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ABOUT TENNGREEN

- TennGreen is the oldest, statewide accredited land conservancy in Tennessee.
- Accredited by the Land Trust Alliance
- Funded through the generosity of our members and sponsors.

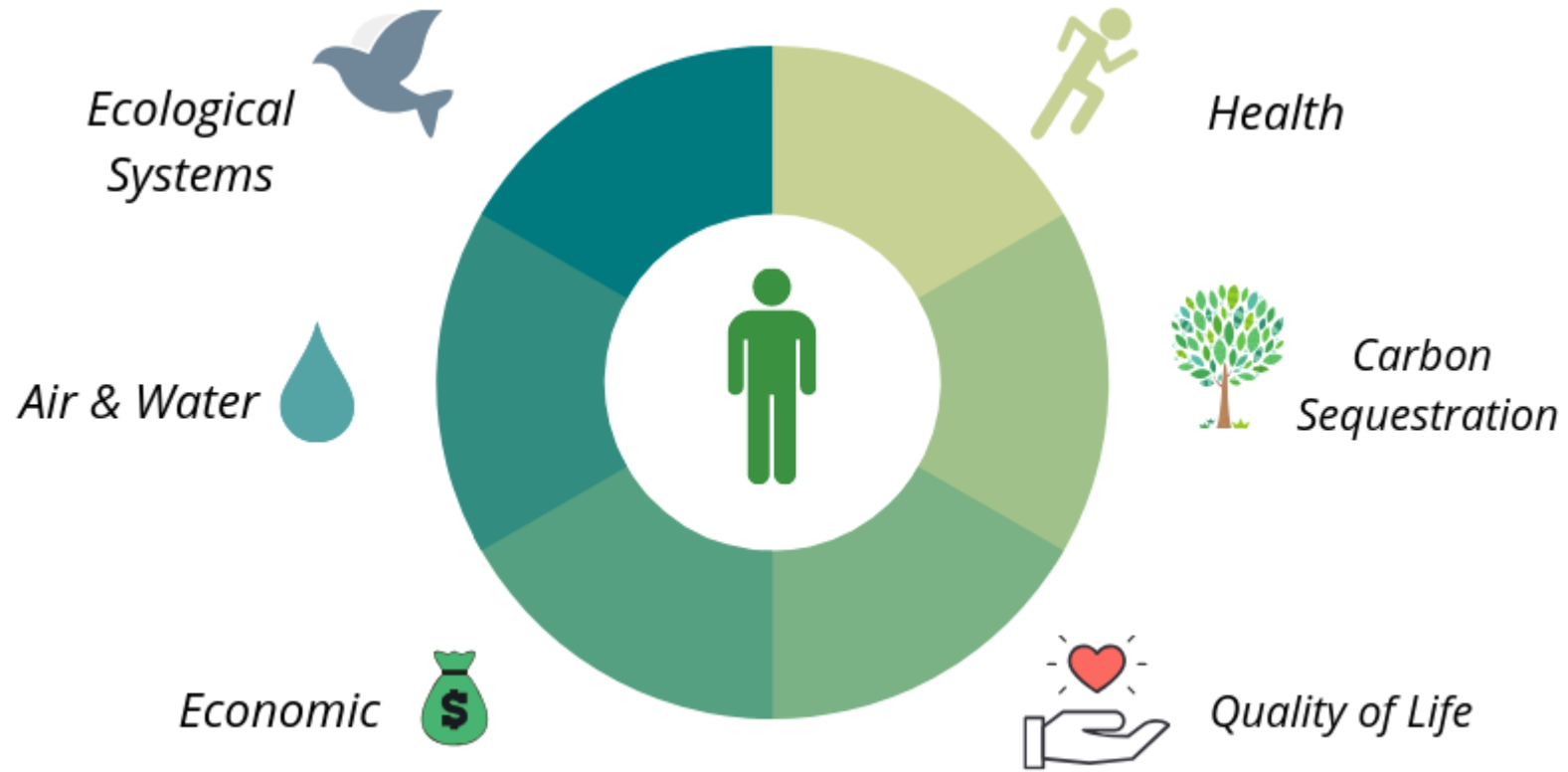
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WHY IS LAND CONSERVATION IMPORTANT?



The Value of Open Space



\$16 billion annually in economic activity from agriculture & forestry providing more than **178,000 jobs**

\$16 Billion



\$15 billion impact on property values which helps generate an additional **\$118 million** in local property tax revenue

