



March 10, 2014

Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council  
Douglas County Court House  
1100 Massachusetts Street  
Lawrence, KS 66044

To: Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council

I am writing with great enthusiasm to recommend approval of the grant proposal made by the City of Lawrence to complete the Burroughs Creek Trail and implement the Lawrence Cultural District being championed by the Lawrence Arts Center.

Funding of these projects will facilitate the study, design, and implementation of a system of historical, cultural, and natural markers for both the trail and the Cultural District.

In recent years, I co-chaired the St. Luke AME Church Second Century Fund, which successfully raised funds not only to preserve this historic African American church for a second century, but also to restore the church's sanctuary.

As with our project to save St. Luke, which is located in the Lawrence Cultural District, I believe that funding of the proposal before you would be a wise and prudent investment for Douglas County and its people. Such funding will not only honor our cultural heritage, but also encourage tourism and economic development.

I enthusiastically support the grant proposal made by the City of Lawrence to extend the Burroughs Creek Trail and help to create the Lawrence Cultural District.

Sincerely,

William M. Tuttle, Jr.  
Professor Emeritus of American Studies

7 March 2014

Re: Heritage Conservation Grant Proposal – Lawrence Cultural District (City of Lawrence)

Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council  
Douglas County Courthouse  
Administrative Services 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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Lawrence, KS 66046

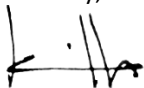
Dear Council Members,

It is a great privilege to write this letter of support for the application regarding the Lawrence Cultural District. I view this as exciting from my perspectives as both an architect, teaching at KU and editor of the book Culture-Meaning-Architecture, and as a School Board member. From these perspectives, this is an intriguing application on two fronts. First, the clear effort to leverage multiple efforts integrated by the eternal spirit of Lawrence to exemplify the idea of “an ever more perfect union.” When we take a look at the timeline of Freedoms Frontier, there is a clear sense of trajectory from Lewis and Clark through the Civil War struggles of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century up through Brown vs. Board of Education and to today. There becomes this compelling link between journey, discovery, freedom and opportunity--the pillars of the American experience. This proposal paints an evocative vision of taking this Freedoms Frontier themes and engaging them in our contemporary condition in a compelling fashion. As an educator, historical themes can all too often be examined retrospectively, and this proposal suggests an exciting way in which to bring those themes alive and illustrate their continued salience today.

Second, as a School Board member, the educational dimensions of the proposal are quite clear and are particularly relevant to two major initiatives and our three guiding principles in the school district. The Board of Education of USD 497 has organized our mission around the themes of excellence, equity and engagement. I believe this proposal shares those same core values. In specific, we have attempted to shape in our recent bond issue an expression of these values in the physical plant of our schools. This proposal links quite directly to our oldest school, New York Elementary and its significant cultural history, but also at the southern end of the Burroughs Trail to our newest educational extension of the College and Career Center at 29<sup>th</sup> and Haskell. I view public education as embodying the American vision that links discovery, opportunity and liberty and therefore I could not be more excited to see this particular project come to fruition.

I sincerely hope the Conservation Council will choose to fund this proposal which captures and exemplifies the spirit of connection: the historical and contemporary, place and meaning, education and liberty.

Sincerely,

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# East Lawrence Neighborhood Association

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Re: Douglas County Natural & Cultural Heritage Grant Program  
2014 Project Application

Council Members:

On behalf of a unanimous vote by the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association board, I am submitting this letter of support for the city of Lawrence's 2014 Douglas County Natural & Cultural Heritage Grant Program application: Discovering the Historical, Cultural, and Natural Assets of the Lawrence Cultural District.

An area comprised largely of our neighborhood, along with much of downtown Lawrence, has been designated as a Cultural District by the City of Lawrence. As you are likely aware, this designation is not the beginning of change and progress in East Lawrence, but rather, is a recognition and continuation of the many exciting things that are already happening around us. It is also an opportunity to provide a sense of cohesiveness to what has been to this point a great number of individual efforts.

Now that the designation has been made and the Cultural District Task Force has completed the initial planning, it is time for some of the new ideas to be implemented. For the sake of both our neighborhood and the city as a whole, we firmly believe that this work must be carried out thoughtfully and in a well-planned manner. There are so many changes and developments occurring, both private and public, that time is of the essence to do the necessary planning and design required to get this right. It is for this reason that the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association strongly supports the city's grant request.

Our residents have long enjoyed the many cultural treasures of East Lawrence and we know the area has much to offer to the city and county as a whole. Thank you for your consideration of this grant.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Josh Davis  
East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Board Member

CC: Aaron Paden, ELNA President  
Jacki Becker, ELNA Vice-President





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Dear Grant Committee,

On behalf of the board of directors and members of Downtown Lawrence, Inc., I wish to express our support of the City of Lawrence's grant application for the creation of a multi-use path from Hobbs Park in East Lawrence to Constant Park, immediately adjacent to the Downtown Historic and Business District. DLI is the downtown business association representing Downtown business owners; its mission is to preserve, protect, and promote Downtown Lawrence as the retail, service and professional, governmental, entertainment, and social center of our community. We represent over 130 member businesses on issues including economic development opportunities, Downtown development, zoning, and infrastructure projects, marketing and promotional initiatives, and community, sporting, and arts events. DLI has worked closely with the City for over 40 years to maintain and enhance Downtown in particular and Lawrence as a whole.

We believe that the creation of this path from the current endpoint of the Burroughs Creek bike and walking trail near Hobbs Park through East Lawrence, past the soon to be restored Santa Fe train depot and Downtown, and ending in Constant Park will be of major benefit to all users. It will also benefit the neighborhoods through which it traverses, located within the Lawrence Cultural Arts District. This path will increase access for more visitors to come Downtown on foot, by bicycle, and other alternative modes of transportation including wheelchairs. More people will be able to enjoy our business and cultural arts district as well as the currently underutilized Constant and Robinson Parks.

Downtown Lawrence, Inc. firmly supports the City's grant application for this project, which we believe will enhance Downtown and the adjacent parks and improve connectivity within the Lawrence Cultural Arts District. This will give path users increased access to superior opportunities for dining, shopping, community, sporting, and arts events, and our signature Kansas hospitality. We have a long history of collaborating with other organizations devoted to promoting economic and leisure development opportunities in our community and we look forward to continuing this tradition with the City of Lawrence on this trail project.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Sally Zogry  
Executive Director

March 7, 2014

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Douglas County Courthouse  
1100 Massachusetts St.  
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Dear Council Members:

I am writing this letter in support of the City of Lawrence's application for a Heritage Conservation Grant to fund a system of historical, cultural, and natural markers and way-finding signs for the Burroughs Creek Trail completion and Cultural District area.

This project has the potential to improve and brighten so many aspects of community life. It will promote walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transportation that support citizen wellness. It will educate citizens on the rich history and culture of our community. It will help attract residential and business development to the adjacent areas. Finally, it will provide yet another attractive reason for tourists to visit Lawrence.

It is rare to find a project that exquisitely satisfies so many community goals simultaneously. I urge you to approve this application so that the project can move forward.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Hull  
1621 Oxford Road  
Lawrence



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RE: Heritage Conservation Grant

Dear Conservation Council members:

This letter is in support of the City of Lawrence grant application for a Heritage Conservation Grant for the Lawrence Cultural District.

We believe in the value of our city's downtown and nearby neighborhoods, and their unique cultural, historical, and artistic character. Providing an interactive, artistic system of way-finding, connectivity, and cultural markers throughout the area is a key component to sharing our community's heritage with visitors and residents alike.

Enhancing the downtown and neighborhood experience through the development of a plan that results in informative educational and marketing materials is a key element to creating a vibrant, interesting, and comprehensive approach to expressing our city's rich history.

Please support this grant application; we look forward to participating in the process to develop this exciting next step for Lawrence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Clark and Jane Huesemann", written in a cursive style.

Steve Clark and Jane Huesemann

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**March 9, 2014**

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Douglas County, Kansas 66044

I want to lend my enthusiastic support for the Heritage Conservation Grant that would provide signage and other enhancements for the Lawrence Cultural District/Trail project. As one who has led many history tours through downtown and the older neighborhoods of Lawrence, I had have to rely on word portraits to invoke the events of early Lawrence and of Quantrill's Raid. I would welcome markers with images that depict some of the stories of these sites.

I am particularly taken with the idea of a coherent urban plan for the cultural district and the trail extension. In the past the city of Lawrence and a number of civic groups have placed a limited number of markers and plaques and these, while valuable, have been largely uncoordinated as to style and placement. To have a comprehensive plan of signage and markers would greatly improve the experience of our heritage for citizens and visitors alike.

Well-designed and coded street signage would add to the momentum of current efforts at downtown institutions. For example, the new exhibit on the second floor of the Watkins Museum is attracting growing numbers of visitors. More professionally executed history exhibits are being planned there. Now seems to be an auspicious time to support efforts to make Lawrence an even more appealing destination for all.

Sincerely,

Katie H. Armitage  
Author *Lawrence: Survivors of Quantrill's Raid*, 2010



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March 8, 2014

Members of the Douglas County Heritage and Conservation Council,

The Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods, LAN, would like to express our continued support for the cultural district and the extension of Burroughs Creek Trail as has been requested in the grant application by the City of Lawrence. We believe that our history, as well as our ongoing support of the arts, place Lawrence in a unique and desirable position to attract tourists, new residents, and business. Our support of culture, in its many forms, reflects the values we as a community hold in high regard. With this grant and subsequent completion of the Trail, Lawrence can become an even more desirable place to live and work.

Thank you,

Linda Bush, Chair

Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods  
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March 7, 2014

The Lawrence Central Rotary members and leadership expresses our support for the grant application being submitted by the City of Lawrence for study, design, and implementation of a unified and potentially interactive system of historical, cultural, and natural markers and way-finding for the trail connection between Downtown and the Cultural District.

Lawrence Central Rotary understands the importance of multimodal transportation in the Lawrence-Douglas County Region and throughout Northeast Kansas. Lawrence Central Rotary also strives to support local government commitments to create multimodal infrastructure and particularly the development of facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Many different types of people in our region use our area's bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and they desire to have a transportation system that is supportive of healthy and active transportation choices.

Lawrence Central Rotary strongly supports efforts to create a complete transportation system for Douglas County, and we believe that this proposed project would help support, enhance and encourage biking and walking.

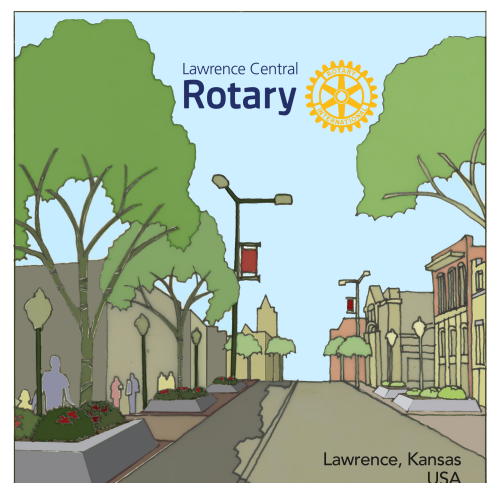
Lawrence Central Rotary appreciates the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council's thoughtful review of this application.

We look forward to hearing from you soon with the good news that this application has been approved.

Sincerely,

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Tobin Neis  
President 2013-2014  
Lawrence Central Rotary





March 7, 2014

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Dear Grant Review Committee:

I am writing in support of "Discovering the Historical, Cultural, and Natural Assets of the Lawrence Cultural District" grant proposal.

The historic, cultural, and natural resources of the Lawrence Cultural District represent true potential to encompass all the themes of Freedom's Frontier and provide a unique perspective on the history of the region. Recently, resources in Topeka, including the John Ritchie House, Brown v. Board of Education, and the State Capitol have branded themselves as "Freedom's Pathway." They've begun to attract over 2,000 school children a year to explore their shared history and will soon begin to market to a larger heritage tourism audience. The Lawrence Cultural District has the same opportunity, but also has the potential to speak to quality of life issues within the neighborhood.

Furthermore, the project's potential to connect the historical, cultural, and natural assets to recreation through the Burroughs Creek Trail and other pedestrian and bike-friendly routes increases the potential for the Lawrence Cultural District to partner with Freedom's Frontier on future grant-funded projects.

The potential for the Lawrence Cultural District is exciting, for the neighborhood, the city of Lawrence, Douglas County, and Freedom's Frontier. I encourage the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council to support this project.

Sincerely,

Julie McPike  
Managing Director



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To whom it may concern:

The Lawrence – Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is charged with creating plans and programs that support the development of a multimodal transport system for our Lawrence - Douglas County Region. Part of that MPO work effort is to facilitate choices in transportation. This project will help do that by making this part of Lawrence more walkable and bicycle friendly. The vision expressed by the MPO in its current Metropolitan Transportation Plan – T2040 notes that all users need safe and efficient transport facilities and services. This project to enhance and encourage more walking and bicycling between Downtown and East Lawrence is consistent with that MPO vision for our region's transportation future.

The MPO staff supports this City of Lawrence grant application which is part of a larger comprehensive project that will include extending the Burroughs Creek Trail and complete renovation of 9th Street which include improved multimodal opportunities. Way finding signage for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is supportive of encouraging additional active transportation and part of the 5 E's (Education, Engineering, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation) Process for Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning.

Sincerely,

Jessica Mortinger, AICP  
Transportation Planner

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March 8, 2014

Dear Council Members:

As a Lawrence community member and a member of the LiveWell Lawrence Healthy Built Environment Work Group, I am writing to express my support of efforts by the City of Lawrence to create a new multi-use path from Hobbs Park to Constant Park, as well as strengthen the Lawrence Cultural District, and ask that you award the City's Heritage Grant application request.

My understanding is that grant funds will be used to study, design, and implement a unified and potentially interactive system of historical, cultural, and natural markers and way-finding for the trail and the Cultural District. The process will include community input with professional facilitation.

I and many others believe that the completion of the trail and installation of an artistic, unique, and interactive system of markers and way-finding will help Lawrence continue to be a great place to live, work, learn, and play.

Sincerely,

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Marcel Harmon, P.E., Ph.D., LEED AP O+M  
LiveWell Lawrence Healthy Built Environment Work Group Member