CITY OF WHITE HOUSE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen Agenda
Special Session
April 9, 2015
5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order by the Mayor

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of the Agenda

4. New Business

    a. **Resolution 15-02**: A resolution to create an adventure tourism district in White House, Tennessee, and to develop an adventure tourism district plan for submission to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and to the Tennessee Department of Revenue for joint approval as an Adventure Tourism District pursuant to the Tennessee Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011.

5. Adjournment

RESOLUTION 15-02

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN ADVENTURE TOURISM DISTRICT IN WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE, AND TO DEVELOP AN ADVENTURE TOURISM DISTRICT PLAN FOR SUBMISSION TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR JOINT APPROVAL AS AN ADVENTURE TOURISM DISTRICT PURSANT TO THE TENNESSEE ADVENTURE TOURISM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2011.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011 (Tennessee Code Annotated§ 11-11-201 et seq.) directs the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to study and develop a plan for the promotion and development of adventure tourism and other recreational and economic development activities in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011 further creates a mechanism by which local communities can apply to be certified as an Adventure Tourism District; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and the Tennessee Department of Revenue have announced applications are available for communities seeking to receive the three-year certification as an Adventure Tourism District with said applications being due by April 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, creation of an Adventure Tourism District requires the approval a local governing body by two-thirds vote and requires the development of the Adventure Tourism plan, which must be submitted as part of the application packet to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and the Tennessee Department of Revenue for joint approval for certification as an Adventure Tourism District; and

WHEREAS, after approval, the local governing body supports the application submittal by Sumner County for the Adventure Tourism District Plan to the Tennessee Department of Revenue and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for approval of tax credits pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §67-4-2109 and to the Tennessee Department of Tourism Development for promotional support; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of White House to support local tourism and tourism related businesses and to encourage the creation of jobs in the community through the creation of an Adventure Tourism District, which is recommended by the City Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of White House, Tennessee:

That the recommendation of the City Administrator is approved and, pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011, the City hereby created an Adventure Tourism District in White House, Tennessee, with the boundaries of said district being as set forth in the attached parcel map (attached), and further authorizes the submission of the Sumner County adventure tourism district plan (attached), with both documents being required as part of the application packet to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and the Tennessee Department of Revenue.

Resolved this 9th day of April 2015.

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Michael Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kerry Harville, City Recorder

