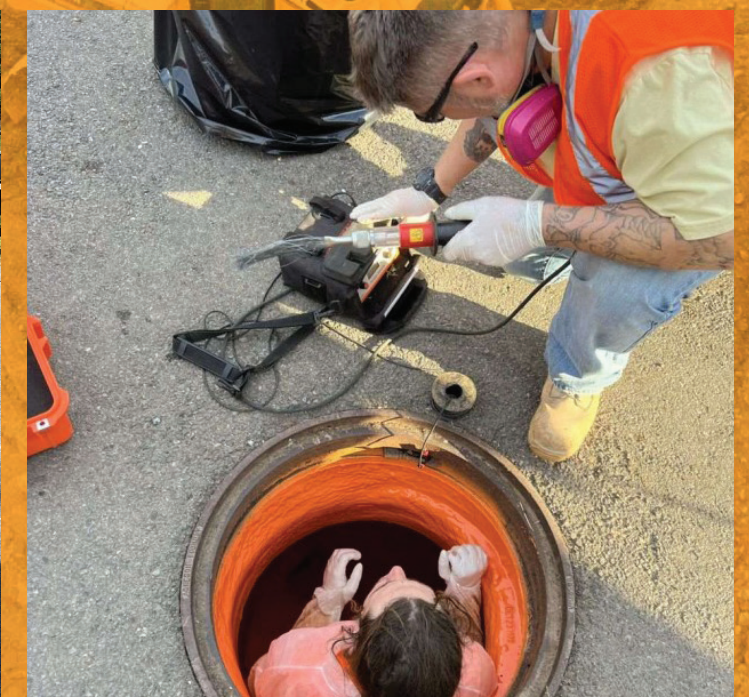
Scan to watch a video about the ARP in Tennessee.



Maryville Water Tank Project



Loudon Manhole Repair Project



“The ARP Water Infrastructure Program has been instrumental in helping the City of Moscow secure its future growth while maintaining financial stability within our city-run utility system. These funds have allowed us to complete critical repairs and upgrades that would have otherwise placed a severe financial burden on our small community. By addressing these infrastructure needs today, we are ensuring reliable water service for our residents and creating a stronger foundation for economic and residential growth in the years ahead.”

City of Moscow Mayor Kris Tims, pictured with his ARP water infrastructure award sign.

Managing Solid Waste Responsibly in Northeast Tennessee

TDEC's Division of Solid Waste Management recently awarded more than \$7 million in grants for recycling equipment, convenience centers, and other materials management needs.

Boosting recycling rates is a key component of a comprehensive approach to solid waste management. In Northeast Tennessee, TDEC awarded two major grants to Sullivan County for a new regional recycling facility. Ronné Adkins, Deputy Commissioner of Environment for TDEC, presented grants of \$599,330 for waste reduction and \$191,939 for recycling equipment to local leaders in June 2025.

The \$3.5 million East Tennessee Materials Recovery Facility will have 20,000 square feet of space and serve many rural areas, which has been a focus of Gov. Bill Lee. The success of the facility will rely heavily on partnerships among local governments, residents, and businesses. TDEC is committed to working alongside local groups to make the recycling center a success.

TDEC recognizes the need for cooperation and innovative solutions for the future of solid waste management. It is committed to working with the Tennessee General Assembly on the newly established solid waste task force, comprised of fifteen members and tasked with establishing a forward-looking strategy for managing solid waste through 2050. The task force will evaluate waste management and recycling systems, identify long-term challenges and opportunities, and recommend innovative, cost-effective solutions that protect public health, preserve natural resources, and strengthen Tennessee's economy.



East Tennessee Materials Recovery Facility



Scan to learn about the Putnam County Schools food waste grant.



Sullivan County Mayor Richard Venable, TDEC Deputy Commissioner Ronné Adkins, Senator Bobby Harshbarger, Representative John Crawford, Sullivan County Solid Waste Director Mark Torbett, and County Commissioner Zane Vanover accept TDEC materials management grants and cut the ribbon on the new \$3.5 million East Tennessee Materials Recovery Facility.



