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Flint Hills Nature Trail Design Workshop Planned

TOPEKA, KAN. – The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (KDWPT) and Kanza Rails to Trails Conservancy welcomes interested persons to share their thoughts on the design of four signature bridges along the Flint Hills Nature Trail at upcoming design workshops. The bridges are being designed as destinations with artistic and interpretive enhancements to highlight the trail, share important stories or history in the area, and promote tourism and economic growth for nearby communities.

The Flint Hills Nature Trail is a rails-to-trails project that extends 117 miles from Osawatomie to Herington. Development of the trail will encourage outdoor recreation and provide safer routes for pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians. The trail will connect six counties and numerous communities along the way.

The design team of CFS Engineers and RDG Planning and Design is leading the planning and design of the trail under the direction of KDWPT. A significant element of the project is understanding public opinions about the signature bridges through two community workshops. These are open sessions, so people can stop by at their convenience. Attendees can learn about trail planning and design and talk one-on-one with design team members.

Workshops will be held:

Thursday, July 30

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Morris County Courthouse
Basement Meeting Room
501 W. Main St.
Council Grove, KS

Friday, July 31

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Ottawa City Hall
101 S. Hickory Street
Ottawa, KS 66067