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GREENWAY WALK AUDIT SERIES

Community-Powered Insights. Safer Spaces for All.

When communities lead, safer spaces follow. This initiative elevates local voices to shape data-driven improvements across Nashville's greenways.

From **March–October 2026**, community members will meet **twice per month** at greenways across Nashville to document key safety and usability factors, including:

- Lighting
- Sightlines and visibility
- Trail surface conditions
- Wayfinding and signage
- Emergency access
- Security features
- Overall accessibility & user experience



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Collected data will be analyzed to **produce clear, actionable, data-driven recommendations** that help create safer, more accessible greenways for everyone. ✨



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MARCH

SHELBY BOTTOMS GREENWAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH
6:00 - 7:00PM

MEET @
Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

STONES RIVER GREENWAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST
9:00 - 10:00AM

MEET @
Two Rivers Park Trailhead

APRIL

HARPETH RIVER GREENWAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH
6:00 - 7:00PM

MEET @
Bellevue Exchange Club Trailhead

RICHLAND CREEK GREENWAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
9:00 - 10:00AM

MEET @
McCabe Community Center

MAY

MILL CREEK GREENWAY

THURSDAY, MAY 14TH
6:00 - 7:00PM

MEET @
Orchard Bend Park

CUMBERLAND RIVER GREENWAY

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH
9:00 - 10:00AM

MEET @
Riverfront Park

JUNE

PEELER PARK GREENWAY

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH
6:00 - 7:00PM

MEET @
Peeler Park Trailhead

STONES RIVER GREENWAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
9:00 - 10:00AM

MEET @
Percy Priest Dam Trailhead



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JULY

WHITTEMORE BRANCH GREENWAY

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH
6:00 - 7:00PM

MEET @
Antioch Community
Center Trailhead

SHELBY BOTTOMS GREENWAY

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH
9:00 - 10:00AM

MEET @
Shelby Bottoms (under railroad
tracks)

AUGUST

CUMBERLAND RIVER GREENWAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH
6:00 - 7:00PM

MEET @
Ted Rhodes Golf Course
Trailhead

HARPETH RIVER GREENWAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH
9:00 - 10:00AM

MEET @
Bellevue Exchange Club
Trailhead

SEPTEMBER

WHITES CREEK GREENWAY

THURSDAY, SEPT 10TH
6:00 - 7:00PM

MEET @
Hartman Park Trailhead

GULCH-ROLLING MILL HILL CONNECTOR

SATURDAY, SEPT 19TH
9:00 - 10:00AM

MEET @
Gulch Pedestrian Bridge
(11th Ave S side)

OCTOBER

MILL CREEK GREENWAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
6:00 - 7:00PM

MEET @
Mill Creek Greenway Trailhead —
Ezell Road

BROWNS CREEK GREENWAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
9:00 - 10:00AM

MEET @
Browns Creek Park



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LIGHTING

Evaluate whether the greenway segment is consistently well-lit. Adequate lighting improves visibility, deters crime, and enhances safety during early morning or evening hours. Note any areas that are poorly lit or completely dark.

VISIBILITY / SIGHTLINES

Assess sightlines around corners, curves, and intersections. Clear visibility reduces collision risk and improves personal safety by allowing users to see and be seen. Note any blind spots or obstructions.

VEGETATION / OVERGROWTH

Examine how overgrown vegetation affects the trail. Overgrowth can obstruct the path, block sightlines, and create safety hazards. Note areas that require trimming or clearing.



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TRAIL SURFACE CONDITION

Check for cracks, holes, erosion, or uneven surfaces. A well-maintained surface reduces tripping hazards, supports mobility devices, and ensures accessibility for all users.

SIGNAGE / WAYFINDING

Review the clarity and visibility of trail signs, directional markers, and maps. Effective signage helps users navigate the greenway safely and reduces confusion at intersections or junctions.

CALL BOXES / EMERGENCY ACCESS

Assess the presence and functionality of call boxes, emergency phones, or nearby access points. Accessible emergency resources improve response times and enhance user safety.



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USER CONFLICTS / CONGESTION

Observe interactions among pedestrians, cyclists, runners, and other users. Identify areas where congestion or conflicts occur, which can increase risk of collisions or injuries.

BENCHES / REST AREAS

Evaluate the availability and placement of benches and rest areas. Properly located rest areas support accessibility, allow users to recover safely, and contribute to an inclusive trail experience.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR MOBILITY DEVICES / STROLLERS

Check whether the trail is fully accessible for wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers. Note any barriers, steep inclines, or surface issues that limit access for people with mobility challenges.

SECURITY CAMERA/SURVEILLANCE PRESENCE

Observe whether security cameras are present, functional, and cover key areas of the trail. Cameras enhance safety, deter crime, and provide evidence in case of incidents.



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HUBNASHVILLE REPORTING

See something maintenance-related that needs immediate attention on the greenway? Report it to **hubNashville** – hub.nashville.gov– Metro's official one-stop customer service system.

Examples include: fallen trees (or anything obstructing the greenways path), broken water fountains at trailheads, or graffiti.

Once submitted, these issues are forwarded to the correct contacts within the Metro Parks Department.

Whenever possible, add photos or mile markers to your ticket submission so Parks Maintenance can quickly and easily find the location.



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AUDIT LINK



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