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Nashville's Sustainability Outlet

Interview with Anne Davis, lawyer and community volunteer; former managing attorney for the Tennessee office of Southern Environmental Law Center; former first lady of Nashville; member of Mayor Dean's Green Ribbon Committee and Mayor Barry's Livable Nashville Committee. (April 2020)

Q: What are you are working on as part of the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Committee?

A: Co-chairing the Climate and Energy subcommittee with Tiffany Wilmot, where we are looking at how Nashville can reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by utilizing more renewable energy.

Q: How/ why did you become passionate about sustainability?

A: I love the outdoors and have been passionate about protecting the environment since I was a teenager. I had the opportunity to get involved in some environmental cases when I was in the private practice of law, and then when my husband Karl became Mayor, I had an opportunity to help make Nashville a more sustainable community.

Q: What is your top sustainability tip for others?

A: Do what you can; don't beat yourself up for not being able to do everything.

Q: What is your vision for a more sustainable Nashville?

A: A more walkable and bike-able city with sidewalks, bike lanes and lots of mass transit. Lots of solar panels, green infrastructure and LEED certified buildings.

Q: How are you celebrating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day?

A: Walking my dog in one of our beautiful parks.