

Rails to Trials

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Abandoned Railroad to Trail



Lied Plate River Bridge

National Trails System Act

The National Trails System Act, approved October 2, 1968, provides for establishment of National Recreation and National Scenic trails.

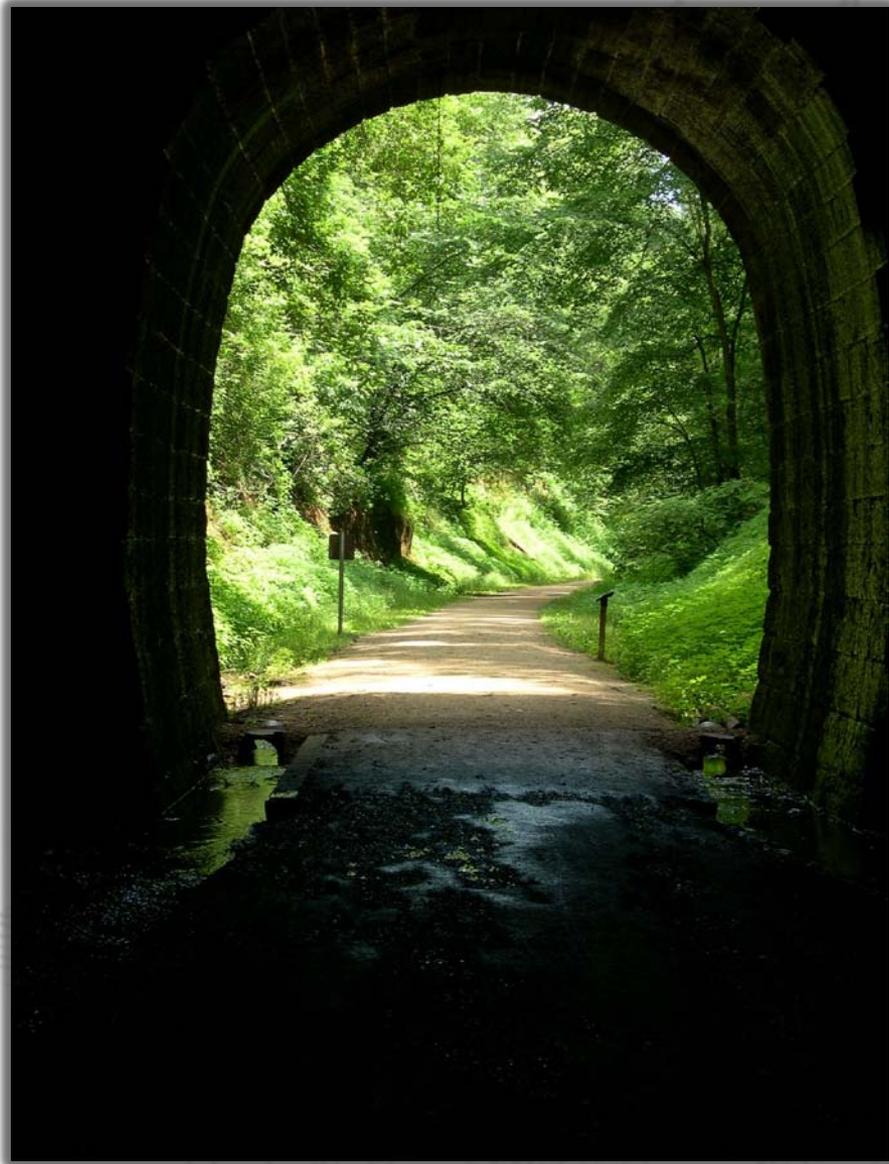
Approved November 10, 1978, an amended the Act to create a new category of National Historic Trails, to closely follow original routes of national historic significance.

In 1990, US Supreme Court ruled as constitutional the railbanking provision of the National Trails System Act in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Congress passed the Transportation Enhancement provisions of Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act in 1991. (Six years)

The Transportation Equity Act for 21st Century was passed in 1998, with funding totaling \$198 billion. (Six years)

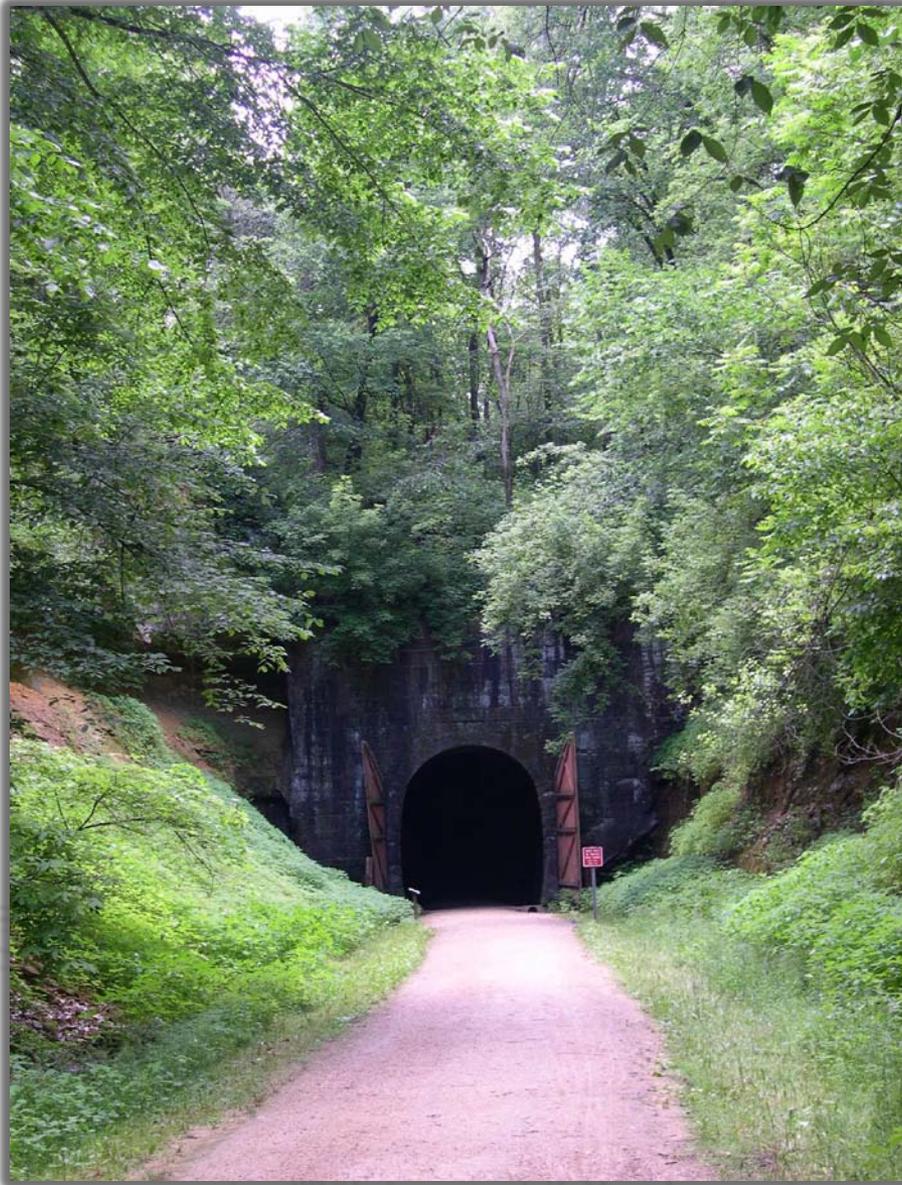
August 10, 2005, President Bush signs Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA), with guaranteed funding totaling \$244 billion. (Six years)



