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The Harpeth River Watershed Association Puts Citizenship and Service in Action

Volunteers to plant over 100 trees to stabilize an eroding river bank on the Little Harpeth River on MLK Day

Nashville, TN – The Harpeth River Watershed Association will led a dozen Middle Tennessee volunteers in the planting of over 100 trees into a stretch of eroding river bank on the Little Harpeth River. These plantings will help stabilize the river bank, reduce soil erosion, and improve overall water quality of the river in this volunteer service to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy. Middle Tennessee volunteers will be joined by hundreds of thousands of volunteers across the country on this national day of service.

“Today we answer Dr. King’s call to serve and are making a difference in the lives of Middle Tennessee residents,” said Crystal Coldiron, the OSMRE VISTA Volunteer of the Harpeth River Watershed Association. “A resourceful way to meet local needs, volunteer service is a powerful tool that builds strong communities. We are putting the core American principles of citizenship and service into action.”

About Harpeth River Watershed Association

Founded in 1999, The Harpeth River Watershed Association (HRWA) is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit, science-based, conservation organization dedicated to the restoration and protection the State Scenic Harpeth River and clean water in Tennessee. Today, the Harpeth’s water quality, fish, wildlife and recreation values are threatened by sewage pollution and excessive water withdrawals. To effect change, HRWA collaborates with landowners, businesses, local, state and federal decision makers, and others. HRWA works to put solutions in place to reduce pollution, implement restorations, and maintain healthy areas so that the Harpeth River and its tributaries can progress towards water quality standards set for people and wildlife.

The 125-mile-long Harpeth River begins in Eagleville, TN, and flows through both rural and developed landscapes, including through the heart of one of the fastest growing regions of the country, before emptying into the Cumberland River near Ashland City. The Harpeth River is part of the biologically unique river systems of the Southeast that contain some of the greatest variety of aquatic life in the world. The Harpeth River Watershed includes the main river and over 1,000 miles of tributaries that drain an area of land approximately 870 square miles across Rutherford, Williamson, Davidson, Hickman, Dickson and Cheatham counties in Middle Tennessee. One of Tennessee’s few free flowing rivers, the Harpeth is a State Scenic River as it runs through Nashville’s Davidson County. For more information, please visit www.harpethriver.org

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