

TSRA gives \$5,000 to support TennGreen in protecting 160 Acres along Clear Creek.

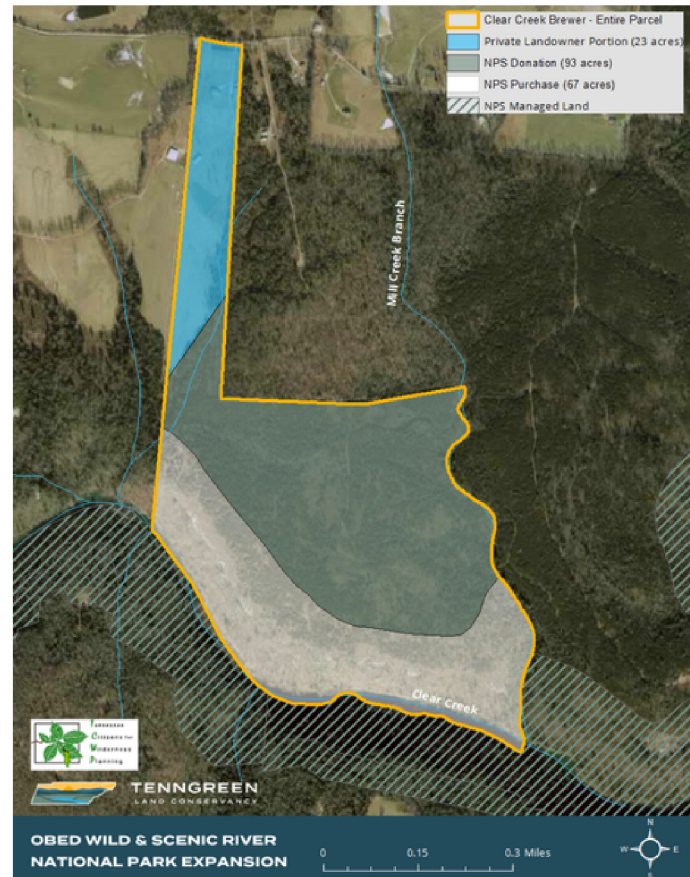
Earlier this year, Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP) alerted TennGreen Land Conservancy to a **property for sale containing the largest privately held along the Clear Creek section of the Obed Wild & Scenic River National Park**. A portion of the land is within the formal congressional Park boundary, the land was still in private ownership.

National Parks cannot buy land outside of the boundary. TennGreen stepped in to purchase the property and sell the boundary section to the National Park Service (NPS). Then plans to donate the remainder of the forests to NPS to protect the watershed and the forest.

TennGreen plans to divide the property into three sections: the land within the NPS jurisdictional boundary, the forested tract outside the boundary, and the field and home site. TennGreen will place restrictions on the land being transferred to NPS to protect the water and wildlife habitat that it hosts.

The south section (67 acres) within the boundary will be sold at appraised value to the NPS to expand the park. We estimate this may take one year to process.

Once the new park land is in NPS ownership, TennGreen will donate the remaining forested tracts (93 acres) to NPS. The Park is not allowed to purchase these lands as they are not within the Park boundary, but they can accept a donation of land. The field and home site will be sold to a private entity through the open market at appraised value.



THE MATH:

ACQUISITION COSTS:	\$1,365,872
EST. RESELL VALUE (TO NPS):	\$350,280
EST. RESELL VALUE (PRIVATE HOME SITE):	\$450,000
NEED TO RAISE*:	\$565,560

Upcoming Events

[Full Calendar](#)