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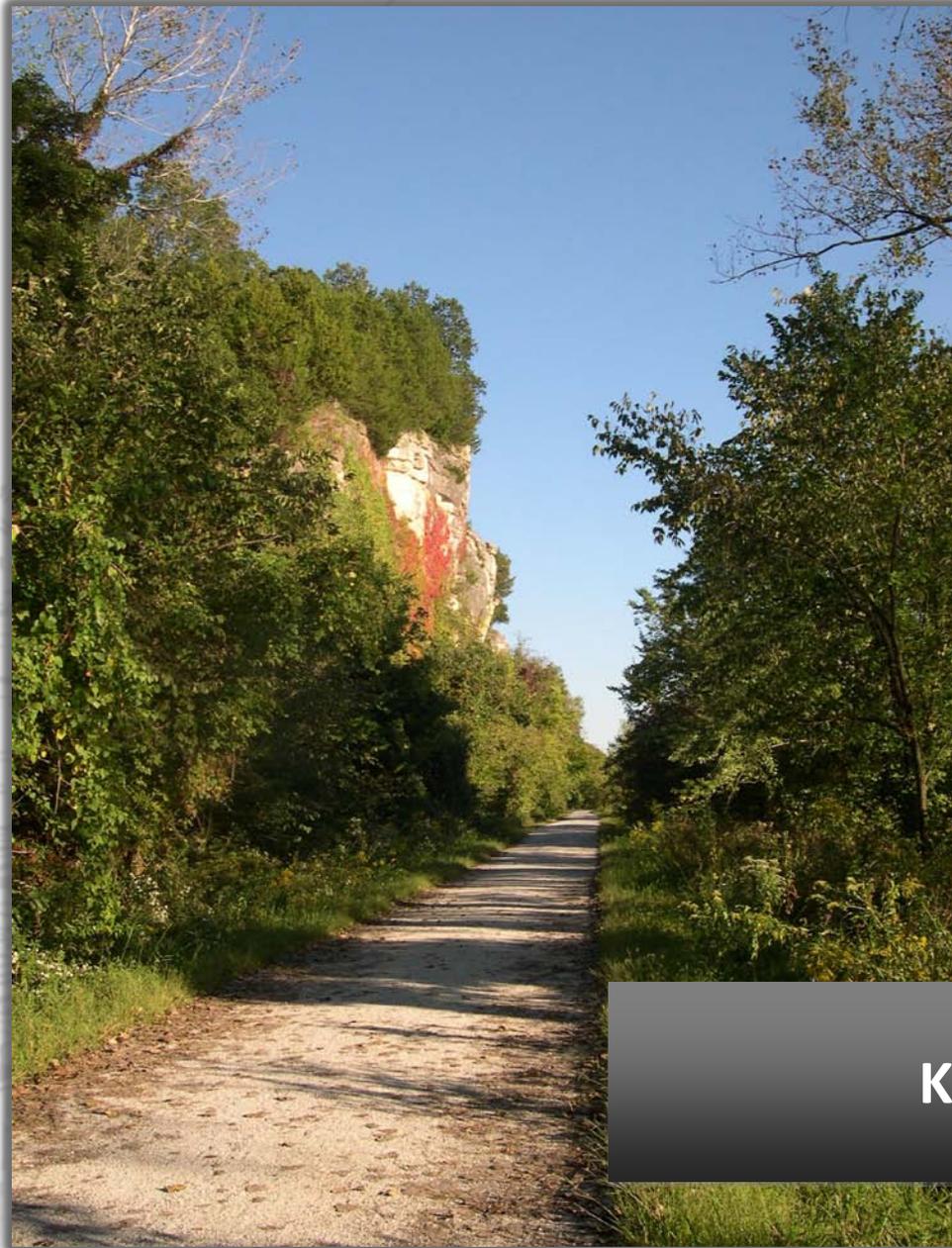


