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## Good Things Happening in Roane County- TnRiverLine 652

A little over a year and a half ago, the Roane County Commission approved a Resolution in support of, and allowing participation in a vision from the University of Tennessee Schools of Landscape Architecture.

The vision was North America's next great Regional trail system on the Tennessee River.

Roane County submitted an application, and was selected as a Tennessee RiverLine PILOT Community. Since this selection, we have continued to work with the University of Tennessee on developing Tennessee River experiences. A number of planning meetings took place with students and faculty from the University, along with our communities of citizens and government leaders.

Roane County Government continues our focus of long-term recreation tourism planning by participating in:

- Natural Assets Guide Book 2020 with Anderson County and the City of Oak Ridge
- Working on and receiving our 10 Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Working on and receiving our Trail Master Plan
- Reviewing once again our Roane County Health Assessment Guide

All of these plans interconnected with one another, and coupled and complemented Roane County's work with the TnRiverLine 652 project.

Since being selected as a PILOT community, two (2) paddle events have been completed:

- Community Paddle Event from Riley Creek to Kingston City Park took place in 2019
- Community Paddle Event from Kingston City Park 58 Landing to the Roane County Park took place in the Spring of 2020
- And this Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., a Community Paddle Event around Thief Neck Island, the largest island on the Tennessee River. A mile-long trail is also available to walk.

For more information about the Thief Neck Paddle Event, go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search "Watts Bar Paddle Event 2020."

Good things are happening in Roane County, and one of those is enjoying the River System with the development of the TnRiverLine652 program.

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