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“The Most Expensive Real Estate in Memphis”

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In a five page article about The Greater Memphis Greenline, the V & E Greenline was mentioned.

The Green Mile

ENTER RAILS-TO-TRAILS, which prevents the reversion of ownership by “rail banking” the line for use as a multi-use trail while simultaneously preserving it for future railroad use. “It’s definitely a program we support,” says CSX spokesman Sacks, adding that the company has worked to complete many rails-to-trails programs. However, she adds, CSX wants to make sure it acts in the best interests of its shareholders by getting the best price.

One of the prime local examples of rails-to-trails can be seen in the Vollintine-Evergreen area in Midtown Memphis, where a group of

residents purchased an abandoned line from CSX for \$15,000 in 1996 and successfully transformed it into a 1.9-mile greenbelt. Trail advocates hold the same dream for the proposed Greater Memphis Greenline. “It’s really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” says Laura Adams, executive director of the Shelby Farms Parks Alliance.
