



City of Houston Bikeway Program and TSU present the Columbia Tap Rail to Trail Ribbon Cutting and Tree Planting/Family Bike Ride



Join the City of Houston Bikeway Program on the campus of Texas Southern University for the grand opening of the much anticipated Columbia Tap Rail to Trail bikeway. This project adds 4 more miles of trails to the City of Houston bikeway network, and runs from Dixie to Walker with connections to the Medical Center, TSU, downtown, and existing bike routes and lanes.

Start early and ride your bike with Senator Rodney Ellis and TSU President Dr. John Rudley to the event from Discovery Green. We will be stopping along the way to plant trees with The Park People, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department.

After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, events continue as we bike further along the trail and help The Park People volunteers in conjunction with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department beautify our newest bikeway.

TSU Campus
Ennis at Wheeler
along the trail alignment
Saturday
March 7, 2009
10:00 am - 1:00 pm



- 8:00 am 4th On the Trail of Trash and Trees Event (See Page 2 for Details)**
 - 9:00 am Bike ride to event begins at Discovery Green (gather at the Hill at 8:30 am)**
 - 10:00 am Ribbon-cutting ceremony**
 - 10:30 am Ride the trail, plant a tree**
- Speakers:** **Michael S. Marcotte - Director - Public Works and Engineering Department**
Dr. John Rudley - President - Texas Southern University
Joe Turner - Director - Houston Parks and Recreation Department
Quincy Allen - Texas Department of Transportation
Representative Garnet Coleman
Senator Rodney Ellis
Mayor White

We encourage you to ride your bicycle to this event as parking is limited. For more information call the Houston Bikeway Program at **(713) 837-0003**. Refreshments provided by Shipley Donuts and The Quality of Life Coalition.

Houston **Bikeway** Program



4th Annual On the Trail of Trash & Trees 250 Volunteers Needed to Plant 350 Trees Saturday, March 7, 2009

This fun family event is open to individuals, families, groups and businesses.

The new trees will add shade to Houston's newest trail and add to the urban forest canopy, beautifying the landscape for tomorrow! The trees will be planted along the Columbia Tap Trail, from I-45 to Wheeler Ave. See map on reverse side for planting & parking locations.

Groups, businesses, individuals and families are encouraged to volunteer!

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult and will need a completed waiver form signed by their parent or guardian to participate. We will also be picking up trash between I-45 and Wheeler Ave. Pre-registration is required.

All volunteers will be required to fill out and sign a registration and waiver form.

Pre-register by emailing rsvp@parkpeople.org

We will plant & pick up trash rain or shine!

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2009
Time: 8:00am to noon
Location: Columbia Tap Trail
Contact: Diane Schenke, The Park People
work: 713. 942. 7275
mobile: 713. 515. 3750
email: rsvp@parkpeople.org



Please bring shovels, rakes and gloves. Please wear clothes to get dirty in and closed toe shoes. Don't forget to bring sunscreen and bug spray.

Underwritten by: Shell Oil Company

Trees generously donated by: Apache Foundation

Sponsored by:



Columbia Tap Ribbon Cutting and Tree Planting Map

Tree Planting Locations:

1. Bennett Mills Park
2. Trail: Between Cleburne & Alabama
3. Third Ward Bike Shop

Parking:

TSU Parking Lot S1, located on Blodgett between the bike trail and Tierwester St.

VIP Parking

Enter on Ennis between the H&PE Gym & Parking Building, follow all the way to the Rec. Center

Columbia Tap Bike Trail

