Dear Friend:

If you have visited the Katy Trail lately, you know that the signs of the spring are everywhere on the Trail. Flowers are blooming, pollinator insects are busy, and the friendly chirps of monk parakeets fill the air near the Knox crossing.

There is also a palpable sense of joy and community on the Katy Trail. A wide array of people are enjoying the Trail: walkers, runners, cyclists, commuters on their way to work, patrons heading to local restaurants and stores, young mothers strolling their children together, even tourists who consider the Katy Trail a must-see Dallas destination. The Trail is one of our most important public spaces, and we as a community must keep it that way.

For over 25 years, the mission of Friends of the Katy Trail has been to beautifully maintain and continuously improve the Katy Trail. FKT’s recent enhancements to the Trail include public art by Nic Nicosia, new safety signs, and a bike repair station at Victory Overlook. Spring will also bring a new workout area at the Trail’s south end and plantings of seasonal color.

Because the Katy Trail is community funded, we are writing to ask you to make a gift to the Spring Support Campaign. This campaign is our once-a-year outreach to the entire Dallas community. The monies raised are important for Trail operations in the first half of 2023, since the Katy 5K is held in September.

Every recent year as we write this letter, there is significantly higher Trail usage to report. People counters tell us that the 1.5 million annual Trail visits in 2021 grew to 2 million visits in 2022. This level of demand takes a toll and, together with inflation, continues to increase the costs of landscaping, security, lights, signage, and water for people and the Trail’s many pets.

We hope you feel that the Katy Trail helps you and our city in important ways and that you will keep it going by donating to the spring campaign. You may return the enclosed gift form, visit katytraildallas.org/donate (choose General Giving), or scan the QR code to give. Donations of any size are truly appreciated, and we thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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