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Knoxville, TN – The Appalachian Mountain Bike Club is under contract to purchase 2.9 acres to add to Knoxville's Urban Wilderness. The property neighbors existing Knox County park space, and the popular South Loop Route (Lost Chromosome Trail) bisects the two parcels being purchased. This land conservation project will add to public space and maintain tree canopy, increase the greenspace buffer for trail users, and allow for a new neighborhood connector trail to increase access to the multi-use Urban Wilderness Trails.

AMBC needs your help raising \$35,000 in the coming weeks to purchase the 2.9 acres and develop a multi-use neighborhood connector trail.

"This property will conserve nearly 3 acres of land and bolster the buffer along the Urban Wilderness South Loop" states Appalachian Mountain Bike Club Executive Director, Matthew Kellogg.

Knoxville's Urban Wilderness is a spectacular outdoor adventure area where you can hike, bike, climb, paddle, or just wander in the woods – all within the heart of the city. Over 50 miles of trails and greenways connect you to a beautiful nature center, pristine lakes, historic sites, dramatic quarries, adventure playgrounds, five city parks, and a 500-acre wildlife area.

About Appalachian Mountain Bike Club

The <u>Appalachian Mountain Bike Club</u> (AMBC) develops, builds, and maintains trails while providing programming to increase access to outdoor recreation.

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AMBC is a chapter of the <u>Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association (SORBA)</u> and the <u>International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA)</u>.

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2.9 acres bisected by the South Loop Route (Lost Chromosome Trail)

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