

DISTINGUISHED PARTNER AWARDS

FROM 2008-2019



In 2008, Trails Head added the Distinguished Partner Award for a non-member person or entity that has partnered with Trails Head and other historic trail organizations in a significant way.

2008—Steve Kidwell, an employee of the cement company that owns the Wayne City area, for his coordinating of the development of a Wayne City pocket park, Independence Landing

2009—Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association, for its history of not only partnering with Trails Head and Missouri River Outfitters of Santa Fe Trail Association, but also with an incredible number of other entities, including governmental ones, to create and install many markers and interpretive signs

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2010—Steve Rhoades, for his instrumental work as a landscape architect, in promoting Metro Green hiking & biking trails in Kansas City metro area, including along the historic trails corridor

2013—KCMO Parks & Recreation, for working with many partners to develop interpretive markers and portraits on the new Red Bridge

2015—Darby Trotter, for promoting development and design of the Overland Park Heritage Trail, as a buffer between additions to the Overland Park Regional Medical Center and the adjacent neighborhood on the north side

2016—Lenexa Parks & Recreation, accepted by Jenny Doty & Bill Nicks, for the initial placement and for the replacement of the wayside exhibit at Flat Rock Creek Crossing Park, near 103rd and Pflumm

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2017—City of Overland Park, accepted by Mike Burton, for installing Local Tour Route signage through metro historic trail corridor

2017—City of Leawood, accepted by Brian Anderson, for installing Local Tour Route signage through metro historic trail corridor

2017—Kansas City Public Works, accepted by Masood Alemifar, for installing Local Trail Route signage through metro historic trail corridor

2017—City of Independence, accepted by Mayor Eileen Weir, for installing Local Trail Route signage through metro historic trail corridor

2018—Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), for working with the National Park Service to ensure development of more Metro Green hiking/biking trails within the historic trails corridor of the Kansas City metro area

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2019—National Frontier Trails Museum, accepted by Ana Delgado, for partnering with Trails Head and other local and national trails groups, for helping to host meetings and conventions, for assisting with trail researchers, and for promoting preservation and awareness of local and national historic trails

2019—Lou Austin, (posthumous to brother John Schumacher), for his many years of promoting south Kansas City projects that created awareness of historic trails, including Hickman Mills school markers, Powder Mill Bridge, 3-Trails Memorial Highway Crossing, 3-Trails Transit Center, and recreational trails