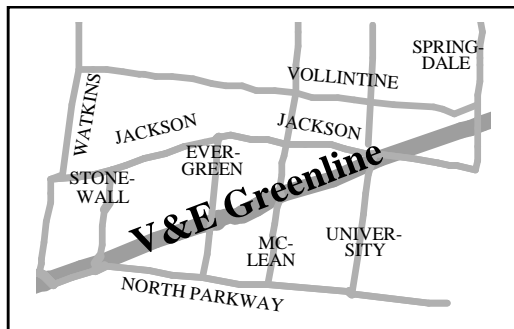


V&E Greenline

The land for the V&E Greenline was purchased on November 11, 1996 from the L&N Railroad successors, which owned the tracks for 150 years. It is owned by the community, maintained by volunteers, and supported by contributions from users, residents, several neighborhoods, businesses, and people from outside the city.



The V&E Greenline is a rails-to-trails project for running, walking, dog exercising, gardening, and bicycling. It provides opportunities for recreation, exercise, healthy living, neighborng, and enjoying nature. It has thousands of trees, two creeks with unique bridges, and interesting landscapes—the Cut section below is a deep ravine, while the Springs section to the east towers above the surrounding urban forest.



The Stationhouse

The Stationhouse constructed in 2006 is located at 620 N Avalon St adjacent to the trail. The design mirrors historic stationhouses located in West TN in earlier times. It is used primarily to store equipment and a place where volunteers



meet for work groups. The Greenline added a Memory Woodland Garden north of the stationhouse with shade plants and an area for memorials.

Greenline Annual Meeting

Please join the Greenline Committee for the second annual “Walk the Line Supporters Party” at noon on Saturday April 24 at the Stationhouse, 620 N Avalon St at the Greenline. We will treat our contributors and volunteers to a luncheon, a short meeting describing the work of the committee, and solicit ideas for the future.

The Greenline will honor a special group--in 2009 it was the police for their work in making the Greenline safe. It will also make the Richard Mochow Award for the outstanding volunteer. There will be a chance to exchange ideas and walk the V&E Greenline.



Income and Expenses

Income is primarily from contributions by the residents of VECA and the Evergreen Historic District, and users of the trail. Contributions for 2009 were impressive: 159 residents, friends, and users of the V&E Greenline made donations which totaled \$8204.

The Greenline is the equivalent of a small business; it pays taxes, insurance, maintains equipment, and other costs such as gasoline.

In order to further beautify the V&E Greenline, funds were allocated to trail maintenance. A contractor was hired to weed eat the banks and entrances and another contractor was hired to occasionally remove branches that protruded onto the trail and clean out the drainage ditch.

Fundraiser

The annual contribution fundraiser will again take place in March of 2010 and brochures soliciting contributions will be distributed widely. This is the V&E Greenline's major source of funds so please support your V&E Greenline.

❖ Upkeep Costs Money ❖

For the longer term, the V&E Greenline does not have an emergency fund. Some of the grand old trees are coming to the end of their life and are going to be very expensive to remove—especially after wind and ice storms which affect Memphis. A major project will be continued work on drainage at the southwest corner of Jackson Ave and University St on the trail. The Greenline will be renting heavy equipment to open the ditch and then will spread over 20 tons of gravel to create a crown on the trail to prevent further flooding.

Volunteers

The V&E Greenline had more than 1,414 volunteer hours with a value of \$24,448 in 2009.



The volunteers did the following: mowed the trail, planted and watered trees/shrub, installed a

metal sculpture at McLean Blvd and the trail, cut "downed" trees as a result of serious storm

damage, emptied garbage cans, worked on gardens, and co-sponsored Wolf River Day held on the V&E Greenline—see picture below.



Jordan Bruce decided to help the V&E Greenline with his Eagle Scout project at the corner of McLean Blvd, Jackson Ave, and University St. He began with fundraisers to pay for the materials. Then, scouts cleaned the visible opening of the culvert and put rocks at the mouth of it to catch debris that would have previously clogged the culvert. The group also put a small wooden fence around the ditch and painted it to match the Greenline signs.



Work of the Greenline

The V&E Greenline Committee directs the work on the Greenline. The committee meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Stationhouse, 620 N Avalon St at the Greenline, on the following Mondays: March 8, June 14, September 13, and October 11.

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