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**Metro and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
planning riverfront development master plan**

Mayor Bill Purcell announced today the Metro Parks and Recreation Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will work with the Nashville Civic Design Center to create a Cumberland River Waterfront Redevelopment master plan in the next five months.

“Now is the time to focus our energies on our riverfront to take advantage of the new opportunities provided by the transformation of the old Thermal Transfer Facility site, the construction and operation of a commuter rail terminal, and the development of Rolling Mill Hill,” Purcell said. “This plan will allow us to bring together the greenway proposals for the Cumberland River with these developments downtown to create a stronger, more vibrant riverscape for Nashville’s future.”

The **Cumberland River Waterfront Redevelopment Plan** will rely on citizen input gathered at a minimum of three public meetings and will build on principles in *The Plan of Nashville* that emphasize the importance of the river as an environmental, recreational and economic development asset.

Mayor Purcell appointed a 21-member Steering Committee to guide the planning process. The Steering Committee will work to ensure Nashvillians have ample opportunity to share their ideas about the downtown riverfront and

will make recommendations to Metro Government and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the selection of a professional firm to provide the design services, feasibility analysis and establishment of project priorities, phases and cost estimates that will be part of the master plan.

.The Nashville Civic Design Center will provide coordination for the steering committee and facilitation of public meetings and the visioning process. The Civic Design Center was chosen because of its connection to the Plan of Nashville, which places high priority and emphasis on river amenities, public access and neighborhood connections, and because the Center regularly provides community forum meetings on development proposals in Nashville.

The Steering Committee, made up of downtown residents and business owners, Metro department heads, and others with a stake in the future of the downtown riverfront, will begin its work at a meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at the Nashville Civic Design Center. The committee is expected to complete its work by early February, 2006.

Funding for the creation of the master plan has been provided by a Planning Assistance to States grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and will be matched with funds for downtown greenways planning allocated in the Metro Parks and Greenways Master Plan. The Metro Council approved the agreement between the city and the Corps at its August 3, 2005 meeting.

Steering Committee members:

Paul Ballard	Metro Transit Authority
Rick Bernhardt	Metro Planning Department
Kenny Blackburn	BellSouth
Noree Boyd	Metro Arts Commission
Berdelle Campbell	Cumberland River Compact

TK Davis
Susan Edwards
David Ewing
James Fyke
Ron Gobbel
Chris Koster
Mark Macy
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Metro Historical Commission
Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency
Riverfront Redevelopment Coalition
Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods
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