

COST ESTIMATES FOR TENNESSEE RIVERS PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN A NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

River	Approximate length of proposed stretch (miles)	Average strip to be preserved on each side (miles)	Estimated average width of river ¹ (feet)	Total area (acres)	Approximate area to be acquired—		Estimated price per acre—		Estimated total
					In fee simple ² (acres)	By scenic easements (acres)	In fee ³	Scenic easement ⁴	
Obed system:									
Obed River.....	38.6	1/4	200						
Clear Creek.....	29.0	1/4	100						
Daddy's Creek.....	27.0	1/8	100						
	94.6			16,277	814	15,463	\$100	\$40	\$699,890
South Fork of the Cumberland:									
South Fork, in Tennessee.....	21.5	1/4	200						
Clear Fork River.....	26.6	1/8	100						
	48.1			18,860	943	17,917	\$55	\$22	\$446,039
Buffalo ⁵	116.0	1/16	100	10,686	534	10,152	\$300	\$120	\$1,218,240

¹ Width of the river itself has been included in the total area for purposes of cost estimates.

² Computed as 5 percent of total acreage in each case.

³ Obtained from real estate dealers operating in the respective areas.

⁴ Assumed to be 40 percent of the fee simple cost.

⁵ This acreage does not include lands within Catoosa Wildlife Management Area. It is assumed that such lands, already in State ownership, can be excluded from cost estimates, since they either are, or can be, effectively zoned for wilderness status. (The river mileages given do include stretches within the Catoosa area.)

⁶ The TVA has expressed its intention to develop this as a scenic free-flowing river, in cooperation with the State of Tennessee. It is hoped that TVA will eventually receive appropriations for this purpose.

Source: Prepared by Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning.