

Mission

The State of Tennessee is currently developing its Inland Waterways Program. This program is administered through the Department of Transportation (TDOT), Division of Multimodal Transportation Resources, Office of Freight & Rail, Waterway Section. Tennessee has 1,046 miles of navigable waterways that form a productive inland waterway network and merges with the national waterway transportation system. These assets historically provide the key to viability and economic growth.

The mission of the Waterway Section is to:

- Partner with the US Army Corps of Engineers to maintain the navigability of Tennessee's inland river systems
- Highlight waterway transportation as a vital environmentally and economically sound mode of transportation
- Provide support to waterway users as an informational interface to current pertinent data
- Inform and educate the public to the priority and benefit of use of the inland waterways
- Gender efficiency and augment utilization of the inland waterways
- Foster connectivity of the inland waterways with other transportation modes, thereby increasing efficiency in the entire freight network
- Effectively liaison with local communities, stressing the state's interest to develop sustained growth

Vision

Serving as an information resource, the Waterways Section will centralize the available resources to benefit the waterways enterprise. In progressing toward the development of a mature Inland Waterways Program, the section will offer technical assistance to our industry participants while maintaining a public involvement plan to stay abreast of industry and state needs. The section will focus on legislative developments and opportunities in pursuit of developing a loan and grant component that will enhance the waterway transportation industry.