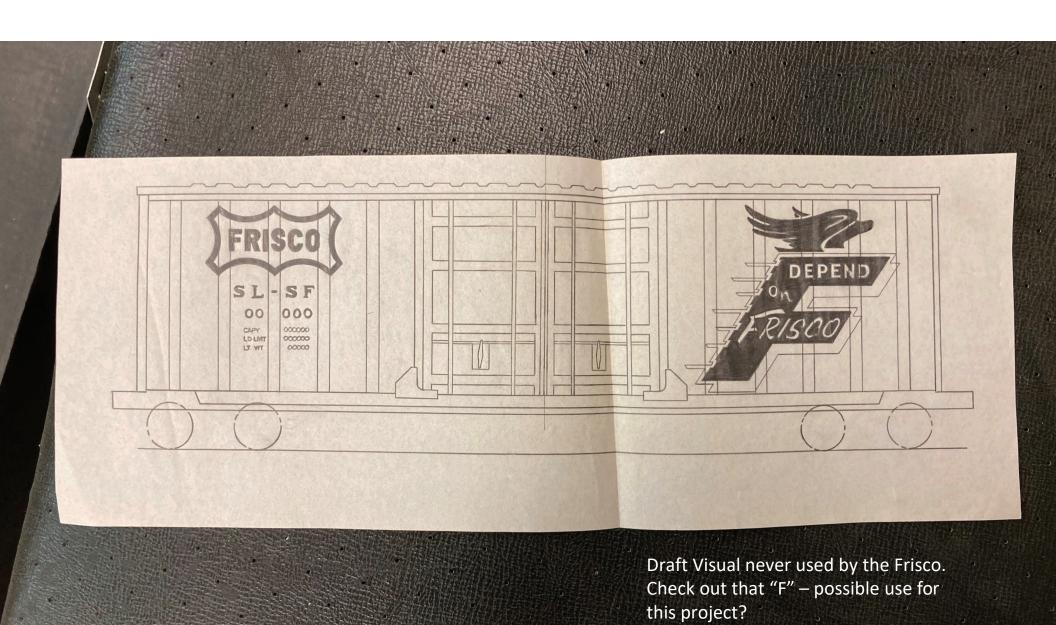


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The photo of the Chadwick Flyer appeared in the June 1926 issue of the Frisco Employees Magazine. Crew members (from left) are Frank Murden, messenger; C.F. McBride, brakeman, J. M. Leitwein, brakeman; W. R. Childers, fireman; Robert Lyons, engineer; and Harry C. Parvin, conducto

# Chadwick Flyer Trail **Background Information**





# **Chadwick Flyer**

## **Location and Setting**

The Chadwick Flyer Rail Trail is 16.7 miles in length from National Avenue near downtown Springfield to the Finley River Trail in Ozark. The corridor is not included in the current greenway plan. The BNSF Railroad Company operates a railroad on 10.1 miles of the corridor. The remaining 6.6 miles has been abandoned and must be recovered from the underlying property owners. The corridor includes 9.8 miles in Greene County and 6.9 miles in Christian County. A major customer along the line has been delivery of coal to the City Utilities James River Electric Generating Plant. Other customers are north of Sunshine Street. The Galloway Creek Greenway Trail parallels the rail corridor from Seminole Street to the James River. The line provides a connection between downtown Springfield and downtown Ozark, as well as many attractions in southeast Springfield. If the BNSR Railroad Company decides to abandon portions of this line south of Sunshine Street, it provides a parallel route for the Galloway Creek Trail and a potential extension of the corridor into Christian County including connections to Springfield's onstreet bikeway system. If the entire line were abandoned, the corridor could also be used for a light rail transit system as more people choose to live in central Springfield and along the corridor. A trail could be built parallel to a light rail transit line.

# **Existing Public Lands**

The north part of the trail would be within the right-of-way currently owned and maintained by BNSF Railroad Company. The corridor passes through Lone Pine Park, Sequiota Park, and the City Utilities property including Lake Springfield and the James River Electric Generating Plant. Pershing Elementary and Middle School is within one-quarter mile of the railway and Sequiota Elementary School and Ozark High School are within one-half mile. The trail corridor passes along the edge for the former Ozark Airpark property along 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between State Highway CC and Longview Road.

# Significant Natural and Cultural Resources

The railway line was constructed as the White River Branch of the Springfield and Southern Railroad from Springfield to Chadwick in 1883. The railroad was added to the St. Louis and San Francisco (Frisco) Railroad system in 1885 and was known alternately as the Chadwick Branch and Chadwick Flyer. Towns along the line included Langston, Galloway, Kissick, Cassidy, Ozark, McCracken, Sparta, Oldfield, and Chadwick. The line hauled lumber and railroad ties from sawmills at Chadwick along with local farm produce. The line was abandoned south of Ozark in 1934 and south of Kissick in 1983. The line crosses and parallels Lake Springfield and the James River.

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Chadwick Line Rail Trail North





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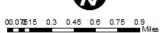
# Chadwick Line Rail Trail South











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# Greenway Trail and Bikeway Connections

The north end of the Chadwick Flyer Rail Trail is at the Thayer Line Rail Trail at National Avenue. The South Jordan Creek Greenway parallels the Thayer Line and both connect to the Downtown Mill Street Rail Trail, the East Loop Rail Trail, the North Jordan Creek Greenway and the Lower Jordan Creek Greenway, and the Academic LINK one-half mile west of National Avenue. The Chadwick Flyer Rail Trail parallels the Galloway Creek Greenway from Seminole Street to the James River where it crosses the James River Greenway Trail. It intersects the Galloway Road Trail at Sequiota Park and crosses Riverbluff Boulevard which includes a side path and the Farmers Branch Greenway near the Greene-Christian County Line. Bikeways cross the trail on East Trafficway, St. Louis Street, Walnut Street, Cherry Street, Weller Avenue, Grand Street, Barnes Avenue, Sunshine Street, Seminole Street, Lone Pine Avenue, Barton Street, and the proposed Republic Road – Gasconade Street connector street. The south end of the Chadwick Flyer Rail Trail is at the Finley River where it tees into the Finley River Trail at the Ozark Community Center.

# **Development Trends**

The corridor is currently an active railroad line and fully developed north of Battlefield Road. The railway passes through a quarry and land that is partially developed between Battlefield Road and the James River Freeway. The railway is on City Utilities of Springfield property from the James River to the Christian County line. The railroad has been abandoned and the property reverted to the underlying property owners in Christian County. Much of the corridor in Christian County is being developed at a rapid rate. The corridor passes through jurisdictions of Ozark, Fremont Hills, and Christian County. It is important to place the trail on the Official Map and begin property and easement acquisition to preserve the corridor in Christian County.

### Chadwick Flyer Rail Trail Recommendations

- If and when the BNSF Railroad Company abandons the railroad in Greene County, be prepared
  to file to rail bank the corridor and acquire property and secure easements along the railroad
  corridor.
- In Christian County, place the trail corridor on the Official Map, develop support for the trial project and begin acquisition of property and easements.
- Prepare a development plan for the design, construction, implementation, and maintenance of the trail and related facilities.
- Promote access and provide strong physical and visual linkages to residential neighborhoods, parks, and businesses along the corridor.
- Work with adjacent property and business owners to adopt sections of the trail for general maintenance and upkeep.