\$15 Billion

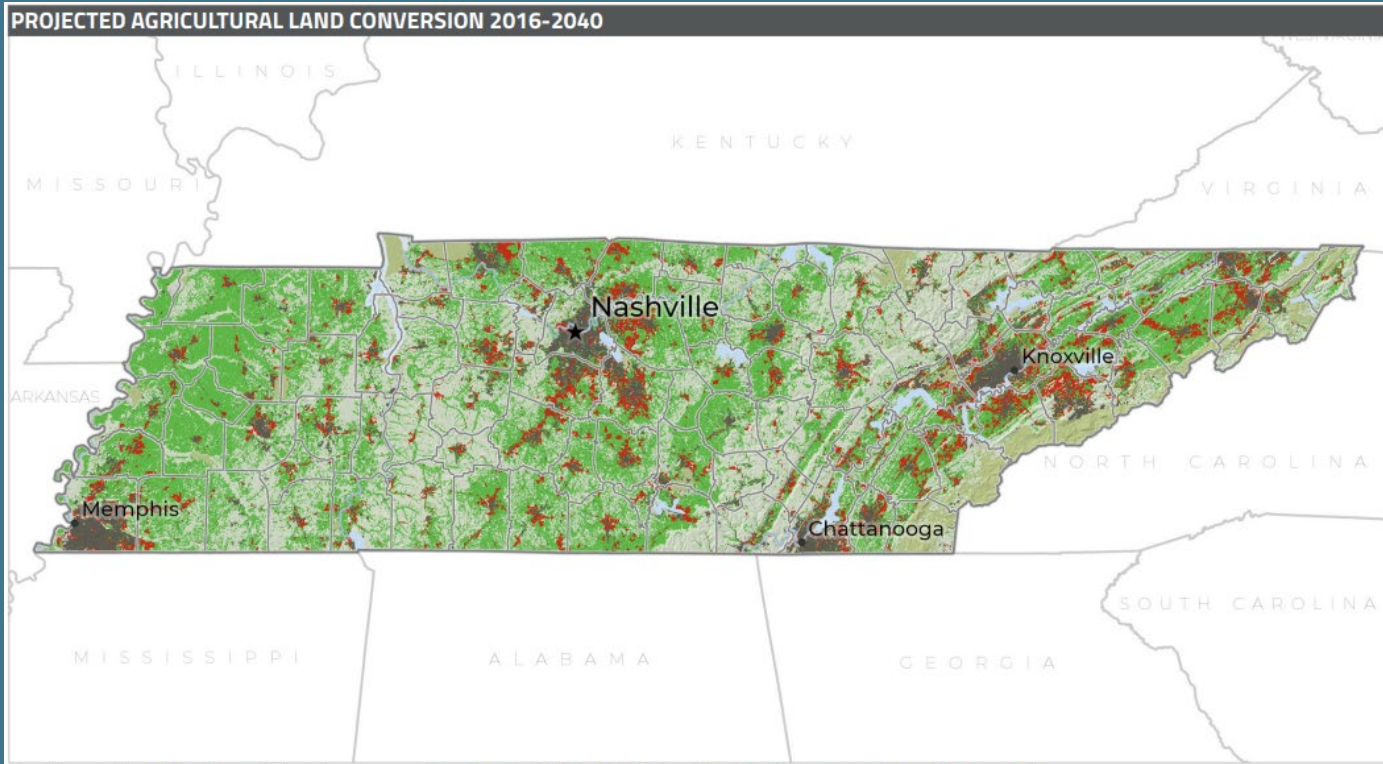


\$1.3 billion annually in recreation with an indirect benefit of **\$214 million** in healthcare savings as a result of increased physical activity

\$1.3 Billion

Source: 2018 Cumberland Region Tomorrow Study on the 10-county area open space value

2040 FUTURE SCENARIOS



Projected agricultural land conversion from 2016-2040 in the *Business as Usual* scenario.

Projected Conversion (2040)		Land Cover (2016)		
■ Urban and highly developed (UHD) and low-density residential (LDR)	■ Farmland*	■ Federal (no grazing)	■ Urban areas	■ Water
	■ Forestland	■ Other lands		

*Farmland is composed of cropland, pastureland, and woodland associated with farms.

On recent trends, from 2016 to 2040:
 Tennesseans will pave over, fragment, or compromise **1,014,600 acres** of farmland.
 That's the equivalent of losing **8,700 farms, \$258 million** in farm output, and **14,600 jobs** based on county averages.²

52% of the conversion will occur on Tennessee's best land.¹

Hardest-hit counties:

- ▶ **Rutherford**
- ▶ **Sevier**
- ▶ **Williamson**

¹ Freedgood et al. 2020
² Census of Agriculture 2017



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CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

TennGreen utilizes numerous conservation strategies to conserve land where people and nature can thrive.

PRIMARY STRATEGIES INCLUDE

- CONSERVATION EASEMENTS
- LAND ACQUISITIONS
- RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS



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CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

Conservation easements are voluntary, legal agreements that permanently limit uses of land in order to protect conservation values.

Conservation easements can be donated or purchased.

RESTRICTIONS MAY INCLUDE LIMITS ON

- SUBDIVISION
- RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
- MINERAL AND TIMBER HARVEST



EASEMENT BENEFITS

Landowners have a variety of reasons to protect their properties with TennGreen.

BENEFITS INCLUDE

- PEACE OF MIND AND SENSE OF PLACE
- CONTINUING TO OWN AND USE YOUR PROPERTY
- POTENTIAL TAX BENEFITS



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LAND ACQUISITION

TennGreen works on behalf of local, state and federal partners to acquire land for public use.

