

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Friends of the Katy Trail is the nonprofit organization responsible for maintaining and enhancing the Trail for the benefit of Dallas citizens and visitors. We partner with you through memberships, event sponsorships, and individual and corporate support to keep the Trail clean, safe, and beautiful.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS



Construction by The Loop Dallas on the plaza at the Trail's south end begins.



The capital campaign for the Katy Trail 2024 City Bond projects reaches \$1.5 million in funds.

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR



Carolyn Salas' *Gone* placed south of the Armstrong entrance



Annual Katy Trail Ice House Invitational golf tournament raises \$100,000 for Friends of the Katy Trail.



Katy Trail Art partners with the Dallas Museum of Art to install Hidenori Ishii's *Grow Till Tall - Still Life* mural at the Knox Street crossing.



Nasher Sculpture Center collaborates with the Katy Trail to host a "Make and Take" children's art event at the Thomsen Overlook.



Spring Support Campaign raises \$151,000 for Katy Trail operations.



MAY

JUN

JUL

AUG



Annual Donor Appreciation Party held at the home of Sarah Ketterer and Alan Vorwald





2025 HIGHLIGHTS



27th Annual Katy 5K presented by Michelob Ultra sells out three weeks before the event, with a record number of sponsors, picnic partners, and funds raised.



Clay Cooley Auto Group Dallas Animal Services dog adoptions continue on the Trail.



Friends of the Katy Trail receives the Dallas Historical Society's Jubilee History Maker Award.

SEPT

OCT

NOV

DEC

Donate Today!



YOUR DONATIONS:

- Maintain the Landscaping
- Light the Trail
- Provide Water for People and Pets
- Fund Safety Signage and Upgrades
- And More!



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Annual North Texas Giving Day effort brings in \$52,000+.



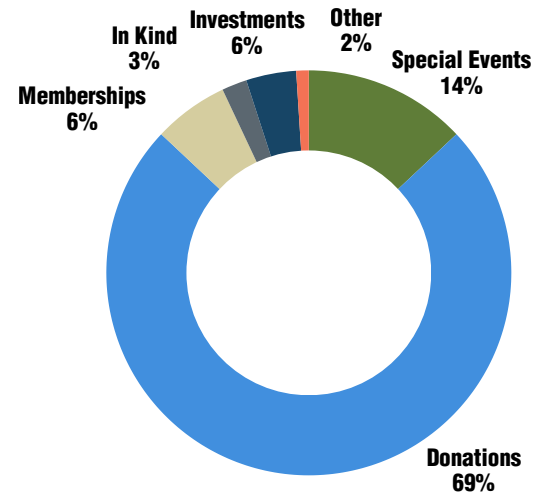
SWA Principal Chuck McDaniel receives the David Stocks Service Award.



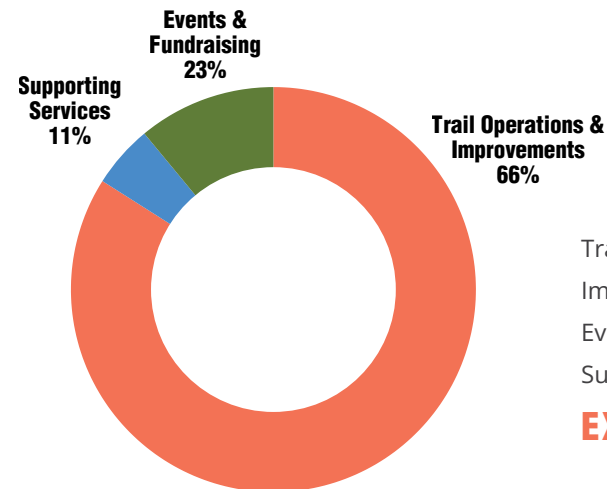
2025 NUMBERS

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Friends of the Katy Trail is to maintain, enhance, and advocate for the Katy Trail as the premier trail for recreation, wellness, and alternative transportation in the City of Dallas.



Donations	\$3,315,560
Special Events	\$664,987
Memberships	\$283,916
Investments	\$270,311
In Kind	\$135,673
Other	\$96,488
INCOME:	\$4,766,935



Trail Operations and Improvements	\$1,515,893
Events & Fundraising	\$524,235
Supporting Services	\$243,964
EXPENSES:	\$2,284,092

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For 28 years, Friends of the Katy Trail has worked alongside this community to transform what was once an abandoned rail corridor into one of Dallas' most treasured public spaces. It is hard to imagine that the original proponents of the project could have envisioned what the Katy Trail has become today.