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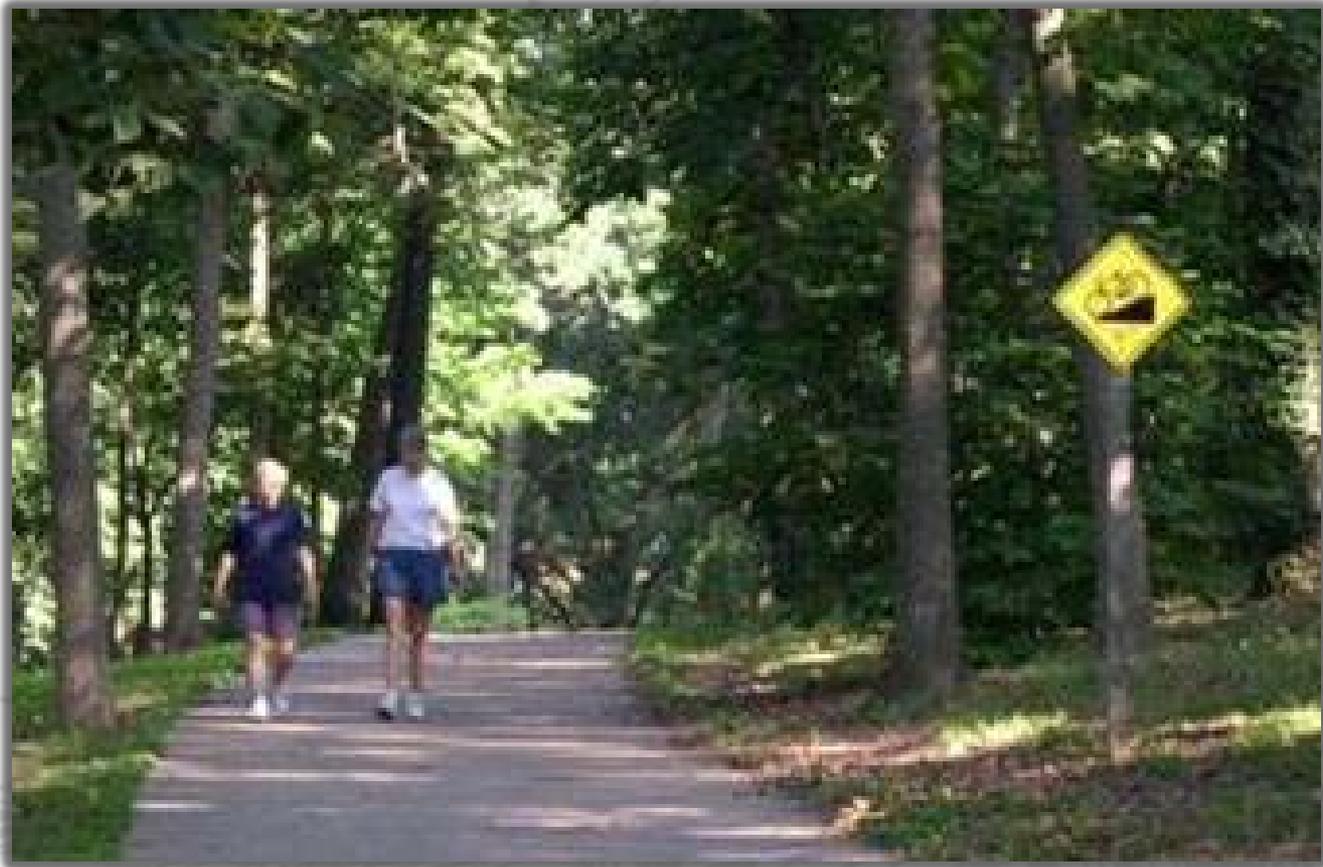
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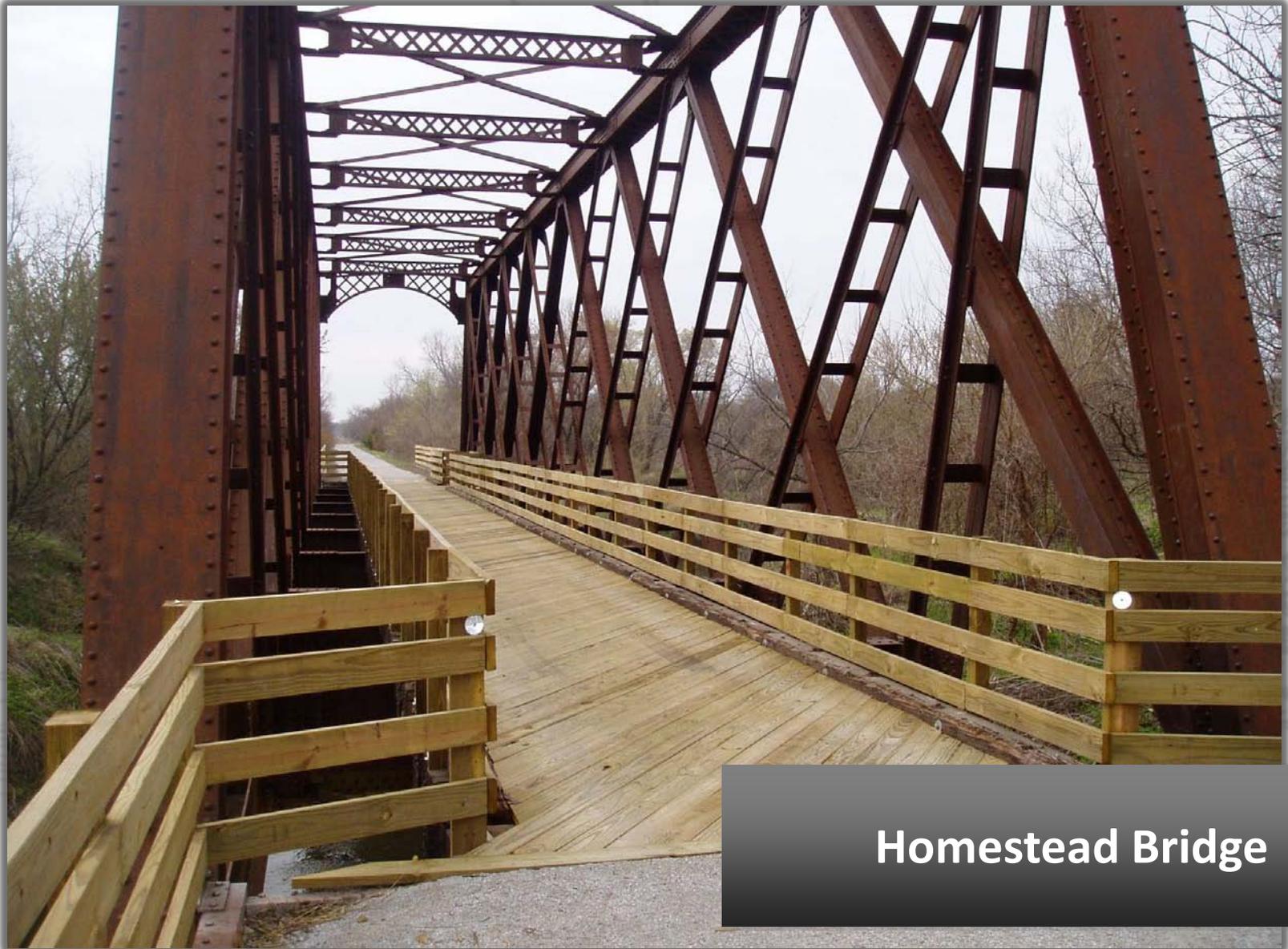
Katy Trail



