



GREATER  
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COUNCIL

## Regional Environmental RoundTable FACT SHEET

### About the GNRC

The Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) is established by the TN General Assembly as an association of local governments empowered to convene local and state leaders for the purposes of planning and programming state and federal investments into a range of social services and public infrastructure. GNRC serves as the federally-recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Nashville and surrounding counties. In this role, GNRC leads in the development of the region's transportation plan (RTP) and short-range transportation improvement program (TIP). Through the development of these documents, GNRC solicits ongoing advice on key regional issues from local experts and industry representatives through its standing committee structure that includes the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). More information available at [GNRC.org](http://GNRC.org).

### About the Environmental RoundTable

GNRC established the Regional Environmental Roundtable in early 2020, with a kickoff meeting held on March 11, 2020. The Roundtable is part of a network of groups convened by GNRC to provide expert assistance and input into initiatives and work products that serve the needs of the Middle Tennessee region. It is a key component to GNRC's growing regional environmental planning capabilities and is expected to meet monthly during 2020 and will likely continue to meet into 2021.

The Roundtable includes representatives of federal and State government, nongovernmental organizations and academic institutions of higher learning. Each representative is seen to have a unique role or position in Middle Tennessee with respect to environmental conservation planning, conservation advocacy, natural resource management or research.

#### **OBJECTIVES - *what we will do together***

- Provide a venue for regional collaboration that cuts across sectors and environmental issues.
- Identify and address regional conservation priorities.
- Enhance the environmental focus of transportation planning and policymaking.
- Magnify the work of agencies leading in the environmental arena.

#### **OUTCOMES - *what we will do together***

- Public and private investments that improve environmental outcomes or minimize their disruption.
- Stronger interagency coordination and alignment.
- Bigger and faster wins in achieving the region's conservation priorities.
- Increased public support for conservation priorities.

### For More Information

[GNRC.org/Environmental-Roundtable](http://GNRC.org/Environmental-Roundtable)

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