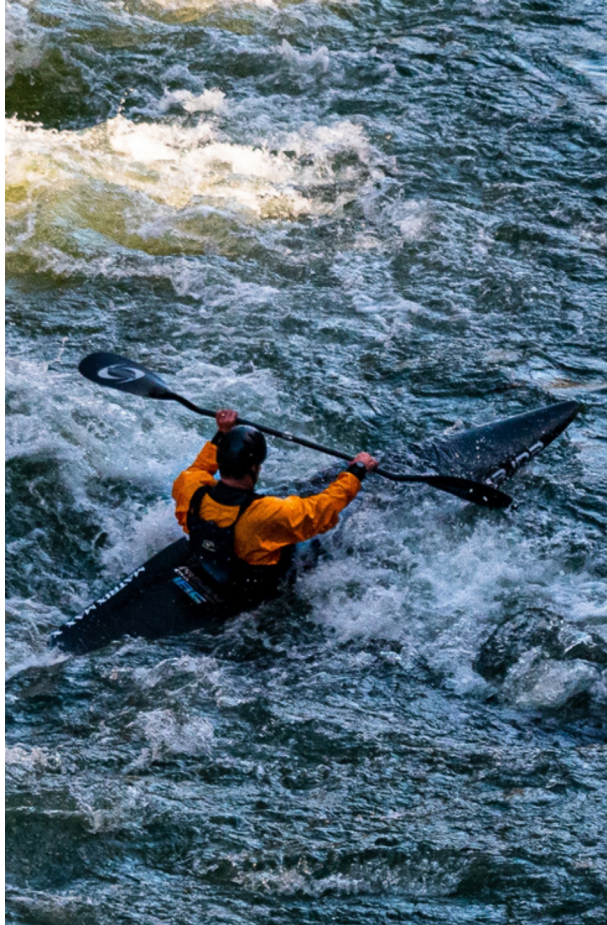
1st Saturday Paddle (postponed)	Sept 2
3rd Sat Paddle	Sept 16
Lost Loon Triathlon	Sept 17
TSRA Board Meeting	Sept 21
Dragon Boat Race	Sept 23
Centerville 200 BD Celebration	Sept 23

TennGreen Land Conservancy and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning are urgently raising funds **to protect 160 acres along Clear Creek and expand Obed Wild & Scenic River National Park!**

Join TennGreen on Saturday, September 23 for a "Paddle and a Party: Keep Clear Creek Wild & Scenic" event!

This fun event will feature white water rafting on the middle section of the Ocoee River, followed by a cookout, silent auction, and live music!

Proceeds go to TennGreen and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning's efforts to expand Obed Wild & Scenic River National Park. [Register here.](#) You can donate [here.](#) And we look forward to seeing you on the river.



KEEP CLEAR CREEK

**WILD
&
SCENIC**

JOIN US FOR A

**PADDLE AND
A PARTY**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Proceeds from this event support efforts to purchase and protect 160 acres along Clear Creek and expand Obed Wild & Scenic River National Park!

Tickets and info here:
clearcreekevent.gvtls.com



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Join TSRA's Team!!

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2023

Join TSRA's Dragon Boat team!
September 23, 2023: 10am-3:00 pm and practice:
Thursday September 21, at 5:30pm.

Register for Dragon Boat by creating an account on [Volunteer Hub](http://vhub.at/tsra). (<http://vhub.at/tsra>)
Then email our team captain, Larry Webster:
lawrencewebster2@gmail.com

Both the event and practice will be held at the East Bank Landing in Downtown Nashville. You must be 18+ to participate. It's free. And no experience needed.



CENTERVILLE'S
200th
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION

1823 2023

LIVE MUSIC
 VENDORS
 FOOD
 CONTESTS

CARRIAGE RIDES
 CLASSIC CARS
 ROCK-THE-BLOCK
 PARTY
 EXHIBITS

SEPT. 23, 2023 11AM - 10PM

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Call for Volunteers:

TSRA, the Harpeth Conservancy and Friends of the Piney will be sharing a booth- Sept 23, 2023 for the [Centerville's 200th Birthday Celebration](#). Join us at our booth. Email: ops@paddletsra.org to take a shift.

Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association and Harpeth Conservancy, along with our many partners, are working together for conservation and safety for our rivers and our communities, specifically the Duck and the Piney River. Come see us at Centerville's 200th Birthday Celebration to learn more about the issues that unite us and the rivers we enjoy!"

Last chance to sign up for the Lost Loon Triathlon

We can't wait to see our registered race teams and volunteers at the 19th Lost Loon Triathlon on Sept 17, 2023. You'll have a great time cycling, paddling, trail running or walking in style with your fellow Loonies at TSRA's fall fundraiser. Our race teams are multi-talented and make celebrating the outdoors an art form. The team themes are under lock and key until race day at Long Hunter State Park. Find your inner loon and snag one of the few remaining spots and a cool race shirt at www.lostloons.com.

Thank you to our loyal loonies, families, volunteers and partners who make Lost Loon possible each year. Thank you Long Hunter State Park, Friends of Long Hunter State Park, Moondog Web Design, Kroger, Publix, Papa John's of Mt. Juliet, REI Co-op, Foggy Bottom Canoe Rocks, Vanderbilt LifeFlight, TSRA volunteers, the secret buoy placement committee, Otara weather goddess of the Northwoods and other stealth supporters who make this event fun and safe for everyone. All proceeds support TSRA and river conservation projects. Join the Loonieness' and follow us on [Facebook](#) @lostloontriathlon.



Join TSRA in TEC's National Clean-up Day

Greater Nashville Litter Clean-up Event Oct. 7-8, 2023

The Greater Nashville Litter Cleanup, organized by Tennessee Environmental Council (TEC) and partners, is a **Davidson County litter cleanup** day taking place on **October 7, 2023**. TEC's goal with this event is to clean up at least 15,000 pounds of litter in one day/weekend across the entire County! "Cleanup Leaders" will take the initiative to organize a cleanup in their community, particularly at locations adjacent to creeks and waterways.



TENNESSEE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COUNCIL

Buddy Koonce will be taking the lead for TSRA's involvement along Whites Creek. For more information email: buddy.koonce@gmail.com.

*Save the
Date!!*

**Rendezvous 2024 is Scheduled for April 4-7th,
2024 at Camp Nakanawa!**

The Rendezvous Planning committee is in the early planning stages of the event. If you are interested in helping with planning, email: ops@paddletsra.org

Report: Rescue for Rec Boaters

Three paddlers joined TSRA Instructors Jim Heisinger and co-instructor Ellen Elmo July 29th, for Rescue for Rec Boaters on the Harpeth River.

This entry-level safety and rescue class for paddlers on flat water lakes and slow moving rivers. Students had a full day learning rescue skills such as the strainer drill, wading and swimming across eddy lines. One participant has already reached out to the instructors on advice to buy a white water boat, after first selling hers from an earlier trip down the Hiwassee.

A big thank you to our instructors who donated their time and students who took the time to become safer boaters on our waterways.



TSRA Leaders Making a Difference for TWRA & Paddlesports Anglers

By Andrea White, ACA Southeastern Regional Chair



ACA paddling leaders in Tennessee are driving momentum in several initiatives to increase opportunities for safety and skills training across our region and across the nation. TSRA leaders have been a big part of these efforts. The latest iteration of this leadership includes 2 ACA instructor certification workshops held in August 2023.

August, 2023 ACA L2RK Instructor Certification Workshop at TWRA Buffalo Ridge Refuge

After planning off and on for 3 years to put together this instructor certification workshop with TWRA, it finally came to pass! This is most notable because last year TWRA established 8 law enforcement officers who are designated as Paddlesports Officers across the state. Thanks to the outreach of our paddlesports leaders collaborating with TWRA, this class marks a turning point where the TWRA Paddlesports Officers have now been exposed to some of the same gold standard, nationally certified paddlesports safety and skills training that paddling leaders have been working with for many years.

Tom Burroughs, who is one of ACA's most respected Instructor Trainer Educators, came from Arkansas to lead the course. TSRA Vice President, ANDe Demetriou, mentored under Tom and co-taught the class as an IT candidate working to become an Instructor Trainer. TSRA Board Member Daniel McKee, also co-teaching as an IT Candidate, helped with the training related to the Paddlesports Angler Instructor Endorsement. Former TSRA Board Member, Geoff Lockett, also assisted with the Paddlesports Angler training. Of note, Geoff is founder of Tennessee Kayak Anglers and a co-author of the ACA Paddlesports Angler endorsement criteria and curriculum, as well as an IT candidate.

