



September 9, 2020

Virginia Dale, President
Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation
209 Whippoorwill Drive
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Dear Virginia,

We are excited to learn of the proposed Oak Ridge Blueway which would extend approximately 26 miles from Melton Lake Park to Melton Hill Dam. The Blueway could provide numerous recreational benefits to individuals enjoying the Clinch River.

The TennGreen Land Conservancy is the oldest accredited statewide land conservancy with a mission to conserve land where people and nature can thrive. We envision large, connected natural areas that support diversity of life, inspire the appreciation of nature, and spark action to protect the waters we drink, the air we breathe, and the land that sustains us all.

The proposed Oak Ridge Blueway, as envisioned by the Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation and the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, links the significant conservation values present in the area with the importance of access to public lands for recreation. Based on the belief that this will provide additive recreational opportunities, we endorse the Blueway concept and your desire to work with government agencies, recreational retailers, and nonprofit organizations to make it happen.

Sincerely,

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