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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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Cleanup in Lebanon Removed Tons of Trash from Sinking Creek

Lebanon area residents, Compact staff, volunteers and local business people teamed up Saturday, June 2nd to remove trash and debris from a portion of Sinking



Creek located just off the Lebanon Town Square. Three shopping carts, 10 tires, large sections of carpet, metal pipes, an automobile seat and a manhole cover were just some of

the items removed from the creek. All told, the crew of just over 30 people removed nearly four tons of trash from Sinking Creek! Thank you to those that came out to lend a hand and thank you to Warren Engineering for providing lunch.



Drought conditions will adversely affect the Cumberland River Basin

NASHVILLE, TENN. (June 5, 2007) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, announced that drought conditions in the Cumberland River Basin will lead to modified operations of Cumberland River Basin reservoirs in order to reduce, to the extent possible, the adverse impacts along the river. Adverse impacts will affect project purposes all along the Cumberland River from Laurel River Lake to Lake Barkley. The Nashville District is taking every action it can to provide water for water supply intakes, to protect the public safety of the recreational user, to maintain the navigation channel, to maintain the fisheries along the Cumberland River and to maintain operations of fossil fuel power plants along the Cumberland River.

The drought conditions being experienced in the Cumberland River Basin are due to lack of precipitation during early 2007. The impacts of the drought will be greater than normal due to operating restrictions at Lake Cumberland and Center Hill Lakes. Wolf Creek and Center Hill Dams are being operated at lower levels after being classified as high risk dams. Both dams have major rehabilitation projects ongoing.

The operating objectives for the Cumberland River Basin in order of priority (highest to lowest) are: water supply, water quality, navigation, hydropower, and recreation. These objectives are also project purposes and ranked in this order with public safety as the number one priority. The operation of the Cumberland River Basin will be modified to the extent possible to mitigate for the drought conditions.

Contact: Bill Peoples (615) 736-7161 at the Nashville District US Army Corps of Engineers for more information.

Dragon Boat and River Festival!



Mark your calendars to attend or volunteer for the Nashville debut of this colorful spectacle that combines friendly competition, community and culture on Saturday, August 25, 2007.

Dragon Boat teams will be racing throughout the day on the Cumberland River while spectators enjoy cultural activities, good food and good times! Each team consists of 20 paddlers and one drummer and is guaranteed three races during the festival. Teams will have the opportunity to attend a two-hour practice the week prior to the event. Sponsorships and vendor space is still available! To register a team or learn more about the exciting world of dragon boat racing and this event, go to: www.nashvilledragonboat.com. For any questions please call Brooke Seigle at 650.6934.



A Note from your Watershed Director

Hello Compact Supporters and Friends,
The time has come for me to make a professional change and I would like to announce that I will be leaving the Compact at the end of August. I am headed to the Pacific Northwest to pursue a Master's Degree in Public Health.

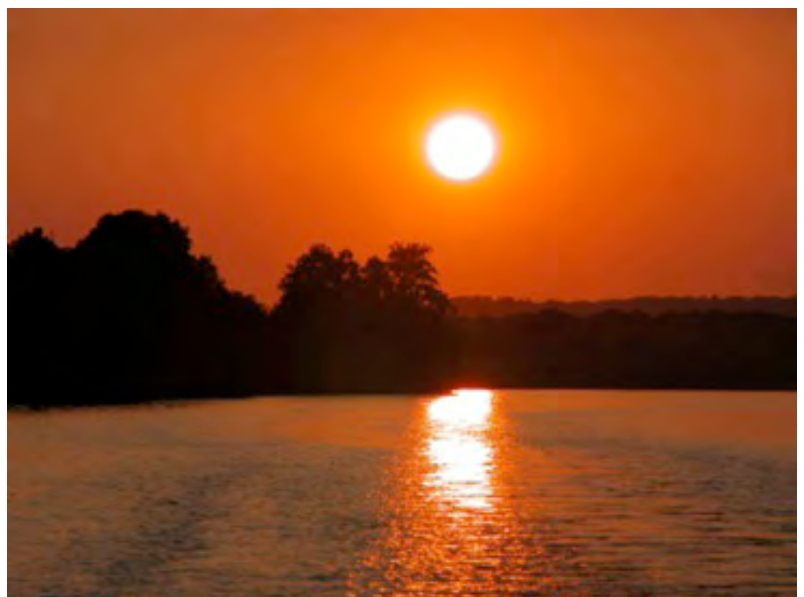
We have begun the search for a new Watershed Program Director and, rather than simply including the job description, I wanted to share a bit about what is involved in my position. My primary responsibility is to work with stakeholders throughout the watersheds of the Cumberland River Basin, ensuring that the Compact's Watershed Stakeholder Meeting cycle is completed on a watershed by watershed basis. The Watershed Stakeholder Meeting process includes conducting focus groups with local residents, coordinating educational meetings and maintaining connections and lines of communication with each watershed as they complete the cycle. Of the fourteen watersheds in the Cumberland River Basin, seven have active watershed associations, working to enhance the water quality on the ground in their area. Each quarter, the Cumberland Basin Council meets, comprised of representatives from each of those watershed associations. The meetings serve as a forum for watershed representatives to enhance their communication, education and problem solving skills and also provide trainings on leadership, capacity-building, and organizational development. As Watershed Director, I coordinate the Cumberland Basin Council

meetings and work with trainers and presenters to ensure the watershed groups have access to the resources they need and remain strong organizations.

Beyond working to develop new watershed associations and work with groups already established, I am responsible for coordinating and assisting with several outreach events, the largest of which is the Catfish Rodeo. Other outreach events include Nashville's Earth Day Festival, US Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Education Days and stream clean-ups. Each of these events serve as a great way for me to reconnect with the stakeholders in the Basin and get out in the water I'm working to enhance.

The decision to leave the Compact was a difficult one for me to make and I cannot express enough my appreciation for my fellow staff members, the Compact board members and the volunteers that keep this organization alive and well.

Faye Ziegeweid



Calendar of Events

June 14 – BOB Meeting, Davidson Conservation Office – Kevin Guenther on Sustainable Landscape Design

June 16 – Riverside Photography for Beginners (10 Events for 10 Years)

June 18 – Executive Committee Meeting

June 28 – Water Quality Advisory Committee Meeting – TVA's approach to non-point source inventories using GIS and Remote Sensing

July 12 – BOB Meeting, Davidson Conservation Office

July 14 – Compact Board Meeting and MCWC Picnic

August 25 – Dragon Boat Race and River Festival

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!

Volunteers Needed for Dragon Boat Race and River Festival!

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