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TCWN files Federal Citizen Suit for Clean Water Act Violations against David Trantanella at the Casa Bella Subdivision in Knoxville

Location – Knoxville TN

The Tennessee Clean Water Network (“TCWN”) filed suit on December 14, 2009 in Federal Court against Mr. David Trantanella for violations of the Clean Water Act at the Casa Bella 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 October 2, 2009.

“The site has made some improvements, but it is still not in compliance with the Clean Water Act. Also, Mr. Trantanella has a long track record of noncompliance until he is compelled to act by an enforcement action. Any settlement will involve a consent decree lodged in federal court so that we can have some leverage to prevent future violations.” Says Renée Victoria Hoyos, Executive Director.

The suit counts 10 counts of failure to comply with the conditions of the stormwater permit. The suit covers five years of violations, including numerous days when discharges from the site have caused or contributed to violations of water quality standards in Murphy Creek and its tributaries.

“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 Ms. Hoyos.

To see the complaint in full and photos of the site, go to www.tcwn.org/programs/litigation.php#casa

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