

Law Enforcement

Missouri State Parks takes seriously the concerns of adjacent landowners, especially with respect to the potential for intrusion onto private property. Missouri statutes provide protections to landowners adjacent to recreational trails.

In addition to statutory protections, Missouri State Parks has worked cooperatively with landowners adjacent to Katy Trail State Park to help minimize the likelihood for trespassing from the trail onto adjoining property. This was accomplished primarily by marking the boundaries of state park property with signs placed at regular intervals, which also warn trail users not to trespass. This message is also provided via signage and brochures at all trailhead information depots.

If the corridor is developed, Missouri State Parks will develop similar measures.



Missouri State Park Rangers have primary law enforcement jurisdictional authority on state park property.

Real Estate / Adjacent Land Owner Issues

REAL ESTATE ISSUES

Missouri State Parks obtained a right of entry to assess the corridor. Due diligence has included:

- Title Evaluation
- Visual Inspection of the Corridor
- Review of Environmental Assessment
- Preliminary Risk Assessment Evaluation

*Visit mostateparks.com/rockislandlinecorridor for more information.

ADJACENT LANDOWNER ISSUES

As has been the practice on the Katy Trail, if Missouri State Parks accepts the corridor, it intends to work cooperatively with adjacent landowners along the corridor.

– Road Crossings and Utility

Licenses: Missouri State Parks has entered into agreements to accommodate these types of requests along the Katy Trail and would do the same along the Rock Island Line Corridor, should it accept the corridor.

– **Encroachments:** If Missouri State Parks accepts the corridor, it will have an obligation to ensure the corridor is safe for recreational use and is preserved for future rail traffic, but would work to accommodate adjacent landowners as much as possible.

– **Fencing:** State regulation authorizes Missouri State Parks to participate in fencing state park boundaries by supplying fencing materials for landowners to install. State law requires Missouri State Parks to maintain any fencing coinciding with any portion of the boundary of the corridor, for which Missouri State Parks is the trail sponsor. This law does not require a landowner to locate a fence on his or her own property.