



## Office of the County Executive Roane County Courthouse

April 13, 2015

Roane County Commissioners  
200 E. Race Street  
Kingston, TN 37763

Re: Proposal: Natural Resource Trustee Program (NRT), an "Initiative to Grow" program

Dear Commissioners:

The enclosed Proposal: Natural Resource Trustee Program, an "Initiative to Grow" program, with corresponding Resolution# 04-15-09, would allow Roane County and our cities to enhance environmental conditions and recreational opportunities for our citizens and visitors through various projects as outlined in the proposal.

This proposal additionally aligns Roane County with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's State Recreation Plan, which covers a period of ten (10) years, entitled Tennessee 2020: Vision for Parks, People, and Landscapes (TDEC, 2009) which can be accessed at [http://www.tn.gov/environment/recreation/docs/2020\\_full\\_version.pdf](http://www.tn.gov/environment/recreation/docs/2020_full_version.pdf).

Section 9 of Tennessee 2020 addresses Recreational Waters. A major portion of that section of the state's plan is to plan and work toward a completion of Tennessee Blueways. Blueways are the same concept as Greenways, but using our local streams, rivers and creeks to connect destinations. We believe the usage/projects we have outlined in our proposal, particularly through the construction of courtesy docks and shoreline stabilization projects, will provide key elements to connect the Emory River, Clinch River and Watts Bar Watershed to the Blueways and enable citizens and visitors to further utilize and enjoy our waterways.

This proposal represents a coordinated endeavor on the part of Roane County and our cities to continue to improve the quality of life for our residents, while also improving Roane County's value as a destination for tourists and recreational enthusiasts.

Sincerely,

  
Ronald B. Woody  
County Executive

Enclosure: Proposal: Natural Resource Trustee Program, an "Initiative to Grow" program

# PROPOSAL



## Natural Resource Trustee Program (NRT)

An "Initiative to Grow" Program

Ron Woody, CPA, CGFM, Roane County Executive

April 13, 2015

## **Background**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) are Trustees who anticipate holding and awarding grants up to \$750,000 to restore habitat and create or improve recreational opportunities within the Emory, Clinch and Watts Bar watersheds.

The Trustees were granted \$750,000 due to a TVA coal ash spill on December 22, 2008 and the subsequent award under the Natural Resource Damage Assessment.

## **Purpose of NRT Proposal**

1. To submit a proposal to the Tennessee Resource Trustee Program in order to improve environmental and recreational conditions in Roane County.
2. To encourage tourism activities
3. To provide enhanced recreational activities
4. To encourage partnership with municipalities by submission of projects within the corporate city limits.

## **Establishment of NRT Proposal**

1. Meetings were held with city leaders to identify needs within city that would be NRT grant eligible.
2. Roane County Commission adopted Resolution#04-15-09 allowing the County Executive to apply for the \$750,000 trustee grant (see Appendix A).
3. The resolution was submitted to the cities for their consideration of endorsement of the county's proposal.
4. Upon commission approval, the county executive will submit a group of projects (a proposal) to the Natural Resource Trustees.
5. Upon grant award, the county will establish a NRT sub-fund in the County's General Capital Projects Fund (171). The establishment of the NRT sub-fund would insure and preserve the integrity and transparency of any grant proceeds. In operating the program in the county's General Capital Projects Fund, the county would be able to cash flow construction under a reimbursement program.
6. Upon award, budgets will be adopted and procurement schedules will be established.

## **Projects to Be Submitted**

1. Enhancements at TVA/TWRA boat ramps in Roane County which would include installing pier docks, wildlife habitat, and shoreline stabilization

2. Shoreline stabilization in the cities of Harriman at Riverfront Park (Emory River), Kingston from South 58 Landing to Fort Southwest Point (Clinch River), Rockwood at Tom Fuller Park (Tennessee River) and Roane County Park (Tennessee River)
3. Day use boat dock slips (10-16) at Kingston City Park (Clinch River) and Rockwood's Tom Fuller Park (Tennessee River). An ADA canoe/kayak pier between I-40 and Hwy 70 bridges in Kingston (Clinch River). Bridge construction to old Caney Creek campground (Tennessee River). Casual camping site enhancements near Roane County Park (Tennessee River).

