

Did you know?

There are currently over 11,655 miles of greenway trail in the U.S.¹

On average 73% of greenway trail funding comes from the federal government and local communities provide the matching funds (20-27%).²

Residential developments that integrate greenways into their plans and advertise them as part of the marketing strategy indicate that lots beside greenways sell faster and for more money than similar lots without trail access.³

Aside from attracting tourists and home-buyers, greenways are one of the amenities sought after by business leaders in choosing sites for relocation and expansion. "Increasingly, corporations are recognizing the benefits to their employees of convenient fitness and recreation facilities and are seeking these greenway amenities in potential business sites."³

¹ Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Washington, D.C.

² Iowa Department of Transportation

³ Triangle Greenways Council, North Carolina

A trail through Lexington.

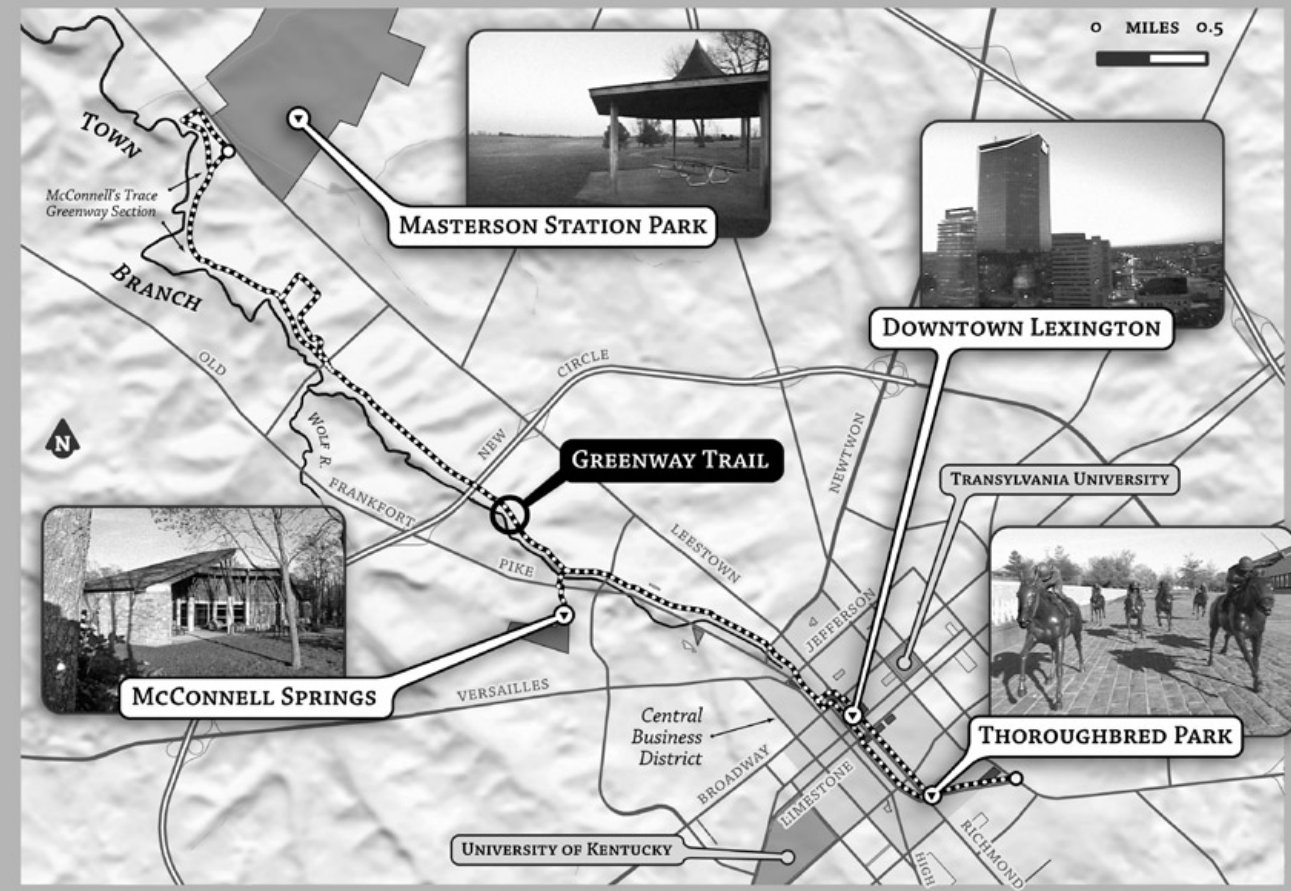


A trail through time.



