Community Celebration of New Violet Crown Trail Extension

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The new urban trail extension connects to the 34-acre mixed-use Garza Ranch development on Ben Garza Lane in southwest Austin.

The public is invited to join the City of Austin’s Urban Trails Program, the City of Sunset Valley, and Hill Country Conservancy to celebrate the completion of the Violet Crown Trail – North project. The project team will host a free ribbon-cutting celebration on Saturday, July 29 from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM at Home Depot Boulevard.

The celebration will include:

- Remarks from elected officials and a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9:15 AM
- Live performances by the Crockett Cougar Band
- Complimentary popsicle treats to keep you cool
- A family-friendly bike ride led by Ghisallo Cycling Initiative
- An interactive nature walk led by Hill Country Conservancy
- Kids’ projects and activities from The Home Depot

Join us for this family-friendly event and explore the new trail! Learn more and RSVP on Eventbrite.
About the Violet Crown Trail – North project

This one-mile extension of the Violet Crown Trail system connects Home Depot Boulevard to MoPac just north of William Cannon Drive. The trail is generally 10-11 feet wide, ADA-accessible, and composed of both concrete and stabilized granite. With the completion of this segment, the Violet Crown Trail is now contiguous from Zilker Park to Slaughter Creek. The project was made possible through funding from the 2016 Mobility Bond and a Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization grant.

The Trail connects homes and businesses surrounding Brodie Lane and William Cannon Drive through the Williamson Creek Greenbelt and Indian Grass Prairie Preserve. The City of Austin’s Corridor Program will connect the Trail to William Cannon Drive as part of planned safety and mobility improvements to William Cannon Drive from US 290 to Brodie Lane.

“Hill Country Conservancy is excited to partner with the City of Austin and the City of Sunset Valley to celebrate this beautiful new piece of the Violet Crown Trail,” said Kathy Miller, Chief Executive Officer of Hill Country Conservancy. “This section of the Trail furthers the Violet Crown Trail vision to provide an alternate means of transportation for the community and the opportunity to connect with nature amidst a busy urban area. Hill Country Conservancy looks forward to programming and maintaining this beautiful piece of the Trail for many years to come.”

The new trail segment includes:

- An accessible crossing beneath MoPac via a boardwalk adjacent to Williamson Creek
- Connections to nearby sidewalks and existing sections of the Violet Crown Trail
- A new shared-use path on northbound MoPac Service Road, between Ben Garza Lane and Sabino Lane

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**About Hill Country Conservancy:** Hill Country Conservancy (HCC) is a nonprofit land trust committed to preserving open spaces in the Texas Hill Country. Preserving vital natural resources through conservation, community collaboration, and engagement, HCC works to sustain our region now and forever.