A spreadsheet listing proposed projects can be found in Appendix B.

Resolution # 04-15-09

**IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**A RESOLUTION allowing the County Executive to submit proposals to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) National Resource Trustee Program (NRTP).**

**WHEREAS**, TDEC and NRTP have been awarded \$750,000 for environmental and restoration projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the NRTP funds were made available through a TVA and NRTP settlement to be used for NRTP approved projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Roane County in conjunction with or in competition with other municipalities and non-profits will submit projects for consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, if Roane County submits projects which are awarded, then Roane County will administer and procure the needed services and/or materials in compliance with grant restrictions, state laws, and regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Roane County Executive is herein granted authority to submit projects for consideration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Roane County shall submit projects for consideration that include:

- A. TVA/TWRA Boat ramps desired improvements,
- B. Shoreline stabilization improvements,
- C. Shoreline, kayak docks, bridge, other,

Specifics of the three (3) categories are noted on the attached spreadsheet dated \_\_\_\_\_ and titled Proposal to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Natural Resource Trustee Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Roane County approves budgets, up to the award estimate for NRTP which would not exceed \$750,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Roane County shall administer the projects from the General Capital Projects Fund (171-NRT).

**UPON MOTION of Commissioner Moore**, seconded by **Commissioner Kelley**, the following Commissioners voted yes: **Bell, Berry, Brummett, Collier, East, Ellis, Ferguson, Fink, Granger, Hendrickson, Hooks, Johnson, Kelley, Meadows, Moore. (15)**

The following Commissioners voted No: -0-

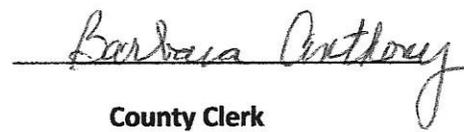
The following Commissioners passed: -0-

**THEREUPON** the County Chairman announced to the Commission that said resolution had received a constitutional majority and ordered same spread of record.

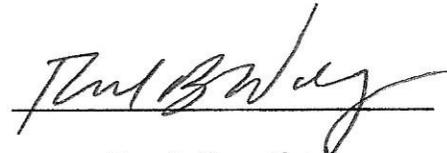
  
County Chairman

The foregoing resolution was submitted to the County Executive for his consideration this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015.

**ATTESTED:**

  
County Clerk

I approve  veto  the foregoing resolution this the 21 day of April, 2015.

