



Ten years of the UT Presidents Commission on the River, 2006-2016

Highlights of accomplishments



- Completion of the \$500,000 river restoration with the installation of 12 major in-stream habitat structures, plus removal of 100s of invasive plants, replaced by over 1,600 new native plants;
- Install of 8 new river information signs;
- Creation of 5 storm water mitigation projects, including 2 rain gardens;
- Improved public access with the construction of 2 river overlooks and over 1,200ft of river paths;
- Removal/reductions of the public contact and fish advisories and signs;
- Hosting the annual Celebrate Our River week, with dozens of events, and involvement of faculty, staff, students and the public;
- Participating in the community Clean Your Streams event, with UT serving as event partner and kickoff location, and resulting in 1000s of items removed by over 1,400 total volunteers since 2005;
- Facilitating student research, engagement, and outdoor classroom activities for 100s of students and faculty, including student projects and thesis;
- Numerous public and professional presentations, media coverage, hosting of professional workshops and meeting, and more than 20 publications based on this work;
- Via grants and donations, raising over \$600,000 in external funding support from several federal, state, local agencies, and over 50 donors.