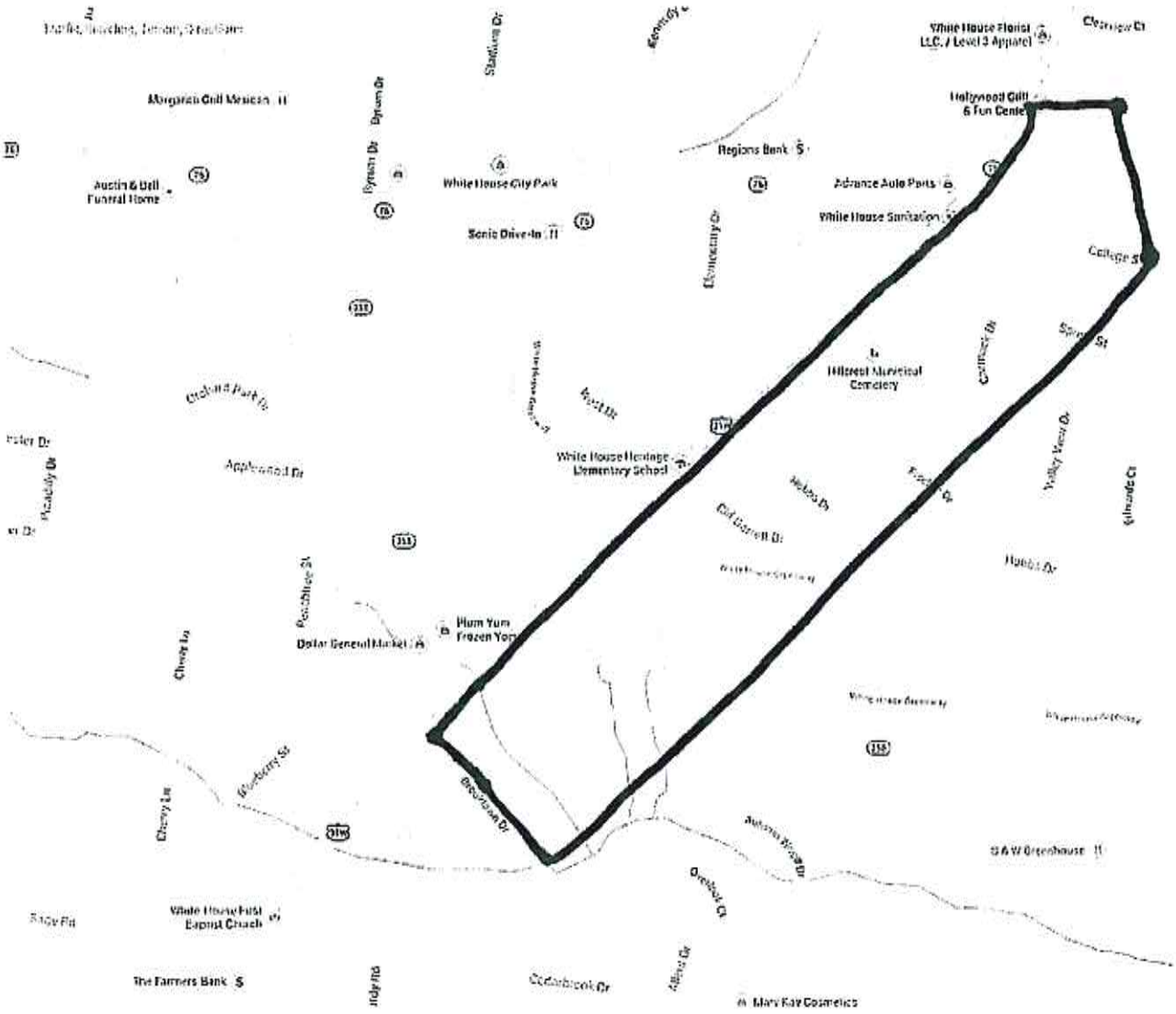
Sumner County, TN

Adventure Tourism Business Plan Outline

The 2035 Comprehensive Plan, Sumner County's Blueprint to the Future, documented the importance of maintaining and preserving Sumner County's natural, cultural, and historical resources. There is potential to develop a tourism industry encompassing the County's natural and cultural heritage. These activities offer economic development opportunities.

Sumner County's attractive for Adventure Tourism for the following areas:

1) Old Hickory Lake and Corps of Engineer property – Recreational and Park areas, Watersports, Marinas, Boating, Rowing, Picnicking, Camping (ex. Lock 4, Cages Bend Campground)
2) Red River – Headwaters are in Sumner County, Scenic River, Watersports – canoeing, kayaking
3) Bledsoe Creek State Park – Rich in history, Native American history along with various historical sites nearby. The Bledsoe Creek territory became a Tennessee State Park in 1973. Activities: Visitor Center, Hiking, Biking, Picnic Facilities, Camping, Fishing, Boating.
4) State Historic Sites and Local Historic Sites –Bledsoe's Fort Historical Park – 80 acre County Park, Hiking/Walking Trail (ex. Castalian Springs Area, Rock Castle, Douglass Clark House, Mansker's Station – Moss Wright Park)
5) Sport Shooting - shooting events and facilities (ex. Original Lockett Development)
6) Equestrian – Mule Day, local equestrian opportunity, trail riding, facilities to attract riders (ex. Red River District, Little Tunnel, Cottontown)
7) Designated Bicycle Routes/Hiking/Mountain Biking/Greenway Trails – Scenic areas, parks, recreational opportunities (ex. Bledsoe Creek State Park, Long Hollow Pike, Hwy 25, Station Camp Greenway)
8) Rock Climbing (ex. Little Tunnel)
9) Off Road Vehicle Trails – OHV trails, ATV's (ex. Little Tunnel, Long Hollow Pike)



Adventure Tourism District

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