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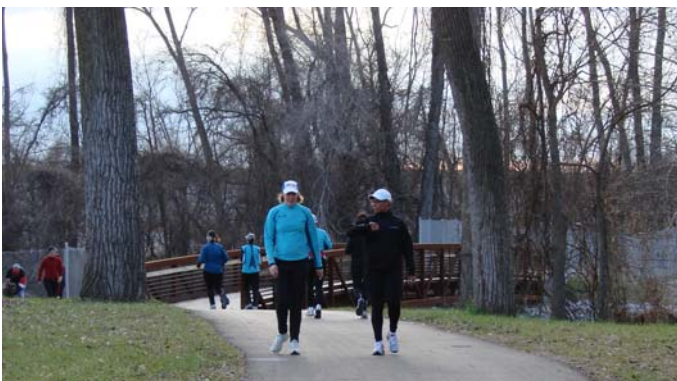
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Platte County Honored for Riverfront Trail

-unique location and partnership recognized by Missouri Association of Counties

PLATTE COUNTY, MO— In the planning stages for three years and open less than four months, the Missouri Riverfront Trail has been an instant hit with Platte County residents. Now, the popular trail has received its first state-wide recognition for the unique collaboration that made it a reality.

Platte County was one of only three winners selected for a *County Achievement Award* from the Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) recognizing leadership, excellence, and successful implementation of an innovative program by county leadership in Missouri. Platte County's trail on top of the Riverside-Quindaro Levee was selected amongst many finalists for the prestigious recognition.



Walkers and runners enjoy the Riverfront Trail on a recent morning in southern Platte County

“There is only one other project like this in the entire state of Missouri,” said Platte County Presiding Commissioner Betty Knight. “It is always nice when you are recognized by your peers for a special accomplishment. Our staff and Park Board along with our great partners in Riverside deserve the credit for making this project a reality.”

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 the Quindaro Bend Levee District. 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).

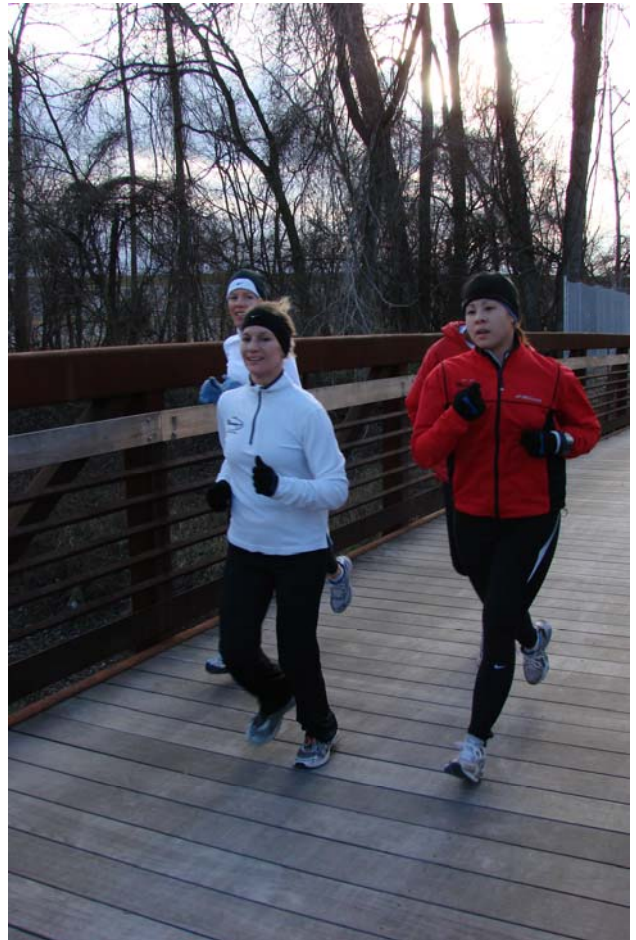
“The inspiration for this effort comes from the citizens of Platte County”, said Commissioner Knight. “They spoke with their vote for the parks tax, and the trail along the river was many people’s top priority”. Future expansions of the Riverfront Trail will connect west along the river to Parkville’s English Landing Park and east to a planned trail along Line Creek.

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.

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Grand Opening of the Riverfront Trail August 29th



Joggers on the trail, December 9th



Platte County Presiding Commissioner Receives MAC Achievement Award from Ryan Rowden, Director of Governmental Affairs for MAC and Mike Forck, 2008 MAC President