

**Greenways and Trails – Building Healthy Communities  
Germantown Centre  
Germantown, Tennessee  
October 8-10, 2007**

The address of the Germantown Centre is 1801 Exeter Road, Germantown, TN 38138.

**Monday - October 8, 2007**

**11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Registration**

**1:00-1:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions**

**John Wilbanks**, Chair, Council on Greenways and Trails

**The Honorable Sharon E. Goldsworthy**, Mayor of Germantown

**Commissioner Jim Fyke**, Tennessee Dept. of Environment and Conservation

**1:30-2:40 p.m. Concurrent Sessions # 1**

**Trails:** *Making Trails Accessible and Interpretation session*

**Jeffrey Hunter** and **Susanne Goodemote**

**Greenways:** *What Happened To The Native Plants?*

**Julie Judkins**

**2:40-3:00 p.m.**

Break

**3:00-4:10 p.m.**

**Concurrent Sessions # 2**

**Trails:** *A Trail To Every Classroom!*

**Julie Judkins**

**Greenways:** *Walking Works!*

**Pam Beasley** and **Dr. Tim Johnson**

**5:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Opening Reception – Holiday Inn Select**

**Speaker: George Brogdon**, Germantown City Administrator

**Evening**

Dinner on Your Own

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**Tuesday - October 9, 2007**

- 8:30a-11:00 a.m.** Registration
- 9:00-10:15 a.m.** **Session # 3: Mississippi River Corridor in Tennessee**  
**Diana Threadgill,**
- 10:15-10:30 a.m.** Break
- 10:30-11:45 a.m.** **Session # 4 Funding: Who Has The Money?**
- TDOT – **Neil Hansen**, Transportation Enhancements Manager  
**Roxanne Pierce**, Scenic Byways Manager  
**Diana Benedict**, Safe Routes to Schools Manager
- TDEC - **Bonnie Gamble**, Assistant Director  
Recreation Educational Services
- Noon - 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch with Keynote Speaker**  
**Terry Eastin**, Mississippi River Trail
- 1:30 p.m.** **Concurrent Field Workshops** - Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes for hiking/walking/canoeing. Water will be provided. Buses/Vans leave promptly at 1:30 p.m.
- Field Workshop 1: Making Connections!**  
Germantown and Collierville trails/greenway systems  
Pam Beasley, Greg Clark
- Field Workshop 2: Water Trails and Blueways**  
*Canoeing on the Wolf River*, space is limited, sign up early.
- Field Workshop 3: Riverwoods State Natural Area**  
*Managing a Natural Area in the Urban Environment!*  
David Halpern, Germantown Park and Recreation Dept.
- 5:00 p.m.** Buses Return to Hotel
- Buses will leave at approximately 5:30 p.m. from hotel for dinner.**
- 6:00-9:00 p.m.** **Dinner** at **W.C. Johnson Park** with guest speaker **Laura Adams**, Executive Director, Shelby Farms Park Alliance

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**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** Start your day with Breakfast at the Germantown Centre

**8:30 - 9:45 a.m.** **Concurrent Sessions # 5**

**Trails:** *Water Trails and Blueways Projects*

**Dr. Jeff Duncan** – NPS – RTCA

**Steve Fleegal** – Wolf River Conservancy

**Greenways:** *What's The Plan?*

The importance of planning and using local ordinances to preserve green space and develop trails.

**Steve Fritts**, Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon

**Dean Thomas**, Dalhoff, Thomas and Daws

**9:45 – 10:00 a.m.** Break

**10:00 – 11:15 a.m.** **Concurrent Sessions # 6**

**Trails:** – *So You Think You Want A Greenway Trail?*

**Bob Richards** – TDEC Greenways and Trails Coordinator

**Greenways:** *How to Sell Your Greenway Trail!*

**Angela Jackson** – Murfreesboro Greenways Program Manager

**11:15 – Noon** **Closing** – **John Wilbanks**, Chair, Council on Greenways and Trails

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**October 9, 2007 - Afternoon Workshops:**

***Field Workshop 1: Making Connections!***

**Germantown/Collierville Greenway and Trail Systems**

Pam Beasley, Greg Clark

When the Wolf River Greenway is complete, it will connect with Shelby Farms, the Germantown Greenway, and with Shelby County's Newest 2,167-Acre Park, The Wolf River Wildlife Park in Collierville (at Collierville-Arlington Road). The Wolf River Greenway will have a total of 36 miles of greenway trails.

***Field Workshop 2: Canoeing on the Wolf River***

Wolf River Conservancy

If you've never paddled the Ghost River in the Fall, you should. The Ghost River section of the Wolf River, less than an hour east of Memphis, is one of the most beautiful, varied and challenging wetland canoe trails in the country. When Mother Nature cooperates, the fall colors of the cypress, silver and red maples are stunning. Within a relatively short section from LaGrange, Tennessee to the Bateman Bridge, the river traverses five delightfully different and wonderfully scenic wetland communities. The Ghost section is an adventure requiring moderate canoe handling skills around sharp turns and obstacles in a relatively swift current. Depending on river levels and conditions, you may also have to pull over or duck under logs and tree limbs.

***Field Workshop 3: Riverwoods State Natural Area  
Managing a Natural Area in the Urban Environment!***

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Riverwoods State Natural Area is a 21-acre natural area located along the Wolf River in Germantown just outside of Memphis in Shelby County. Riverwoods is situated in a densely urban setting but provides refuge for plants and wildlife. It is a small biological island that was formerly part of a larger forested area. Germantown manages the natural area in cooperation with the Tennessee Division of Natural Areas.

**\*\*\*Buses/vans for all field workshops will leave Germantown Centre at 1:30 pm\*\*\***