



*Dear Friend:*

Each April, Friends of the Katy Trail sends this spring mailing with two aims in mind: one, to seek operations funds needed for the Katy Trail in the first half of the year and, two, to provide Dallas citizens with an update on the Trail.

This last year, FKT has looked both to the past--to understand what the Trail has achieved for our City--and toward an exciting future. In November, our nonprofit received the Dallas Historical Society's Jubilee History Maker Award. The award recognized that what started when a group of neighbors reimagined an abandoned rail line has blossomed into one of Dallas' most beloved public spaces. The Trail isn't just a set of recreational paths. It is a civic asset.

Now, in 2026, with annual visits double those two years ago, the community-funded Katy Trail is a sanctuary for millions in the Dallas area. People of all ages and backgrounds find themselves here: for wellness, for fresh air and a dose of nature, and for connection with others. In a time when we all crave health and true togetherness, the impact of the Katy Trail continues to grow culturally and economically.

At FKT, we seek to elevate the Trail going forward to meet Trailgoer needs. Recently, we completed fundraising for Bond projects that will bring a new Fairmount entrance plus North end landscape restoration; we increased activation events that align with the Trail's spirit; and we announced the first KTX Biennial, an exhibition of art works in harmony with the Trail landscape, to debut in 2027. Upcoming months will bring new floral plantings and an America250 display.

Our City's special Katy Trail echoes the purpose of the railway that once ran its course: to connect. Please help FKT continue to preserve the many benefits of the Trail and to unite us, in a lovely natural setting, with a gift to the Spring Support Campaign. Donations of any size are so appreciated. Thank you and Happy Spring!

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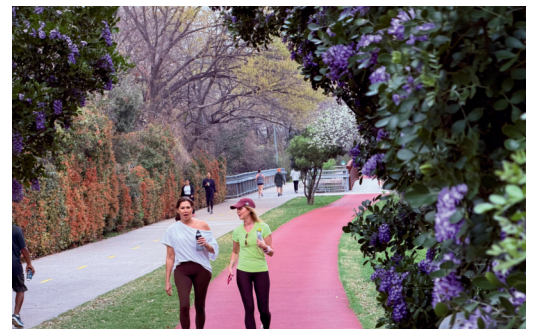
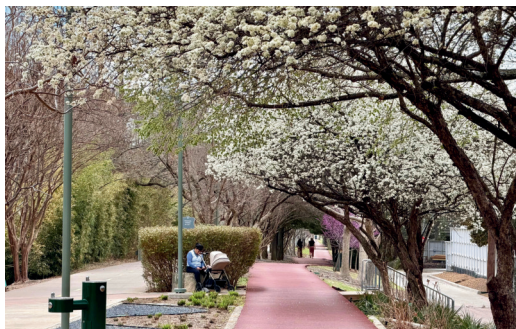
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