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The Mission of the Cumberland River Compact is to enhance the water quality of the Cumberland River and its tributaries through education and by promoting cooperation among citizens, businesses and agencies in Kentucky and Tennessee

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5th Annual Catfish Rodeo

The Cumberland River Compact, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) and Metro Parks have teamed together to bring the 5th Annual Catfish Rodeo to children in Middle Tennessee on Saturday, June 9th.

June 9th is free fishing day in Tennessee and children ages 5 - 16 are invited to Lake Watauga in Nashville's Centennial Park for fishing, a

scavenger hunt, food, prizes and fun! Sponsored by SunTrust Bank, this **FREE** event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. On-site registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and fishing flights are from 9-10:30 a.m. and 12-1:30 p.m. Join us for this fun-filled day! Contact Faye at

fayez@cumberlandrivercompact.org for more information.



Watershed signs

On Earth Day, Paul Sloan of TN Department of Envi-



ronment and Conservation and Ed Cole of the TN Department of Transportation proudly unveiled the first of many Watershed Identification signs that will go up statewide over the next year. Along with Mayo Taylor from the Stones River Watershed Association, Margo Farnsworth was on stage for the unveiling and noted, "It's easier to connect to something to which you can attach a name." The Compact began working with Senator Douglas Henry to promote such watershed signage in 2000.

Clean Marina program

Last year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers asked the Compact to partner with them in operating the voluntary "Clean Marina" program which highlights and rewards marinas who have gone beyond mere compliance in pump/fueling, boat maintenance, materials management and other best management practices on their sites. We're proud to give a Cumberland River Compact **HIGH FIVE** to Anchor High Marina and Drakes Creek Ma-



rina on Old Hickory Lake and to Elm Hill Marina on J. Percy Priest for attaining this coveted award. May your Clean Marina flags fly high!!



Shelly Harwell presenting Drakes Creek with their certificate and bucket of clean marina supplies.

Mid-Cumberland stream clean-up on Franklin Branch

On Saturday, May 5th, the Mid-Cumberland



Watershed Committee (MCWC) had more than Cinco de Mayo fiestas on their minds. Coupled

with the Cumberland River Compact, they hosted a stream clean up on Franklin Branch, near the Southeast Branch library. Volunteers of all ages gathered to pick up trash along the creek and construction debris throughout the south Nashville neighborhood.

Afterward, everyone celebrated their hard work and cleaner stream with a picnic at the library. A big thanks to Bread & Company for supplying lunches and Metro Beautification for trash bags and gloves.

Catfish and Cocktails

On May 3, 2007, the Compact celebrated its tenth anniversary by honoring one of its founding members, Shirley Caldwell-Patterson. Shirley's involvement with the Compact has spanned ten years so the Catfish and Cocktails evening celebrating her brought together many friends, old and new. It was a joyous evening full of laughter as dear friends told the crowd how Shirley inspires people to greatness.

Shirley's old friend Senator Douglas Henry launched the evening which included a silent auction, live auction, slide show full of wonderful pictures of Shirley and a rollicking toast around the (battery operated!) campfire from four of Shirley's dearest friends: Bill Coble, Dan Canale, John Noel and Paul Sloan. Their toast, lubricated with iced tea from a shared whiskey bottle, was funny, poignant and full of love and respect for Shirley.

In this tenth year, Shirley is ramping up her involvement by starting the Compact's newest program Project Blue Streams and at the Catfish and Cocktails Dinner she happily recognized the programs founders including Bill Coble, Shirley Caldwell-Patterson, Jane Whitson, Benjamin & Allison Byrd, Barney & Elena Byrd, Jane Whitson, Dan & Lori Canale, Andrew & Marianne Byrd, TWRA, and newest founding supporter Sylvia Roberts.

All in all, it was a great evening with many generous contributors and bidders of auction items, over fifteen caterers donating food and Tennessee Wine and Spirit providing the beverages. Many thanks to Bill Forrester and Berdelle Campbell for their outstanding job in putting the whole event together. Cheers to Shirley – thanks for giving us a reason to celebrate!

Rain Garden Design and Implementation Workshop

On May 30th, the Local Officials Curriculum and Building Outside the Box (BOB) programs will team up with partners from Wilson County Storm Water group to offer a one day workshop on rain garden design and implementation.

- Find out what natural infrastructure and sustainable landscapes mean.
- Learn why Rain gardens are cost effective, efficient and a popular means of managing storm water.
- Understand how to convert storm water into a resource.
- Plus on-site instruction about designing and implementing a rain garden with a cost comparison between traditional and alternative BMPs. From large commercial scales to residential lots, you will learn how/where to place and calculate number and sizes needed for your rain gardens.
- Finally, you'll learn how improving soil health and fertility can help maximize bioretention and buffering ability - as well as save you money!

This is a free workshop and space is limited. Contact adminin@cumberlandrivercompact.org for more information.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 19th - Whitland Neighborhood Stream Clean-up

Thursday, May 31st - Water Quality Advisory Committee meeting

Discussing maritime law, longshoremen and liability insurance matters

May 30th - Rain Garden Workshop hosted by the Compact and Wilson County

Stormwater

Saturday, June 2nd - Wilson County, TN, Stream Clean-up

Saturday, June 9th - 5th Annual Catfish Rodeo, Centennial Park, Nashville, TN

Thursday, June 14th - Building Outside the Box (BOB) meeting

Saturday, June 16th - Riverside Photography for beginners

Monday, June 18th - Executive Committee meeting
For more information about any of these events, email

info@cumberlandrivercompact.org

Call For Volunteers

The Compact is looking for volunteers to act as program assistants for each of our three main programs.

We are also in need of a volunteer to complete website updates.

Please contact Geralyn Hoey at geralynh@cumberlandrivercompact.org if you are interested!



April 20th ~ Participants from Canoe to Work Day before walking to work.

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