



Duck River Watershed Planning Partnership

*Chairman's Report
TN State Library & Archives
Nashville, Tennessee
August 10, 2026*

Agenda

10a	Call to Order	Chuck Yoest, TDEC
10:05	Chairman's Report	Commissioner Salyers
10:15	Studies Report Out	
	• Water Demand/Needs Analysis - HDR • Regionalization Assessment - WFX • Pipeline to TN River Analysis - Hazen & Sawyer • Inter basin Transfers and Off Stream Storage Reservoirs – Gresham Smith Partners	
11:15	“Ready for Action” Recommendations	
	Columbia Power & Water System Long-term Water Supply Program	
12n	Lunch	
	Work Group Updates/Draft Recommendations	
	• Studies Work Group • Drought Management • Water Loss Reduction • Information & Decision Support Tools • Resource Conservation & Recreation • Community Outreach & Education	Chris White Amanda Turk David Money David Money Prof. Justin Murdock Grace Stranch
1:45p	Next Steps	Commissioner Salyers
	• Next Meeting: October 6 in Spring Hill	
2p	Public Input Period	Chuck Yoest, TDEC
2:30p	Adjourn	Commissioner Salyers

Congratulations Mayor Butt



Maury County Mayor Sheila Butt secured victory for re-election on Aug. 6 with more than 9,400 votes.

"As Maury County continues to grow, we need experienced, steady leadership that brings people together, listens to different perspectives, and focuses on practical solutions. Mayor Sheila Butt has demonstrated those qualities time and time again."

- Scott Summers

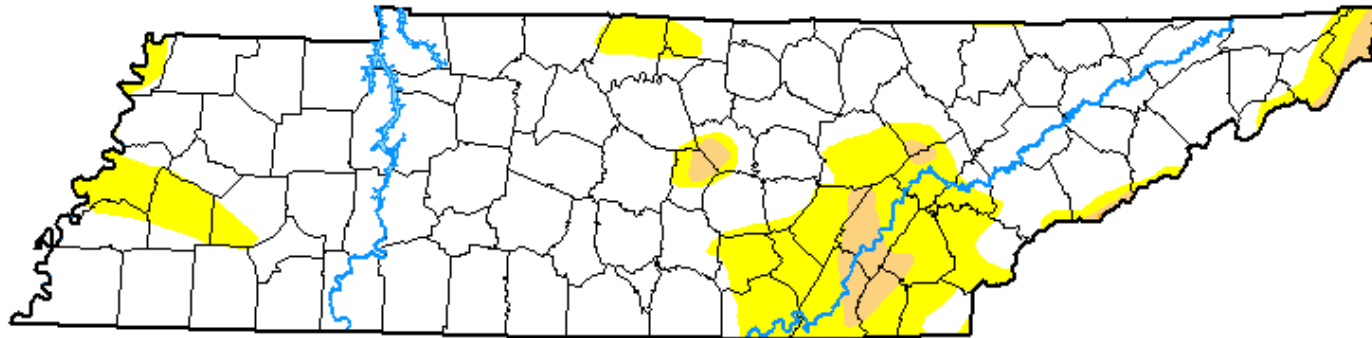
*Maury County Commissioner
District 5*

Welcome Dan Allen to the Partnership



Dan Allen, Spring Hill Assistant City Manager/Water General Manager, took his oath as a member of the Duck River Watershed Planning Partnership last Wednesday.

TN Drought Monitor – 08/06/26



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Today: >20% of the state is in some condition of drought

220,000: Estimated Tennessee population currently in drought conditions

3 Months Ago: 100% of the state was in some condition of drought

1 Year Ago: 20% of the state was in drought conditions

www.tn.gov/tnwildlandfire/resources/predictive-services/intelligence/drought-monitor.html

Work Groups

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- **Studies Work Group** – *Chris White, Chair; Pat Marsh, Vice Chair*
- **Drought Management** – *Amanda Turk, Chair*
- **Water Loss (utility) + Education** – *David Money/Peter Murrey*
- **Information Resources & Decision Support Tools** – *David Money, Chair*
- **Resource Conservation & Recreation** – *Prof. Justin Murdock, Chair*
- **Community Outreach, Education** – *Grace Stranch, Chair*

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Looking Ahead: Final Report & Recommendations

Goal is to have Partnership recommendations for *DRWPP Final Report & Recommendation* ready for full Partnership consideration by **Oct. 6, 2026 meeting**.