This year, TDEC Materials Management awarded:

- 37 Recycling Equipment Grants
- 4 Recycling Rebates
- 16 Convenience Center Grants
- 2 Household Hazardous Waste Grants
- 16 Used Automotive Fluid Recycling Grants
- 9 Technical Assistance Grants



TDEC recently awarded \$7 million in materials management grants across the state, including a waste reduction grant for the City of Columbia for \$425,200. Senator Joey Hensley joined Columbia leaders to celebrate the award.

Stewarding Cultural Resources at Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park

Located near Jackson, Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park preserves one of the most significant Native American sites in North America, comprising more than a dozen earthen monuments and ceremonial spaces constructed nearly 2,000 years ago.

This ancient landscape is inspiring a new generation of collaborative research between archaeologists and Tribal Nations, combining cutting-edge technology and Indigenous knowledge to better understand and steward this important place. Sharing this cutting-edge research in a Tennessee State Parks setting welcomes people from across the globe to West Tennessee.

Led by TDEC's Division of Archaeology, researchers from Colorado State University have carried out large-scale magnetometer and ground-penetrating radar surveys of Pinson to identify buried features without large-scale, labor-intensive excavations. This research has led to the discovery of new earthworks at Pinson, suggesting that it has a history of occupation predating the construction of the mounds.

Like much of West Tennessee, erosion is an ever-present threat, and Pinson is no exception. Drones are used to collect high-resolution topographic data for the entire site area and monitor the effects of erosion on the earthworks and design stabilization measures.

Elders and Historic Preservation experts from the Chickasaw Nation and Muscogee Creek Nation collaborate with TDEC and university archaeologists to interpret remote sensing data, identify continuities between past and present, and inform culturally sensitive stewardship practices.

This collaborative approach - combining university partnerships, advanced remote sensing technology, and Indigenous knowledge - represents a new model of archaeological research and stewardship that honors the ancient and modern Indigenous communities at the heart of Pinson Mounds.

The lessons learned from this approach can be applied to other parks, including the upcoming Cardwell Mountain State Archaeological Park in Warren County, where the research will inform park design and long-term resource management strategies.



