

Adopt A Trail Program: Volunteer Agreement
Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy, Inc.

Our organization, _____
agrees to be the trail adopter of the following:

LOCATION OF THIS TRAIL SEGMENT

ENDPOINTS OF THIS TRAIL SEGMENT:

_____ accepts the following duties of a Trail Adopter as commitment to assist the Kanza Rail-Trails Conservancy, Inc. in achieving its goal of maintaining its trails to a high and consistent standard.

We understand it is our obligation to consistently maintain our trail section in accordance with the responsibilities of the agreement for a **minimum period of two years**, as follows:

1. **Maintenance:** Perform all trail maintenance work in compliance with KRTC's trail maintenance standards:
 - Remove litter from the right-of-way at least once in each of the months of May, June, July and September and as needed in the remaining months.
 - Mow the road crossing areas at least once in each of the months of May, June, July and September. If equipment and time are available, mow the sides of the trail as needed.
 - Inspect regularly all signs and bollards and report any which are missing or damaged.
 - Inspect all drainage structures (culverts, ditches and bridges) twice annually and remove any debris from same. Report any blockages to the division superintendent. Seek assistance if large amounts of debris are present such as lodged under bridges.
 - Cut brush back from 10 feet from the trail crushed limestone treadway surface.
 - Remove blowdowns that remain or fall. Contact us if assistance is needed with larger blowdowns you cannot remove.
 - Report any problems and evidence of incompatible use to the division superintendent whose name and contact information is below. Horses, horse-drawn carriages and wagons, electric wheelchairs, and electric carts for people with disabilities are allowed.
 - Inspect twice a year for noxious weeds. Report evidence of any noxious weeds to the division superintendent. Remove noxious weeds by hand if possible. Otherwise, seek assistance in spraying the same. Below are the official noxious weeds in Kansas:
Field bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis); Musk (nodding) thistle Carduus nutans);

Sericea lespedeza(*Lespedeza cuneata*); *Russian knapweed* (*Centaurea repens*) *Hoary cress* (*Cardaria draba*); *Canada thistle* (*Cirsium arvense*); *Quackgrass* (*Agropyron repens*); *Leafy spurge* (*Euphorbia esula*); *Johnsongrass*(*Sorghum halepense*); *Kudzu* (*Pueraria lobata*) *Bur ragweed* ; (*Ambrosia grayii*) *Pignut*; and, (*Hoffmannseggia densiflora*). **For photos go to: http://www.ksda.gov/plant_protection/?cid=1201**

2. **Problems:** Ask for help when you need it. Report any problems and requests for help to the division superintendent listed below.
3. **Annual Report:** The Team Leader shall provide the division superintendent with an annual report on group activities for the year.

3. Indemnification: I further acknowledge that I have been advised and am aware that there are certain elements of danger inherent in traversing and working on the Trail which are beyond the control of KRTC and its officials, officers, members or authorized agents, and that traversing or working on the Trail entails unavoidable risk and possible injury or loss of life or property. Further, I acknowledge that by permitting me to enter such property KRTC does not thereby (1) extend any assurance that the premises are safe for any purpose; (2) confer upon me the legal status of an invitee or licensee to whom a duty of care is owed; or, (3) assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to any persons or property caused by an act or omission of such persons or any of KRTC's officials, officers, members, or authorized agents.

In consideration of the organization, I do hereby, for myself and all who may hereafter claim through or for me, waive and release all future claims right and causes of action accruing in my favor as a result of personal injuries, loss of property, or loss of life against the above-described organization's representatives or the organization itself which I may suffer while traversing or working on the Trail and further hereby covenant and agree with it that no suit or action at law shall be instituted for the above reasons by me or others in my behalf or in my right.

4. **Young volunteers:** Volunteers must be at least 11 years of age. All persons between the ages of 11 and 18 must be accompanied by at least one person over the age of 21. The Organization must obtain a signed consent form for each volunteer between 11 and 18.
5. **Safety:** A brief group safety meeting shall be held onsite prior to the work session. Follow safety procedures and put safety first. Common sense and personal interest in safety are still the greatest guarantees of your safety. The cooperation of every volunteer is necessary to make the worksite a safe place in which to work. Begin right by always thinking of safety as you perform your job.
6. **Signs:** Adopt-a-Trail signs will be installed along the trail segment.

We wish you many years of personal satisfaction and enjoyment from your public service and your trail! Thank you!

Having read and understanding the foregoing, I freely sign this agreement.

Signature of **Authorized Organizational Representative**

Printed Name/Title

Date

Signature of **Volunteer**

Printed Name

Date

Signature of Organization's **Team Leader**

Printed Name

Date

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____

Eve. Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

Signature of **Division Superintendent**

Printed Name

Date

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____

Eve. Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____