

# GREENWAYS



CITY OF KNOXVILLE



## Greenways give citizens access to Knoxville's beautiful scenery

Our city is defined by its creek valleys and high ridges. The City's many creeks, rivers and quarries are adjacent to some of the most popular greenway trails. Greenways located next to water create a beautiful synergy. The creeks, rivers and quarries provide scenic places to walk and bicycle. Knoxville greenways bring residents into proximity with our water, which in turn enhances response time to hazards that endanger our water's quality. Water resources touch on the many benefits of greenways:

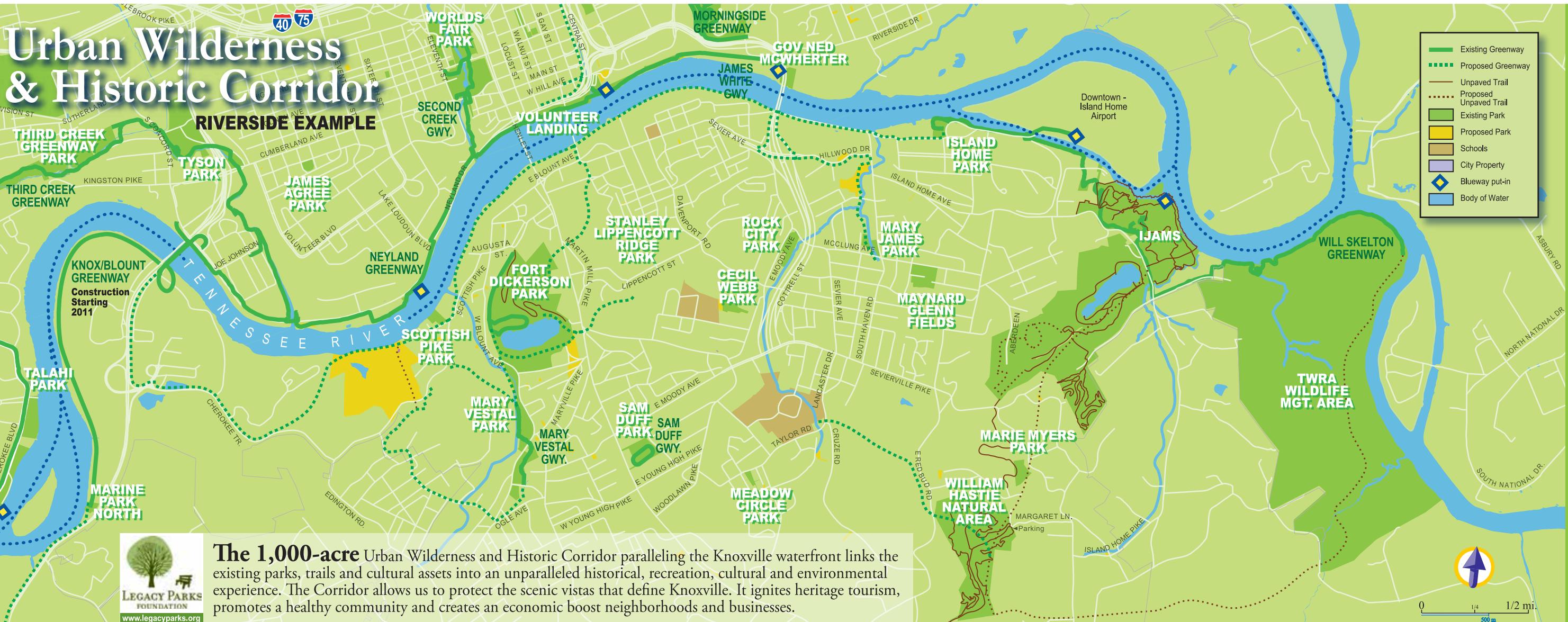
- Health and Recreation** – The presence of a neighborhood greenway encourages walking for fun and fitness. Regular physical activity is key to health and disease prevention.
- Community Cohesion** – Greenways are a place to walk with neighbors. Multiple neighborhoods that adjoin along the same creek can rally together to lobby for planning of greenways along their creek.
- Alternative Transportation** – Locating greenways in scenic creek valleys is an enticing way to encourage residents to bicycle and walk to work. These creek valleys at the heart of every watershed are the ideal place to locate greenways on land that is prone to flooding and not otherwise suitable for development.
- Economic Prosperity** – Bearden Village Greenway has created an economic boost for Sutherland Avenue. As the greenway was being constructed, West High School received a new landscape for its entrance. New businesses built sidewalks on the north side of Sutherland to improve pedestrian access.
- Natural Resources** – Our watershed's health is protected by park areas owned and monitored by the City and the public. Greenways create vegetative buffers for water runoff coming from roads and parking lots.