At its heart, the Katy Trail remains a green oasis weaving through the center of urban Dallas. What I love most about the Trail is that it doesn't prescribe how you should experience it. Instead, it quietly meets you where you are. Always ready to offer a walk beneath the trees, a challenging run, a peaceful moment of reflection, a conversation with a friend, or even the setting for a first date. Whatever you need, the Katy Trail is there for you.

Over time, the Katy Trail has become much more than a linear park. It has served as a catalyst for billions of dollars in economic development, helped foster countless running clubs and community groups that connect Dallasites with one another, encouraged healthier lifestyles, and strengthened the sense of place that makes our City so vibrant.

This past year was another remarkable one for Friends of the Katy Trail. Together, we enhanced the Trail's landscape, advanced important capital improvements, expanded programs and partnerships, and strengthened the philanthropic support that ensures the Trail will thrive for generations to come. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our Staff and Board of Directors, generous donors, committed volunteers, corporate partners, and the countless people who make the Katy Trail part of their lives.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary community. We are honored to serve as stewards of the Katy Trail and look forward to continuing this work together.



Amy Bean
Executive Director,
Friends of the Katy Trail

Would you like to support Friends of the Katy Trail?
Here are some ideas.

– Ann Whitley Wood
Senior Director, Major Gifts and Membership



- Purchase an **annual Membership** available at many levels, from \$75 to \$5,000
- Give to the **Spring Support Campaign** to boost early-in-the-year operations funds
- Participate in **North Texas Giving Day** with a donation to Friends of the Katy Trail
- Walk, run, sponsor, or volunteer at the **Katy 5K**
- Become a **Community Partner** and enjoy custom recognition, Katy 5K, membership, and community involvement benefits
- **Name a Trail aspect or amenity**, such as a bench, to honor a person, family, or organization and add to the Greenscape Fund
- Pay an event fee to “table” on the Trail to **promote a business or service**



Goldman Sachs Trail cleanup volunteers

- **Maintain a stretch of the Trail** and receive a light pole recognition sign
- Support **Katy Trail Art** to bring world-class art installations to the Trail

Katy Trail Community Parties



Member parties



Donor Party



Holiday on the Trail



2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

As I think about 2025, I am struck by how much Friends of the Katy Trail continues to give back to our community. The Trail is more than a place to walk or ride; it is a thread that connects our neighborhoods, our residents, and our local businesses. It offers a place for physical and mental well-being, framed by natural beauty that our public art along the Trail only enhances. Increasingly, the Katy Trail also serves as an ambassador to visitors, giving them a memorable first impression of our City.

This year, Trail usage continued to climb, and development on and around the Trail reached an all-time high. We enjoyed a record-breaking year for the Katy 5K, with our largest turnout yet, a great reminder of how much this event, and this Trail, means to the community. And we celebrated the 2025 Jubilee History Maker Award that Friends of the Katy Trail received from the Dallas Historical Society, in recognition of this nonprofit's contributions to Dallas for over 25 years.

This past year was a significant one for Friends of the Katy Trail from a funding aspect, as well. We successfully raised funds for two major Bond Capital Campaign projects: the restoration of the Knox to Harvard segment and a new entrance at Fairmount/Maple. Planning and design for this phase funded directly by FKT will begin in Fall 2026. We are proud to have secured this critical early support and look forward to seeing these projects take shape.

Throughout the year, we continued to iterate near, mid, and long-term landscaping projects, keeping the Trail looking its best in every season. Katy Trail Art installations also continued to make art approachable, accessible, and outdoors for everyone.

None of this happens without the people of Friends of the Katy Trail. I want to thank our Staff for their tireless work for the Trail and their collaboration with our partners at the City, our volunteers, businesses, and Trail users alike, keeping the Trail safe, beautiful, welcoming, and for being such a great team to work alongside. I also want to thank our Board of Directors for their vision, advocacy, and generous investment of time, talent, and treasure to continue to enhance the Trail.

As always, thank you for being part of this community. Please get out and enjoy the Katy Trail!

Brian Callahan
President, Friends of the Katy Trail, 2025-2026



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Brian Callahan

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