Volunteers at the 42nd Annual ArcheoFest at Pinson Mounds State Park

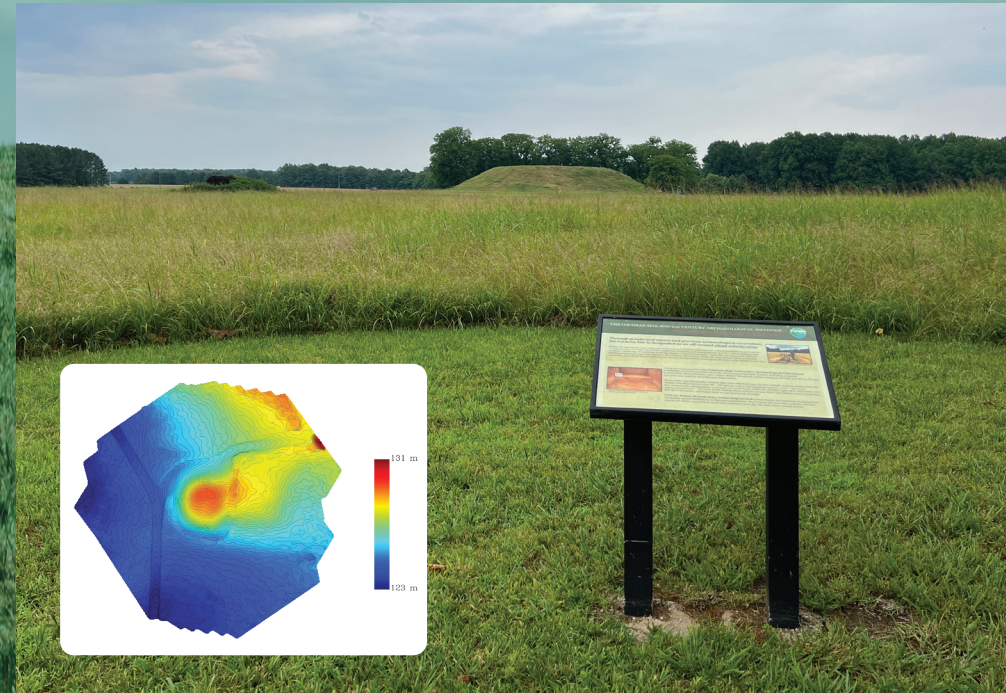
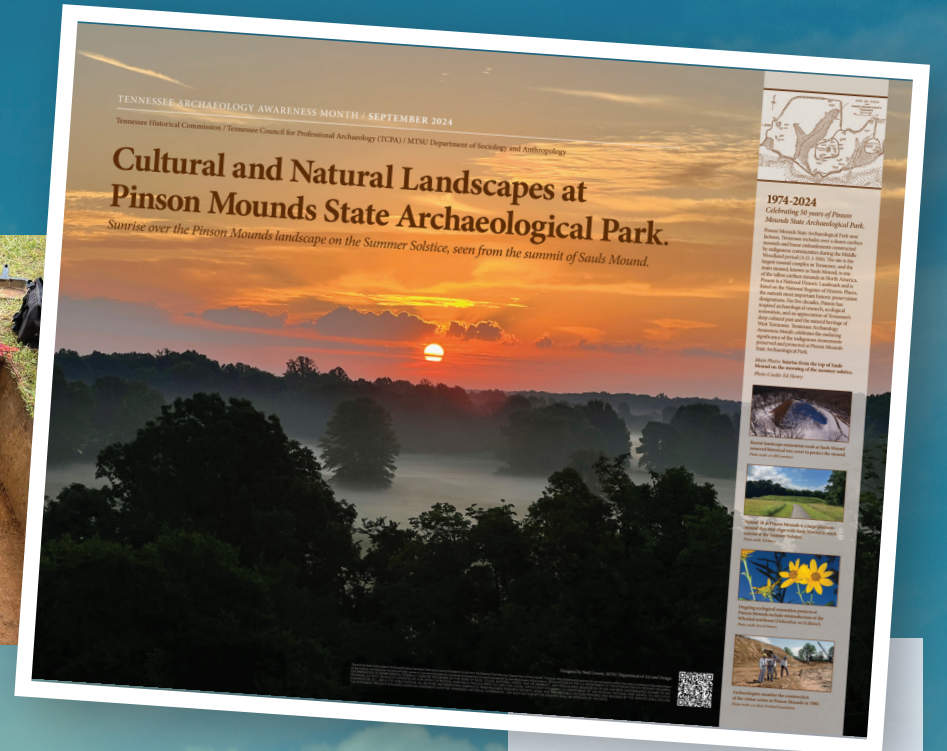


Scan to watch a video about Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park

Right: The Cultural and Natural Landscapes of Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park won the 2025 Society for American Archaeology poster contest. It included research from the TDEC Division of Archaeology and Colorado State University and was designed by MTSU professor Noel Lorson. Tennessee last won the SAA poster contest in 1996.



A new model of archaeological research and stewardship combining cutting-edge technology and Indigenous knowledge is taking place at Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park.



Enhancing Accessibility through Technology at Tennessee State Parks

Tennessee State Parks is leveraging innovative technology to enhance accessibility and independence for all visitors — including those who are blind or have low vision, are deaf or hard of hearing, or benefit from alternative ways to access information during their outdoor experiences.