St. Joseph Trail



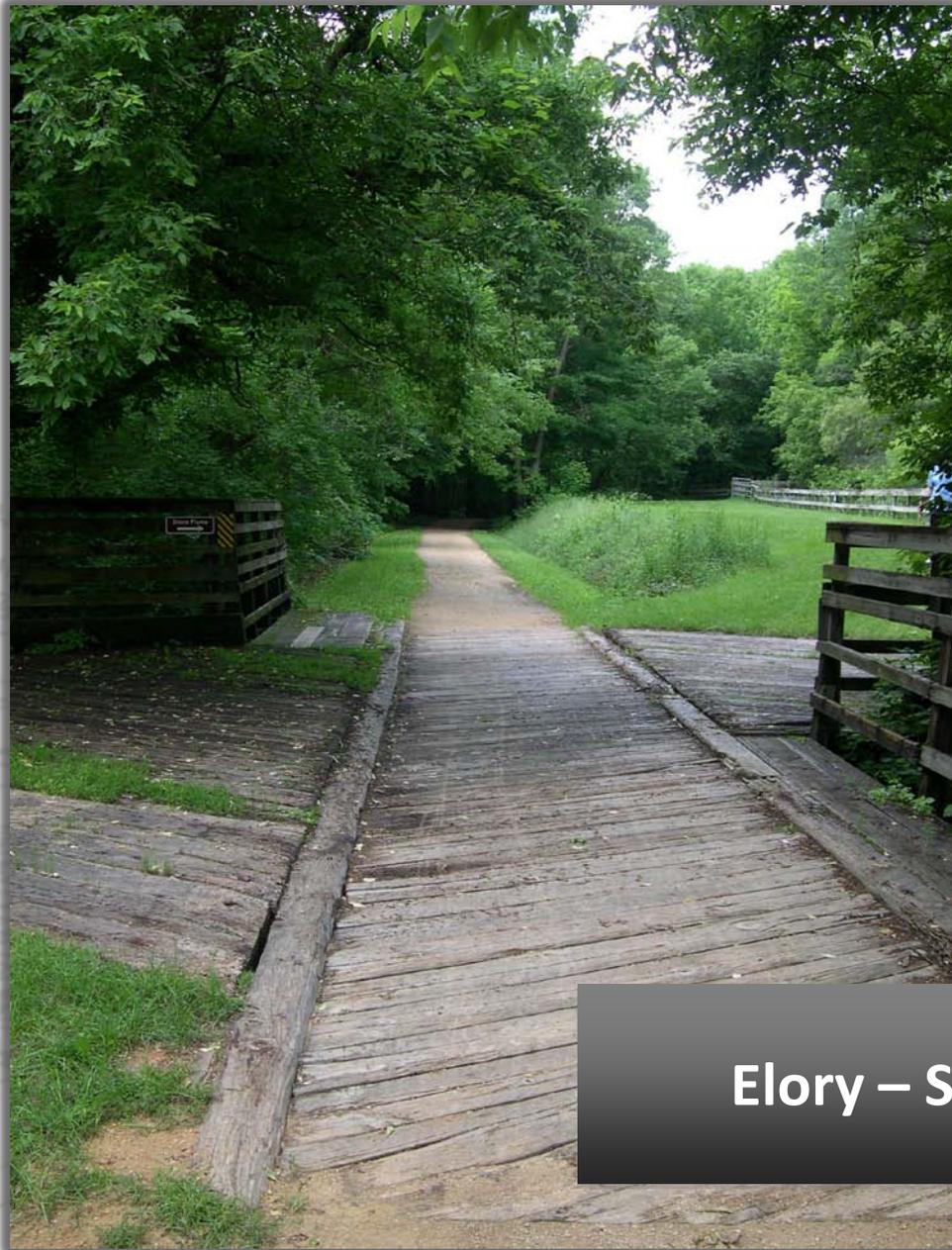
Landon Trail



Homestead Bridge



Wabash Trail



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Katy Trail - Clinton



River Scene



Kerry Bridge



Wabash Trail



Mo Pac Trail



Homestead Trail

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Oak Creek Trail

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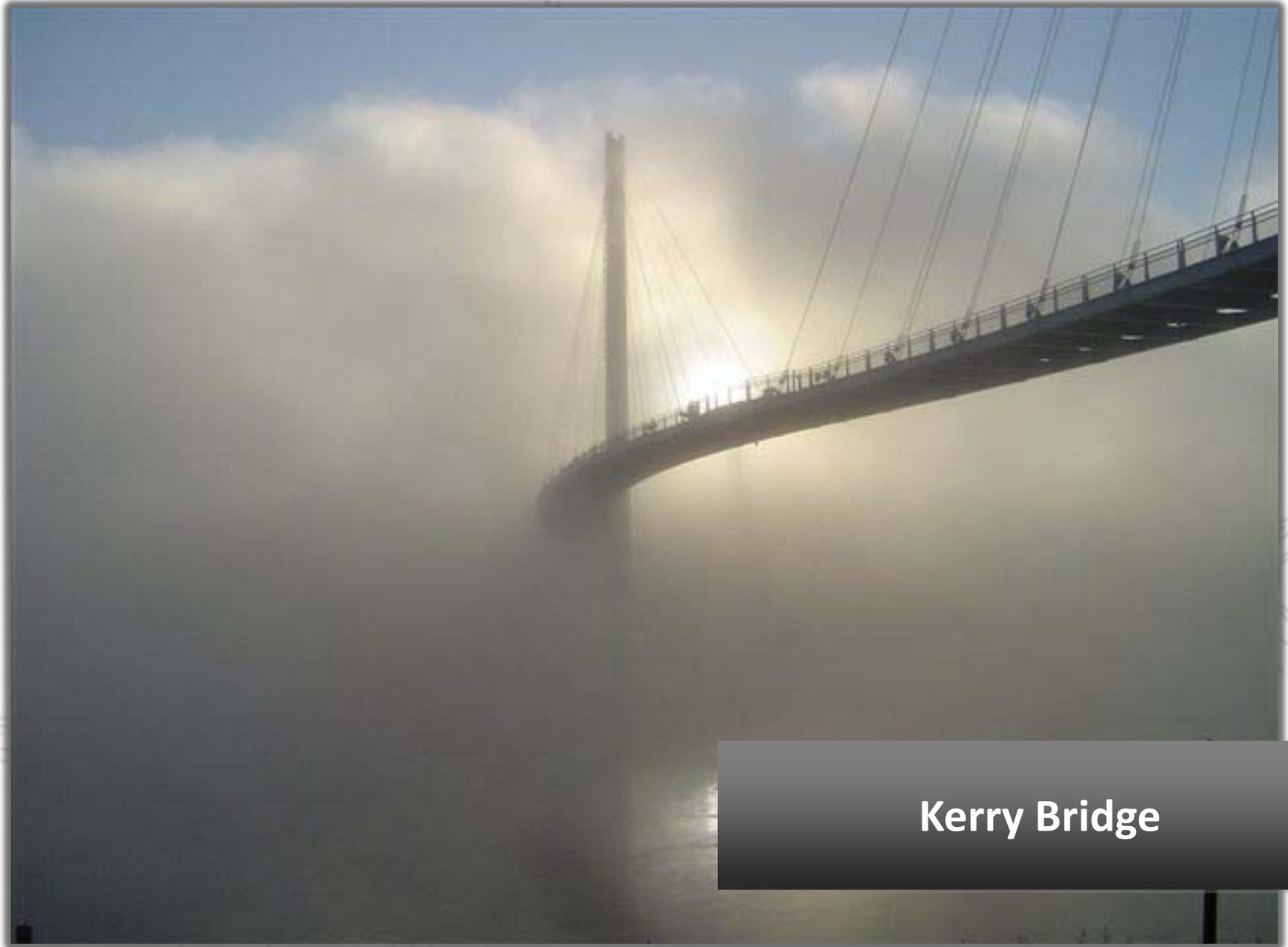
KC Bridge



