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## **Fifth annual Creek Fest cancelled because of severe weather**

MOBILE, Alabama — Organizers of today’s fifth annual Creek Fest at Tricentennial Park have announced the event will be cancelled because of severe weather. There are no plans at this time to reschedule.

“We had met on Friday afternoon and discussed the weather forecast,” said Kelly Warren, who oversees the Mobile County Health Department’s public health advisory board called Women Making A Difference that puts on the festival. “We thought there would be a break in the weather that would allow us to squeeze in Creek Fest.

“However, the thunder and lightning that we have encountered this morning sealed the decision. We have to be concerned about the safety of our exhibitors, our volunteers and our visitors. I regret that we had to cancel for the very first time.”

Creek Fest is a celebration of TMC, which was the city’s first source of drinking water. It affects many local communities as it flows through six of Mobile’s seven districts, parts of Prichard and all three of Mobile County’s districts.

The event was to have included a cane-pole fishing tournament for ages 16 and under, along with other family-friendly activities. Several special events had been added this year, including a children’s fun run. Area civic groups, environmental organizations and entities that promote healthy exercise had been invited and would have been available to tell the festival attendees about their mission. Merit badge classes for Boy Scouts were scheduled.

Discussions for a path along TMC began in the 1980s. Women Making a Difference got things rolling in 2013 by applying for and receiving a \$218,650 grant from the Sybil H. Smith Charitable Trust. This money was used to complete the 0.8-mile section now in use at Tricentennial Park, as well as the canoe and kayak launch.

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