  
County Executive

SUBMITTED BY Ron Woody, County Executive



A Location of TVA and TWRA Boat Ramps Desired Improvements													
Location	Add	Add	Stabilize	Cost per Foot	Add Bird Habitat	priority	Estimated cost		Solar	Additi Cost	Total Estimate		
	Courtesy Dock	Solar Power	Shoreline (ft.)				Dock	Shoreline	Power Light			Habitat	
1 Riley Creek North (Campground Area)	1	0	50	50	0	1	15,000	2,500	-	-	17,500		
2 Riley Creek South (Campground Area)	1	0	50	50	0	1	15,000	2,500	-	-	17,500		
3 Bayside TWRA(1) currently closed	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
4 Bell Cove (2)	1	0	100	50	0	1	12,000	5,000	-	-	17,000		
5 Blue Springs TWRA (3) Existing	0	0	100	50	0	1	-	5,000	-	-	5,000		
6 Browns Chapel (4) Docks of Caney too shallow	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
7 Caney Creek Roane Co Park(5) Existing	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
8 Cave Creek (6)(Loudon)	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
9 Centers Ferry is Ladd Landing(7)	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
10 Dogwood (8) No longer exist	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
11 Gravel Pit (9) Existing & Boat Slip section C	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
12 Hog Back Ridge (10)	1	0	100	50	6	1	12,000	5,000	-	1,200	18,200		
13 Johnson Creek (11)	1	0	100	50	6	2	12,000	5,000	-	1,200	18,200		
14 Kingston City Park (12) Boat Slip section C	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
15 Kingston Steam Plant TVA (13)	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
16 KOA Boat Ramp (14) Existing County Sch	1	0	100	50	6	1	12,000	5,000	-	1,200	18,200		
17 Ladd Landing (15) Existing	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
18 Lakeside Resort (16) (Rhea)	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
19 Laurel Bluff (17)	1	0	100	50	4	2	12,000	5,000	-	800	17,800		
20 Little Emory (18)	1	1	200	50	4	1	12,000	10,000	1,000	800	23,800		
21 Long Island Marina (19) New Owner	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
22 Mournays Cove (20) Too Small site	0	0	100	50	2	3	-	5,000	-	400	5,400		
23 New Hope (21)	1	0	200	50	10	1	12,000	10,000	-	2,000	24,000		
24 Piney Point Resort (22) (Rhea)	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
25 Rhea Harbor Resort (23) (Rhea)	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
26 Riley Creek (Angler's Cove) (24) Existing	0	0	100	50	0	5	-	5,000	-	-	5,000		
27 Rockwood Ferry (25)	1	0	500	50	6	2	-	25,000	-	1,200	26,200		
28 Shady Grove (26)	1	0	100	50	4	1	12,000	5,000	-	800	17,800		
29 Sugar Tree (27) Emory	1	0	100	50	4	1	12,000	5,000	-	800	17,800		
30 Tom Fuller (Rockwood Ramp) (28) Section C	1	1	50	50	0	3	12,000	2,500	1,000	-	15,500		
31 Unnamed Boat Ramp (29) TVA inside	0	0	0	50	0	5	-	-	-	-	-		
32 Winton Chapel (30)	1	1	400	50	6	1	12,000	20,000	1,000	1,200	34,200		
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<b>Total Estimates Cost for Boat Ramps/Docks</b>	14	3	2450		58	0	162,000	122,500	3,000	11,600	-	<b>\$ 299,100</b>	

Location	Add Courtesy Dock	Add Solar Power	Stabilize Shoreline (ft.)	Cost per Foot	Add Bird Habitat	priority	Estimated cost Dock	Shoreline	Solar Power Light	Habitat	Additi Cost	Total Estimate
<b>B Shoreline Stabilization Improvements</b>												
1			1000	50	12	2		25,000	-	2,400		27,400
2			1000	50		1		50,000	-	-		50,000
3			1000	50		3		50,000	-	-		50,000
4			1000	50		1		50,000	-	-		50,000
5			2000	50		1		100,000	-	-		100,000
6			1600	80		1		80,000	-	-		80,000
	<b>Total Estimates for Shoreline Stabilization Improvement</b>							175,000	-	2,400	-	\$ 357,400
<b>C Shoreline, Kayak, Docks, Bridge, Other</b>												
	All are noted as priority -1-											
1	Between I-40 and Hwy 70 Bridges (Kingston)	ADA Kayak and canoe launch with stationary dock and launch										26,000
2	Caney Creek Bridge to Old Campsite	Replacement of a bridge which has been out of service for almost two decades. Access to camping area										200,000
3	Boat Slips (Kingston)(10-16) w/Jet Ski pads	Allow access for boats to park for summer activities. Daily use only.										60,000
4	Boat Slips (Tom Fuller Park)(10-16) w/Jet Ski pads	Allow access for boats to park for summer activities. Daily use only.										60,000
5	Improvements to Tent Camping Area	Signage, trash containers, paving or concreting ,lighting, barriers to improve environment, appearance of tent camping site along the Caney Fork Road and Bowman Bend Road approximately 6 sites.										20,000
	<b>Total Estimates for Other</b>											\$ 366,000
	<b>A, B, C Total Estimate Cost Ramps/Docks/Shoreline/Other</b>											\$ 1,022,500