

# Happy Trails

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## A Note From The Chair

Greetings, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join the Kentucky Rails-to-Trails Council. The KRTC has been in existence for over two years now. During that time, faithful members have been working hard volunteering their time and skills to encourage and support the development of rail-trails and greenways in Kentucky.

We believe that linear parks can be real assets for Kentucky communities. They provide opportunities for fitness, recreation, tourism, and economic development. But, developing them takes a lot of energy and people.

Please, come and work with us!

Sandy Shafer  
*KRTC Chair*

## What is the Kentucky Rails-to-Trails Council ?

The Kentucky Rails to Trails Council is a not-for-profit corporation. It has been incorporated in Kentucky and has been granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. KRTC was founded in September 1994 by interested citizens seeking to enhance the quality of life in our communities.

## What does the KRTC do ?

- KRTC will work with local interests to establish organizations to develop a greenway or trail. It will act as a source of information and expertise on project funding, design, public information, and greenway or rail trail management.
- Working with local interests, private groups, state and federal agencies, KRTC will seek to increase public awareness of rail trail and greenway development opportunities. It will implement public educational programs to help increase awareness of the environmental, recreational, social and economic benefits of greenways and rail trails.
- Where a railroad right of way has been abandoned, KRTC will seek a local organization to develop it as a greenway or rail trail. If no local group is available, then KRTC will act on the project.
- KRTC will serve as a source of information and technical advice for greenway or rail trail projects when requested by the sponsoring agency. KRTC will provide expertise and factual information to those seeking to establish policies which will favor their establishment.
- KRTC will work closely with the Rails to Trails Conservancy, a national organization, seeking their advice, and support for programs in Kentucky.

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# CALENDAR

OCT. 15<sup>th</sup> KRTC BOARD MEETING 5:00 PM  
 Lexington-Fayette Government Center 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
 200 East Main Street - Lexington KY

OCT. 29<sup>th</sup> KRTC MONTHLY MEETING 7:00 PM  
 Lexington Public Library (Central) 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room "C"  
 140 East Main Street - Lexington KY

NOV. 19<sup>th</sup> KRTC BOARD MEETING 5:00 PM  
 Lexington-Fayette Government Center 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
 200 East Main Street - Lexington KY



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I'd like to become a member of the Kentucky Rails to Trails Council and help establish rail-trails in the state of Kentucky.

INDIVIDUAL (ANNUAL) \$10.00

FAMILY (ANNUAL) \$15.00

Make checks payable to: **Kentucky Rails to Trails Council**

Mail your completed form to: **KRTC**  
**512 Southbend Dr.**  
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