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Riverfront Trail Receives Honor

-excellent design recognized by American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri

PLATTE COUNTY, MO— Platte County’s Missouri Riverfront Trail received its second honor since December with the announcement by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri that the trail project has received its *Engineering Excellence Award*.



Walkers and runners enjoy the Riverfront Trail in southern Platte County; the trail is accessible off of 9 Hwy, west of Mattox Road

Platte County was one of only a few recipients selected for recognition from the ACEC recognizing excellence and successful implementation of an innovative engineering project in Missouri. Platte County’s trail on top of the Riverside-Quindaro Levee was selected amongst many finalists for the special award recognition and received the highest honor amongst all awardees.

“This was special project with unique challenges,” said John Zimmerman, Project Engineer with TranSystems Corporation. “It is always nice when you are recognized by your peers for a unique accomplishment. We were happy to be a part of this project that was so important for the citizens.”

The Missouri Riverfront Trail is a three and a half mile walking and biking trail located along the Missouri River. The trail begins in Riverside near E.H. Young Park and follows on top of the levee to Burlington Creek, just south of 9 Hwy. Access to the trail is located off of 9, just west of Mattox Road (look for trail signs near the fuel storage tanks.) The project was a collaborative effort between the County, City of Riverside, and TranSystems of Kansas City. Funding for the project came from the County’s dedicated half cent sales tax for parks and recreation and a grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The trail is maintained by the City of Riverside and is open dawn to dusk (the trail may be closed periodically for maintenance on top of the levee).

For more information on the Riverfront Trail contact the Platte County Parks and Recreation Department at 858-3419 or online at www.platteparks.com or the City of Riverside at 741.3993.