Platte City Trail



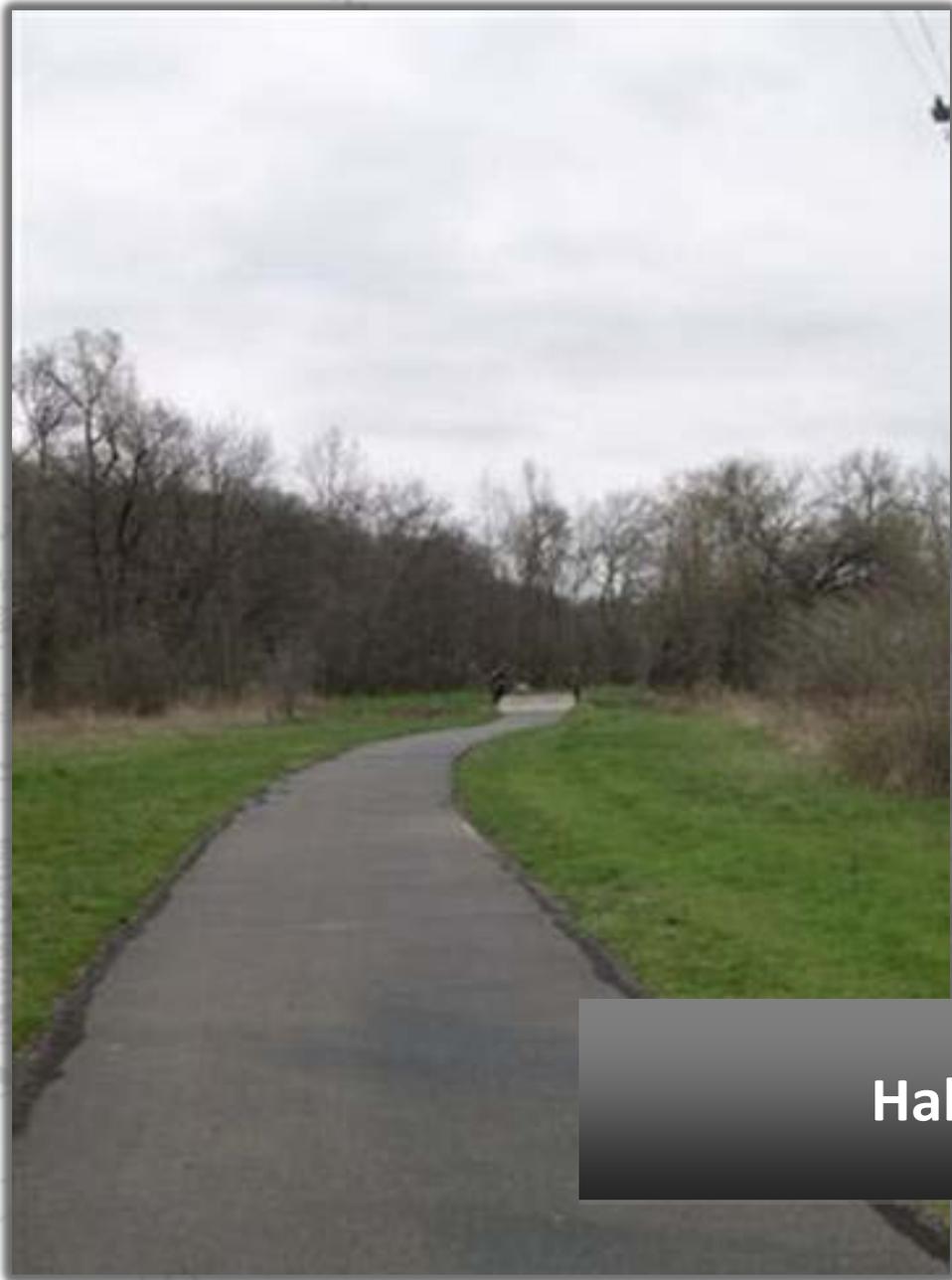
Rail Car - Dearborn



Kerry Bridge



Lied Bridge



Haller Trail



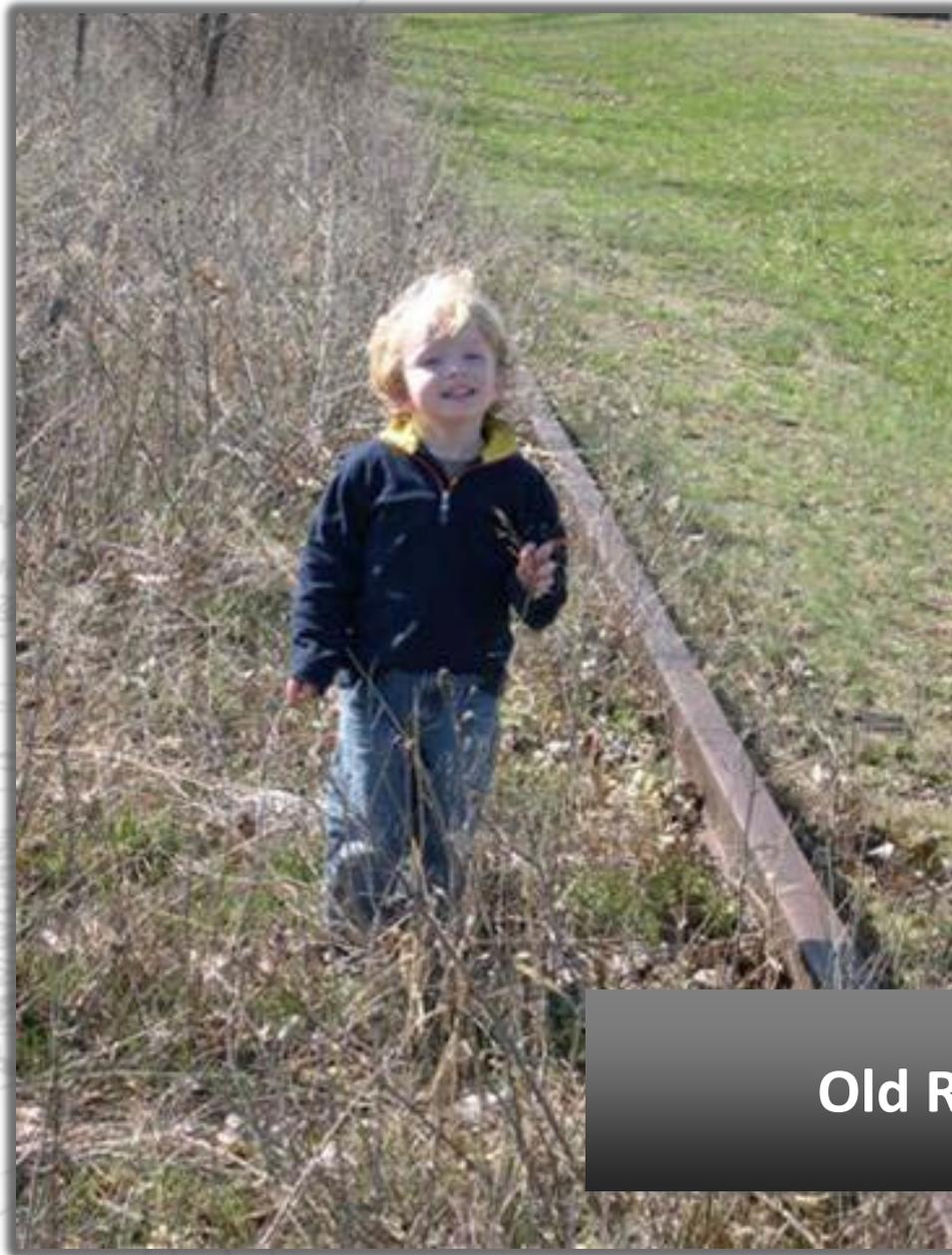
Omaha Levy - Keystone



Mo Pac Trail



Alcove Springs



Old Rock Island



Lied Bridge



Landowners - Kansas



Lied Bridge



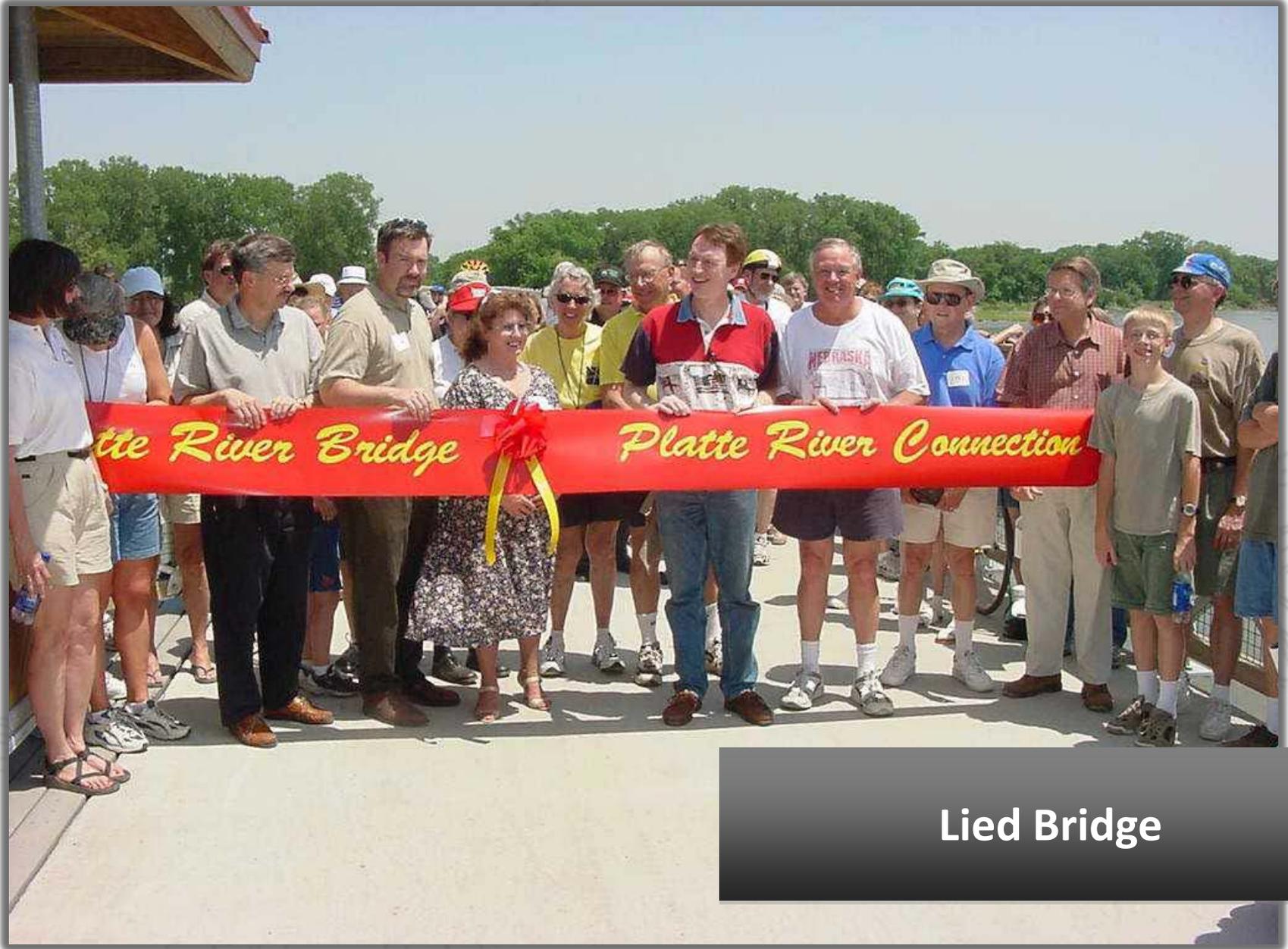
Cowboy Trail

AMERICAN DISCOVERY TRAIL





Work Crews – Homestead Trail



Lied Bridge



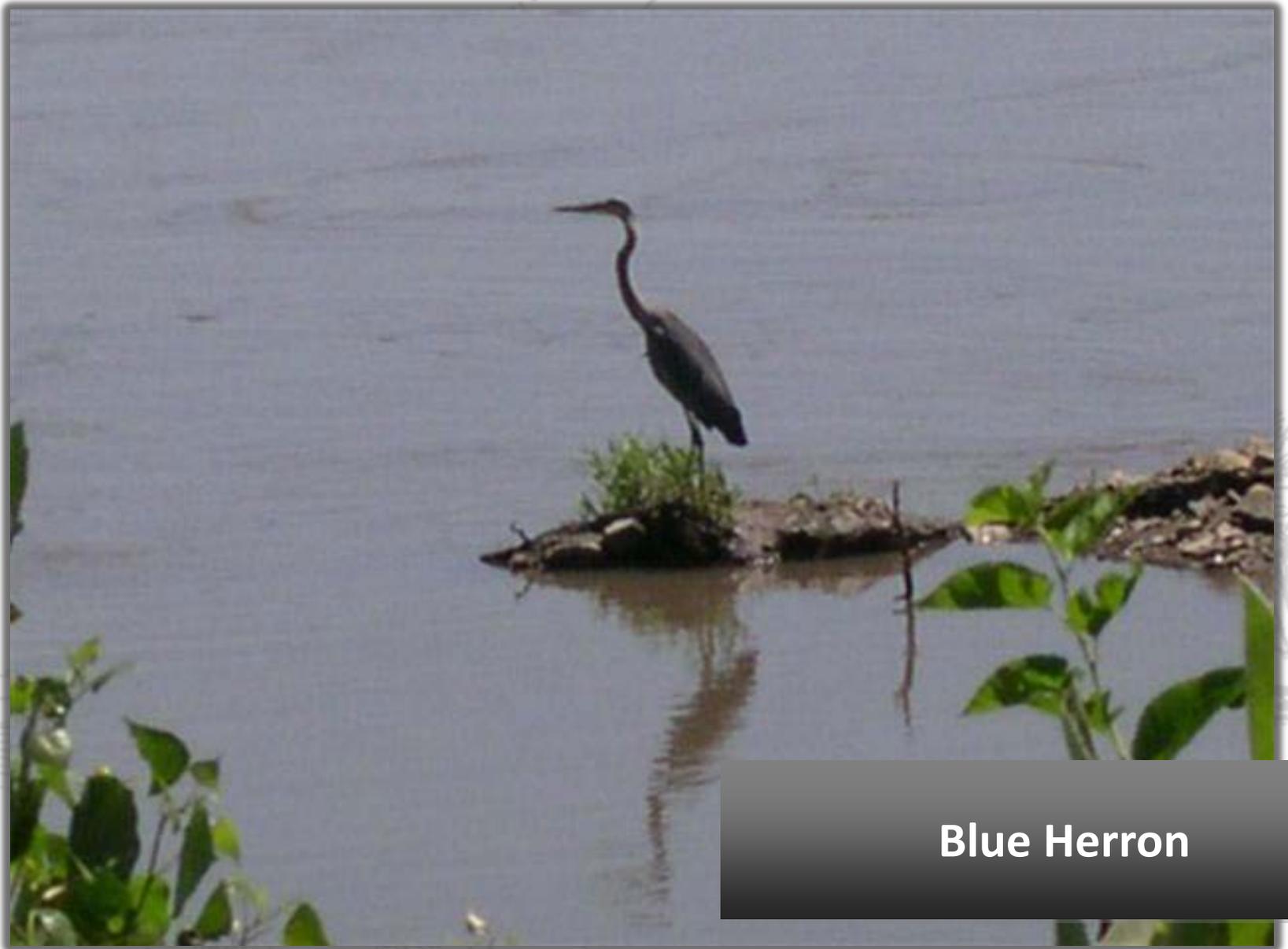
Father and Son on MoPac



Katy Trail



Lincoln Trails



Blue Herron



Platte River

RAILS-TO-TRAILS

1. Slide #1: "Hanna Train" Personal intro Old Rock Island Bridge Ca1886

2. Slide #2: Two pics "Abandoned Rock Island by K.C."

"Katy Trail"

3. Slide #3: "Lied Platte River Bridge" 2002 (That's 124 years of change)

Old friend, Ed

4. Slide #4: A little history lesson of rails-to-trails Legislation

6 important pieces of Legislation

5. Slide #5: "Elroy-Sparta Tunnel"

The 1st rail-to-trail conversion in USA – 1964 – 36 miles

Elroy to Sparta in Wisconsin

#6, #7, #8 Slides: "Sparta Tunnel" "Sparta Trail" "Sparta Depot"

