



Caves and Brownfields

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Caves

It is an offense for any person, without the prior permission of the owner, to knowingly deface or destroy caves and caverns or to force open a gate guarding a cave entrance. T.C.A. § 11-5-108.

Brownfields

T.C.A. § 68-212-224 and T.C.A. § 68-212-226 create a voluntary brownfield redevelopment program. Under this program, the commissioner of environment and conservation may make grants and loans to local governments from federal and state funds for cleanup of disposal sites or brownfields.

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