





TN Fish and Wildlife Commission



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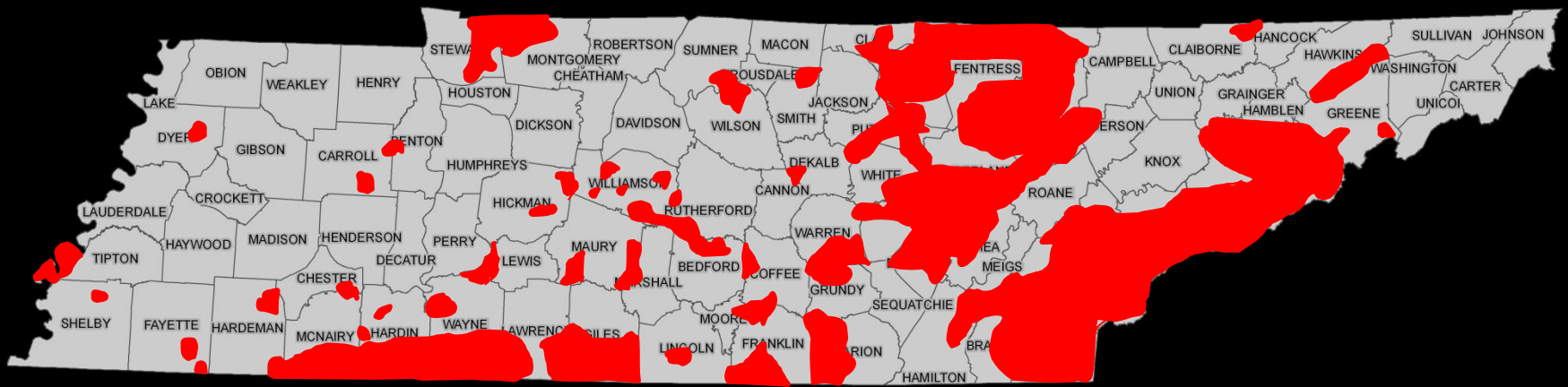
