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NORTHAVEN  
TRAIL

# 2022 / 23 Annual Report

Friends of the Northaven Trail is a 100% volunteer-led organization for the support, maintenance and beautification of the Northaven Trail. Please continue to help us with your donations of time and money.

# 2022 / 23 Highlights



Free Movie Night along the Trail for families.



JUL

New Drinking Fountain at Welch Respite with the help of Girl Scouts and Hockaday Neighborhood Association.



AUG

THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO THE NORTHAVEN TRAIL

We Received 154 Gifts

Totaling \$45,980

9.22.22 COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS NTX GIVING DAY presented by amazon

North Texas Giving Day was our best one ever. We were #2 in trails behind the Katy Trail.

SEPT



Northaven Church hosted their second annual "Art on the Trail".

OCT

## Wildflower Area Clean Up

Volunteer events at Inwood Rd and Marsh Ln. Supporting healthy and diverse pollinators by clearing out weeds and brush that crowd out wildflowers. This set the groundwork for successfully seeding additional wildflowers in the fall.



Free Ice Cream at four stops along the trail.



Free Bike Check with Coffee supported by our friends at



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**Light the Trail** had over 25 homes who added festive holiday lights along the trail during our second annual competition.

**Workday on the Trail** saw over 30 volunteers come to plant more native plants at the Bachman Creek Prairie Restoration Area where we successfully started rewilding last year.



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DEC

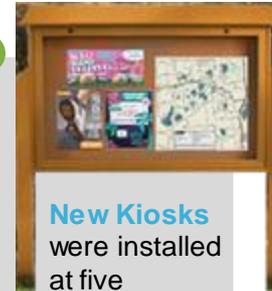
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FEB

**Planting Wildflowers** planted for the first year along the entire eight miles of the trail with wildflowers thanks to our generous donors like you.



**Light the Trail Party** to celebrate the holiday spirit along the trail! We had a visit from the Grinch, as well as a face painter, treats, and activities for kids.



**New Kiosks** were installed at five

locations across the trail with another one to go in at the US 75 Bridge.

**Valentine Clings** cover the trail for the second year in a row. This year we had 42 clings placed along the entire length of the trail with love and well wishes.



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## Community Dinner and Fundraiser

at Fish City Grill at Preston Royal. Fun night with friends, family, and food at a great neighborhood supporter!



## New Garden Planted at Pensive

including new sprinkler system and four beds of native plants.

## New Northaven Trail Bridge

enters its final stages of assembly with a target opening date in September.



MAR

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## Love Your Trail Day

filled with a community bike ride, dog walk, and an Open House at the Semones YMCA.



## 400 Milkweeds Planted

along the trail to help support the Monarch butterflies

during their annual migration.



## NEW! Northaven Trail Crew

kicked off the inaugural year of our summer Crew in conjunction with the Flow Project. Six interns will learn about conservation and helping to maintain the trail.



# Bridge Over US 75

Join us for

# The Grand Opening

Tentatively Scheduled for September  
(watch our mailing list for the exact date)



## NORTHAVEN TRAIL FAST FACTS

**201 ft**

Overall arch length



**50 ft**

Height of the tallest point of arch on the bridge

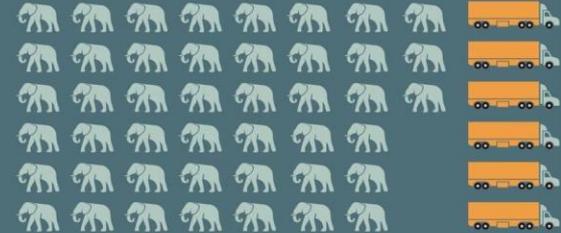
**64 cables** (32 per side - illustration is not accurate)



**lbs.**

The weight of the bridge structure is **800,000 lbs.**

This is equal to the weight of **10** fully loaded semi-trucks or **80** elephants.



The bridge can carry a weight of **445,000 lbs.**, which is equal to the weight of **45** elephants or **six** fully loaded semi-trucks.



The structure is called a **"network tied arch."** The bridge deck ties the ends of the arch ribs together, just like the string in a bow used for archery, and the crisscrossing hanger cables form a network pattern.



This structure has a **dou-  
bly-curved deck**, making it the only network-tied arch bridge in the world with a doubly-curved tie.

Arch pieces and cables manufactured by companies in the **Houston area.**

# NORTHAVEN TRAIL PRAIRIE CREW

**The Northaven Trail Prairie Crew** – a collaborative effort between The Flow Project and Friends of Northaven Trail – is a paid internship program intended to create citizen scientists out of today’s youth. Over the course of nine weeks, selected students work alongside mentors from a variety of local environmental programs to restore the Blackland Prairie along the Northaven Trail by planting and nurturing species native to the area. Through this experience, crew members learn the ins and outs of conservation, gain valuable environmental career experience, and prepare to act as stewards of the environment for the rest of their lives.



## Program Objectives

- **Inspiration and mentorship** for the next generation of climate leaders
- **Enriched conservation efforts** in the North Texas area
- Improved **community awareness** of restoration initiatives
- **Environmental career experience** for student participants
- Continuing volunteer opportunities and **potential leadership roles** for past crew members
- **Year-round blooms** for trail-goers to enjoy
- **Enhanced connection between people and pollinators** – between ordinary citizens and the world in which they live

# Ways to Support the Northaven Trail

- **Donate** on our website:  
<https://northaventrail.org/donate>
- Participate in **North Texas Giving Day** with a donation to Friends of the Northaven Trail
- **Fund the maintenance of a stretch of the Trail** and receive a Trail maintenance sign
- Become a **Trail Ambassador** and help us fundraise:  
<https://northaventrail.org/ambassadors>
- Purchase Northaven Trail **merchandise**  
<https://northaventrail.org/merchandise>
- Sign up to be a **volunteer**  
<https://northaventrail.org/volunteer-signup>
- Purchase an **amenity** along the trail  
<https://northaventrail.org/trail-amenities>
- Organize a group to maintain one of the many **flowerbeds** along the trail



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# 2023 Board of Directors

## A Message from Our President

Thanks for your continued support of FoNHT! It's been another exciting year for us and the trail. We've been able to accomplish so much thanks to your donations.

Some of our highlights for the past year include:

- extensive rewilding efforts, including new native plants near the Bachman Creek Bridge and wildflowers the full length of the trail
- planted four new flower beds and installed drip irrigation system at the Pensive Respite
- 400 milkweed plants to help support monarch butterfly migration
- installation of new kiosks at five locations
- multiple events, including Love Your Trail Day, Coffee on the Trail, and Movie Night
- most recently, we've entered into a new partnership with the Flow Project to hire and pay interns to learn about conservation and work on trail landscaping efforts

We're especially excited about our expansion efforts as the construction of the new Northaven Trail Bridge over Central Expressway is nearing completion. When finished, the bridge will open up the City's trail network by connecting the Northaven Trail with the White Rock Creek and Cottonwood Creek trails, as well as the SoPAC Trail in 2024.

All of this and more is possible thanks to your generosity. We hope you will continue to support FoNHT as the trail expands east across the highway!

We love hearing from our supporters. Please email me with any ideas you might have for the trail! [Jeff@northaventrail.org](mailto:Jeff@northaventrail.org)

Sincerely,  
**Jeff Kitner**

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