Get Connected: Balancing Built and Natural Environments for Sustainability
The Mid-South Regional Greenprint and Sustainability Plan seeks to connect a network of green space across Shelby County TN, Fayette County TN, Crittenden County AR, and DeSoto County MS.
Led by a Consortium of over 80 organizations and 300 individuals from the four-county region, including:

- Municipal and County Governments
- State Agencies
- Non-profit Organizations
- Educational Institutions
- Private Businesses
- Neighborhood Groups
- Individual Citizens
Input from over 4,000 residents:

- Regional Public Meetings
- Community Meetings
- Subplan/study meetings
- Community Events
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Online Surveys
- U Map It! crowdsourcing tool
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The Greenprint network connects green spaces, employment areas, and town centers by stream, rail, utility, and road corridors.
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» The Greenprint network was designed to connect and balance population, employment, equity, transportation, and green space

» If implemented today, 78% of the region’s population would live within 1 mile of a Greenprint corridor

» And 79% of the region’s jobs would be within 1 mile of a Greenprint corridor
Strategic Directions

A Regional Interconnected Network of Parks, Greenways and Open Spaces
Equitable Participation and Community Ownership
Enhanced Access through Transportation Choices
Healthy and Safe Communities
Improved Neighborhoods and Fair Housing Choices
Sustainable Resources and a Quality Environment
A Productive Workforce and Economy
Effective Long-term Regional Planning
**NATURAL RESOURCES**

- Memphis Complete Streets Manual
- Overton Park Access Study
- Shelby Farms Park Access Study
- VE Greenline Access Study
- Hampline-Tillman Design
- Multimodal Low Stress Analysis
- Alternative Fuel and Green Fleets Analysis

**CONNECTIVITY**

- Crosstown-VE Greenline Connector
- Frayser Town Center Plan
- YMCA Healthy Corner Store Initiative
- Downtown Memphis Heritage Trail
- South Parkway Median Design
- FAC Food Map and Policy Guide

**BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

- West Memphis Eco-Park Plan
- Arlington Loosahatchie Greenway Plan
- DeSoto County Natural Resources Plan
- Friendship Park Master Plan
- Millington Greenways Plan
- Knowledge Quest Urban Farm Expansion
- Wolf River Boat Launch Access Study
Implementation Objectives

1. Support completion of short-term targets and expanding trail network
2. Strengthen support among Mid-South jurisdictions
   - 20 of 22 communities adopted plan
3. Spread awareness and grow support in Mid-South communities
   - Friends of the Greenprint
4. Evolve consortium partnership model for effective implementation
   - Biannual Greenprint Summits
5. Establish independent entity to guide implementation into the future
6. Establish long-term funding mechanism(s) to finance Greenprint
GREENPRINT FOR RESILIENCE
Making Room For The River

Awarded $60,445,163
Leverage: $35,600,000
Activity 1: Big Creek

- Re-establishment of wetlands and other flood storage to accommodate water flow
- Better protection for nearby LMI homes and Naval Operations
- Creation of multi-purpose trails and greenspace
- Local food production

Grant Budget: $29,447,227
Commitment: $10,000,000 (Shelby County, State of TN, Millington)
Activity 2: Wolf River

- Re-establishment of wetlands and other flood storage to accommodate water flow
- Better protection for nearby and downstream LMI homes
- Contribute to Wolf River Greenway
- Add new park amenities at Rodney Baber Park (Frayser) and Kennedy Park (Raleigh)
- Green street on Orchi, bike lanes on Highland

**Grant Budget:** $18,260,842  
**Leverage:** $34,000,000 ($31.5M-WRC, $2.5M-city stormwater fund)
Activity 3: South Cypress Creek

- Buyout of existing homes and replace with greenspace, wetlands, and other flood storage to accommodate water flow
- Better protection for nearby LMI homes
- Create affordable infill or rehabilitation nearby for displaced residents
- Creation of multi-purpose trails
- Local food production
- Development of vacant lot program

Grant Budget: $8,988,097
Leverage: $1,600,000 (city stormwater fund and CDBG)
Activity 4: Resilience Plan

- Many other areas of county and region were hard hit in 2011 or by other floods
- NDRC requirement of addressing unmet need limits where we address
- Community-driven process to identify future resilience projects
- NDRC projects may not “break ground” until 2017
- A regional resilience plan process continues momentum that will follow award announcement

Grant Budget: $2,100,000