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## **Tennessee Environmental Council Announces Leadership Transition**

Nashville, Tennessee: Rod McDaniel, the TN Environmental Council's new Board Chair, announced today that John McFadden, the long-term CEO has stepped down effective December 31, 2018. "We are indebted to the leadership of John, who has made significant contributions to the work of the Council since 2006," said Rod McDaniel.

"John's visionary leadership resulted in many achievements in the last decade, including the planting of more than 600,000 trees, with 1000s of volunteers reaching every corner of our state improving our economy, communities, and quality of life," said Bob Freeman, Treasurer and immediate past Chairman of the Board. In addition, McFadden has taken 1000's of students into rivers and streams to study the great biodiversity of Tennessee and teach problem-solving skills around natural resource issues. McFadden has worked for the Council longer than any other employee and in early December was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award for his accomplishments.

The Council's board of directors selected Jeffrey Barrie, currently Chief Operations Officer to serve as Interim CEO. "We're confident in Jeff's ability to manage the transition as he knows the organization inside and out" according to McDaniel. Barrie has been with the Council since 2014.

Tennessee Environmental Council was founded in 1970, with a mission to educate and advocate for the conservation and improvement of our environment, communities and public health. Its current programs include the Tennessee Tree Project, Sustainable Tennessee and Watershed Support Center with supporting campaigns Come, Post Your Compost and Tennessee Recycles.

For more information about the Tennessee Environmental Council, visit [tectn.org](http://tectn.org).

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