## West Lawrence Neighborhood Association

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Dear Mayor Amyx and City Commissioners,

On behalf of the West Lawrence Neighborhood Association, I am writing to ask your support for the completion of the northern ¼ mile section of the greenbelt trail in De-Victor Park.

Completion of the greenbelt trail has long been a goal of the West Lawrence Neighborhood Association. The currently-improved northern and western sections of the trail have been particularly popular among walkers and are used frequently in reasonable weather. However, the northern section west of Harvard Road is currently dusty in dry weather and muddy in wet weather, also becoming uneven with deep tracks made by cyclist's wheels. Paving it would decrease the exposure of the neighbors to dust in dry weather and make the trail more passable when the ground is wet, especially for those pushing strollers and such. Completion would also benefit children walking to Langston Hughes Elementary School.

We also recommend completion of the southern portion of the western section of the greenbelt trail, including the much-needed small bridges, when money becomes available.

We urge your support for the Sunflower Trails Grant application and continuing support for improvement of the greenbelt trail.

Sincerely yours,

Alan L. Cowles, M.D., Director