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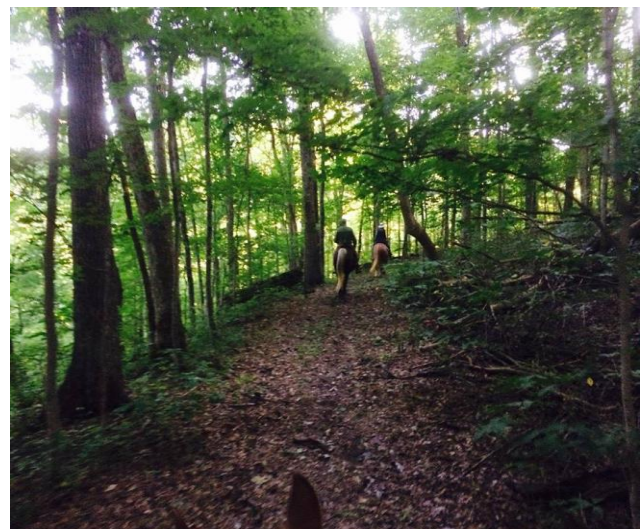
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2014: A DREAM BECOMES A REALITY

In 1999, a small group of Brownsboro neighbors began meeting to discuss proposed and potential land development, land use changes, water, sewer and traffic issues, increased taxation, and other matters pertaining to Brownsboro growth.

Fifteen years later, this group is known as Brownsboro Alliance (BA) with a formal mission to serve, to renew and reconnect the economy, environment and people of Brownsboro into a sustainable, innovative, rural community.

One of BA's objectives today was the recent establishment of the Brownsboro Alliance Trail Association. It has long been a dream of many BA Board Members to establish a trail system throughout Brownsboro. The trail project began in earnest two years ago. We are now happy to



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announce that in October 2014, the Brownsboro Alliance Trail Association (BATA) opened Phase I, a 7-mile length of trail open to members for hiking and horseback riding.

WHY TRAILS?

In 2009, many of BA's current Board Members responded to the call sent out by Oldham County Planning and Zoning to assist the agency in fulfilling KRS: 100 which calls for a community master planning process every 5 years. Neighbors in the Brownsboro area attended months of meetings and helped write the Brownsboro Master Plan. This Master Plan was in turn adopted by county officials.

The Brownsboro Master Plan recommended steps for Brownsboro to develop trails for the community as old trails and roadbeds have been used for generations by landowners and their guests. A few years ago, BA determined to carry out this part of the Master Plan by connecting this natural trail system through the scenic farms for private and responsible membership who wished to use the trail for hiking and/or horseback riding. BA asked landowners to consider taking advantage of Kentucky legislation that makes it possible for landowners to have minimal exposure when they allow use of their land, if they receive no benefit from those who use the trails.

The trail system began taking shape as a hiking and horseback riding trail thanks to the early vision and generosity of a few Brownsboro landowners; Edward and Cornelia Bonnie, Henry and Missy Camp, William "Hoke" and Katherine Camp simply said, *"Yes..we're in!"*

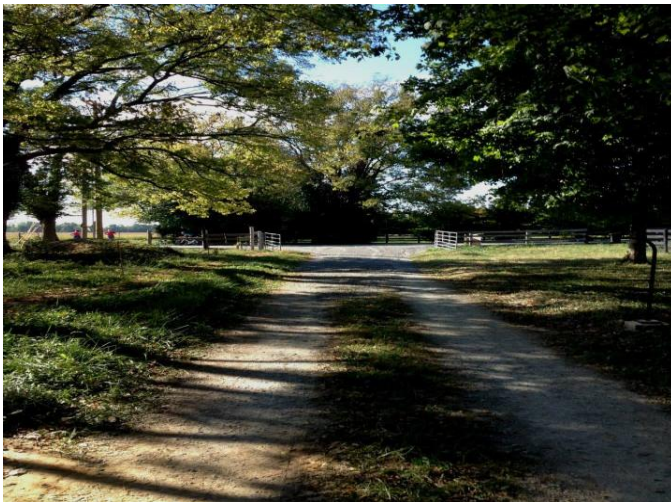
BA consulted trail experts and they too were willing to consult and give of their time and expertise on a volunteer basis for best trail building practices and safe pathways. Trail riders who travel across the country to ride were queried about the

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BA trail in Oldham County. We were delighted to learn that the BA trail system can't be matched here in this area for its diversity of challenge and the trail route can and does move in a variety of directions.