1986 200 miles Now 1600 mi. rail trail

180 miles from Milwaukee Est. 66,000 visitors each yr.

9. Slide #9: Katy Trail Bluff (Now some regional trails - 225 mile)

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10.Slide #10: St. Joseph Trails

**According to Rails-to-Trails Conservancy website, Missouri has
390 miles of trails.**

11. Slide #11: “Landon Trail” – south of Topeka

Kansas has 440 miles of trails

12. Slide #12: “Homestead Bridge”

Nebraska has 560 miles of trails

13. Slide #13: “Wabash Trace”

Iowa, our regional star, has 914 miles of trails

The 4 states have a combined total of 2,307 miles. That’s great

14.Slide #14: ...HOWEVER the neighboring region including Minnesota,

Michigan, Wisconsin & Illinois has 8,079 miles of trails.

so we have some work to do!

15. Slide #15: “Katy Trail” – 20 years old!

16. Slide #16: “River Scene” Great view by Weston, MO

Need to connect to KC and St. Joe

17. Slide #17: “Kerrey Bridge” Open 2 years ago

Nebraska’s oldest rail trail – “Fort Kearney” (about 20 yrs ago)

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18. Slide #18: "Wabash Trace" (private development)

How do we begin to develop?

Nebr. NTC 1983

NTF 1989

GPTN 1989

19. Slide #19: "Mo Pac"

All states are different

Wisc. – Minn. – Mich. All by State.

20. Slide #20: "Homestead"

21. Slide #21: "Oak Creek"

22. Slide #22: "K.C. Bridge" Financial part of starting...

23. Slide #23: "Platte City, MO Trail" Need to match

24. Slide #24: "Rail Car" – Dearborn, MO

**User groups (Walkers, Runners, Audubon, Bikers, Naturalists,
Scouts, Birders, Health, Ed)**

25. Slide #25: "Kerrey Bridge in Fog" A great success in connecting!

26. Slide #26: Lied Platte River Bridge Omaha to Lincoln

\$534,000 in Private Donations

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- 27. Slide #27: "Haller Trail, K. C." Connecting from KC to Lawrence
Using highway ROW**
- 28. Slide #28: "Omaha Keystone" – 37 mi. – using levees**
- 29. Slide #29: "Mo Pac" Using flood plains**
- 30. Slide #30: "Alcove Springs" We need to connect to our history!
(Oregon Trail, Ft. Kearney, Mormon & Santa Fe Trails)**
- 31. Slide #31: "Harry on old Rock Island"
Use old Rock Island to connect KC to the Katy Trail**
- 32. Slide #32: "Crowd at Lied"
How can we affect the politics of trail development?**
- 33. Slide #33: "Landowners in Kansas"
@Wamego – building a trail**
- 34. Slide #34: "Lied Dedication" – 700 people**
- 35. Slide #35: "Cowboy Trail" Nebr. State Legislature passed a bill
ordering Game & Parks Dept. to own 321 mile Cowboy Trail.
Given to State by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.**
- 36. Slide #36: "ADT Trail" How the Quad State Trails impact this Nat'l Trail**

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37. Slide #37: "Volunteer Work Crews" 28 bridges in Nebr., 1 in Kan.

38. Slide #38: "Lied" Must get private citizens involved!

39. Slide #39: "Father & Son" Build on your success!

First mile – then ask for help

40. Slide #40: "Boy on Katy"

Ask yourself..."Is it worth the effort?"

41. Slide #41: Lady in Lincoln

42. Slide #42: "Blue Heron" on Missouri River by Platte City, MO

Even this 'character' is not afraid of a trail user.

43. Slide #43: "A view from the Lied Bridge"

**This is why we work to make the connections, and we are paid
back many times over.**