DRWPP Final Report & Recommendations will be delivered to Gov. Lee, Speaker Sexton and Lt. Gov. McNally. Executive Order 108 directed the *DRWPP Final Report & Recommendations* to be delivered by **Nov. 20, 2026** – we are aiming to produce final document earlier.

We'll plan to have a last in-person meeting at the **DRA's Duck River Symposium** on Dec. 8-9 at Henry Horton State Park.

The Planning Partnership will continue to exist until its sunset date of **Dec. 31, 2026**.

Next Steps

Final In-Person Partnership Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 10a-2p

Partnership to deliberate and decide on final recommendations to enable compilation and production of the Final Report for delivery to Gov's Office, Speaker and Lt. Gov.

Spring Hill Police Department

2nd Annual TN Biodiversity Summit

Reveal the Tennessee State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP)

Middle TN State University

October 21, 2026

2026 Duck River Symposium

Partnership Joint Meeting with Duck River Agency

Monday, December 8-9, 2026

Henry Horton State Park

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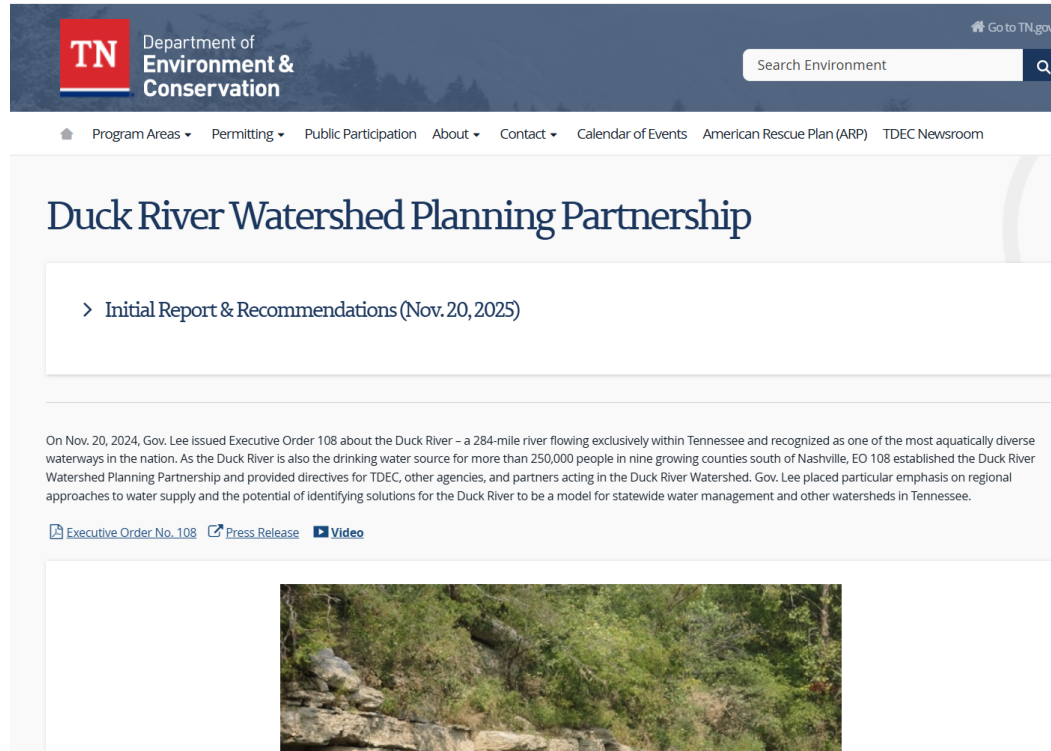
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Touchpoints

Online Presence



tn.gov/environment/duckriverpartnership

Email at DuckRiver.Partnership@tn.gov

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