

Urban Erosion Control Demonstration at Scenic Overlook

Visitors and residents alike can now enjoy a scenic rest along Tennessee Greenways Trails in Sevier County due to a \$10,000 grant provided through the Smoky Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Council by the Tennessee Valley Authority and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A vertical 12 ft. high bank, 60 ft. in length along City Park Road and the West Prong of the Little Pigeon River was shaped and armored with riprap rock. An overlook pier 12 X 20 ft. was constructed on the site to eliminate access to the riverbank and provide a scenic area to enjoy the landscape.

Terry Horne, NRCS Engineer, provided the design on the streambank stabilization and vegetation project. Hydrophytic vegetation was blended into the rock riprap and landscaping plantings along the road areas. The installation of all the materials was performed by various departments of the City of Sevierville. Tony Sexton, NRCS District Conservationist in Sevier County, provided inspection on the total project.

This joint venture between the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Sevier County Soil Conservation District, Smoky Mountain RC&D, City of Sevierville, Tennessee Valley Authority, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife eliminated a hazardous embankment in a heavy use public facility and replaced it with a useful scenic addition to the City of Sevierville Park. This project was completed in February 2005 at a total cost of \$19,500.



Site before construction

