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Concord Park to Get First-of-its-Kind Emergency Locator Signs

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— A local Boy Scout plans to install a series of emergency response locator signs along the Concord Park trails by this fall – something that would be the first of its kind in Knox County.

Harrison Masters is working with the Knox County Parks and Recreation Department and Rural Metro to place 30 to 40 markers on the east side of Concord Park. The signs are designed to help emergency responders more quickly identify those who might need medical assistance on the trail.

Masters, who chose the initiative as his Eagle Scout Service Project, is expected to finish his fundraising efforts by the end of August and then have the signs printed. He'll also meet with Rural Metro to map out a system and hopes to finish by the end of September.

"People needing help would be able to recall the sign they just passed, greatly reducing the guess work for first responders when trying to locate them," Masters said. "As a bonus these signs will also function as trail markers to help trail users identify where they are at all times. Systems like this are used nationwide from Texas to Minnesota and I hope to provide the community with a greater peace of mind with these signs placed in Concord."

Masters hopes his project inspires others to adopt similar emergency plans across the county.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs commended the proposal and said the county would be happy to participate.

"We're thrilled to be working with Mr. Masters on this project," the Mayor said. "All of us should be proud that young people like Harrison call Knox County home. This project – which is Harrison's idea – along with Harrison's willingness to take the initiative and his determination to see it through, will help make Knox County an even better place to live, work and raise a family."

For more information or to help donate to the project, contact Harrison at mastershm1@comcast.net

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