

**Tract Obtained For South Chick Greenway, Kayak Launches Planned  
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The city is purchasing one of the final pieces needed for the South Chickamauga Creek Greenway.

It is also seeking a grant to place two kayak launches along the scenic creek that goes through East Chattanooga and Brainerd.

The City Council on Tuesday approved the purchase of a 9.2-acre tract for \$50,000.

It is adjacent to a 47-acre tract the city acquired a couple of weeks ago.

Rick Wood of the Trust for Public Land said most of the land needed for the greenway that will stretch from the Tennessee River to Camp Jordan in East Ridge has now been acquired.

The land will be at a planned Lightfoot Mill trailhead.

Rob Healy, administrator of city parks and recreation, said work should begin soon building the greenway.

He said the city is applying for a state grant of \$100,000 for two kayak launches along the creek. The city will have a \$20,000 match.

Mr. Healy said one of the launches will be just upstream from the mouth of the creek. It will be handicapped accessible and have an asphalt trail leading to it.

The second kayak launch will be less elaborate and will be near Harrison Pike. There will be an asphalt trail to a sand embankment.

Mr. Healy said he opposes a request by developers of Waterhaven to put boat docks along the creek that would be used for motorized craft. He said he favors keeping the creek for use by those with canoes and kayaks.

"That creek is really beautiful," he said.