

August 6, 2006

Mr. Gerald Boyd
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Dear Mr. Boyd

In response to the invitation you made, at the January AFORR meeting, to the Oak Ridge community to come together with a consensus vision for the Three Bends area, the AFORR board and membership has been actively engaged in a planning effort to that end. In May of this year, an AFORR sponsored meeting with representatives of environmental groups, ORNL, TDEC and TWRA was held to initiate the discussion of the attributes, status, value and future potential of Three Bends. It was the consensus among the participants at this meeting that Three Bends is a highly valuable resource that offers truly unique opportunities for world class recreation, educational outreach, conservation and environmental research.

Following the meeting, the AFORR board completed a strategic planning effort to define a vision which would efficiently utilize the resources inherent in this land. Responding to an update on AFORR activities, the City of Oak Ridge sent a letter, dated July 24, 2006, to Ms. Ellen Smith of AFORR (you were sent a copy of this letter). We regret that the city viewed our update as the final step of a process rather than a status report on actions taken during a multi step process. Further steps in this process will include a meeting with primary stake holders and discussions with the general public at an open town meeting. AFORR rejects the City of Oak Ridge's claim to authority and future ownership of Three Bends and in view of their stated development plans for portions this land, we will work even harder to secure a consensus vision of all stakeholders.

We appreciate your continued interest in Three Bends and welcome your input into this process.

AFORR Board member

Cc: David R. Bradshaw, Mayor, City of Oak Ridge, TN.
James Fyke, Commissioner, TDEC
Gary Myers, Director, TWRA
Rex Lynch Gerald, Mayor, Anderson County, TN.