

Appendix A – Public Scoping Documentation

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TVA to consider retail space in garage



Plans for a new downtown parking garage are moving forward, and it appears that Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) will consider including commercial space at street level.

A few weeks back, the Scope reported that TVA and the city were considering a deal to build a new garage between Locust and Walnut streets, in downtown Knoxville.

According to TVA, the two parties have entered a conditional Memorandum of Understanding, and the federal agency has begun accepting comments on the proposal. TVA is preparing an environmental assessment and is seeking comments about what factors the review should consider.

A preliminary description of the proposal can be found [here](#) and comments can be submitted [here](#). Comments can also be submitted by sending an email to tvainfo@tva.gov with "Attn: Knox Garage" in the subject line.

The proposal calls for a six- to seven-story garage with 800 to 1,000 spaces. According to TVA's summary, "Downtown Knoxville Design Guidelines would be applied where feasible. Consideration also would be given to incorporating into the design commercial or retail space at the street level."

Under the proposal, the city would acquire a surface parking lot on Locust Street, across from the fire station; the Liberty Building, at 415 Walnut Street (pictured above); and a small portion of a surface parking lot owned by an entity with ties to developer David Dewhirst.

The city would then donate the property to TVA, which would build the parking garage on the site.

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Proposed Knoxville Parking Garage – Public Comments

TVA has signed a memorandum of understanding with the city of Knoxville and is considering the construction of an 800-to-1,000 space parking structure in downtown Knoxville between Summer Place, Union Ave., Walnut St. and Locust St. TVA is seeking public comment as part of an environmental assessment (EA).

The city of Knoxville will purchase the necessary property, remove the existing building and transfer the land to TVA. TVA will design and fund construction of the proposed parking structure.

TVA is interested in receiving comments on the potential for the proposed garage to affect the environment, including historic properties, and to identify any other issues associated with this proposal. The comments will be used to identify issues to be addressed in the EA.

For additional information about the project and/or to provide comments, please visit the project web page at www.tva.com/environment/reports/knoxville_parking_garage. Comments also may be submitted by emailing info@tva.gov with "Attn: Knox Garage" in the subject line. Comments must be received by July 25, 2012.



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