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TOWN BRANCH TRAIL: A new kind of park in the Bluegrass

Envision a trail that would connect downtown Lexington with McConnell Springs Park and Masterson Station Park, providing miles of walking, running and bicycle routes through neighborhoods, historic areas, and scenic Bluegrass countryside.

The rebirth of Town Branch Creek, Lexington's historic waterway

Envision a trail that follows the Town Branch of Elkhorn Creek on whose banks Lexington

was founded over 200 years ago. A trail along dry-laid stone walls and stone settlers' houses, among native plants and wildlife.

Once a scenic waterway, Town Branch has become polluted by industrial and urban runoff. Within a mile of the old Courthouse Town Branch's banks and much of its adjacent land stand quiet and little used as residents, industry, and business have moved away. Historic structures built by the area's founders and the region's early industries stand in need of extensive restoration.



Town Branch dry-laid stone retaining walls (1790 -1840)

The benefits of Town Branch Trail for Lexington and the Bluegrass



Mary Todd Lincoln House

A trail into our future.

The Town Branch Trail project is soliciting input and feedback from individuals, neighborhoods, land-owners, government agencies, and citizen organizations. We hope this open and dynamic planning process will catalyze the creation of a region-wide green infrastructure of interconnected trails and greenspace, using creeks, watersheds, former rail corridors, secondary roads, historic sites

and natural resources. We hope this will be the beginning of a regional park system that helps preserve our beautiful bluegrass landscape for enjoyment by Central Kentuckians long into the future.

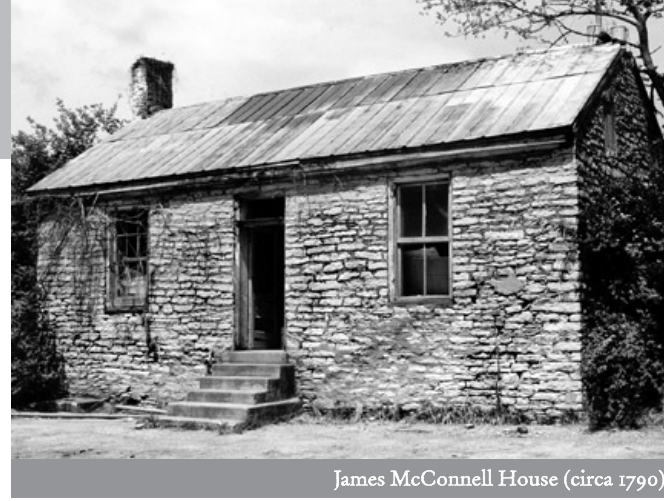


Woodward Heights Park

A new kind of recreational resource. A place for urban workers, residents, and visitors to walk, run, and bike for miles away from traffic and noise.

An educational journey into local and regional history. A place where people of all ages can follow the footsteps of the region's pioneer settlers and learn about the region's native plants and wildlife.

An opportunity to bring new life to downtown neighborhoods and businesses. By developing a beautiful trail linking downtown with greenspace, neighborhoods, and business areas, the trail will help revitalize our central city.



James McConnell House (circa 1790)

The Town Branch Trail is a proposed linear pedestrian and bicycle park which will begin downtown and follow the Town Branch Creek (where possible) as it flows west. Major points of interest will be the Town Branch Creek, McConnell Springs Park, Masterson Station Park, and historic sites and neighborhoods along the way. The exact location of the trail is currently being developed through an open planning process.

Town Branch Trail, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit citizens' group. All donations to Town Branch Trail are tax-deductible.

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Join us on the trail!

Please fill out the card below and mail it to us, so that we are aware of your views and interest.

Would you like to voice your support for Town Branch Trail? Would you like to be informed of our plans as they progress? Would you like to become actively involved?

Yes I am interested. Please put me on the Town Branch Trail Mailing List and keep me informed about the project.

I support the creation of the trail but do not wish to receive mailings at this time.

I would like to become actively involved with the Town Branch Trail Project.

I would like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to Town Branch Trail, Inc.

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