

Knox County Commission



PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: MEMBERS OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION
DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND NEWS MEDIA

DATE: MARCH 25, 2026

KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE VIEWING OF THE COWARD MILL DAM NOTCHING ON MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M. AT BEAVER CREEK STONE ARCH BRIDGE ON COWARD MILL ROAD, KNOXVILLE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO BID A FAREWELL TO THE COWARD MILL DAM AND TO VIEW THE INITIAL NOTCHING OF THE DAM THAT WILL BEGIN THE REMOVAL PROCESS.

Removing this dam will restore approximately 2,700 feet of Beaver Creek from slow, stagnant water into a naturally flowing stream. This change will allow fish and other aquatic life to move freely again and help improve water quality by increasing oxygen levels and reducing heat and stagnation.

SEVERAL COMMISSIONERS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM KNOX COUNTY ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS, KNOX COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION, KCI TECHNOLOGIES INC., GRESHAM-SMITH, AND WHALEY CONSTRUCTION LLC, WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CREEK, JUST DOWN THE ROAD FROM THE BEN ATCHLEY VETERAN'S HOMES AND SYCAMORE CREEK LANE. THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE SITE FROM THE WEST SIDE OF THE CREEK.

NO VOTES WILL BE TAKEN. THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME.