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From: John McGrew [<mailto:johnmcgrew@askmcgrew.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 12:13 PM
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Dear Dave,

I'm writing on behalf of Outside for a Better Inside to support Bert Nash Center's proposal to develop the 13 acres they purchased from VFW. A concept sketch of how it might be developed is attached. OFBI has offered to help write a grant application to the Sunflower Foundation for a nature trail to be built around the pond. A major part of the trail would be built with reinforced concrete and handicap accessibility.

The pond and trail area is a very unique eco system with an interesting local history. It would offer opportunities for fishing, bird watching, hiking, nature education and quiet reflection. What a jewel to add to our existing Park System.

OFBI has offered to assist Bert Nash in raising the private funds necessary to complete the trail and build a open community shelter. This trail and park we hope can be named in memory of Dr. Sandra Shaw and would be the first phase of the development. This area could be a true collaboration of a number of community interests where we work to prevent disease--not just to treat it.

We ask together with Bert Nash that when the trail and shelter is complete that the City of Lawrence accept the property, to be defined by engineer's survey, into the City Park System.

Please advise us how we should proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.

John McGrew
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