- Education Opportunities** – Ijams Nature Center is home to river, creek and quarry greenways for ecological, nature-based education. Soon children will be able to ride their bikes across the South Knoxville bridge—crossing from downtown Knoxville to Ijams.
- Sustainable Development** – Greenways present significant opportunities to guide land use, ensuring that as communities grow, green space and recreation opportunities are preserved.

Furthermore, greenways are a redevelopment tool to help “green” brownfields in our urban areas.

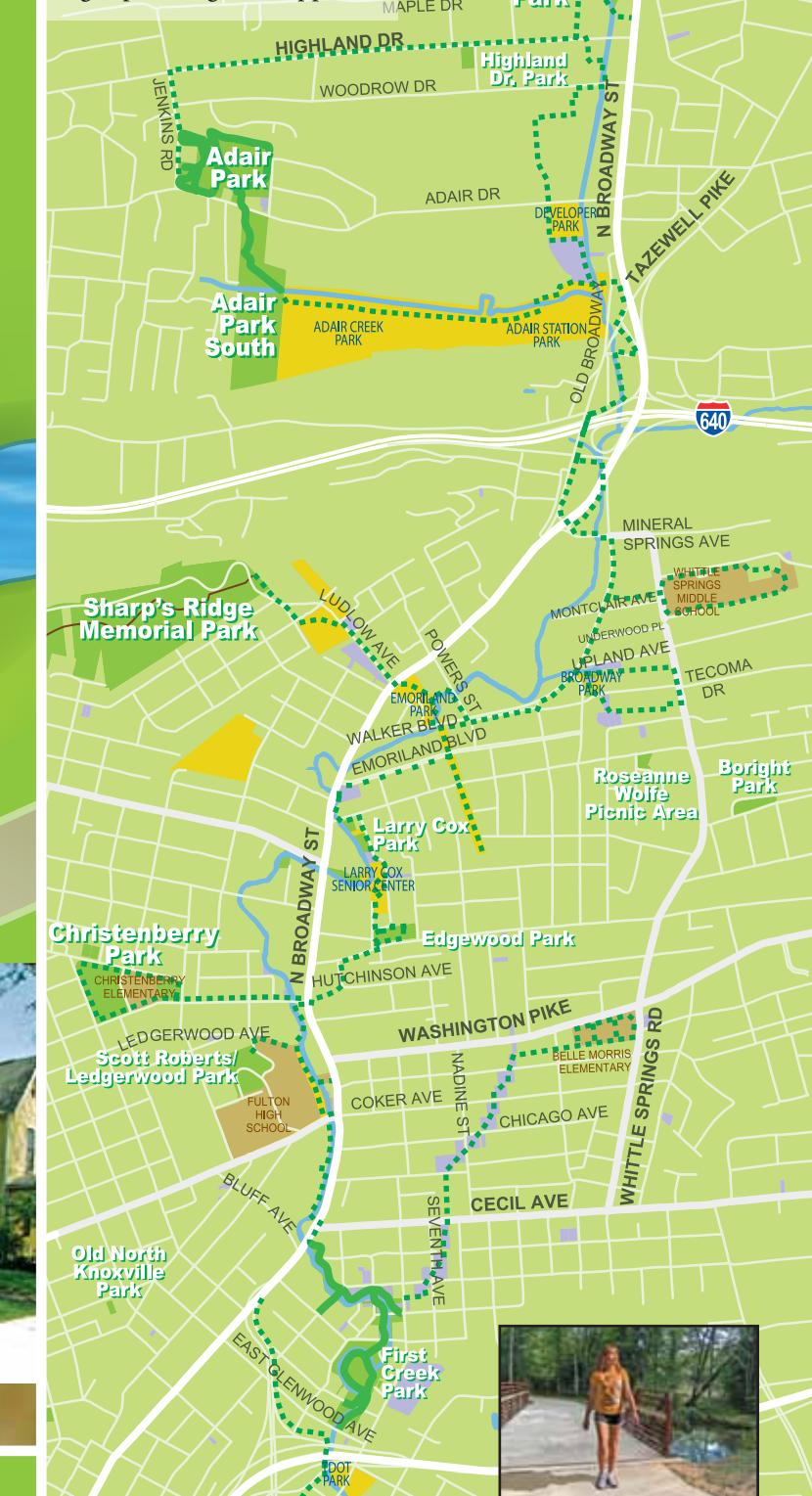


### Urban Wilderness & Historic Corridor RIVERSIDE EXAMPLE



## First Creek Greenway Plan CREEKSIDE EXAMPLE

First Creek Greenway could connect Fountain City to the Tennessee River through the Downtown area. There are 18 parks along First Creek with 9 miles of greenways in place, so the longer connection could become a reality with the right planning and support.



Ijams is a post-industrial, natural area of restoration and reclamation efforts. Its 275-acres include extensive nature trails.

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