Landowners determined location and exact trail clearing methods and needs. Then BA scheduled trail "Work Days" to help with this massive undertaking. A number of "Work Days" were held throughout the summer of 2014 bringing out volunteers to run chainsaws, clippers, weed eaters, etc. until Phase I of the trail was defined and passable. This kind of effort is required for each Phase of trail building.



FOXHOLLOW FARM TRAILHEAD

Foxhollow Farm agreed to provide the land for the first BATA trailhead. By September 2014, land was cleared and gravel hauled thanks to Kenny Powell's Excavating and The Rogers Group. A coded gate-entry system was installed to insure safety for members and landowners.

MEMBERSHIP

Since BA doesn't own the land, we rely on landowners signing license agreements allowing BA to use their land for the specific purposes of a hiking and horseback riding trail. Based on these landowner license agreements, the BATA trail system requires membership. BATA members and their guests pay membership dues or guest fees, sign to abide by BATA's rules and regulations as well as all laws of

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general applicability. Since opening October 1, BATA has had over 50 members who have joined, including both hikers and horseback riders. Members can bring guests. After signing they have read the rules and regulations, they can hike and ride on the trail and also safely park their cars and horse trailers at the trailhead. BA Board members conduct guided hikes and guided horseback rides so people can experience the beauty and serenity of the trail prior to becoming members as interest requires and weather permits.

BEGINNING PHASE II

To kickoff Phase II in November 2014, the University of Louisville granted BATA permission to expand the trail across its property in Brownsboro. Now the process of clearing and building the next section of trail begins. The expert trail builders have volunteered again and will weigh in to direct volunteers to start clearing and building Phase II. The trail is always mapped out to meet both the needs of the member and the landowner. Phase II of the trail will open up the trail to many new directions throughout the Brownsboro community and beyond.

As Phase II presents more mileage of beautiful outdoor trail, and also there are some very special demands which will require funds to complete. The land needs machinery, volunteers, signs, and expenses to include it as part of the Brownsboro Alliance Trail System.

STAFF

As BATA membership grows, responsibilities of our part-time BA staff increases. BA's Executive Director and Webmaster are responsible for our day-to-day operations including communication with our new BATA members and prospective

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members, liaisons with BA interests groups, membership processing, organization of activities and events, etc. BA's Webmaster maintains our website and keeps the information current and timely not only for BATA but also for the Brownsboro Community as a whole. BA's Executive Director helps administer and keep order the work of both BA and BATA complimenting the direction of the BA Board of Directors.



FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE

For years, BA hosted annual polo matches to fund BA. After saving year after year, BA has put these funds to good use to build Phase I of the trail system opened Fall 2014.

Most recently, BA has received very generous support from Brownsboro residents and from out-of-town friends of Brownsboro, including individual donations and landowners who paid for grading and building bridges to make the trail passable through their land. One great encouragement came this year from a very generous donation by Fifth Third Bank, whom we are proud to call one of our founding

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sponsors. There have also been donations from in-kind suppliers and specialists and BA is grateful to the Brownsboro community for its support of the trail system and for believing in our dream.

Your help is now needed to keep the trail going. Membership dues only cover minor maintenance expenses. Funding for 2015 is critical to keep adding more scenic miles to the Brownsboro trail system. BA would welcome you as a member or partner. Whether you give of your time, talent, or treasure, your contribution will insure the trail continues to grow for us, and also for those who come after us. Donations are tax deductible and can also count toward your BATA membership.

Please consider donating and/or becoming a member and enjoy this unique and remarkable trail, only a few miles outside of Louisville. Keep informed about trail happenings by accessing the BA website often and like us on Facebook for photos and other updates.

Remember that a healthy world begins in our own backyard! We'll see you on the trail!

Brownsboro Alliance Board of Directors

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