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## **Knox County introduces new Trail Volunteer Program**

*Knoxville, Tenn.* — The Knox County Parks & Recreation Department is implementing a new community-wide Trail Volunteer Program that will offer local trail and greenway users the opportunity to make the park system a friendlier, cleaner, more inviting place to bike, run and play.

The program is a partnership between Knox County, the City of Knoxville, the Town of Farragut, Ijams Nature Center and Outdoor Knoxville. Those interested in joining the program can apply online at [http://knoxcounty.org/parks/trail\\_volunteer/application.php](http://knoxcounty.org/parks/trail_volunteer/application.php)

Any responsible adult, of any age and ability, is welcome to take part. Volunteers should be willing to commit a few hours each month to visit their specific trail or greenway. Even a small contribution of time will be helpful, and the experience will be rewarding and fun.

The basic responsibilities of a trail volunteer member are to:

- **GREET** all trail users and act as goodwill ambassadors for our community.
- **INFORM** users about the park and trail system, trail directions, etiquette and rules.
- **ASSIST** users who are lost, need bike repair, first aid (when trained) and assist local governments or land managers concerning maintenance and illegal activity.

Senior Director of Parks and Recreation Doug Bataille, along with other partners and sponsors of the program, will be available for media interviews on Thursday, April 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Mead's Quarry trail head, 2915 Island Home Ave.

For more information visit [http://knoxcounty.org/parks/trail\\_volunteer/index.php](http://knoxcounty.org/parks/trail_volunteer/index.php).

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