

Little Tennessee Native Fish Conservation Partnership Mission, Vision & Core Values

Mission

To conserve and restore habitat in the Little Tennessee River Basin for the benefit of native fishes and other aquatic wildlife.

Vision

The Little Tennessee River Basin is designated as a Native Fish Conservation Area. The aquatic resources of the Little Tennessee River and its tributaries are conserved and restored to the level that native fishes thrive as stable components of diverse ecological communities. Present and future citizens of the Basin benefit from clean water, outstanding outdoor recreation, and a stable economic base.

Core Values

- **FOCUS.** We work to conserve and restore aquatic and terrestrial habitats within the Little Tennessee River Basin, benefiting native fish and other aquatic wildlife.
- **KNOWLEDGE.** We support educational and science-based efforts that foster a strong ethic of stewardship so that citizens, decision makers, and land managers are aware of the values of the Basin's aquatic biodiversity and consistently work to protect and enhance it.
- **TEAMWORK.** We collaborate in an active partnership comprising agencies, organizations and individuals, in order to achieve common goals magnifying efforts through efficiency and collaboration.
- **CONNECTION.** We communicate clearly and openly within the Native Fish Conservation Partnership and with other interested stakeholders.