ACQUISITION PARTNER EXAMPLES:

- STATE AGENCIES: TDEC, TWRA
- LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: METRO PARKS
- NONPROFIT PARTNERS: TCF, TNC



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RESTORATION

When feasible, TennGreen works with landowners on restoration and/or enhancement projects.

EXAMPLES INCLUDE

- HEMLOCK TREATMENT
- INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL
- LAND MANAGEMENT SUCH AS BURNING



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SOAK CREEK RESTORATION

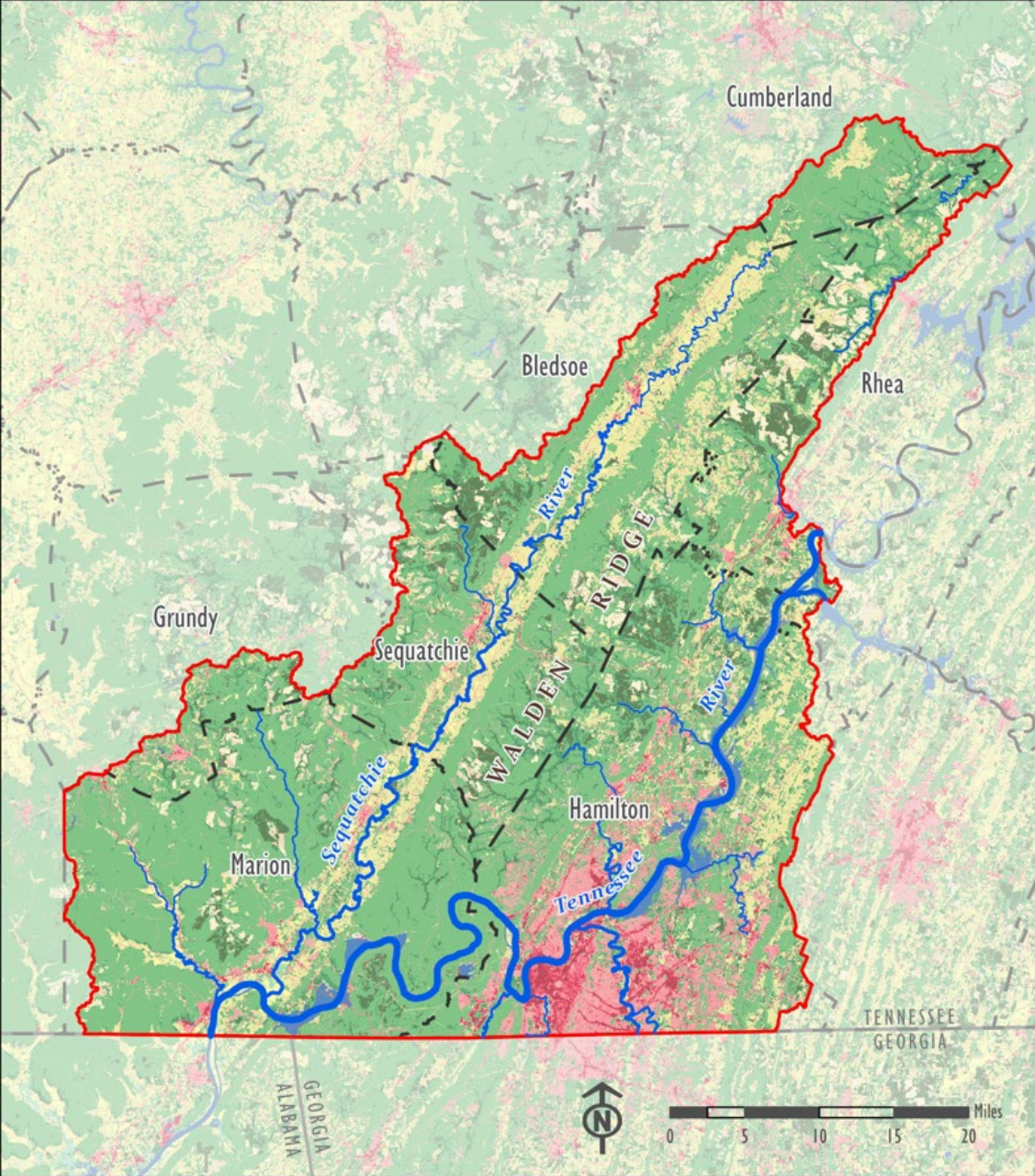
In 2020, TennGreen received a 2,000-acre land donation and has since completed restoration activities through a NFWF grant.



Activities:

- Prescribed Fire
- Shortleaf Pine Planting
- Hemlock Treatment
- Research





RCPP – RIDGES TO RIVERS

Through an RCPP grant, TennGreen and partners plan to work with producers and landowners in a seven-county area in the Tennessee River Basin to improve water quality and aid the recovery of imperiled aquatic species.



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FARMLAND EASEMENTS

TennGreen utilizes a variety of conservation strategies including farmland easements.



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HOW YOU CAN HELP!



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For TennGreen or other great groups!



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