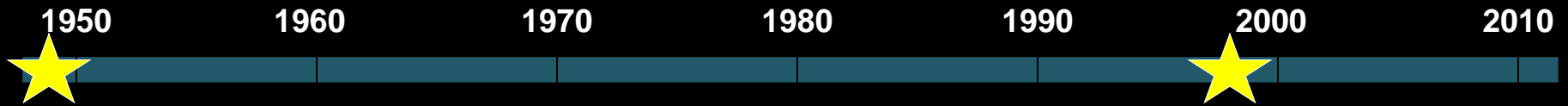
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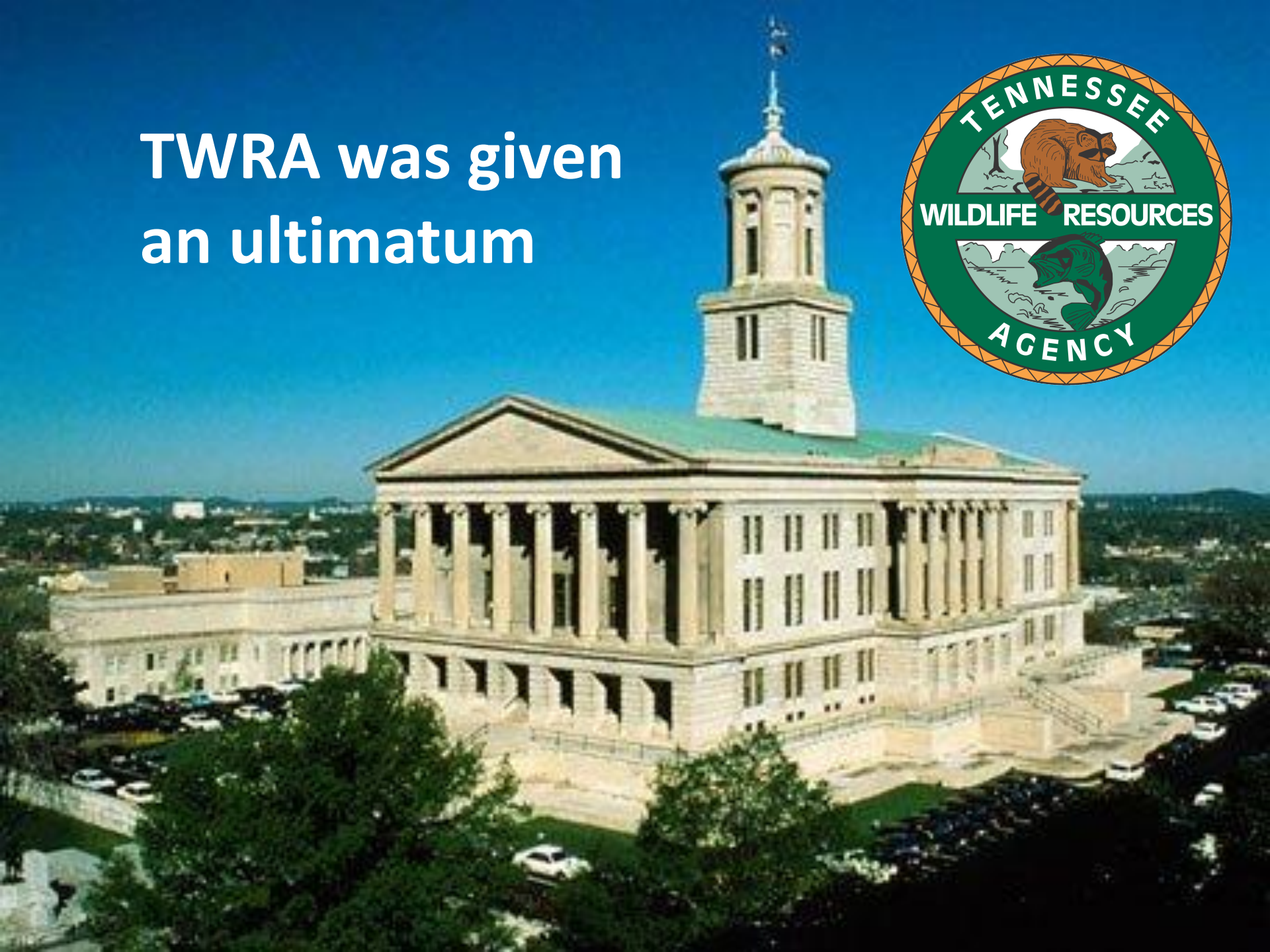
Wild Hog Expansion

Statewide season began in 1999

10 years of statewide hog hunting



TWRA was given
an ultimatum



TWRA's chose the Kansas model:

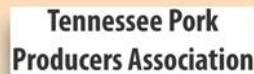
- Eliminating incentives- ending sport hunting on private and public lands
- Creating effective means of control
- Educational outreach



**TWRA recognized
it could not do this
alone**

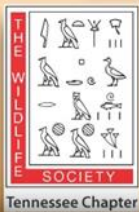


Something else had to be the “face of change” if this was going to work



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WILD HOG ERADICATION ACTION TEAM



WHEAT went to work as the face of change in Tennessee

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Challenges in the field



Signs of success....



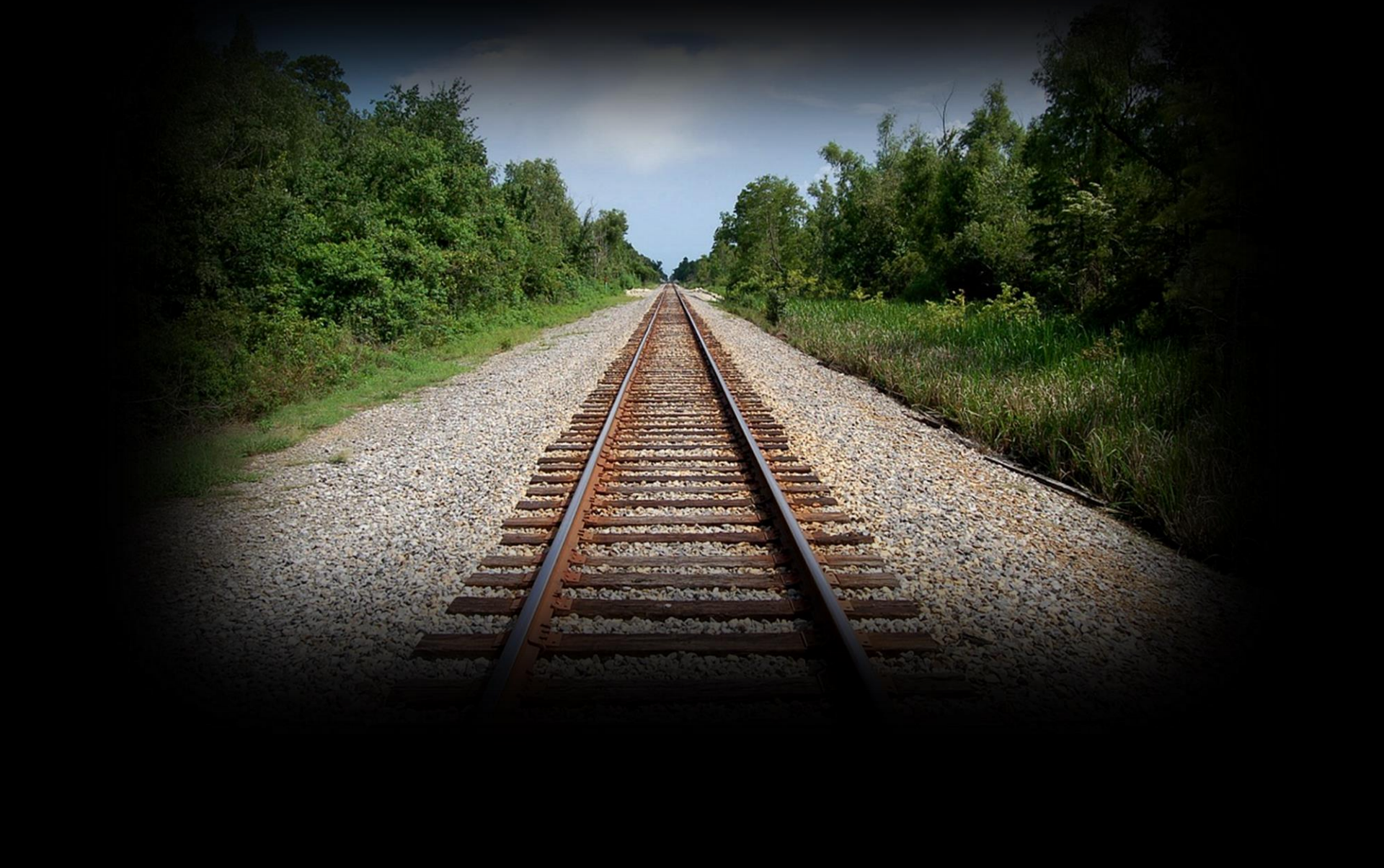
There are continued challenges....

- Popularity of hog hunting is growing nationally
- Enforcement of illegal transportation/stocking
- Landowners creating refuges for wild hogs and not being open to assistance from government agencies

More challenges....

- Legislative compromises
- Full cooperation by partners
- Messaging

WHEAT is on the right track



There are many benefits to partnering..

- One agency is not the “face of change”
- Increased influence
- Educational outreach
- Cooperative funding of research, etc.
- Halo effect on other issues (e.g., deer damage)

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Words of wisdom....

- Someone has to own it on private lands- funding and enforcement required
- Empower the agency to develop a partnership and create accountability for strategically selected partners to participate
- Don't be too formal in developing the partnership

Words of wisdom....

- Have the same agency regulate transport and take, and make regs. enforceable
- Don't establish economic incentives (e.g., preserves, bounties & buying stations) or allow live possession
- Expect hog hunters to oppose action, focus on the greater good-someone is going to get squeezed
- Address both private and public lands
- Set expirations on legislative compromises