As part of a pilot program, Tennessee State Parks has partnered with Aira, a cutting-edge service that offers live, on-demand visual interpretation and American Sign Language (ASL) support. At Henry Horton State Park and Paris Landing State Park, visitors can use the Aira app free of charge to connect with trained professionals who provide real-time assistance through the user's smartphone camera. This includes help with reading trail signs, navigating unfamiliar terrain, identifying natural features, or facilitating communication through ASL.

In addition to the Aira pilot, Tennessee State Parks is expanding its use of augmented reality (AR) to enrich interpretive experiences for all visitors. The Explore Tennessee State Parks app offers ten interactive AR park experiences, bringing stories and landscapes to life through immersive digital content. At Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park, guests can use this technology to explore a virtually recreated landscape and learn more about the culture of Native Americans who built and used the mounds. Most recently, these AI-powered AR experiences have been introduced at Red Clay State Historic Park, Port Royal State Historic Park, and Frozen Head State Park, offering dynamic educational tools that adapt to diverse learning and sensory needs.

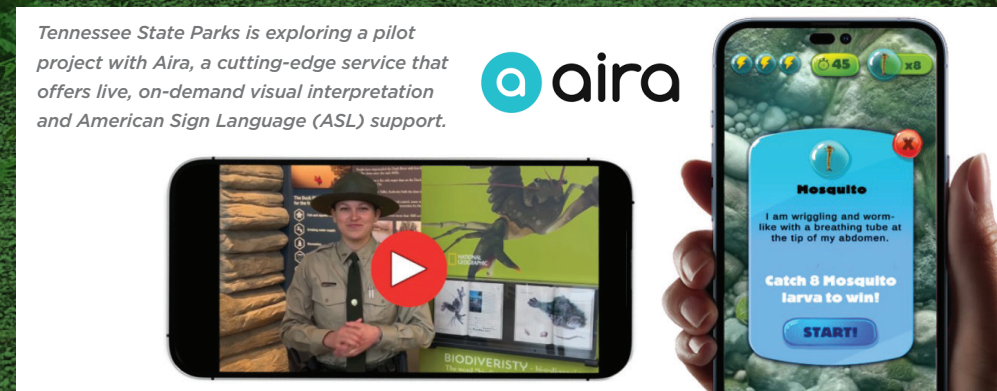
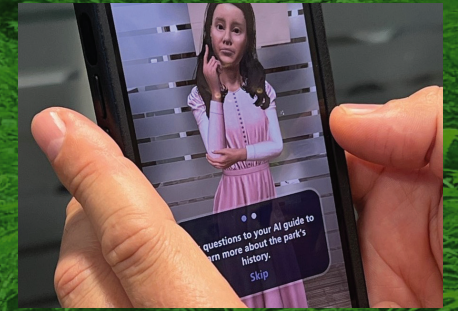
These initiatives reflect Tennessee State Parks' continued commitment to fulfilling the role of being the most accessible state parks system in the nation. More information on accessibility in Tennessee State Parks is available at tstateparks.com/accessibility.



Stonecipher Kelly house at Frozen Head State Park



Scan to learn more about Tennessee State Parks' commitment to accessibility



Top: The "Explore Tennessee State Parks" app offers ten interactive augmented reality (AR) park experiences, bringing stories and landscapes to life through immersive digital content. Featured here are AR experiences from Frozen Head, Red Clay, and Pinson Mounds State Parks.

Bottom: The first of its kind in the Tennessee State Park system, Paris Landing State Park's Tactile Trail enhances the visitor experience for individuals who are blind or visually impaired by utilizing a rope guide and detectable rails as well as interpretive signs with tactile elements. Ryan Jolley and Ranger Christa Davidson hike the 0.1-mile trail, located behind the park's Visitor Center





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PROTECTING

and improving the quality of Tennessee's air, land, and water through a responsible regulatory system;

CONSERVING

and promoting natural, cultural and historic resources;

PROTECTING

and promoting human health and safety;

PROVIDING

a variety of quality outdoor recreational experiences.



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