At this class, 5 TWRA law enforcement officers uncompromisingly took everything we threw at them – and it was a lot! – and successfully earned national certification as ACA Level 2 River Kayaking instructors along with the Paddlesports Safety Facilitator – Kayak instructor endorsement. In the same class, TSRA Operations Manager Stephanie Sullivan and TSRA member Mandy McKay also successfully completed the same gauntlet and earned national certification as ACA Level 2 River Kayaking Instructors with the Paddlesports Safety Facilitator – Kayak instructor endorsement. Congratulations to all of these new instructors!!

We also want to thank TWRA for donating the use of TWRA Buffalo Ridge Refuge as our class facility and the TSRA Board of Directors for using their Paddle America Club insurance to cover this class and hosting a Friday night cookout. Each of these acts served to solve a problem, contributed as a friendly act of community-building, and also helped make this weeklong class a little more affordable for everyone involved.

But wait...there's more! Driving the momentum for the Paddlesports Angler program

What local TSRA members may not know is that there were actually 2 instructor certification workshops in August that we get to claim as a win. The following week, Georgia River Network hosted an ACA Level 1 Kayak Instructor Certification Workshop, led by Instructor Trainer and North Carolina Park Ranger Jake Vitak, and co-taught by our own Geoff Lockett, IT Candidate. And like the class at Buffalo Ridge Refuge, this class offered the new ACA Paddlesports Angler instructor endorsement. These 2 instructor certification workshops are the only places in the nation that this instructor endorsement has been offered since the new credential was launched last year. As a result, these classes were able to draw some Kayak Fishing VIPS to their ranks to amplify our efforts to offer safety and skills training to kayak anglers everywhere.

In all, across both classes, 1 IT and 10 instructors successfully earned this instructor endorsement. That makes the national total of people with this endorsement 6 ITs and 14 instructors (including 3 IT candidates). And TSRA leaders are in the center of this national movement to offer training to the estimated 15 million kayak anglers in the US. Of note, Jameson Redding is among the frontlines of angler leaders earning this teaching credential. Jameson is best known as television's the Road Trip Angler, but until recently he was also Brand Manager for Fishing at Jackson Kayak. Chuck Earls of Lake Erie Kayak Fishing, a Kayak Angler from northeast Ohio who prides himself as being one of the safety experts in his sport in his area, made the trek South to earn this credential noting he couldn't find it offered anywhere near him. And Fletch Griffin, owner of Atlanta-based Westbrook Supply Company, also got certified as a way to lead by example for his Angler Pro-team. Congratulations to all of the successful instructor candidates and IT candidates marking this achievement on your leadership journey! We can't wait to tell the next chapter when you are teaching the classes that will continue to change our paddlesports community for the better!



White is a Nashville native and began her time as a paddler's advocate as a member of the Board of Directors for TSRA. She is still a dues paying member of TSRA. She currently serves on the ACA Board of Directors, as the Chair of the ACA's Regional Activity Council and within that Council as the Southeastern Regional Chair. She works full-time for Georgia River Network.

PROTECT THE PINEY

**Protect Hickman County and
Stop the Pinewood Surf Club**

Why are we against the Pinewood Surf Club?

- Besides the obvious negative impact to the river and its watershed, the Pinewood Surf Club is a bad idea. The mysterious unknowns make it even worse.
- We all are for smart growth and development as well as bringing quality jobs and economic growth to Hickman County, but this is not smart growth.
- Who is really behind it? Information has not been provided about the source of initial funding for this development or the developers' track record.
- The developers propose to build a members-only club with 300 houses on 1-acre lots, a 5-acre concrete wave pool, an 18-hole golf course, equine facilities and other amenities, all of which would be for the exclusive use of club members.
- The Piney River has been designated an exceptional Tennessee waterway with at least five identified rare, threatened, and endangered species.

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