



FACT SHEET

for the Tennessee RiverLine, North America's next great regional trail system

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The Tennessee RiverLine

- The Tennessee RiverLine is a vision for a continuous system of trail experiences, including paddling, hiking and biking along the 652-mile Tennessee River from its formation in Knoxville, TN, to Paducah, KY.
- Individual river communities who are invested as part of the Tennessee RiverLine will benefit from economic development and entrepreneurship opportunities, increased equitable access to quality-of-life amenities that improve public health and generations of river advocates that are active participants in its stewardship.
- Through the work of many partners, including the University of Tennessee and Tennessee Valley Authority, the Tennessee RiverLine has grown from vision to reality since 2016.

Principal Partners: UT and TVA

- The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Tennessee Valley Authority are principal partners of the Tennessee RiverLine.
- Since the founding of the Tennessee RiverLine in 2016 in the School of Landscape Architecture, UT Knoxville has strategically invested in its success.
- Financial investment by UT in 2020 propelled the momentum of the Tennessee RiverLine to impact river communities in three states.
- As a public land-grant institution, UT Knoxville is a leader in the pursuit of health and prosperity for the 5 million citizens of the Tennessee River watershed.
- For almost 88 years, Tennessee Valley Authority has worked to improve the quality of life in the Tennessee Valley through the integrated management of the Tennessee River system. TVA's three key areas of focus are energy, environment and economic development.
- The Tennessee River system includes approximately 11,000 miles of shoreline, 650,000 surface acres of reservoir water and 293,000 acres of reservoir lands.
- TVA was an initial supporter of the Tennessee RiverLine in 2016, ensuring the continuing growth of the regional initiative through funding, shared expertise and contacts.
- In 2021, TVA provided a transformational investment of \$1.2 million to ensure the longevity of the multi-generational initiative for the region.

Accomplishments and Outcomes of the Tennessee RiverLine

- Since 2016, the Tennessee RiverLine has involved more than 60 students in the design of trail amenities for river communities and engaged with more than 35 cities and counties and 836,000 citizens along the river.
- In 2019, the Tennessee RiverLine launched the Pilot Community Program with five river communities, which resulted in in-depth research shared with all river communities and grassroots community engagement with sustained effort.
- In 2020, the Tennessee RiverTowns Program launched an inaugural cohort of 15 communities across three states.
- The Tennessee RiverLine released its first comprehensive research findings and recommendations in 2020 based on qualitative and quantitative research conducted onsite and online.
- The Tennessee RiverLine has received national, regional and state awards for its outreach programs and environmental stewardship efforts in 2020 and 2021.
- Through the Tennessee RiverLine, communities have been inspired to form project leadership teams, offer new river experiences, add river amenities, steward the Tennessee River, apply for state and federal funding and more.

About the Tennessee RiverLine Partnership

- The Tennessee RiverLine is a partnership of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Tennessee Valley Authority in collaboration with the Tennessee RiverLine Partnership.
- The Tennessee RiverLine Partnership is a diverse group of river advocates committed to building a shared vision for the Tennessee RiverLine and stewarding it toward implementation.

