

Dear KUTS Supporters,

We are eager to share an exciting evolution in how we're advancing our shared vision for Kerrville's trails and community vitality.

The Kerrville Urban Trail System is transitioning from its current structure as a fund within the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country to become a program of the 501(c)3 Kerr County River Foundation (KCRF). This change strengthens our capacity to deliver on the comprehensive stewardship and community building work that many of you have supported since KUTS was established in 2018.

What This Means:

KCRF's mission naturally encompasses the trail work many of you have championed – outdoor recreation, neighborhood placemaking, trail development, and watershed stewardship. By bringing KUTS under KCRF's organizational umbrella, we're creating a more unified and effective approach to:

- River Trail development and expansion
- Adopt-a-River Trail volunteer programs
- Habitat restoration along trail corridors
- Connection to regional trail systems
- Integration of trails with broader watershed conservation

For Our Supporters:

If you currently support KUTS through automatic monthly contributions via the Community Foundation, we want to ensure continuity of your vital support. You can now set up the same automatic giving option directly through the KCRF website at

[KerrCountyRiverFoundation.org](https://www.kerrcountyriverfoundation.org).

Your contributions will continue funding the trail work you've been supporting, now strengthened through integration with KCRF's conservation programs:

Adopt-a-River Trail Program

Our successful pilot has four volunteer steward groups maintaining trail segments from G Street to Schreiner University - Schreiner University students, TX Hill Country Master Gardeners, Peterson Health, and TX Hill Country Master Naturalists. Each group conducts baseline surveys, removes invasive species like Ligustrum and Chinese Tallow, plants native trees and grasses, and implements nature-based solutions at stream crossings. This model is ready to expand to additional trail segments.

River Trail Extension

Continuing the vision of connecting Kerrville to regional trail systems while creating wildlife corridors, enhancing flood mitigation, protecting greenspace, and improving public river access.

Photo Monitoring & GIS Program

Documenting ecological recovery over time through systematic imagery acquisition and mapping, creating powerful storytelling tools for watershed conservation and community engagement.

River Short Films

Educational video series making technical conservation concepts accessible - from canopy dynamics to erosion identification to riparian management - reaching broader audiences through social media and community screenings.

Coffee & Kayak Events

Combining river recreation with environmental education, led by knowledgeable docents who share watershed ecology while paddling.

Reimagining Lions Park

Restoring and enhancing this rare River access point in Center Point to create a crown jewel community gathering place in East Kerr County. In partnership with Kerr County, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and other local, regional, and state organizations and agencies, we're building Lions Park back better than ever.

Shady Streets

While the State of Texas helped shut down the Creative Crosswalk project, we're still pressing forward with efforts to enhance street beatification, urban tree canopy, public safety, and neighborhood vitality.

Nothing changes about our commitment to transparent management, direct community engagement, volunteer opportunities, and expanding the connections between people and the river that sustains us.

If you have questions about this transition or need assistance setting up recurring contributions through KCRF, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Thank you for your continued support of this work.

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