The 51-mile Prairie Spirit Trail was constructed between Ottawa and Iola in three phases. The 17-mile middle section, from Richmond through Garnett to Welda, was opened in 1996. The northern 16-mile section, from Ottawa through Princeton to Richmond, opened in 1998. The southern 18-mile section, from Welda through Colony to Iola, opened in 2008. The railbanked railroad corridor of the Kansas City Terminal Railway (KCT), formerly operated by ATSF, is now managed by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. The trail has a strong volunteer support base known as the Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail.