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### **TCWN and members files Federal Citizen Suit for Clean Water Act Violations at the Legends at Washington Pike Construction Site**

Location – Knoxville TN

The Tennessee Clean Water Network (“TCWN”) filed suit today in Federal Court against Babelay Farm, LLC, Clear Creek, Construction, LLC, Sharp Contracting, Inc., The Legends at Washington Pike, LLC, And Hathaway Construction Co., Inc. for violations of the Clean Water Act at the Legends at Washington Pike Subdivision construction site in east Knox County. The complaint charges that water quality violations have continued despite the notice of intent to sue TCWN sent July 29, 2009.

“We had hoped that the defendants would have used this time to correct the problems at this site, but unfortunately the pollution continues. Tennesseans do not have to accept pollution from construction sites like this one. It is illegal and it should be stopped,” says Renée Victoria Hoyos, Executive Director.

The suit counts 12 claims: eight counts of failure to comply with the conditions of the stormwater permit, one count of failure to comply with the agreed order reached with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, one count of creating a public nuisance, one count of trespass and one count of negligence.

“We have asked the court to levy the largest possible fines, up to \$37,500 per day per violation, and to get that site cleaned up.” Said Renée Victoria Hoyos, Executive Director.

To see the complaint in full and photos of the site, go to [www.tcwn.org/programs/litigation.php](http://www.tcwn.org/programs/litigation.php)

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