

The Katy Trail

Past, Present and Future of the Iconic Urban Trail





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The Katy Trail is a first class 3.5-mile long urban hike and bike trail constructed on an abandoned Missouri-Kansas-Texas (MKT or "Katy") Railroad tracks in the core of the 4th largest metropolitan area in America. This trail is a beautiful landscaped pedestrian and bike trail system that attracts over a million visitors every year. As a result, the Katy Trail is undergoing a major face lift and upgrades that will make it bigger, better and more user friendly than even before. Learn more from Robin Baldock, Executive Director of Friends of the Katy Trail about the master plan and ongoing campaign to enhance and make the Katy Trail the best urban trail in America.









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Growth, urban design issues, economic development, transportation, water issues, energy and education remain a core focus of the organization. A variety of issue task forces bring together professionals concerned about the future of the region and evaluate policies and new design concepts. The members of the task forces evaluate information, invite area leaders to their meetings and develop policy recommendations that are forwarded to local leaders and the media. GDPC has a strong history of involvement and influence!



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