



# EAST TENNESSEE QUALITY GROWTH

*Achieving Quality Growth through Regional Cooperation and Local Action*

**June 27, 2018**

## **Show Your Support:**

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **June 28th, 12-4pm**

Affordable Rental Housing Workshop (hosted by ETQG and ETRLA), *Regas Building* ([registration link](#))

### **July 26th, 5-8pm**

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Resource Fair, hosted by the City of Knoxville-Office of Neighborhoods, *Cal Johnson Recreation Center*

## **Benefits of Greenways**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation recently put out a study on the economic and health benefits of greenways. Study results show for every \$1 invested in trails, there is a 72%

## **THE LOWDOWN:**

This month has been a frantically busy one at ETQG. We have been preparing the final details for our Affordable Rental Housing Workshop this Thursday, June 28th from 12pm-4pm at the Regas Building in downtown Knoxville. Our Executive Committee, which consists solely of dedicated volunteers, have put in hours of work to ensure the workshop is a worthwhile and beneficial experience for participants. We hope to see you there! If you haven't already registered, you can find out more information about the workshop below.

Regional Cooperation and Local Action: Tennessee's Changing Housing Needs



## **Affordable Rental Housing Workshop**

### **June 28th, This Thursday!**

ETQG and ETRLA will host a free afternoon workshop focused on *affordable rental housing*. The workshop kicks off over the lunch hour with Joe Speer and Katie Moore from Tennessee Housing Development Agency. Joe and Katie will describe the rental housing status of the region and highlight agency assistance programs. Breakout sessions and a panel discussion will follow. We will ask participants to help us

return on investment. More information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

## Proving Beauty Through a Spreadsheet

Cumberland Region Tomorrow has a newly-released study of the [economic impact data](#) of Farms and Natural Lands across ten counties in Middle Tennessee. These lands include farms and forests; parks, greenways, and trails; wetlands and wildlife preserves, even large residential lots. CRT will be holding roundtable sessions in each of the 10 counties to review the data and work with partners and stakeholders to explore and advocate for new approaches to strategically preserve these lands in ways landowners can embrace.

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describe rental housing problems and identify existing and potential solutions. Some of the topics for discussion:

- **Renter rights and protections**
- **Blighted properties and substandard housing**
- **Loss of affordable, adequate housing located close to jobs**
- **Displacement due to rising costs for occupancy**
- **Resource sharing: services and programs that help renters, particularly those in lower income areas of the region**
- **Outreach of services: rent assistance, legal aid, credit counseling**

Our list of speakers include:

- Joe Speer-- Tennessee Housing Development Agency
- Katie Moore-- Tennessee Housing Development Agency
- Monty Ross-- East Tennessee Regional Leadership Association, Executive Director and ETQG Board of Directors, Executive Committee
- Diane Davidson-- ETQG Board of Directors, Executive Committee
- Kathy Trawick-- TN Fair Housing Council, Executive Director
- Chris Osborn-- Home Source, COO
- Chris Martin-- KLF/Volunteer Ministries, President
- Ben Bentley-- KCDC, Executive Director
- David Borowski-- TN Department of Health, Environmental Epidemiologist

There will be an optional networking social at Vienna Coffee inside the Regas Building following the workshop.

If you do not wish to bring your lunch, there will be food available for purchase at Vienna Coffee before the workshop begins. Please plan on arriving a little earlier if you wish to purchase food. Light refreshments will be provided.

We hope you join us in learning more about problems surrounding affordable housing for renters!

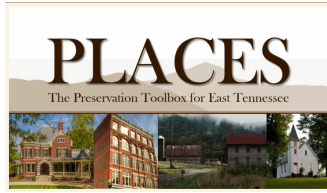
[Register here.](#)

## Citizens Academy for Planning: Anderson County

Our next Citizens Academy for Planning is



underway! Thanks to the feedback from our inaugural two-day event in Knox County, we are working on setting up a workshop in Anderson County over the summer. If you are interested in helping to host an Anderson County event, please [contact us!](#) Stay tuned!



[East Tennessee Preservation Alliance Preservation Toolbox](#)  
To tell us your story, click [here](#).

## Climate Resiliency in East Tennessee

Climate change models predict that East Tennessee's middle continental geography will experience climatic change, but more dramatic weather and flooding will occur along coastal areas of the US. Could East Tennessee become home to "climate refugees" as more people relocate from coastal areas to our country's interior? Our population will no doubt increase. We need to prepare for growth and for potential changes to our agricultural and natural resource systems.

East Tennessee Quality Growth board and staff received climate resilience training from the City of Knoxville Office of Sustainability and Oak Ridge National Lab's Climate Change Science Institute earlier this year. We would like to present this information to civic groups in the region. If you would like to host this presentation in your community, please [contact us](#).

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East Tennessee Quality Growth advocates for protecting the region's scenic beauty and natural resources, identifying a regional voice through dialogue among local citizens, and building an understanding of how quality growth is implemented. Through regional dialog and local action we move towards a sustainable and prosperous future.

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As a Friend of Quality Growth, you will help support our projects and our mission of regional cooperation and local action. You will have the opportunity to serve on our committees, and will receive invites to participate in round tables and planning sessions. Your donation is tax-deductible.

[\\$25 Introductory Membership](#)

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